

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for March 2018



Little Free Library Springwood 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

- ◆ Grant applications were submitted from the Recreation Trails Program to assist in constructing the trail in the park at the Center for the Arts and from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to assist in the installation of a restroom building for H.R. Turner Park. We expect to receive notification in the early summer.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Ashlyn Stone, Sgt. Randle Ballenger and Steve Owens traveled to the MASC Office in Columbia, SC, on March 6, to present the Railfest Event for the MASC Award. This event was submitted under the theme of Public Safety.
- ◆ Staff members and Calin Owens, Alta Planning and Design, visited Skyland, Crestview, Chandler Creek, Woodland and Dunbar elementary schools, on March 12 and 14, to gather input from local students that will be used for the Kids Planet Master Plan.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Department staff completed:
 - Sexual Harassment Training on March 1 and 15 at Greer City Hall.
 - MASC on-line training for the first quarter of 2018.

Department Participation

- Department staff:
 - Collected data and submitted budget requests for Funds 10 and 11.
 - Met with Scott Cannon regarding the concession stand at Kids Planet on March 1. Scott is in the process of getting the building ready for the spring and summer seasons.
 - Attended the PAC Meeting at Greer City Hall on March 8.
 - Attended the District 1 Spring Baseball Meeting in Clemson, SC on March 14. Representatives from baseball leagues throughout the upstate discussed the upcoming season, rule changes, and locations for district tournaments hosts for each age division.
 - Met with Chris Richards, CSR, Spartanburg, SC on March 15 to discuss Christmas pole decorations for the downtown area and Wade Hampton Blvd.
 - Met with Sharon Murray (Spinning Jenny) and Nicole Livengood (new Farmers Market), on March 20, to discuss support for the new Farmers Market in Greer City Park being held throughout the summer.
 - Attended the Peace Center Broadway Series opening on March 20 and walked to NOMA Square for an artist reception for Vladimir Demidovich.
 - Grounds Maintenance staff displayed equipment at the Touch A Truck on March 20.

- Met with Meredith Rice from the Community Journals on March 28. They have agreed to partner with the Arts to charge half price for ads in exchange for being the media sponsor for Cultural Arts events.
- Attended the South Carolina Sports Turf Management spring meeting at Tyger River Park, Duncan, SC on March 28.
- Attended ICMA Coaching Program Webinar at Greer City Hall on March 28.

Department Highlights

- ◆ The South Carolina Leadership and Development Class was hosted on March 8 and 9 at Greer City Hall. Fifteen young Parks and Recreation Professionals from around the state visited Greer. Their classes featured presentations from the Parks and Recreation staff on Special Event Management, Repurposing Facilities, Zero Based Budgeting, a Department Overview, and a facility tour. Mr. Driggers gave the welcome and introduction including a presentation on the City of Greer. Mayor Danner attended the Thursday night social and dinner.
- ◆ The Grounds Maintenance Division:
 - Planted trees, donated by Trees Greenville, at Century Park Disc Golf.
 - Planted annuals at Needmore Recreation Center and City Stadium.
 - Contracted with Dreamscapes Landscaping, Woodruff, SC to install mulch and plant new plants in the existing beds around the City Park Gazebo and upper fountains at City Park.
 - Installed new fall safety material at Kids Planet and the neighborhood parks playgrounds.
 - Repaired drinking fountain at Kids Planet.
 - Installed Land and Water Conservation Fund signs at several parks and facilities.
 - Installed Family Fest banners throughout downtown.
 - Began mowing, trimming and spraying as needed at all parks and facilities.
 - Prepared fields for start of spring season practices and games.
- ◆ Youth wrestling season was completed with the Upper State and State tournaments.
- ◆ Youth basketball league activities were facilitated at Victor Gym. The 8U All Star Team participated in the South Carolina Athletic Programs (SCAP) all-star play against teams from all around the Upstate. These participants and coaches formed the first all-star basketball team for Greer Parks and Recreation. The group of 7 and 8 year olds finished in the Final 4 of the SCAP District Tournament.
- ◆ Baseball drafts were held on March 1 for 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U teams at the Operations Center. Practices started March 5 at Country Club Road Park, H.R. Turner Park, Century Park and Riverside Middle School. Games are scheduled to begin on April 14.
- ◆ Dixie Girls' Softball 8U, 10U and 12U practices and games are being facilitated at Victor Park. Teams will compete against district teams from Woodruff, Byrnes and Dorman at Victor Park and Tyger River Park. All girls' softball teams attended a Greer High Softball Game as well as a clinic on March 23. We are hopeful the partnership with Greer High School will continue to grow.
- ◆ FSCG Academy soccer games were facilitated at South Suber Road Park and Greer City Stadium. Academy teams compete Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at these facilities as well as various facilities throughout the state and southeast. The season will be completed with State Cup tournaments in May.
- ◆ Recreational soccer games were facilitated at South Suber Road Park beginning on March 17. Each team in the age division U6, U8, U10 and U12 will play 10 regular season games.
- ◆ The Recreation Division continued to facilitate the following programs:
 - Senior Action – Needmore Recreation Center, Mondays - Fridays (200 participants monthly)
 - Piano Performers – Cannon Centre, Mondays (220 participants monthly)
 - Never Alone – Tryon Recreation Center (80 participants monthly)
 - Cutlery Club – Tryon Recreation Center (20 participants monthly)
 - Artifacts Club – Tryon Recreation Center (74 participants monthly)
 - Pickleball – Victor Gym & Tryon Tennis Courts (250 participants monthly)
 - Whole Fitness – Victor Gym (60 participants monthly)
 - Senior Whole Fitness – Victor Gym (20 participants monthly)
 - HAM Radio, Beginner and Intermediate Classes – Victor Gym (104 participants monthly)
 - Creative Advancement After School Program – Victor Gym (280 participants monthly)
 - Needmore After School Program – Needmore Recreation Center (100 participants monthly)

- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
 - Bingo was held on March 1 and 15 with an average of 14 members in attendance.
 - Twenty SOAR members enjoyed watching “Wonder” on Movie Day, March 5.
 - Line Dancing Classes were held on March 7, 14, 21 and 28 with an average attendance of 19 seniors.
 - On March 16, sixty seniors attended a concert by the Upstate Senior Band at the Cannon Centre. Various Jazz selections and Patriotic music was enjoyed.
 - The SOAR monthly Potluck Luncheon was held on March 20 with 21 members enjoying lots of good food and fellowship.
 - Lunch Bunch enjoyed a fantastic lunch at Brick Street Café, on March 27, with 28 seniors attending.
 - SOAR celebrated Easter by attending the Living Gallery at Bob Jones University. Fourteen seniors attended this wonderful play and had lunch at Texas Roadhouse on March 29.
 - The average attendance for the month was 25.

- On March 6, the Recreation Division hosted the Western District Garden Club meeting at the Cannon Centre. Over 150 members and vendors were in attendance for a workshop luncheon.

- A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held, on March 9, at Springwood Park for the newest Little Free Library. Mayor Danner was in attendance to assist members of the neighborhood in cutting the ribbon.

- Summer Camp registration began on March 12 at 8:00am in the Operations Center office. Within one week, Camp Greer was filled and had over 50 kids on the waiting list. Camp Needmore is currently still accepting applications.

- The Eggstastic Easter Event was held on March 24 at Century Park. This event is free and included inflatables, egg hunts, crafts, field games and face painting and saw over 1,800 people in attendance. GCAC along with Greer High School Art Club painted faces at the event.

- The Greer Children’s Theatre performed Alice in Wonderland Jr at the Cannon Centre February 23-25 with approximately 250 people at each performance with Sunday being sold out. Due to the flexibility of the Cannon Centre, 40 chairs were added for the Sunday performance.

- The 2018 Greer Goes Global Juried Art Show was judged on March 12 at the Center for the Arts by 12 judges. The reception was held at Greer City Hall on March 23. The event was very well attended by approximately 100 people. Mayor Danner presented the winning artist with their awards.

- Cultural Arts staff have refinished the Little Free Libraries from the Needmore Recreation Center and Victor Park.

- The Events Division hosted 59 events at which 5,870 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.

- The Events Division is in the process of planning for the following event:
 - The 4th Annual Greer Goes Global International Festival on April 14 from 11am-4pm at Greer City Park.
 - Freedom Blast 2018 on June 30 from 6pm-10:30pm at Greer City Park.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Senior Computer Classes – April 5-May 10 (Thursdays)
- ◆ Greer Idol Auditions – Family Fest May 5
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – May 18
- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesdays – June - July
- ◆ Moonlight Movies – June 7 - July 26 (Thursdays)
- ◆ Needmore & Victor Summer Camp – June 11 - August 10
- ◆ Tunes In the Park – June 15 - July 23
- ◆ Freedom Blast – June 30
- ◆ National Night Out – August 7
- ◆ Camp ARK Performance – August 10-12 and August 17-19
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – August 17
- ◆ Railfest – September 15
- ◆ Artisan Makers Market – September 29
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 19
- ◆ Halloween Hoopla – October 27
- ◆ Christmas in Greer Tree Lighting – December 7
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa – December 8
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – January 18

Current Projects

- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer – 5 Installed; 12 Racks and 1 Fix-It Station in Storage Awaiting the City Streetscape Project
- ◆ Center for the Arts Renovation – Phase 2 (Conceptual Design Phase)
- ◆ Kids Planet Master Plan – Alta Planning + Design (Awarded Design Phase)
- ◆ Bankhead Highway Historical Marker for Poinsett and Depot Street Intersection – Received on February 6 – Installed During City Streetscape Project

“Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs”