

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for March 2020



*Nathan Manos Wrestling State Champion for 10 and Under 70 Pounds Weight Class*

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

### Bids

- ◆ On March 11, Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the bid opening for the Springwood Park Project.

### Department Projects

- ◆ Staff completed Funds 10 and 11 Fiscal Year 20/21 budgets. Fund 09, 23, 50 and 57 are being developed and reviewed.
- ◆ Kids Planet:
  - Contracts between the City of Greer and Raby Construction, and the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA) and Raby Construction were review and approved for the Kids Planet project.
  - Raby Construction began the process of applying for permits and developed a mobilization schedule.
- ◆ Greer Golf Club:
  - Measures were implemented throughout the course to ensure the safety of golfers in order to remain open for play during the COVID 19 pandemic.
  - Pricing and purchase requisitions were completed for interior painting, pressure washing exterior of clubhouse and pool house and repair of irrigation pumps.
  - RFP's are in progress for golf cart lease, restaurant business and course update project for half of the course that includes sprigging fairways, bunker repair and leveling, resizing and sodding tee boxes.
  - Job descriptions were submitted for the General Manager and Grounds Superintendent and the remaining job descriptions are in process of being finalized for submittal.
  - Pricing for pool repairs and upgrades is continuing, as well as above ground fuel storage tanks, cart barn, maintenance shed upgrade and capital equipment.

### Department Trainings

- ◆ Staff attended the Bloodborne Pathogens training at Greer City Hall on March 3 and PPD reads on March 5.
- ◆ City of Greer Parks and Recreation Department hosted the SC LEAD program on March 4 and 5 at the Center for the Arts.

## Department Participation

- ◆ Ann Cunningham assisted in the South Carolina Recreation Parks and Tourism (SCRPT) grading of applications for Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants. The RTP is a federal-aid assistance program designed to help states provide and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized recreation.
- ◆ Justin Miller met with the Park Hop Committee at the Greenville County Recreation Office on March 10. Discussions centered around the upcoming program season for planning and updates to the program.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the eCPAT (Electronic Community Park Audit Tool) workshop in Greenville, SC on March 13. Feedback was given on the new park audit tool being rolled out by research teams from the University of South Carolina and Kansas State University.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson met with Jim Young, on March 16, to discuss the Greer Country Club operations.
- ◆ On March 18, Ann Cunningham and Red Watson participated in phone conference regarding the Parks and Recreation Development (PARAD) grant program. This grant is a state-funded non-competitive reimbursable grant for special purposes to provide recreational opportunities within each county and is an 80-20 match program.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham participated in a ZOOM Greer Family Fest Committee Meeting, on March 18. Discussion centered around dates to hold the Family Fest this year due to the COVID 19 virus.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the Greer Golf Course Zoom progress meeting on March 25.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended via Zoom the SCRPA Elm Branch meeting on March 31.

## 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 academy teams completed  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their spring season as of March 19.
- ◆ Youth basketball all-star practices were held at Victor Gym on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights for 8U age divisions. The 8U All-Star team won the Western District Championship and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State Championship held at Mauldin Sports Center on March 6-7.
- ◆ Youth wrestling (Tomahawk Youth Wrestling) practices were facilitated at Riverside High School on Tuesday and Thursday night. The wrestlers competed in the South Carolina Youth Wrestling Association Upper State and State Tournaments held on March 7 and 14 in Anderson, SC. There were 5 wrestlers that placed in the top 3 of their weight class in the Upper State Tournament and Nathan Manos won the State Championship in his weight class. This was the first ever-State Champion for our wrestling program.
- ◆ Registrations were completed for the recreation youth baseball, soccer and girls softball leagues. These leagues were scheduled to begin practices in mid-March to early April and games would be completed by late May. Due to the COVID 19 closing of all Parks and Recreation Department facilities and parks, these sports are on hold at this time.
- ◆ Stevens Field hosted South Carolina High School Baseball League. A full slate of high school baseball rentals were scheduled for the spring season at Stevens Field. Due to the COVID 19 closing of the facilities and parks the rentals were canceled.

### Recreation:

- ◆ Continued Interviews for Summer Camp Counselors began in preparation for the summer program.
- ◆ Summer Camp registrations for City of Greer residents were held on March 16 and non-residents on March 23.
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
  - There were 2 Line Dance Classes this month on March 4 and 11 with an average of 33 seniors in attendance.
  - Bingo was held on March 5 with 24 members in attendance.
  - On March 12, the SOAR group took a trip to Cribb's Kitchen in Spartanburg, SC for their Lunch Bunch outing with 25 seniors enjoying a delicious lunch and fellowship.
  - All other SOAR activities were canceled due to COVID 19.
  - The average attendance for the month was 27.

