

Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Report for August 2020



Kids Planet Playground

"Creating Community through People, Parks, and Programs"

Department Projects

Administration

- On August 6, Ann Cunningham met with Mr. Merriman to visit all Parks and Recreation facilities.
- Lancy Martino, our new part time Administrative Clerk, started August 24 at the Operation Center.

Greer Golf

- The Tahoma-31 Bermuda grass sprigs are growing in nicely.
- Staff began rolling the fairways to flatten the project areas.
- Our scheduled re-open date is currently October 2, 2020 for the back nine holes closed for sprigging.

Kids Planet

- A majority of the sidewalks throughout the site are complete, with the exception of the sections providing access to the playgrounds by the playground installers.
- Parks and Recreation Department staff are in the process of updating the restroom facilities. We are also reviewing the landscaping plans, designing the entrance and replacing the water fountain.
- The former Cannon's Concession Building has been purchased by the City of Greer. We are currently assessing the condition of the equipment, cleaning the facility and preparing it for occupancy. We plan to advertise for proposals from potential vendors to operate the concession daily.
- Three contractors are working throughout the site at different times on different schedules.
- The installation of underground conduit/wiring for electrical and the conduit for fiber is near completion and the playground contractor should be finished in the next few weeks as well. When completed, the site contractor will return for final sidewalk pours and permanent stabilization.
- We are working with the City Engineer, Steve Grant, on the restriping and redesign of the upper parking lot.
- A soft opening of the playground is anticipated for the late fall and the formal dedication is planned to be held in the Spring of 2021.

Victor and Turner Field Restrooms

- We are currently reviewing/evaluating our options for the purchase pre-fab buildings or construct restrooms facilities at Victor Park and Little Turner. Due to grant funds allocated from the state and federal government and matched by the City of Greer to complete these structures, we are working with our Finance Department and reviewing procurement procedures for the city and state.
- In addition a portion of these funds are provided by the Parks and Recreation Development Fund (PARD) through the SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT). A portion of the funding will be through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, also funded through the SCPRT but approved by the National Park Service.

Additional Projects

- Working with Ruthie Helms, ADA Coordinator, on ADA Renovations at Springwood Park.
- Replacing the upper deck on the pressbox/concession building at Country Club Road Park.
- Replacing park entrance signs at four parks:
 - Tryon Park
 - Victor Heights Community Park
 - Greentown Park
 - Century Park (lower entrance)

Department Trainings

- Staff trained August 14-16 on new POS software, ClubProphet. The new software will handle tee-time booking, membership billing, pro shop inventory, financial reports and data tracking.
- Robin Byouk and Sara Odom continued light board training with Greg Trykowski every Monday and Friday at the Center for the Arts.
- The Events Division has been working with the Cultural Arts Division regarding entering rental information into the new CivicRec software.
- Robin Byouk attended the following Zoom, webinars- Reopening Your Event in the Time of COVID-19.

Department Participation

- A Park Hop committee meeting was held at the Center for the Arts on August 5. Members of the committee discussed the current program and plans to conclude the 2020 summer program.
- Robin Byouk also attended the bi-monthly South Carolina Theatre Association (SCTA) Zoom meetings as well as Creating Food Props with Silicon Clay.
- On August 10, staff placed memorial bricks at Victor Memorial Veterans Park. This was in partnership with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Memorial Brick Campaign.
- The Athletic Division attended multiple youth sports agency meetings at Simpsonville and Mauldin in regards to Covid-19 Guidelines.

