

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for

April 2017



International Festival

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

- ◆ Budget preparations continued for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. Division Supervisors and Coordinators have been involved in preparing the budgets for Funds 11 (General Operations), 09 (Recreation Programs), 10 (Capital Equipment), 18 (Hospitality Taxes) and 50 (Facilities).
- ◆ The sign on Highway 101 at Stevens Ball Field will be altered to include the American Legion sign. There are currently two different signs within this small space and by combining the two signs, it will become a monument that includes landscaping, lighting and an American flag.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and Steve Owens met on April 24 to determine Tube Dude locations in parks and throughout downtown Greer.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson met with representatives from local architectural firms to solicit qualifications for the Center for the Arts Renovation Project.
- ◆ Staff began compiling information requested for the ICMA Analytic Survey.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Red Watson attended a mandatory workshop for the Greenville Health System Healthy Greenville 2036 Grant on April 27.

Department Participation

- ◆ On April 12, Justin Miller and Cory Holtzclaw attended a USC Upstate College Job Fair to distribute the Parks and Recreation Department's program materials and to scout for potential summer camp counselors.
- ◆ The second quarter Greer Recreation Association Board meeting was held on April 13 at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ Parks and Recreation Department staff attended a Greer Family Fest planning meeting on April 18 at the Operations Center.

- ◆ Justin Miller attended the Wellness Committee meeting on April 20.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the At Play Workgroup Meeting on April 25 for LiveWell Greenville in preparations for the Park Hop program kicking off on May 19.
- ◆ Red Watson spoke about the Parks and Recreation Department's upcoming programs, projects and events at the Lions Club Lunch Meeting, held on April 25 at Mutts BBQ in Greer.

Department Highlights

- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson conducted interviews for the Grounds Superintendent position. Travis Durham, Grounds Supervisor, was selected for the Grounds Superintendent position.
- ◆ The Eggstastic Easter Event was held on April 8 from 11:00am – 1:00pm at Century Park. An estimated 1,500 people attended and enjoyed the free egg hunts, inflatables, crafts, face painting, games and a magic show.
- ◆ The 2017 Hope Week took place April 10-15 with the Parks and Recreation Department benefiting from this wonderful community effort. This year brought together 105 volunteers and over 380 hours of community service. The projects involving the department were basketball camp at Victor Gym and the Needmore Recreation Center, mulching and planting at Greer City Park, Victor Gym, the Needmore Recreation Center and Veterans Park.
- ◆ On April 17, the Senior Games Disc Golf Event was held at the Disc Golf Course at Century Park in partnership with Greenville County Parks and Recreation. Fifteen seniors competed and had a great time.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 4th Annual International Festival on April 22 at Greer City Park. The Recreation Division oversaw the Sports Zone. Jamarcus Gaston from Channel 7 was the emcee at the outside amphitheater stage. There were four roaming entertainers, Gypsy Magicians, Son of Scotland, Balloon Twister and JJ's Magic. Entertainment took place every 30 minutes inside Greer City Hall and 45 minutes outside on the grounds. Greer Cultural Arts Council provided 24 volunteers to work the 8 craft booths and also the beer for the Biergarten. The Knights of Columbus organization worked selling the beer. This year was the biggest and most exciting yet with over 4,000 people in attendance.
- ◆ Justin Miller and Red Watson interviewed candidates for the ten Summer Camp counselor positions available this summer between Camp Greer and Camp Needmore.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Purchased materials for Hope Week to plant annuals at Greer City Park and mulching of Victor Gym, Veterans Park and the Needmore Recreation Center front sign.
 - Set up and removal of the stage for Rides Rolling for Warriors on Trade Street.
 - Installed new trash receptacles at Century Park.
 - Moved black panels for art display from Greer City Hall to Tryon Recreation Center.
 - Prepared athletic fields for games and practices.
 - Mowing of all facilities and fields continued on a regular basis.
 - Planted new summer annuals at Barnett Bridge and converted the irrigation system from spray heads to a drip irrigation system.
- ◆ Youth baseball, girls' softball practices/games were facilitated at Century Park, Country Club Road Park, Victor Park, Riverside Middle School and Little Turner Field. The seasons will be completed in late May.
- ◆ Academy soccer practices and games were facilitated at City Stadium and South Suber Road Park. These teams participate in statewide league play with the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association. The season will be completed in early May. The U14 Boys team qualified for the SCYSA State Cup in Greenville, SC on April 29.
- ◆ Recreational soccer practices and games were facilitated at South Suber Road Park for U6, U8, U10 and U12 divisions on Monday and Thursday nights.
- ◆ A spring break soccer camp at Greer City Stadium for ages 6-13 was hosted on April 8-11. Speedy Solomon, Academy Soccer Director, conducted the camp that concentrated on ball skills, defensive skills and proper passing techniques.