- ◆ Rentals for the month of March:
  - Recreation Centers: 6
- ◆ Recreation Division Activities canceled due to COVID 19:
  - Archery (Victor Gym) – 3 sessions
  - Artifacts Club (Tryon Recreation Center) – 1 session
  - Basketball free play (Victor Gym) – 5 sessions
  - Chandler Creek Elementary Block Park (Needmore Recreation Center - Outside)
  - Creative Advancement Afterschool (Victor Gym) – 12 sessions
  - Ham Radio (Victor Gym) – 3 sessions
  - Needmore After School (Needmore Recreation Center) – 12 sessions
  - Never Alone (Tryon Recreation Center) – 2 sessions
  - Pickleball Free Play (Victor Gym) – 5 sessions
  - Needmore Recreation Center Rentals Canceled – 2
  - Senior Action (Needmore Recreation Center) Modified Lunch Pick Up – 12 sessions

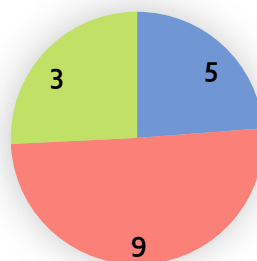
### Cultural Arts:

- ◆ MTI (Music Theatre International) offered rights to a new play by Disney, “The Descendants”. GCAC received the first rights to perform this play. The show will be performed in October 2020.
- ◆ Greer Children’s Theatre production of Disney’s “Frozen Jr was held on March 6-8 and 13-15. Extra precautions were taken for the second weekend to protect the cast and patrons.
- ◆ The first production meeting the student led production of “Godspell Jr.” was held on March 7. The performance dates were moved to June 18-20. Auditions for the production of Godspell Jr were held on March 9.
- ◆ There was a total of 41 entries received from professional and student artist for the 2020 City of Greer Juried Arts Exhibition. Based on the 5 judges’ scores, 23 pieces were awarded in 8 different categories. ON March 25, the winners artwork was hung in the Wall Gallery at Greer City Hall. IN place of a reception, Robin Byouk, with the assistance of Steve Owens, hosted a short Facebook Live video on the City of Greer Facebook page to announce the winners. Sara Odom photographed the winning pieces and catalogued them in a digital photo album on the Greer Cultural Arts Council Facebook page.
- ◆ Studio 4 at the Center for the Arts was rented beginning in March by the artist Carol Rogers.
- ◆ The Foothills Philharmonic canceled their performances for the remainder of 2020.
- ◆ An application for the Make Greer Great grant through the Partnership for Tomorrow was submitted. Funding for the project, “A Living Sculpture” was requested to fund a carving of the 15 feet tree trunk at the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ An application for a Cross-Sector Impact Grant with South Arts, “Pianos in Public Places”, was submitted. This grant is to refurbish and paint old pianos, each an individual work of art that would then be placed in different public indoor spaces around the City of Greer for the general public to play. Each of the 8 pianos would be rotated every 6 months to a different location.

### Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 17 events, at which an estimated 1,050 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.

### Rentals



Internal - 240

Rentals - 510

Weddings - 260

## Google Review

★★★★★ a month ago

Great place to spend some time with friends, family, or that special loved one. Lots of room to spread out. Plenty of sidewalks to walk. A covered, picnic shelter is available for that box lunch break. Kids can play on the playground with safer, rubberized ground surface. Public restroom is available. Snap photos together. Several friends have even gotten engaged around the park.



## 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

### **MARCH Monthly Numbers**

<b>Monthly totals</b>	<b>1st Shift Total</b>	<b>2nd Shift Total</b>	<b>Daily Total</b>	<b>1st Shift Avg</b>	<b>2nd Shift Avg</b>	<b>Daily Avg</b>
Tuesday 1 Shuttle	10	16	26	2.50	5.33	8.67
Wednesday 1 Shuttle	10	26	36	2.50	6.50	9.00
Thursday 2 Shuttles	31	34	65	7.75	8.50	16.25
Friday 2 Shuttles	40	96	136	10.00	24.00	34.00
Saturday 2 Shuttles	<b>58</b>	120	178	14.5	30.00	44.50
Sunday 1 Shuttle	7		7	1.75		1.75
Total	156	292	770	6.50	22.15	19.03

**The shuttle service did not run after March 15, 2020 in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19.**

## Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Sprayed for winter weeds at Century Park Fields 2 & 3, Veterans Park and Century Park Kids Planet.
  - Dreamscape Landscape installed mulch at Greer City Park, Police & Courts and the J. Verne Smith parking lot.
  - Prepared baseball and softball fields for the spring practice season.
  - Applied pre-emerge in the landscape beds at the Police and Courts and the Center for the Arts.
  - Installed automatic paper towel dispensers in the Century Park restrooms.
  - Staff began and continues to clean/sanitize/disinfect all Parks and Recreation facilities and restrooms.
  - Herbicide applications was applied to City Stadium and South Suber Road Park to begin the ryegrass removal process.
  - Turf pre-emerge herbicide was applied to Little Turner, City Stadium, Victor Softball Field, Country Club Road Park baseball fields, Sod was laid at the Center for the Arts, the front of Victor Gym, Century Park Fields 2 & 3, and along Brushy Creek Road at Century Park Kids Planet.
  - Pre-emerge was applied to Greer City Park and Police and Courts landscape beds.
  - Epoxy coating was applied to the Greer City Park lower restroom floors. The upper restroom will be completed the week of March 23.

- In conjunction with Precision Pro Wash, all the Parks and Recreation playgrounds were pressure washed, cleaned and sanitized.
- Greer Middle College Charter High School senior and volunteers applied new mulch to Victor Park and the tree rings surrounding the softball field.
- Landscape stone was installed around the storm water drain along the Tryon Tennis Center parking lot. This will assist in the prevention of washing out that occurs during rain events.

## 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.*