

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for

December 2016



Christmas Tree Lighting at Greer City Park

The City of Greer Parks and Recreation Department is committed to fulfilling our mission of providing quality recreational experiences while administering the values of community image, human development, preservation of environmental resources, health and wellness, economic development and cultural unity.

Department Projects

- ◆ Replacement of Pedestrian Bridge at Century Park:

With Mr. Driggers' approval, PARD funds in the upcoming cycle will be utilized, to replace the bridge at Century Park. Originally, \$45,000 was requested (for a 45-ft. bridge) in the current budget year, through hospitality funds, for this project. This number was obtained through comparing similar projects that the Greenville County Recreation Department has done in the past, recommending \$1,000 per lineal foot.

Payments have been made to Sinclair Associates to provide a topographical survey (\$1,350), S&ME to provide soil borings (\$3,700), and Palmetto Structural Engineering to make a recommendation for the bridge moving forward (\$4,500). These costs total \$9,550, leaving \$35,450 remaining in hospitality for this project.

Ryan Summey, Structural Engineer with Palmetto Structural Engineering, suggests that a 70-ft. bridge will now be needed, based on data from a topographical survey and soil borings. The estimated total cost of a 70-ft. bridge is \$63,500 (including \$3,000 for architectural fees).

There is \$49,910.33 available in PARD funding for this cycle (\$5,251.24 recurring funds from 2016, \$6,437.08 recurring funds from 2017, \$38,222.01 one-time money). Using these funds requires the City to provide a 20% match, which would total \$12,477.58 (\$1,312.81 recurring funds from 2016, \$1,609.27 recurring funds from 2017, \$9,555.50 one-time money). We will use these funds for the bridge project, and pay for the match through our budgeted hospitality funds for this project.

The remaining \$9,382.75 in budgeted hospitality funds for this project could be used for project contingency and/or applied to the Kid's Planet Master Plan.

- ◆ Giant Tube Dude was installed on December 12, at Greer City Hall, and Scott Gerber, the artist, was given a tour of the City of Greer and our facilities. A list of recommended locations was determined for the 8 smaller tube dudes that have been commissioned for the city. Designs for each piece will be discussed and finalized in the early part of next year.

- ◆ The Suber Road Master Plan meeting was held on December 15 in the OC Conference Room. Members were presented with conceptual plans for the project and made suggestions for final changes.
- ◆ Red Watson and Ann Cunningham met on December 6 to finalize the grant application for Parks and Recreation Development Funds. The application was submitted on December 16.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Several staff attended a software demonstration for work orders and inventory provided by BS&A on December 7 at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ Justin Miller instructed and certified Cory Holtzclaw, David Holtzclaw and Meredith Anzur in CPR, First Aid and AED use on December 21.
- ◆ Members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff completed MASC online training.

Department Participation

- ◆ On December 1, several staff attended a meeting with Mr. Driggers to discuss potential FLSA upcoming changes.
- ◆ The City of Greer Christmas weekend kicked off, on December 2, with the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Greer City Park where hundreds of guests being entertained by young dance companies, enjoyed the Chandler Creek Chorus and the Foothills Trumpet Ensemble, participated in Christmas crafts and welcomed Santa to the stage to read a Christmas story.
- ◆ A meeting was held on December 8, at Greer City Hall, with Parks and Recreation Directors and Management Staff from the Cities of Greenville, Mauldin, Simpsonville and Greenville County. Issues discussed included the allocation and distribution of PARD funds by the Greenville County Legislative Delegation, LiveWell Greenville's 2017 Park Hop and the final report of the Greenville County Recreation and Needs Assessment and Strategic Recommendations from Dr. Bob Brookover, Clemson University.

Department Highlights

- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Re-floored and painted the equipment trailer.
 - Repaired light fixtures at the Tryon Recreation Center and Victor Gym.
 - Winterized restrooms at Stevens Field and South Suber Road Park.
 - Assembled and delivered picnic tables to Country Club Road Park and South Suber Road Park.
 - Assembled new bleachers for Century Park.
 - Cleared Kudzu and brush from along the creek and fence at Century Park.
 - Removed basketball goals at BP Edwards Park, new goals will be installed in the near future.
 - Athletic fields were prepared for practices and fall season games.
 - Winter pruning of trees and shrubs continued at several facilities.
 - Mulch mowing of all facilities continued on a rotational schedule.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation and Public Services Departments held their annual Christmas luncheon in the warehouse of the Operations Center on December 14. Texas Roadhouse catered the meal for our employees.
- ◆ The youth wrestling practice was facilitated every Tuesday and Thursday night at the Riverside High School wrestling room. Youth wrestlers are training to compete in weekend tournaments at various high schools around the state as well as weekday/weekend duals at Victor Gym.
- ◆ The Athletics Division visited with local elementary schools, on December 1, to promote athletic programming and a healthy lifestyle.
- ◆ Board meetings were held at the Operations Center for baseball (December 7) and soccer (December 19) to prepare for the upcoming seasons.
- ◆ Youth basketball practice was facilitated every Tuesday and Thursday night at Victor Gym. Through a partnership with other municipalities, participants ages 7-12 will compete with other municipal leagues. League games begin the first week in January.
- ◆ All athletic fields are now closed for the winter.

