

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for July 2018



Two of Greer's All-Star youth baseball teams were runners up in the 2018 district tournaments

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"

Department Projects

- ◆ Kids Planet Master Plan Update: We are in the process of finalizing the Conceptual Design and it will be presented to the Project Steering Committee on August 1. After receiving input/feedback from the committee, Alta Planning + Design will complete the Master Plan, present it to the Parks and Recreation Department and then City Council. If approved, site planning and development will begin and we will begin requesting proposals from playground companies for selection of equipment. Demolition is scheduled for the fall and site preparation will take place once completed. We anticipate reopening Kids Planet in the spring of 2019.
- ◆ Center for the Arts Update: Staff met with SGA Architecture on July 11 to select recommended finishes for the Center for the Arts building, and met with Productions Unlimited on July 13 to finalize audio/video pricing for the project. Then, on July 17, Recreation Department staff, Mr. Driggers, Mr. Sell, SGA Architecture staff, and Hogan Construction staff all came together to discuss final design and pricing for this project. Designs for the facility and park are in the final stages of completion with the assistance and guidance of our architectural firm, SGA, and Hogan Construction. Guaranteed Maximum Prices will be confirmed by Hogan Construction and the project will be presented to City Council in September. If approved, we anticipate demolition/construction to begin in September.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Staff completed user training for the City's new website software, CivicPlus, the week of July 16.

Department Participation

- ◆ Department staff:
 - Assisted the Police Department in the planning of National Night Out scheduled for August 7.
 - Held their second quarterly meeting with the Greer Recreation Association Board of Trustees on July 26 at Greer City Hall.

Department Highlights

- ◆ Select Parks and Recreation Department staff members are participating as part of a test group for early training in the City's new payroll software, ADP.
- ◆ On July 13, Greenville County Re-development Authority performed a site visit at the City of Greer Operations Center to review the two grant programs which they facilitate.
- ◆ Applications for the Events Supervisor position were received and reviewed the week of July 23.

Division Highlights

Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Trimmed trees in the Depot parking lot and sprayed tree line behind the cemetery on Line Street with non-selective herbicide
 - Rolled Victor Field with Public Services' asphalt roller to complete the laser grading process and produce a more uniform infield surface
 - Moved soccer goals from City Stadium to Suber Road Soccer Complex in preparation for soccer season
 - Installed a temporary irrigation system along the new landscape installation at Century Park and Brushy Creek Road
 - Aerified and topdressed soccer fields at Country Club Sports Complex and Suber Road Soccer Complex, along with City Stadium and Victor Field
 - Began laying out and painting flag football fields at Country Club Sports Complex
 - Began regular maintenance and set up for adult wood bat league at Stevens Field
 - Continued to maintain neighborhood parks, recreation facilities, City Park, and athletic fields

Athletics:

- ◆ Facilitated Academy summer soccer practices at Country Club Road Park. These teams will begin games in mid-August through South Carolina Youth Soccer Association against teams throughout the state.
- ◆ The Foothills Soccer Club of Greer soccer board met on July 5 to discuss the spring season and upcoming fall season.
- ◆ Completed fall registration for youth tackle football, cheerleading, flag football, baseball, girls' softball, and soccer. Practices will begin in August for these sports.
- ◆ Greer Baseball Club 6U All-Star team competed in the Dixie Youth State Tournament in Columbia. The 8U All-Star team won their District Tournament and competed in the State Tournament in Florence. The 10U and 12U All-Star teams finished runner-up in their District Tournament and competed at the State Tournaments in Moncks Corner (10U) and Union (12U).
- ◆ Facilitated girls softball practices at Victor Park.
- ◆ Youth tackle football conditioning was held on Mondays and Thursdays throughout July in preparation for the upcoming season. The conditioning sessions were facilitated by the coaches and held at Century Park.
- ◆ Facilitated youth tackle football and cheerleading practices at Greer City Stadium on July 30. These teams will participate in a 10-game league schedule with Fountain Inn, Mauldin, and Simpsonville Recreation Departments this fall.
- ◆ Youth cheerleading camp was held at Victor Gym on July 16-18 for girls participating in fall cheerleading.

