

Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Report for September 2020



Living Tree Sculpture-Center For The Arts

"Creating Community through People, Parks, and Programs"

Department Projects

Greer Golf

- Golf course staff met with Jeff Lawrence, of Lawrence Golf Design, to begin developing specs for the front nine grass sprigging project in the upcoming spring.

Kids Planet

- We have three contractors working throughout the site at different times on different schedules.
- CPW's contractor, UPA has completed the installation of underground conduit/wiring for electrical and fiber. They will return in early October to begin pulling electrical wire for the decorative acorn poles and the parking lot lights.
- Cunningham Recreation, the playground contractor, is nearing completion of equipment installation with the exception of the hillside slides and some of the fitness stations. The PIP (pour in place) surfacing in the playground areas will begin in early October. The application of the rubber will take approximately two to three weeks to complete due to the designs for each playground.
- The Parks and Recreation Department staff continue updating the restroom facilities in Kids Planet. A soffit was added around both restroom buildings, exterior doors have been replaced and getting quotes from plumbers to redo some of the exposed pipes on the walls. New faucets, toilet hardware, hand dryers have all been ordered. Once sidewalks and fine grading of the site has been completed by Raby Construction, we will begin to install irrigation and some landscaping.
- The new entrance sign is being designed, the sign will have Benson Automotive in the heading.
- With Steve Grant's assistance, a new design for the upper parking lot has been created. It will be designed to flow better and be more efficient. We are working with Mike MacNabb of Bluewater Civil Design, on creating the plans. This will be advertised as a public bid.
- We are planning a soft opening of the playground in late fall and formal dedication in the spring of 2021.

Additional Projects

- Department Staff continues planning for the fitness and shade structure at Victor Park.
- Working with Ruthie Helms, ADA Coordinator, on ADA Renovations at Springwood Park
- We are continuing to review and evaluate our options of whether to purchase pre-fab buildings or construct restrooms facilities at Victor Park and Little Turner Field. There are pros and cons with each.
- Staff is evaluating the possibility of operating a Rugby leagues(s) at Big Turner Field in 2021.

Department Trainings

- Parks and Recreation staff (Supervisors and Coordinators) attended the SCRPA conference in Spartanburg, SC on September 14th through the 16th.
- Robin Byouk and Sara Odom attended an online webinar hosted by the American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) RoundTable. The webinar was about reopening strategies.
- Robin Byouk and Sara Odom attended the Greer Cultural Arts Center (GCAC) Board Meeting and Student Board Meeting. These meetings were held via Zoom.

Department Participation

- Justin Miller attended the Park Hop Committee meeting on September 21, where members put together prize bags for over 500 participants.
- Robin Byouk attended the bi-monthly South Carolina Theatre Association (SCTA) Zoom meeting.
- Robin Byouk had a Zoom call with the Student led production team for the Greer Children's Theatre (GCT) Holiday Show.
- The Athletics Division met with Robin Byouk to discuss sharing the Tryon Recreation Center for the upcoming Wrestling program season.
- Ann Cunningham met with Robin Byouk and Sara Odom to discuss Kids Planet signs and other art projects.
- Robin Byouk and Sara Odom met with Ann Cunningham to review the Remaining Project Balance and Accommodations Tax Grant purchases at the Center for the Arts.
- Sara Odom completed the membership and rental fee brochure for the Greer Golf Course.
- Emma Hagg with the Events Division is participating in the Leadership Greer program. This program is organized by Greer Chamber of Commerce.
- The Events Division met with Greer Station Association and downtown businesses to brainstorm ideas for the Christmas shopping season during Covid-19.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- Youth tackle football practice at Greer City Stadium on Mondays. We participated in the Golden Strip League with Mauldin, Fountain Inn, Greenwood, and Ninety Six.
 - Game nights will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
 - Due to Covid restrictions we are hosting one game per night at each game site. Temperature checks are being completed before each tackle football game for every participant.
 - League season concludes in October with playoffs at Greer City Stadium.
- NFL Flag football practices/games at Greer Country Club Park held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
 - Participants ages 4-12 compete in this league. Teams will play 9 regular season games and a playoff.
 - Age divisions are 6U (Termites), 9U (Junior Varsity), and 12U (Varsity).
 - Players from all over Greenville County register to play our 7-on-7 flag football league. This season will conclude in late October.
- Cheer For Greer meets at Greer City Stadium Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.
 - The cheerleaders will travel to Mauldin, Fountain Inn, and Greenwood this season to cheer on the football teams.
- Greer Baseball Club Fall baseball practices and games at Century Park every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
 - Our teams interleague with Mauldin every fall, and this season will be no different.
 - During the spring season we typically have enough in each age division to play completely in house.
- Youth Softball practices on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights.
 - Games are facilitated at Victor Park or Tyger River Park. Teams from Byrnes, Dorman, Boiling Springs, Landrum, Inman, and Chapman compete in this Spartanburg County based league.
 - The season will conclude with playoffs in October.



- GBC Academy baseball practices at Stevens Field and Country Club Road Park every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
- Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy soccer practices at Country Club Road Park and South Suber Road Park every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Our 16U team is currently in first in their division. The 13U and 14U teams are in the top 3 in their respected divisions. The season concludes in mid-November for these teams following the SCYSA State Cup.
- Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Recreation soccer practices/games at South Suber Road Park every Monday and Thursday night. The U6 division plays an 8 game season while the U8, U10, and U12 division play 10 games. The season will conclude in October.

