

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for February 2020



8U Basketball All Star Team Western District Champions

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"

Bids

- ◆ Bid opening for Greer City Park landscape bed mulch was held on February 14. The bid was awarded to Dreamscape Landscaping, Woodruff, SC.

Department Projects

- ◆ Kids Planet:
 - Council approved Raby Construction as the low bidder for both grading and site work on February 11.
 - Demolition is 100% complete.
 - Pre-construction meeting was held, on February 12 at the Operations Center, with grading contractor, GCRA, playground equipment provider and engineer.
 - Staff walked the site with the demolition contractor and the grading/site work contractor on February 17. Currently working on drafting the contracts for grading and site work, mobilization and permitting for Raby Construction and permitting for Cunningham Recreation.
- ◆ Greer Golf Club:
 - Pricing for projects and operations at the Greer Country Club are currently being obtained.
 - Locks were changed, carpet cleaned, and kitchen equipment cleaned.
 - Obtaining quotes for pressure washing, painting, ceiling tile, and other course projects.
 - Facility is operating under "business as usual" while work continues towards the complete transition to the City of Greer.
 - Greer City Council Retreat was hosted at Greer Country Club on February 19.
 - The operation budget and logistics of running the pool and restaurant are currently in progress.
- ◆ Greer Awning began installation of the Victor Field batting cage on February 24.
- ◆ GCRA grants were finalized and submitted for youth and senior programs for the FY 20/21.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Gary Melton, Marty Knighton and Brian Wilson attended a pesticide certification course at Ewing Irrigation on February 4. Each received their yearly CEU's for their licensing.
- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw attended the SC LEAD training in Columbia, SC on February 6 and 7.
- ◆ Staff members completed NIMS 400 certifications at Greer City Hall on February 20 and 21.
- ◆ Staff attended the Bloodborne Pathogens training at Greer City Hall on February 25 and PPD reads on February 27.
- ◆ Meredith Anzur attended the SCRPA Programming Summit in Hilton Head, SC on February 26-28.

Department Participation

- ◆ On February 5, Robin Byouk and Sara Odom attended the Greer Comprehensive Plan roundtable representing the arts in a discussion about Natural and Cultural Resources and Community Facilities.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the TRENDS conference in Columbia, SC on February 6 and 7.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the Park Hop Committee meeting on February 11 to discuss the upcoming season program.
- ◆ Staff met with Elizabeth Adams, February 13, to discuss the Grand Opening of the Streetscapes Project.
- ◆ Staff members attended the Wellness Dodgeball event on February 17 at Victor Gym.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the Greer City Council retreat on February 18 at the Center for the Arts.

Division Highlights

Athletics:

- ◆ FSCG academy soccer practices and games were facilitated at Greer City Stadium on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. These teams compete in the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association and travel throughout the state. The spring season will continue through mid-May.
- ◆ Youth basketball practices and games were held at Victor Gym on Monday through Sunday for 8U, 10U, and 12U age divisions. The Greer Parks and Recreation regular season was completed on February 24.
- ◆ Youth 8U and 10U All-Star basketball practices were held at Victor Gym. The 8U All-Star District Championship was held at Victor Gym on February 28 and 29 with teams from Laurens, Greenwood, Simpsonville and Fountain Inn. The Greer 8U All-Star team won the Western District Championship and will compete at the State Tournament in March at Mauldin. The 10U All-Star competed in the Western District Tournament at Laurens and finished as the Western District Runner-Ups.
- ◆ Youth wrestling (Tomahawk Youth Wrestling) practices were facilitated at Riverside High School on Tuesday and Thursday night. The wrestling season was completed for most of the participants with the inter-squad duals at Victor Gym on February 1 and 15. Six wrestlers will compete in the South Carolina Youth Wrestling Association Upper State and State Tournaments to be held on March 7 and 14 in Anderson, SC.
- ◆ Spring registration for youth soccer, baseball and girls softball was completed.
- ◆ Youth baseball evaluations were held at Century Park for 6U and 10U participants on February 17. The evaluation night, on February 18, for 8U and 12U participants was cancelled due to rain.
- ◆ Soccer drafts for U8, U10, and U12 teams was held on February 10 at the Operations Center.
- ◆ Youth recreational soccer practices on Monday and Thursday nights was held at South Suber Road Park. Age divisions are U6, U8, U10 and U12. Games will begin in mid-March and should be completed in mid-May.
- ◆ Baseball drafts were held on February 22 for all age divisions at the Operations Center. Practices are scheduled to begin on March 2.

