

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for December 2019



Santa Claus recited 'Twas the Night Before Christmas for one of the largest crowds in the history of the Christmas Tree Lighting event.

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"

Department Projects

- ◆ Specs for bid advertisements were prepared for Tree Removal, Grading and Site Work, and Accessibility Grading and Site Work at Kids Planet. Bids were advertised on December 16.
- ◆ The installation of a new HVAC system at Victor Gymnasium was completed in December.

Department Trainings

- ◆ MASC trainings were completed by all members of staff for the 2019 calendar year.

Department Participation

- ◆ Department staff met on December 5 to discuss programming for the Center for the Arts provided by the Cultural Arts and Recreation Divisions.
- ◆ Department staff attended the Employee Appreciation Breakfast at City Hall on December 13.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson toured the facilities at Greer Country Club on December 19.
- ◆ All staff worked to complete job assessment questionnaires provided by Management Advisory Group, and supervisors reviewed those completed by their employees.

Division Highlights

- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department held their annual Christmas luncheon at the Center for the Arts on December 18.

Athletics:

- ◆ Spring youth baseball and girls' softball registration began for City of Greer residents on December 23 and non-resident registration on December 30. Soccer registration will begin the first week of January. Registration will continue through February 8.
- ◆ Greer for Cheer cheerleaders participated in the ACC Championship game on December 7 in Charlotte and joined in pre-game activities and an on-field performance at halftime.

- ◆ Division staff facilitated:
 - Foothills Soccer Club of Greer academy fall soccer practices and games at South Suber Road Park and Country Club Road Park on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. These teams compete in the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association and travel throughout the state. The fall season ended after the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association State Cup tournament.
 - Youth basketball practices at Victor Gym Mondays through Saturdays for 8U, 10U, and 12U age divisions. Games will begin in January for all three age divisions. The 8U and 10U teams will play all league games at Victor Gym while the 12U division will travel to Mauldin SportsCenter for league games.
 - Tomahawk Youth Wrestling practices at Riverside High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The wrestlers are participating in matches throughout the Upstate. An inter-squad duel will be held at Victor Gym on January 4, and 2 additional duels with other wrestling organizations will be held at Victor Gym on February 1 and 15

Recreation:

- ◆ The Recreation Division held their annual Letters to Santa program and received 215 letters at Santa's North Pole Greer Office. Each child's letter received a response from Santa!
- ◆ The Recreation Division continued to facilitate the following programs:
 - Senior Action – Needmore Recreation Center, Mondays-Fridays (200 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, Tuesdays and Thursdays (200 participants monthly)
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
 - SOAR had two Line Dance Classes this month on December 4 and 11, with an average of 30 seniors in attendance.
 - Bingo was held on December 5, with 23 members in attendance.
 - On December 10, the annual Christmas Potluck and Gift Exchange was held. SOAR members brought their favorite holiday finger foods for everyone to enjoy. After lunch, for those who wanted to participate, there was a gift exchange where everyone brought a \$10 gift. There were 32 participants on this fun day.
 - On December 12, 85 seniors boarded two motor coaches and traveled to Pigeon Forge, TN. The day began with a wonderful lunch at the Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant. After lunch the group did a little bit of exploring and shopping at the Apple Barn shops and Cider Mill. The next stop of the day was the Smoky Mountain Opry for the "Smoky Mountain Christmas Show". A fantastic day was had by all.
 - The Upstate Senior Band performed a Christmas concert for SOAR members at the Cannon Centre on December 16. Other Greer senior programs were invited to attend, including Greer Senior Action and the Senior Diners from Greer Community Ministries. There were 90 seniors in attendance for this wonderful show.
 - The Line Dancing Class had their Christmas Party on December 18 with 30 line dancers in attendance. The attendees brought finger foods to share along with a \$5 ornament for a gift exchange.
 - On December 19, a total of 34 seniors attended a Christmas Bingo Party to share in fun festive treats and Christmas Bingo prizes.
 - The average attendance for the month was 47.
- ◆ Rentals for the month of December:
 - Recreation Centers: 8
 - Bus Rentals: 1

Cultural Arts:

- ◆ The parent meeting for Frozen Jr. was held on December 2 at the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ An Adaptive Dance class through the Carolina Dance Collaborative was held on Wednesday evenings at the Center for the Arts through December 4.