Recreation:

- ◆ The Recreation Division hosted the final Park Hop play date at Kids Planet on July 27 from 10am-12pm. Greer Fire Department, Cinderella, and City of Greenville Mobi Rec were all in attendance to welcome 150 patrons from different communities.
- ◆ Summer Camps continued through July at Victor Gym and the Needmore Recreation Center. Field trips, games, crafts, and plenty of fun will continue to be had this summer. The camps will conclude on August 10.
- ◆ 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, Tuesdays (80 participants monthly)
 - Cutlery Club – Tryon Recreation Center (20 participants monthly)
 - Artifacts Club – Tryon Recreation Center (74 participants monthly)
 - Pickleball – Victor Gym and Tryon Tennis Courts, Mondays-Thursdays (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)
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
 - Line dance classes were held on July 11, 18, and 25 with an average attendance of 19 seniors.
 - The Lunch Bunch dined at Andino in Greer on July 13. A delicious meal with fun fellowship was enjoyed by 20 members.
 - Bingo was held on July 5 and 19 with an average of 19 SOAR members in attendance.
 - SOAR Movie Day took place on July 16 with a screening of the movie "I Can Only Imagine". There were 12 seniors in attendance that day.
 - On July 26, the first "Brown Bag Learning Series" was held. Each month, SOAR members are invited to bring a bag lunch and enjoy learning about various topics from a guest speaker. This month's speaker was Rhonda Davis, the Stroke Coordinator from GHS. She gave tips to 12 seniors on preventative measures for stroke prevention.
 - SOAR rounded out the month on July 31 with a "Donuts and Discussion" session with Red Watson, Assistant Director of Greer Parks and Recreation. Red answered the seniors' questions about what's in store for the SOAR program in the future. There were 23 seniors in attendance.
 - The average attendance for the month was 18.

Cultural Arts:

- ◆ Tunes in the Park was very successful this year. July 6 was canceled due to bad weather. On July 13 The Mighty Kicks performed to a packed amphitheater. Power 2 Party performed on July 20, and The Note Ropers performed on July 27, both to big audiences. Each week a local performer opened the show, and inflatables and food trucks started early. Greer Idol was held each week in 2 half-hour segments.
- ◆ Fairytale Camp was held at the Tryon Recreation Center on July 9-13. The camp filled up and an additional 8 children were added.
- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesdays was held at the Greer Heritage Museum this summer. Attendance varied from 18 to 45. Most attendees had never been in the museum before.
- ◆ Greer Children's Theater held their advanced theatre camp at the Tryon Recreation Center July 16-23. The campers will perform at the Cannon Centre in August.
- ◆ The artwork hung in the Wall Gallery at City Hall featured Cuban artists. The artwork originally traveled around the country as part of a 300-piece art show.

Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 70 events, at which approximately 9,297 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department completed its 10th season of Moonlight Movies in the Greer City Park Amphitheater. The 8-week movie series hosts over 800 guests each Thursday night and continues to grow in popularity.
- ◆ The Greer Farmers Market will continue on Saturdays throughout November with assistance from the Events Division. The weekly market averages 35 vendors every Saturday and about 500 guests in attendance.
- ◆ The Events Division is currently planning for the 3rd Annual Railfest at Greer City Park on September 15 from 10am-2pm and Food Truck Rollout on October 19 from 5pm-8pm.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Railfest – September 15
- ◆ Artisan Makers Market – October 13
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 19
- ◆ Halloween Hoopla – October 27
- ◆ Annie – November 9-11; November 19-21
- ◆ Walk With Your Local Elected Official – November 10
- ◆ Giving Thanks Art Show – November 13
- ◆ 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 Fix-it Stations 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 – To Be Installed During City Streetscape Project
- ◆ HVAC at Victor Gym
- ◆ Highway 29 banners
- ◆ Renovation of the front office at the Operations Center
- ◆ Demolition of the Suber Road brick house

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.