Recreation:

- ◆ Interviews for Summer Camp Counselors began in preparation for the summer program.
- ◆ Summer Camp registration packets were completed and distributed to the public.
- ◆ Presidential Democratic Primary was held at the Needmore Recreation Center with 252 voters.
- ◆ 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)
 - Ham Radio Amateur class – Victor Gym (20 students monthly)
 - Indoor Pickleball – Victor Gym, Tuesdays and Thursdays (237 participants monthly)
 - Adaptive Pickleball Clinic – Victor Gym (26 participants)
 - Pickleball Coaching Clinic – Victor Gym (66 participants)
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)

- There were 3 Line Dance Classes this month on February 5, 12 and 26 with an average of 28 seniors in attendance.
- Bingo was held on February 6 and 27 with 29 members in attendance each day.
- The monthly Movie Day was held on February 10 with 32 seniors in attendance to watch the movie "Playing with Fire".
- On February 14, the SOAR 5th Annual Valentine's Day Party was held at Greer City Hall. The lunch was catered by Stax's Catering and a performance by the "Old Men of Swing" was attended by 77 seniors for this fun event.
- A trip to Gaffney Outlets and lunch at the Cracker Barrel was enjoyed by 15 seniors on February 18.
- The month concluded with a Lunch Bunch visit to Fried Green Tomatoes in Greenville, SC on February 25. There were 19 seniors in attendance to enjoy great food and fellowship that day.
- The average attendance for the month was 33.
- ♦ Rentals for the month of February:
 - Recreation Centers: 10

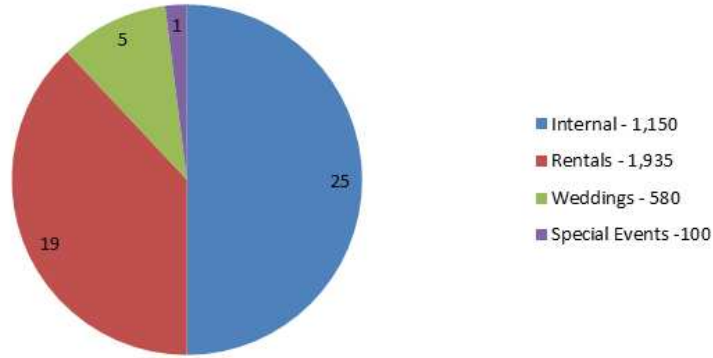
Cultural Arts:

- ♦ Daydrie Lane Osorio's artwork, a series of Van Dyke photographs titled "Conquering SCD: Portraits of Individuals with Sickle Cell Disease" was hung in the Wall Gallery at Greer City Hall. The Reception was held the evening of February 4 and featured guest speaker, Dr. Alan Anderson of Prisma Health Systems. The subject was Sickle Cell Disease. (SCD) Toyanita Jones, an individual with SCD and a subject of one of the portraits, was another featured speaker. Several of the men and women featured in the portraits were present at the reception, along with their families and support teams. Approximately 50 people were in attendance.
- ♦ The Ceramics Kilns were fired for the first time on February 4.
- ♦ At the Center for the Arts, Watercolor classes continued on Saturdays through February 8, and Ceramics classes continued on Thursdays through the end of the month. Patricia Sexton and Sara Odom alternated staffing the classes on Saturdays and staffing the Frozen JR rehearsals being held at Tryon Recreation Center simultaneously.
- ♦ On February 12, the Greer Station Association held their monthly breakfast at the Center for the Arts during which Robin Byouk gave all the members a tour of the facility and surrounding park.
- ♦ The 2nd Parent/Cast meeting for Frozen Jr was held on Feb 17. Rehearsals for Greer Children's Theater Frozen Jr continued every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at the Tryon Recreation Center. Toward the end of the month, rehearsals were moved to the J. Harley Bonds Career Center.
- ♦ Two artists were interviewed for the Ceramics Studio; Ishmael Alfredo Gallegos and Jim Cullen.
- ♦ Robin Byouk and the Artistic Staff of Godspell Jr. had several organizational meetings. The GCT production is being conducted by GCAC Student Board. They were all interviewed for the roles they will be holding including; Asst. Director, Music Director, Choreographer, Stage Manager, Production Manager and Costume Designer.
- ♦ A meeting with the Artists at the Center for the Arts was held to discuss scheduling open studios and regular hours to be open to the public. The group also decided to give themselves a name, the "Greer Visual Artists" or "GVA" and invite other artists in Greer to join them, regardless of whether or not they rent a studio.
- ♦ The Foothills Philharmonic String Quartet performed on February 29 at the Center for the Arts. The Artists had their studios open during this event. Patricia Sexton staffed the event while Robin Byouk and Sara Odom worked Tech Day and Cue to Cue for Frozen JR at the J. Harley Bonds Center.