- The Greer Cultural Arts Council (GCAC) intern Kara Meilinger from Greer Middle College started working on August 18, 2020.
- Courtney Garrett is currently working as an intern in the Parks and Recreation Department. She is a senior at Greer Middle College.
- The Parks and Recreation held its quarterly meeting of the Recreation Association Board on August 27, 2020. The format of this meeting was Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- The Athletics Division facilitated the following programs:
 - Youth Tackle Football
 - Practices were held at Greer City Stadium Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
 - Participants range in ages from 7 to 12.
 - Temperature checks will be completed before each tackle football game for every participant.
 - Games are set to start September 14, 2020.
 - NFL Flag Football
 - Practices at Country Club Road Park every Tuesday and Thursday.
 - Participants range in ages from 5 to 12.
 - This league is completely in-house, and has shown a tremendous jump in participation.
 - Cheer for Greer
 - Practices at Greer City Stadium Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
 - Participants range in ages from 5 to 12.
 - Due to Covid-19, participation in activities at the ACC Championship game, North Greenville University, and Greer High will most likely be cancelled.
 - Greer Baseball Club Fall
 - Practices at Century Park every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
 - Participants range in ages from 6 to 12.
 - Youth Softball
 - Practices at Victor Park every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.
 - Participants range in ages from 6 to 12.
 - American Legion Junior and Senior Leagues
 - Junior team concluded their season in the first round of the playoffs while the Senior team advanced to the state tournament held at Segra Park in Columbia South Carolina.
 - Greer Senior Legion finished as South Carolina State Runner-Ups.
 - GBC Academy Baseball
 - Practices at Stevens Field and Country Club Road Park every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
 - Our 9U Academy team finished 3rd in the USSSA Elite World Series. The 12U Academy team finished in the top 6.
 - Foothills Soccer Club Greer Academy
 - Practices at Country Club Road Park and South Suber Road Park every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
 - These teams currently participate in the SCYSA Premier and Challenge Leagues.
 - Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Recreation Soccer
 - Practices at South Suber Road Park every Monday and Thursday.
 - We host 4 different divisions (U6, U8, U10, and U12).
 - Hosted the Greer Police Department Softball Tournament on August 22 and 23.

Recreation

- The Recreation Division facilitated the following programs:
 - Senior Action-served lunch outside of the Needmore Recreation Center on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
 - Programming continued meeting in facilities with participants.
 - Archery (Beginner, Level 2, Adult(160)
 - Artifacts (20)
 - Cutlery Club (25)
 - Pickle Ball Clinics (92)
 - Never Alone (30)
 - One Mobile Recreation Playdate was held at City Park with 11 kids in attendance.
 - Continued building online virtual content <https://www.cityofgreer.org/914/At-Home-Activities> with activities from our summer seasonal staff.
 - Provided three week's worth of activity bags for pick up by area youth. Each bag contained fun at-home activities for youth to enjoy.

- Upstate Archery Outdoor Tournament was held at City Stadium on August 22; 30 archers competed with 90 spectators.
- Hosted Community Unified Charity Basketball Event at Victor Park outdoor basketball courts. Greer Police Department, Greenville County Sheriff's Office, and members in the community participated in a friendly game with 95 guests in attendance.
- Completed annual sub-recipient grants report for Greenville County Redevelopment Association (GCRA) 19/20 program year.
- Continued planning logistics for the installation of fitness equipment and shade structure at Victor Gym.
- SOAR (Seniors Out and Around)
 - SOAR was unable to meet in August due to COVID-19, but we have continued to make phone calls and send out emails to stay in touch with our seniors.
- Recreation Rentals for the month of August:
 - Recreation Centers-7
 - Victor Park Outdoor Basketball Courts-1
 - Greentown Park-1

Cultural Arts

- Living Tree sculpture at the Center for the Arts is expected to be completed by September 3, 2020.
- The following classes will be held this fall at Center for the Arts:
 - Clay with Gary Huntoon for Kids
 - Musical Theatre Dance
 - Wheel Throwing for Beginner Adults
 - Intermediate Watercolor
 - Belly Dancing with Kayla
- Greer Idol Jr. was recorded via Zoom. On Aug 24th the Greer Idol Jr winners were announced via Facebook Live.
 - Ava Hisker 1st place.
 - Lael Russell 2nd place
 - Darcy Yarborough 3rd place.
- The Art Gallery at the Center for the Arts is open to the public on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:30pm and Saturdays from 11:00am-4:00pm.
- Robin Byouk and Sara Odom met with Sharon and Sarah Murray from the Spinning Jenny to talk about cross promoting our Tuesday night events in September and October.
- The Arts Division is working on recovering the old sound panels from the Cannon Centre to be used at the Center for the Arts to aid in acoustics in the auditorium.
- Over the holidays, Cecilia Ho's artwork will be displayed at the Center for the Arts Gallery.
- Parker Burgio GCAC student board member is working with Robin Byouk to create Memory Monday and Throwback Thursday Videos of Greer Children Theatre actors and actresses.
- The recordings of our Tall Tale Tuesdays and craft sessions will continue, and will be to be posted on the Edward R. Driggers City of Greer Center for the Arts Facebook page.
- City of Greer will be purchasing five pieces of art from the 2020 Juried Art Show.
- Robin Byouk and Ann Cunningham have met with Edwin Hutchison from Crescent Carvers to discuss a tree sculpture at Kids Planet.