- ◆ The Gingerbread Jamboree was held at the Center for the Arts on the evening of December 5. This included Open Studios with the resident artists, a live performance painting by Sonnyg, and choral performances by the High Pointe Academy Honor Choir and the Byrnes Singers. The event was a huge success and brought in many people to view the entries of the Gingerbread House Competition. Robin Byouk and Sara Odom moved the winning entries of the Gingerbread House Competition to City Hall on December 6.

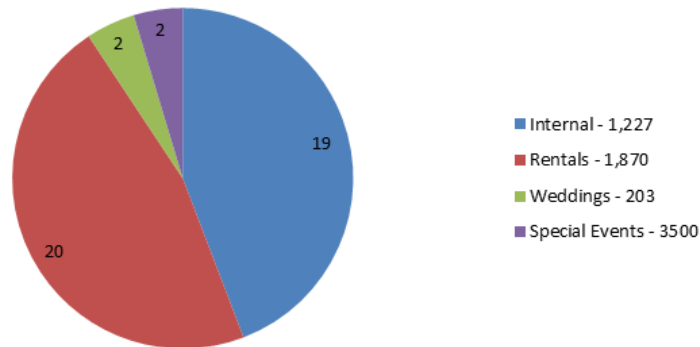


- ◆ Ballet classes with the Carolina Dance Collaborative continued to meet on Tuesday afternoons at the Center for the Arts through December 10.
- ◆ Robin and Sara assisted resident artist Christina Laurel in the removal of her installation in the Center for the Arts Gallery on December 13.
- ◆ Robin toured the Mint Museum of Art in Charlotte, NC to check out their children’s programs.

Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 43 events, at which 6,800 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.

Rentals



- ◆ The Christmas Tree Lighting took place on December 6 and hosted one of the largest crowds in its history. Mayor Danner and Santa helped celebrate the lighting of the Greer Christmas tree. Live dance performances, free kids crafts, inflatables, marshmallow roasting, and overall good cheer were enjoyed by over 2,500 attendees.
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa took place on December 7 with over 500 people in attendance. Attendees were able to meet with Santa, enjoy breakfast, write a letter to Santa, and participate in free crafts. Even staff had a blast!

- ◆ Survey Monkey response received during the month of December:
How did you hear about the City of Greer Events Center?

Other (please specify):

We have been using for almost 10 years

- ◆ Ambassador Program numbers for the month of December:

December Monthly Numbers						
Monthly totals	11am-2pm Shift Total	6pm-9pm Shift Total	Daily Total	1st Shift Avg	2nd Shift Avg	Daily Avg
Tuesday	70	24	94	23.33	8.00	23.5
Wednesday	46	37	83	15.33	12.33	20.75
Thursday	97	116	213	24.25	38.67	53.25
Friday	90	278	368	22.50	69.50	92
Saturday	104	46	150	26.00	15.33	37.5
Sunday	87		87	21.75		21.75
Total	494	501	995	22.19	28.77	41.46

Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ WP Law performed their bi-annual check and cleaning of the City Park fountains.
- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Prepared South Suber Road Soccer Complex fields for the final state game of the season.
 - Began the winter pruning and cut-back of plant material at all parks and recreational facilities, City Park, and Center for the Arts.
 - Prepared for and worked the Christmas Parade. 18 staff members worked a total of 80.16hrs for this event

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Daddy Daughter Dance – February 8 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Foothills Philharmonic String Quartet Concert – February 29 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Frozen Jr. – March 1-3 & 8-10 (J. Harley Bonds Center)
- ◆ Foothills Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet – March 21 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ CenterG Juried Art Show – March 27 (City Hall)
- ◆ Eggstastic Easter Event – April 4 (Location TBD)
- ◆ International Festival – April 18 (City Park)
- ◆ Godspell Jr. – May 8-10 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – May 15 (City Park)
- ◆ Kids Planet Dedication/Opening – (Date TBD)
- ◆ Freedom Blast – June 27 (City Park)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – August 21 (City Park)
- ◆ Railfest – September 26 (City Park)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 16 (City Park)
- ◆ Christmas Tree Lighting – December 4 (City Park)

Current Projects

- ◆ Kids Planet Playground Renovation
- ◆ Streetscapes Ambassador Program
- ◆ Streetscapes Renovation Project
- ◆ South Suber Road Parking Area
- ◆ H. R. Turner Field and Victor Park Restroom Facilities
- ◆ H. R. Turner Field Accessible Parking Area
- ◆ Springwood Park ADA Renovation

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.