

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for November 2018



*The Greer Farmers Market concluded on November 17 in Greer City Park.*

## "Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"

### Department Projects

- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, Justin Miller, Robbie Davis, Travis Durham, and Sgt. Randle Ballenger attended a Downtown Walking and Bicycling Master Plan Priorities meeting on November 6.
- ◆ The well and septic tank were filled at the house site on Suber Road. S.H. Carter is scheduled to resume demolition on December 5.
- ◆ Construction meetings for Center for the Arts were held on November 5 and 19. Concrete was poured in the auditorium, demolition has started, and the playground was ordered.
- ◆ The renovations at the Operations Center have started. Sheetrock work to the administrative office was completed, and a new counter and windows were installed. New carpet and paint will complete the project in December.
- ◆ PARD applications for an accessible parking area at H. R. Turner Park and an outdoor restroom facility at Victor Field were submitted to the Greenville County Legislative Delegation on November 9.
- ◆ The Victor Gymnasium floor was polished and resurfaced.

### Department Participation

- ◆ On November 10, a Veterans Day event was held at Veterans Park. A World War I monument was unveiled and Dave Gorman, Executive Director (Retired) of the Washington Headquarters DAV, was the guest speaker. Approximately 60 people attended the event.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the City of Greer Wellness meeting on November 15 and hosted the Pumpkin Chunkin Wellness Event on November 16.

### Department Trainings

- ◆ Travis Durham attended the Certified Playground Safety Inspectors course in Lexington, SC, as well as the annual South Carolina Sports Turf Managers Association Conference in Myrtle Beach
- ◆ Justin Miller, Red Watson, Cory Holtzclaw, Robbie Davis, and Travis Durham attended the SCRPA Conference in Greenville from November 12-14.

# Division Highlights

## Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Began limbing up trees within the neighborhood park system.
  - Prepared Veterans Park for Veterans Day event. New plant material, monuments and mulch were some of the items installed.
  - Had 6 trees removed at Center for the Arts to accommodate grading plans for the project.
  - Installed all Christmas decorations, including banners along Hwy 29, pole decorations on light poles on Poinsett Street, Main Street, and Highway 101, and light pole garland within downtown and City Park.
  - Removed benches from in front of Center for the Arts along with roadside sign in preparation for grading work to begin.
  - Installed fall annuals at City Park and Barnett Bridge.
  - Removed and stored doors, door frames, and chandeliers from Center for the Arts for possible future use.

## Athletics:

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Concluded South Carolina Youth Soccer Association play at Country Club Park and South Suber Road Park.
  - Facilitated youth basketball practices at Victor Gym Monday-Saturday. This season will mark the first time that one of our divisions will be played completely in house (8U).
  - Facilitated youth wrestling practices at Riverside High School. The club is currently at maximum capacity for the season (we must restrict enrollment based on RHS wrestling room space). Practices run on Tuesdays and Thursdays with tournaments and duals on weekends.
- ◆ All other sites for outside play are currently shut down for the winter until spring practices begin.
- ◆ Spring registration dates begin December 31 and will run through January 31. The first week of registration is for City of Greer residents only. We will hold one week in February as our last call for all spring sports programming.

## Recreation:

- ◆ The department hosted the Mid-Term Election at the Needmore Recreation Center on November 6. An estimated 500 voters participated.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the Park Hop committee meeting on November 28 at the Sears Recreation Center in Greenville.
- ◆ Contracts for GCRA Sub recipient funding grants for the Senior Computer program and the Needmore Summer Camp were received.
- ◆ The pickleball program switched to a new schedule due to winter programming and new policies for the program set forth at the Tryon Recreation Center during November. Indoor play was suspended due to youth basketball beginning. Morning play sessions are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-1pm at the Tryon Recreation Center. There were 25-30 participants each session.
- ◆ The HAM Radio group created a YouTube channel last year and their reach online is phenomenal! Their channel currently has 1,255 subscribers. Based on YouTube analytics, total watch time in November was 70,384 minutes (48 days and 21 hours) for subscribers and 99,447 minutes (69 days and 1 hour) for non-subscribers. These online viewers have also left pages of reviews thanking our instructors for their time and posting these unique, hard-to-find classes online. New classes are currently being formed for January with an additional Morse code class being added.

- ◆ 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, 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)
  
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
  - On November 2 the group took their highly anticipated trip to Bryson City, NC to ride the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad. There were 56 seniors onboard the motor coach for an exciting ride in First Class that included lunch. It was a fun day for all.
  - The monthly Movie Day was held on November 5. This month's movie was "Ocean's 8" and there were 16 seniors in attendance that day.
  - There were three Line Dance Classes this month on November 7, 14, and 28 with an average attendance of 25 seniors.
  - Bingo was held on November 1 and 15 with an average of 9 members in attendance.
  - The monthly Lunch Bunch trip was on November 9 to Roma in Greer where 15 members enjoyed delicious Italian food and fellowship.
  - The "Brown Bag Learning Series" was held on November 13. This month's speaker was Joel Cox from Community Chiropractic Center of Greer. He gave a presentation about how posture affects our everyday health and wellbeing. There were 4 members in attendance.
  - November 20 was the annual Thanksgiving Potluck. Traditional Thanksgiving food was enjoyed by 28 seniors.
  - To start the Christmas season off right, 18 seniors enjoyed lunch at Kitchen Sync and attended the Holiday Fair at the TD Convention Center on November 29.
  - The Upstate Senior Band entertained 75 seniors with an hour-long Christmas Concert on November 30. This included members of Greer Community Ministries' Senior Diners and Senior Action-Needmore Seniors. A great time was had by all.
  - The average attendance for the month was 27.

### Cultural Arts:

- ◆ The 2018 Giving Thanks Student Art Show reception was held on November 13 from 5-6pm. Mayor Rick Danner, Robin Byouk, and Sara Odom handed out certificates and gift cards to all the winners at the City Council meeting following the reception. Entries were doubled last year, with 4 area high schools participating including East Side, Greer, Mauldin, and the Fine Arts Center.
- ◆ The Greer Children's Theatre performed Annie at the J Harley Bonds Career Center on November 9-11 and 16-18. Approximately 250-400 people attended each show. The cast included adults and children. It was a full length show lasting 2-1/2 hours.
- ◆ GCAC sponsored the Upstate Men's Choir Veteran's performance on November 13 at the Cannon Centre, as well as assisting with advertising, stage set up, and other logistics. Profits were donated to the Upstate Warrior Project.
- ◆ Robin Byouk took Mayor Danner on a hard hat tour of the Center for the Arts on November 19.
- ◆ Lion King Jr. auditions were held on November 26 and 28 at the Tryon Recreation Center. Over 80 young people auditioned. This show will be performed at the Cannon Centre in March 2019.

### Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 69 events, at which 7,105 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The Greer Farmers Market concluded on November 17 with their Thanksgiving Market with over 10 vendors and 150 people in attendance. The City hosted the Greer Farmers Market over 25 weekends in 2018.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ City of Greer Tree Lighting Ceremony – December 7
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – January 18
- ◆ Lion King Jr Performances – March 1-3, March 8-10
- ◆ Baseball Opening Ceremonies – March 29
- ◆ Eggstastic Easter Event – April 13
- ◆ International Festival – April 27
- ◆ Juried Arts Show – May 9
- ◆ Freedom Blast – June 29
- ◆ Railfest – September 28

## Current Projects

- ◆ Center for the Arts Renovation
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer – 5 Installed; 12 Racks and Fix-it Stations in Storage Awaiting the City Streetscape Project

*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.*