- ◆ The football and cheerleading board held a meeting on April 5 to finalize plans for a football and cheer camp. The board created six stations for the football players and three stations for the cheerleaders. The free youth football and cheerleading clinics were held on April 9, 15 and 23 at Greer City Stadium. Greer High School football coaches, players and cheerleaders assisted with the clinics. The first football clinic concentrated on offensive drills and the second clinic concentrated on defensive drills. Over 275 kids attended the free clinics.
- ◆ Greer Baseball Club participants and parents attended GBC Night at Fluor Field on April 22 with 475 players and parents enjoying a night of baseball and fellowship.
- ◆ 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 (37 participants) met on one Monday/Tuesday of each month 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 (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 continued during the month of April at the Victor Gym.
 - Whole Fitness, a free community workout, continued every Saturday at the Victor Gym and this program has made plans starting in May with an advanced class at 8:15am and a beginner class at 9:00am every Saturday.
- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
 - Seventeen seniors participated in 2 Open Gym Days at Victor Gym on April 4 & 11. The seniors had the opportunity to walk, play card games or just sit and chat with their friends.
 - Bingo was held on April 6 and 20 with 23 seniors in attendance.
 - On April 12 and 26, the monthly Line Dancing Classes were held at the Tryon Recreation Center with 20 seniors in attendance.
 - Six seniors enjoyed Lunch Bunch at Cateran's on April 14.
 - The Monthly Potluck was held on April 18 with 15 seniors in attendance.
 - On April 25, Senior Action and SOAR teamed up for a volunteer project. Rose Woelker with the Ronald McDonald House taught 30 seniors how to make Pop Tab Bracelets. The bracelets were made from the tabs SOAR has been collecting for the past few months. Extra tabs were donated for the Ronald McDonald House's recycling project.
 - SOAR finished the month with a trip to Saluda, NC on April 28. Thirty seniors enjoyed lunch at the Purple Onion and shopping in downtown Saluda.
 - The average attendance for the month was 20.
- ◆ Robin Byouk taught two age group art classes on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- ◆ Robin Byouk, Sara Odom and Artists from the Center for the Arts staffed two booths at the Greer Farmer's Market every Thursday to promote the Center for the Arts and the Parks and Recreation Department activities.
- ◆ Dance classes, tap, ballet, jazz and beginner tap, were held at the Center for the Arts on Tuesdays during April. Greer Cultural Arts Council's dance floor is set up on the stage to assist with the classes.
- ◆ Robin Byouk, Sara Odom and 2 volunteers worked approximately 25 hours cleaning the costume closet. Four truckloads of clothes were delivered to Greer Community Ministries.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted 63 events at which nearly 8,000 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The Events Division is in the process of planning for the following events:
 - Food Truck Rollout on May 26 at Greer City Park
 - Moonlight Movies every Thursday evening June 1 through July 27 at Greer City Park
 - Freedom Blast on June 24

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, May 26
- ◆ Moonlight Movies, Thursdays June 1 – July 27
- ◆ Senior Show Choir, June 2
- ◆ Frohawk Creek Scramble Tournament on June 3-4
- ◆ Tunes in the Park, Fridays June 9 – July 21
- ◆ Summer Camps, June 5 – August 4
- ◆ Greer Upper State Tournament on June 10-11
- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesday, June 17 – July 17
- ◆ Dixie Girls District Tournament on June 22-24
- ◆ Freedom Blast, June 24
- ◆ Camp ARK on June 26-30, July 10-14 and July 17-28
- ◆ National Night Out, August 1
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, August 4
- ◆ Friends of Lake Robinson, September 24
- ◆ Railfest, September 30
- ◆ Vintage Market at Greer City Park, October 14
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, October 19
- ◆ Halloween Hoopla, October 27
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa Tickets on Sale, November 4
- ◆ Christmas in Greer Tree Lighting, December 1
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa, December 2
- ◆ Greer Christmas Parade, December 3

Highlighted Projects

- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation – Concrete Pad Completed, Quote Being Obtained for Retaining Wall
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Master Plan
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Kids Planet Renovations & Woodworking
- ◆ Country Club Maintenance Area Windscreen – Ordered 4/2017
- ◆ Removable Bollards Victor Park Received – Installation 4/2017
- ◆ Pedestrian Bridge
- ◆ Hard Surface Dugout Covers – Century Park Ordered 4/2017
- ◆ City Hall Event Hall Chairs – 4/2017 Maybe Carried Forward to FY 17/18
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Drainage
- ◆ Center for the Arts Blinds – Advertising for Bids 4/2017
- ◆ Playground Mulch – Advertising for Bids 4/2017

“Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs”