

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for February 2019



The 8U Thunder basketball team were the 2018-2019 season champions.

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"

Department Projects

- ◆ Bi-weekly construction meetings were held on site at the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ Summer Counselor interviews for returning and new hire candidates began in February. The Recreation Division will have 10 spots to fill for the summer camp programs.
- ◆ Registration packets for Camp Needmore and Camp Greer were assembled and released to the public on February 18.
- ◆ On February 19, department staff met with Allen Clark of the Greer DAV to discuss moving forward with brick memorials for veterans at Greer Memorial Veterans Park.
- ◆ The structural installation portion of the roof stability project at the Cannon Centre was completed February 23. The project is slated to be finished by March 15.
- ◆ On February 28, department staff met with Hogan Construction, Langford Electric, and Unified A/V at the Center for the Arts to discuss the schedule for installation of technology, audio, and video equipment.
- ◆ The mortar carrier on display at Veterans Park was removed on February 28 for refurbishment.

Department Participation

- ◆ Inspections of the Recreation Department's facilities and vehicles were conducted by Mike Sell on February 5.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham presented the Recreation Department's annual report at the Greer City Council meeting on February 12.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the Wellness Committee meeting on February 21 to discuss upcoming events and the to-do lists for each committee member.
- ◆ Brian Wilson attended the Greenville CAN luncheon on February 27.

Department Trainings

- ◆ All department staff attended Blood Borne Pathogen Training in February.
- ◆ Brian Wilson and Robbie Davis began the Appalachian Council of Government training course on February 7.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association Events and Marketing workshop in Cary, NC from February 11-13.
- ◆ Robbie Davis, Lindsey Shaffer, and Robin Byouk attended the South Carolina Festival and Event Association on February 11-13 in Hilton Head, SC.
- ◆ Robbie Davis and Lindsey Shaffer attended the Southeastern Festival and Event Association on February 25-27.

Division Highlights

- ◆ On February 7, Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, and Robbie Davis met with staff from the City of Greer's IT Department and Verizon Wireless to discuss hardware and software for the electric vehicles in the Ambassador Program. The software would provide tracking and request-for-pick-up abilities to patrons.

Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Pressure washed the outdoor restroom building and sidewalk at Tryon Recreation Center.
 - Installed new basketball backboards and rims at Victor Gym outdoor courts.
 - Installed new basketball nets at Greentown Park, Needmore Recreation Center, Wards Creek Park, and BP Edwards Park.
 - Assembled new soccer goals and prepared City Stadium for the start of SCYSA soccer season.
 - Prepared athletic facilities for the start of the spring baseball practice season.
 - Removed weathered picnic tables from City Stadium and Country Club Road Park and replaced them with refurbished ones from the Operations Center.
 - Performed needed maintenance on mowing equipment to prepare for the upcoming growing season.
 - Pruned Liriope and Pampas grasses at various parks and facilities.
 - Facilitated the removal of 3 trees at Center for the Arts.
 - Applied pre-emerge herbicide to the Tryon Tennis Center clay courts and made adjustments to the clay court irrigation system.

Athletics:

- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Facilitated youth basketball practices at Victor Gym Monday-Saturday. The 8U division played games at Victor Gym on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. The 10U and 12U divisions played games at Victor Gym and the Mauldin Sports Center on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. The regular season playoffs were concluded in February. All-Star teams began practicing in February, with games taking place in March.
 - Facilitated youth wrestling practices at Riverside High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Wrestlers competed in local tournaments in January and February throughout the Upstate. Tomahawk Youth Wrestling hosted a duel on February 9 with Boiling Springs and Dorman to conclude the season.
 - Continued accepting registration for all spring sports programming through the first week in February.
 - Facilitated Greer Baseball Club player evaluations at Century Park for 6U and 8U on February 11, and 10U and 12U on February 13. Players were evaluated on hitting, fielding, and throwing.
 - Held drafts for Greer Baseball Club on February 16. Softball and baseball practices will begin on March 4 at Century Park, Country Club Road Park, Turner Field, Victor Park, Stevens Field, and Riverside Middle School.
 - Facilitated Academy Soccer practices and games at City Stadium and Country Club Road Park for the 2019 spring season. There are three spring Academy teams that will compete in South Carolina Youth Soccer Association games throughout the state. The season will continue through early May.
 - Facilitated Foothills Soccer Club of Greer drafts at the Operations Center. The U6 and U8 team drafts took place on February 11, and the U10 and U12 team drafts on February 13. Practices were scheduled to begin in late February but were delayed until early March due to rain.

Recreation:

- ◆ Greenville County Re-Development Authority grant applications were completed for the 2019-2020 program year. The Recreation Division submitted their Camp Needmore and Senior Computer Class programs for consideration.
- ◆ 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, Tuesdays and Thursdays (250 participants monthly)
 - Ham Radio Classes – Victor Gym (40 participants monthly)
 - Morse Code Classes – Victor Gym (48 participants monthly)
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
 - A group of 15 seniors participated in a Valentine's Day craft activity on February 5, where they made Valentine's Day tissue door wreaths.
 - SOAR had 4 Line Dance Classes this month on February 6, 13, 20, and 27 with an average of 36 seniors in attendance.
 - The annual SOAR Valentine's Day Party was held February 14. There were 60 seniors in attendance who enjoyed music, dancing, and a catered lunch from Tropical Grille.
 - The monthly Movie Day was held on February 18. This month's movie was the biography/drama, First Man. There were 13 SOAR members in attendance.
 - Bingo was held on February 7 and 21 with an average of 15 SOAR members in attendance.
 - On February 22, SOAR visited Landrum for some shopping and fun. The day began with lunch at The Hare & Hound. Afterward, the group visited the local shops in the downtown area. The trip was at full capacity, with 29 seniors attending.
 - Lunch Bunch this month was held on February 28 at Grill Marks. There were 17 SOAR members in attendance to enjoy great food and fellowship.
 - The average attendance for the month was 26.

Cultural Arts:

- ◆ Robin Byouk and Sara Odom traveled to Atlanta to the High Museum to see the Yayoi Kusamo exhibit on February 7.
- ◆ On February 10, Robin Byouk visited Charleston's pottery co-op, Cone 10 Studios. She learned about pottery classes and studio set-up, and also received training on setting up kilns.
- ◆ Robin Byouk and Sara Odom attended the SC Theatre Unified Auditions on February 17, which were held at Greenville Little Theatre.
- ◆ Lion King Jr rehearsals continued at the Tryon Recreation Center before moving to the Cannon Centre on February 24. The cast appeared on Your Carolina on February 26.

Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 50 events, during which 2,563 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The 3rd Annual Greater Greer Bridal Showcase took place on February 9 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Over 150 upstate brides visited with local wedding vendors, while the Events Division showcased both City Hall and Cannon Centre as prime wedding venues.
- ◆ The Black History Month Essay Contest received over 105 students' essays highlighting the contributions that African-American men and woman have made throughout the history of the United States. Winners will be announced at the Greer City Council meeting on March 12.
- ◆ The Events Division Ambassador program (Greer Station Shuttles) picked up a total of 353 people during February.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Lion King Jr Performances – March 1-3, March 8-10 (Cannon Centre)
- ◆ Baseball Opening Ceremonies – March 29 (Century Park)
- ◆ CenterG Juried Art Show – March 29 (City Hall)
- ◆ Eggstastic Easter Event – April 13 (Century Park)
- ◆ International Festival – April 27 (City Park)
- ◆ Family Fest May 3-4 (Downtown)
- ◆ Juried Arts Show – May 9 (City Hall)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout _ May 17 (City Park)
- ◆ Moonlight Movies – June 6 – August 1 (City Park Amphitheater)
- ◆ Tunes in the Park & Greer Idol – June 14 – July 26 (City Park Amphitheater)
- ◆ Freedom Blast – June 29 (City Park)
- ◆ Camp Ark 2019 (Tryon Recreation Center)
 - Beginner Camps (Art & Theater Camp)
 - 6/24-27 (Princesses + Pirates)
 - 7/8-11 (The Great 3 Ring Circus)
 - Advanced Camp (Musical Theater Camp)
 - 8/9-11 & 8/16-18 (Willy Wonka Jr)
- ◆ Beauty and the Beast – August 8-10, August 15-17 (J. Harley Bonds Center)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – August 17 (City Park)
- ◆ Railfest – September 28 (City Park)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 18 (City Park)
- ◆ Artisan Makers Market – October 19 (City Park)
- ◆ Tree Lighting – December 6 (City Park)
 - Supper with Santa (Cannon Centre)
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa – December 7 (Cannon Centre)
- ◆ Christmas Parade – December 8 (Downtown)

Current Projects

- ◆ Center for the Arts Renovation
- ◆ Kids Planet Playground Renovation
- ◆ Streetscapes Ambassador Program
- ◆ Suber Road Parking Area
- ◆ Tryon Recreation Center Outdoor Restroom Renovation
- ◆ Century Park Accessible Pathway and Curbing
- ◆ Turner Field and Victor Park Restroom Facilities
- ◆ Turner Field Accessible Parking Area
- ◆ Country Club Road Park Shade Structures

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.