- ◆ On December 5, 7, 12 and 14, the Greer Children's Theater held auditions and parent meetings, at the Center for the Arts, for their spring production of Madagascar.
- ◆ The first Open Studio was held on December 8 at the Center for the Arts. Five Artists in Resident along with 5 guest artists were available for the community to meet and purchase their artwork.
- ◆ Two additional artists have rented space at the Center for the Arts with all 6 studios now occupied with resident artists.
- ◆ The Recreation Division hosted 2 separate Piano Recitals performed by the Piano Performers program participants on December 11-12 at the Cannon Centre. Over 150 people attended the event with approximately 50 students performing various Christmas selections.
- ◆ The Recreation Division:
 - Continued to facilitate Senior Action (50 participants daily) at the Needmore Recreation Center every Monday – Friday.
 - Piano Performers (36 participants weekly) utilized the Cannon Centre every Monday.
 - Never Alone (20 participants weekly) met every Tuesday evening at the Tryon Recreation Center.
 - The Cutlery Club (20 participants monthly) met on December 6 at the Tryon Recreation Center.
 - The Pickleball Program (30 participants each session) continued on Mondays and Wednesday at 6:00pm at Victor Gym.
 - The Needmore Recreation Center and the Creative Advancement Afterschool programs continued to meet at the Needmore Recreation Center and the Victor Gym respectively Mondays – Fridays.
 - The Ham Radio Beginner and Amateur Classes are currently being planned to begin in January.
 - The newest program, Whole Fitness, a free community workout continued every Saturday morning at the Victor Gym with an average of 7 participants. A new program, "Weigh Less to Feed More", will begin in January on Monday nights at 7:00pm at the Victor Gym. This new program will be a nutrition, fitness and spiritual study that meets weekly for 6 weeks.
- ◆ The Needmore Afterschool Garden Club was established, in partnership with Greer's Primrose Garden Club, during the first semester of the 2016/2017 school year. A plant day was held in August to plant fall plants and members of the Primrose Garden Club met and continue to meet with the Needmore Garden Club students once a month to teach a lesson about the garden and plants. Proper water, growing, weeding and harvesting are all fundamentals the students are learning. The students are incorporating their harvest into their healthy afterschool snacks and meals. This new program has been a great success!
- ◆ On December 2, Arbor Day, the Needmore Afterschool Garden Club partnered with the Greer Council of Garden Clubs to plant a Nellie Stevens Holly tree. The Garden Council started in the classrooms and taught the students a lesson on the importance of trees and why we need them in our environment. The club members and students then moved outdoors where the students were taught how to properly plant, water and care for the new tree.
- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
 - Attended the Holiday Air at the TD Convention Center on December 2. The group enjoyed Christmas shopping for handmade gifts.
 - On December 6, seniors met for Lunch Bunch at Fatz Café in Greer with 8 in attendance.
 - December 8, the group of 8 seniors attended a painting class at LVV & Co. of Greer where they painted a wooden Christmas cutout to take home and decorate their front door.
 - Bingo was held on December 1 and 15 at the Victor Gym with 18 seniors in attendance at each session.
 - The Annual Christmas Potluck and gift exchange was held on December 20 with 28 members attending.
 - Two line dancing classes were held on December 14 and 28 at the Tryon Recreation Center with 15 seniors in attendance at each session.
 - The average attendance for the month was 15.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted 40 events at which over 6,694 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center. The division continues to maintain over 350 rental clients while also planning upcoming events.
- ◆ Three sessions filled with nearly 200 people per session occupied the Cannon Centre from 8:00am – 12:00pm on December 3 for the annual Breakfast with Santa event.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Spring Sports Registrations (Residents, January 2; Non-Residents, January 9) throughout January
- ◆ Martin Luther King Day, January 16
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, January 20
- ◆ Walk with Your Elected Officials, January 21
- ◆ Foothills Philharmonic, February 3
- ◆ Black History Essay Contest, February 17
- ◆ Bridal Showcase, February 17
- ◆ Madagascar Performances, February 24 – 26 and March 3 – 5
- ◆ Summer Camp Registrations (Residents, March 13; Non-Residents, March 20 until capacity is reached)
- ◆ 2017 Juried Art Show Reception, March 24
- ◆ Baseball Opening Day, April 1
- ◆ Eggtastic Easter, April 8
- ◆ International Festival, April 22
- ◆ Vintage Market in the Park, April 29
- ◆ Greer Family Fest, May 5 – 6
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, May 26
- ◆ Moonlight Movies, Thursdays June 1 – July 27
- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesday, June 17 – July 17
- ◆ Summer Camps, June 5 – August 4
- ◆ Freedom Blast, June 24
- ◆ National Night Out, August 1
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, August 4
- ◆ Friends of Lake Robinson, September 24
- ◆ Railfest, September 30
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, October 19
- ◆ Christmas in Greer Tree Lighting, December 1
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa, December 2

Highlighted Projects

- ◆ Century Park Construction (LWCF) – Concession, Pressbox and Restrooms – Waiting Final Walkthrough
- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation – Concrete Pad Completed
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Master Plan – Recommendations Are in Process
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer – 5 Installed; 12 Racks and 1 Fix-It Station Remaining
- ◆ Top Dressing Sand – City Park & Suber FY 16/17; Infield Clays at Century Park Completed
- ◆ Playground Equipment (Neighborhood Parks)
- ◆ Trash Containment Area (City Park)
- ◆ Scoreboard Installation – (Century Park) Removed Old Scoreboard Installation of New 3/2017
- ◆ Kids Planet Renovations & Woodworking
- ◆ Country Club Maintenance Area Windscreen
- ◆ Batting Cage Nets and Portable Mounds – To Be Ordered by 3/2017
- ◆ Removable Bollards Victor Park
- ◆ Pedestrian Bridge
- ◆ Hard Surface Dugout Covers – Century Park
- ◆ Shade Covers – Ordered to Be Installed 2/2017
- ◆ BP Edwards Park Basketball Goals – Old Goals Removed
- ◆ Cannon Centre Bathroom Renovations – Advertised for Bid 1/2017
- ◆ City Hall Event Hall Chairs
- ◆ Century Park Public Address System – Advertised for Bid 1/2017
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Drainage
- ◆ Century Park Gate Painted

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"