Events:

- ♦ The Events Division hosted 50 events, at which an estimated 3,765 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ♦ The First Greer City Hall Open House was hosted with over 50 people in attendance. Guests were able to view rental spaces, meet with staff, and view the facilities set up as a wedding. The event resulted in the scheduling of 3 weddings.

Rentals



Google Review

★★★★★ 2 weeks ago

We got married in the gazebo and it was AMAZING!!!
Best kept and cleanest park in the Upstate!!



👍 Like

Survey Monkey Response

Are there any areas of improvement that you'd like to share with us?

Keep doing what you do! Your team is excellent!

Ambassador

February Monthly Numbers

Monthly totals	1st Shift Total	2nd Shift Total	Daily Total	1st Shift Avg	2nd Shift Avg	Daily Avg
Tuesday 1 Shuttle	54	30	84	13.50	7.50	21.00
Wednesday 1 Shuttle	42	23	65	10.50	5.75	16.25
Thursday 2 Shuttles	47	49	96	11.75	12.25	24.00
Friday 2 Shuttles	70	202	272	17.50	50.50	68.00
Saturday 2 Shuttles	70	139	209	17.50	34.75	52.25
Sunday 1 Shuttle	44		44	11.00		11.00
Total	327	443	770	13.63	22.15	32.08

Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Trimmed shrubs along Stevens Field outfield wall.
 - Rebuilt pitching mound at Stevens Field to prepare for baseball season.
 - Sprayed for winter weeds at Victor Field.
 - Built trash roll cart containers for Century Park Disc Golf course.
 - Installed janitorial shelving in the supply closet at Center for the Arts.
 - Replaced a control cable on the department JLG lift.
 - Installed permanent insulation to the louvers in Victor Gym.
 - Prepared Century Park for baseball evaluations.
 - Began winter weed clean up in turf area at various facilities.
 - Applied Spring pre-emerge to Center for the Arts landscape beds.
 - Calibrated push spreaders for application of Spring pre-emerge in March.
 - Installed new tires on the department JLG scissor lift.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – May 15 (City Park)
- ◆ Kids Planet Dedication/Opening – (Date TBD)
- ◆ Camp ARK – June and July (Location TBD)
- ◆ Tunes in the Park/Greer Idol – June 14-July 28 (City Park)
- ◆ Moonlight Movies – June 11-August 2 (City Park)
- ◆ Freedom Blast – June 27 (City Park)
- ◆ Streetscapes Grand Opening and Block Party – July 10 (Downtown Greer)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – August 21 (City Park)
- ◆ Spotlight on the Arts Gala – September TBA (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Railfest – September 26 (City Park)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 16 (City Park)
- ◆ Artisan Makers Market – October 17 (City Park)
- ◆ Giving Thanks Art Show – November 10 (City Hall)
- ◆ Christmas Tree Lighting – December 4 (City Park)
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa – December 5 (Cannon Centre)

Current Projects

- ◆ Kids Planet Playground Renovation
- ◆ Greer Golf Club Project
- ◆ Parking Garage Project
- ◆ Streetscapes Ambassador Program
- ◆ 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.