Recreation

- The Recreation Division facilitated the following programs:
 - Senior Action-served lunch outside of the Needmore Recreation Center on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
 - Needmore Afterschool Program has 15 kids in attendance and meets Monday through Thursday.
 - Programming continued meeting in facilities with participants.
 - Archery (Beginner, Level 2, Adult)(160)
 - Artifacts (20)
 - Cutlery Club (25)
 - Pickle Ball Clinics (108)
 - Never Alone (30)
 - One Mobile Recreation Playdate was held at City Park with 22 kids in attendance.
 - Creative Advancement Organization held registration night and began their program at Victor Gym with 40 kids in attendance.
 - Creative Advancement staff and Wired Minds Staff attended a First Aid, AED, and CPR certification class on September 3. This class was given by Justin Miller at the Parks and Recreation Operation Center.
 - Free Basketball Clinics were held at Victor Gym every Tuesday and Thursday. This clinic had 24 kids in attendance each week.



- SOAR
 - FM Transmitted Bingo was held at Victor Gym. The first meeting had eight participants.
 - A drive-thru activity bag pick up was held at Victor Gym.
 - SOAR members were unable to meet in person due to COVID-19, we have continued to make phone calls and send out emails to stay in touch with our seniors.
- Recreation Rentals
 - This division had a total of seven rentals in September.
 - Recreation Centers-6
 - Wards Creek Park-1



Cultural Arts

- The Emerging Artists exhibit was held on September 15th. Along with unveiling of the Tree Sculpture “Emerging”. There were 63 people in attendance.
- The one year anniversary of the Center for the Arts was celebrated with an Arts Fair called Get Your Art On! There were 15 vendors, two food trucks, and 450 in attendance.
- Our Fall Classes began on September 8th. These classes are full but with lower registration to follow the CDC guidelines.
 - Creative Art Adventures-Meets on Tuesdays with six students in each group.
 - Adult Pottery Wheel Class-Meets on Wednesdays with six students in attendance.
 - Kids Slab Building Class-Meets on Thursday with four students in attendance.
 - Belly Dancing Class-Meets on Saturdays with eight students in attendance.

Grounds Maintenance

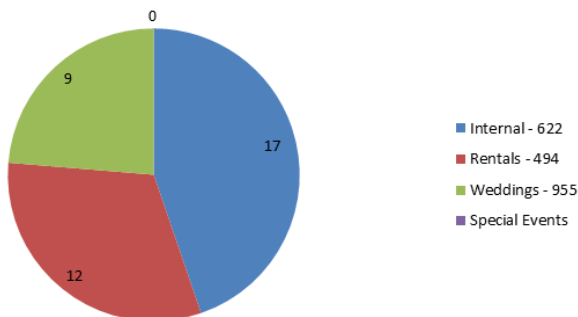
- Division Staff
 - Removed Liriope at Greer City Park Picnic Shelter to prepare for new landscaping
 - Prepared Victor Gym for rentals.
 - Prepared South Suber Road Park for the start of SCYSA State Soccer Games.
 - Assisted Golf Course grounds crew with drainage project along hole #11.
 - Delivered new mowers to Center for the Arts and the athletic fields.
 - Changed the lenses at Greer City Park fountain to teal for Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.
 - Painted flag football fields at Country Club Road Park to prepare for the start of the season.
 - Prepared Victor Field for the 10U softball scrimmage.
 - On Mondays and Fridays, staff are cleaning Trade Street. With assistance from Public Services sweeper truck.
 - Repairs were made to the Greer City Park irrigation system.
 - Dreamscape Landscape installed sod at the picnic shelter, removed old Switchgrass and installed new Butterfly Bushes along the amphitheater steps, removed diseased roses, and planted Azaleas at flag pole bed.
 - Prepared Center for the Arts for the “Emerging” tree sculpture unveiling.

Greer Golf

- Interviews were conducted for the part-time positions of Pro Shop Attendants and Cart Attendants.
- Golf course staff continues with applications of fertilizer on the back nine holes.
- Quotes were obtained for repairs to the cart barn, upgrades to the driving range equipment, and upgrades to the mower fleet.

Events Division

Rentals



- The Events Division hosted 38 events, at which nearly 2,071 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- The Events Division has been working with Greer Station Association/GDC by providing information and input for the creation of a “Wedding Festival” to provide brides with information regarding wedding vendors in the Downtown Greer area.

Google Review

★★★★★ 2 weeks ago

Always fun, kids love to play in playground and walk around the pond. Very clean park!

★★★★★ 3 weeks ago

I really enjoy this park. Lots of room to walk around. The music that plays at one of the fountains is a nice touch and it's a lot of fun to play the game Pokemon go there. I'm posting this in the month of September and there's lots of nice blooms there too



Ambassador

- The Ambassadors picked up 632 passengers in September. A total of 23 pick-up requests were made via mytraxgps. In 2019, we picked up 1,206 passengers.

Upcoming Events

- Kids Planet Dedication/Opening-(Date TBD)
- 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
- H.R. Turner Field and Victor Park Restroom Facilities
- Springwood Park ADA Renovation
- Victor Park Fitness Equipment and Shade Structure
- Country Club Road Park Upper Deck Renovation
- Replacing Park Signs at Tryon Recreation Center, Victor Heights Community Park, Greentown Neighborhood Park, and Wards Creek Park

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.