

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for

January 2017



Youth Wrestling



Youth Basketball

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.

Bids

- ◆ A pre-bid meeting for the Cannon Centre Bathroom Renovation project was held at the Cannon Centre on January 20. Bids were advertised and opened on January 30 and the job was awarded to Regional Builders Construction, Taylors, SC.

Department Projects

- ◆ A final walkthrough was held with city staff and Melloul Blamey Construction at Century Park on January 27. Sign installation for the park began on January 28.
- ◆ Morgan Paint Contractors, Greer, SC was selected to paint the permanent Pickleball lines on the lower tennis courts at the Tryon Recreation Center. The project should begin and finish the weekend of February 4.
- ◆ Department staff collected information and submitted it to "Parks Metrics", a website that inventories Parks and Recreation Department data nationwide.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Robin Byouk attended the Junior Theater Festival in Atlanta, GA on January 13-15.
- ◆ Red Watson and Justin Miller attended the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA) mandatory training for agencies held at County Square in Greenville, SC on January 18. The training was in preparation for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to assist with funding for the Senior Computer Classes and the Needmore Summer Camps.
- ◆ Ashlyn Stone and Robbie Davis attended the South Carolina Festival and Events Association (SCFEA) Conference in Greenville, SC on January 29-30. The highlights of the conference were subjects on improved sponsorship techniques, event insurance needs and keeping yourself healthy while working in the event world.
- ◆ Several staff members attended the Active Shooter training on January 31 at the Operations Center.

Department Participation

- ◆ The 15th Annual MLK Celebration Luncheon was held at Greer City Hall on January 16. Sammy Dotson and Phyllis Wheatley Dwight Woods Repertory Theatre along with Rick Brown and Talaya Rice provided the entertainment. The guest speaker was Rev. Curtis Johnson, Pastor, Valley Brook Outreach Baptist Church and Radio Host, 107.3 Jamz. Sammy Dotson and Chad Richardson were honored with the Samaritan Award. Several members of the Parks and Recreation Department assisted Councilman Wayne Griffin in the planning and presentation.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham participated in the interview, on January 19, of potential candidates for Clemson University's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management Department Head position.
- ◆ The City of Greer partnered with the Mary Black Foundation in a grant called Healthy Community 50 where 50 counties in the nation are selected to participate. City of Greer and 6 other locations in Spartanburg County will host quarterly walks titled, "Walk with your Local Elected Official". The campaign was kicked off on January 21 at Greer City Hall where Mayor Danner and Councilwoman Albert joined a group of over 20 walkers to walk through downtown Greer. The next walk is scheduled for March 25, hope to see everyone there!
- ◆ On January 25, Ann Cunningham attended the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the LiveWell Greenville Leadership Team meeting at Greer City Hall on January 25.
- ◆ Justin Miller and David Holtzclaw attended the Wellness Committee's Bowling Day, on January 28, at Peach Bowl Lanes in Greer, SC. There were 22 employees and family members that participated in the event.
- ◆ Robin Byouk is participating in the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce Leadership Greer professional development program.

Department Highlights

- ◆ The Recreation Department's Annual Report was presented by Ann Cunningham to Greer City Council on January 10. The department's annual inspection was on January 11. Mike Sell performed an inspection of the department's vehicles.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department held their first quarterly Recreation Association Board Meeting of 2017 on January 19 in the Operations Center Conference Room.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Removed Christmas decorations throughout the City of Greer and City Park.
 - Installed new basketball goals at B.P. Edwards Park.
 - Installed sleeves for new scoreboards at Century Park.
 - Relocated Disc Golf basket #2 at Century Park.
 - Installed car stops in parking area of ball fields at Century Park.
 - Replaced steering box on John Deere mower and radiator on Toro mower.
 - Pre-treated and removed snow from sidewalks at City Park, Police and Courts facilities and all recreation facilities.
 - Prepared soccer field at City Stadium for games and soccer fields at South Suber Road Park for practices.
 - Winter pruning of trees and shrubs continued at several facilities.
 - Mulch mowing of all facilities continued on a rotational schedule.
- ◆ Spring sports registration opened for city residents on January 2 and non-residents on January 9. Participants registered in office or online for the season.
- ◆ Youth wrestling was facilitated at Riverside High School on Tuesday/Thursday nights. The wrestlers participated in 2 local tournaments and hosted a dual meet at Victor Gym on January 14. The season will conclude the first week in March with the South Carolina Youth Wrestling Association (SCYWA) State Championships.
- ◆ Youth basketball (8U, 10U, 12U) practices were facilitated at the Victor Gym on Tuesday/Thursday nights. Games were played at the Mauldin Sport Center. The regular season will conclude in February with a post season tournament for all teams.

- ◆ Foothills Soccer Club of Greer (FSCG) academy soccer practices and games were facilitated at City Stadium and South Suber Road Park. These teams will participate in statewide league play with the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association (SCYSA). The regular season will run through April and end with the State Cup in early May.
- ◆ A preseason coaches meeting was held for all spring baseball and softball coaches on January 4 at the Cannon Centre. Attendees discussed the upcoming spring season along with rule changes and league draft information.
- ◆ The Greer Baseball Club (GBC) board met on January 18 in preparation for player evaluations and to discuss post season all-star team information and upcoming post season Dixie Youth tournaments.
- ◆ 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) and the Artifacts Club (15 participants) met on one Monday/Tuesday of each month at the Tryon Recreation Center. The Artifacts Club held their annual banquet at the Tryon Recreation Center on January 16.
 - The Pickleball Program (30 participants each session) continued on Mondays and Wednesday at 6:00pm at Victor Gym.
 - The Needmore Recreation Center (21 participants) and the Creative Advancement (61 participants) afterschool programs continued to meet at the Needmore Recreation Center and the Victor Gym respectively Mondays – Fridays.
 - The Ham Radio Beginner and Amateur Classes began on January 11 and January 24 respectively at the Victor Gym.
 - Whole Fitness, a free community workout, continued every Saturday morning at the Victor Gym with an average of 7 participants. The newest program, “Weigh Less to Feed More”, began on January 16 and will meet every Monday night for 8 weeks at 7:00pm at the Victor Gym. This new program will be a nutrition, fitness and spiritual study.
 - The first Piano Guild of 2017 was held at the Needmore Recreation Center on January 21.
- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
 - Bingo was held on January 5 and 19 with 17 seniors in attendance at each session.
 - Two line dancing classes were held on January 11 and 25 with 10 seniors in attendance at each session.
 - A Question and Answer Session with Pharmacist Travis Oliver from McLeskey Todd Pharmacy was held on January 12.
 - The monthly Potluck had a “Comfort Food” theme and was held on January 17 at Greer City Hall with 20 members attending. The seniors brought their favorite comfort food to share with other SOAR members.
 - Movie Day was held on January 23 at Greer City Hall with 8 seniors viewing “Florence Foster Jenkins”.
 - On January 27, a group of 12 ladies enjoyed a trip to Chili’s and Hamricks in Greenville, SC with shopping and a time of fellowship.
 - The average attendance for the month was 12.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted 38 events at which over 2,905 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ On January 20, the Events Division held its first Food Truck Rollout of 2017. The 2017 season of 4 rollouts is sponsored by Greer CPW and will include multiple food trucks, outdoor games and live entertainment. The January event brought over 500 guests to the park. The next Food Truck Rollout will be held on May 26.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Eggstastic 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
- ◆ Tunes in the Park, Fridays June 9 – July 21
- ◆ 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

- ◆ 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"