Grounds Maintenance

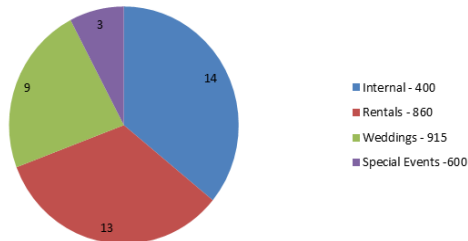
- Division Staff
 - Applied plant growth regulator application to City Stadium, South Suber Road Fields 1&2, and Victor Park Field.
 - Sprayed selective herbicide on Country Club Road Park baseball fields and Victor Park Field.
 - Prepared Stevens Field for junior and senior games for the American Legion.
 - Prepared Country Club Road Park, City Stadium, and Century Park for fall practices and tournaments.
 - Painted the football field at City Stadium.
 - Removed Indian Hawthornes at Tryon Recreation Center sign to prepare for new sign installation.
 - Limbed up all trees and pruned all boxwoods at the Greer City Hall parking lot. Limbed up small, new trees and planted a new Coral Bark Japanese Maple at the Center for the Arts. Limbed up all trees and pruned holly shrubs at the Police and Courts parking lot. Limbed up Crepe Myrtles at the Depot parking lot.
 - Changed out all 35 lights on the stairs at the Amphitheater in Greer City Park from yellow halogen to clear white LED bulbs.
 - On Mondays and Fridays, staff are cleaning Trade Street. with assistance from Public Services sweeper truck.
 - Repaired main line irrigation at City Stadium.

Greer Golf

- Two tournaments scheduled for October:
 - Greer Lions Club, October 12.
 - Greer Community Ministries, October 16.
- Staff is working with Greer Middle College and the Greenville Hurricanes (homeschool) to facilitate their fall high school girl's practices and matches.

Events Division

- Rentals



- The Events Division hosted 39 events, at which nearly 2,775 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- In partnership with Greer Station Association and Greer Development Corporation staff provided information and input for the creation of a Wedding Festival.
- Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and Accelerate SC Guidelines the ability to hold fall and winter events is under review.
- Google Review
 - ★★★★★ 2 days ago
I went to the Cannon Centre for a wedding. The wedding was wonderful.

I loved the setting and atmosphere of this park. I was very serene and beautiful.
 - ★★★★★ 3 days ago
It's so BEAUTIFUL at the park and they had sitting swinging all around the park!!!
 - 👍 Like
★★★★★ a week ago
Honestly one of our favorite parks in the upstate. It's always been clean, has plenty of green space, free parking, and typically isn't overly crowded. We have had several friends have beautiful weddings here as well!
- Ambassador
 - On August 4, the electrical vehicles were relocated to the Operation Center warehouse.
 - The Greer Station Shuttle Ambassadors picked up 721 passengers in August as compared to 1,619 in August 2019. This is an average of 18 passengers per day, numbers continue to increase.

Upcoming Events

- Kids Planet Dedication/Opening-(Date TBD)
- Railfest-(City Park)-Cancelled
- Food Truck Rollout-October 16 (City Park)
- Artisan Makers Market-October 17 (City Park)
- GCAC Production "The Descendants" (Cannon Centre) November 6-8 and 13-15
- Giving Thanks Art Show-November 10 (City Hall)
- Gingerbread Jamboree-December 3 (Center for the Arts)
- Greer Children's Theater Christmas Show-December 11-13 (Center for the Arts)
- Christmas Tree Lighting-December 4 (City Park)
- Breakfast with Santa-December 5 (Cannon Centre)

Current Projects

- Kids Plant Playground Renovation
- Greer Golf Grass Sprigging Project
- H.R. Turner Field and Victor Park Restroom Facilities
- Springwood Park ADA Renovation
- Victor Park Fitness Equipment 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.