

# Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Report for October 2020



Alissa Coull "Boo Hoot"  
1st Place Winner of 2020 Creepy Creatives Pumpkin Crafting Contest

"Creating Community through People, Parks, and Programs"

## Administration

- The Parks and Recreation Department staff met with the Recreation Association Board on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Department Projects

### Greer Golf

- 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

- There are three contractors working throughout the site at different times on different schedules.
- The Parks and Recreation Department staff continued updating the restroom facilities in Kids Planet.
- Raby Construction returned to start the fine grading, lower parking lot work, and concrete work.
- Additional stone and base was added to the lower parking lot to work towards final grade and paving.
- Cunningham Recreation began the installation of the pour in place rubber surfacing and curbing. Also installed the hillside slide footings and continued installing playground equipment.
- UPA started pulling wires to each pole base and began the installation of light poles in the park.
- We are planning a soft opening of the playground in late fall and formal dedication in the spring of 2021.

### Additional Projects

- Department staff held pre-construction meeting with contractors and Ruthie Helms for the Victor Park Fitness and Shade Area.
- Department staff held a Community Interest Meeting at the Needmore Community Center to discuss a possible project at the current abandoned tennis courts. The meeting had 14 residents and staff in attendance.

## Department Trainings

- Gary Melton began his Master Pond Certification course through Clemson University. Gary will complete this course in November.
- Robin Byouk and Sara Odom attended light board training with Greg Trykowski on October 13, 16, and 23.
- Robin Byouk attended the American Association of Community Theatre (ACCT) roundtable webinar.
- Robin Byouk and Sara Odom attended CivicRec training at the Operation Center with Sally Wise, Robbie Davis, and Lancy Martino.
- Greer Golf staff continue training with ClubProphet. This system is set to go live on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Department Participation

- Department staff met at the Cannon Centre Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> for the viewing of the virtual Safety Breakfast.
- Department staff attended a City of Greenville Public Works Tour at the Donaldson Center.
- The Events Division met with Greer Station Association and downtown businesses to brainstorm ideas for the Christmas shopping season during COVID-19.
- The Events Division is working with Greer Station Association by providing information and input for the creation of a “Wedding Festival”. This festival would be to provide couples with information regarding wedding vendors in the Downtown Greer area.
- Robin Byouk and Sara Odom attended the American Association of Community Theatre (ACCT) webinar called Lessons Learned After Live-Streaming.
- Emma Hagg with the Events Division is participating in the Leadership Greer program. This program is organized by Greer Chamber of Commerce and will end May 2021.
- Department staff met A-Oak Farms at the Greer Golf Course to review Christmas decorations for the facility.

## Division Highlights

### Athletics

- Tackle Football
  - 2020 fall season will conclude in November with the championship game on November 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Our championship game will be held at City Stadium.
- NFL Flag Football
  - The 2020 fall season has concluded with playoffs in each division.
- Cheer For Greer
  - Due to COVID-19 regulations the older age groups were not able to perform at the ACC Championship. The ACC is currently not allowing cheerleaders on the field.



- Greer Baseball Club
  - The fall league is an interleague with City of Mauldin Recreation Department.
  - This season is completely developmental and used for instructional purposes.
- Youth Softball
  - Season concluded with the 8U, 10U, and 12U teams winning tournament championships.
- Greer Baseball Club Academy
  - The 12U Academy team finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation.
  - The 9U Academy team finished in the top 15.
- Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy
  - Practices are being held at Country Club Road Park and South Suber Road Park.
  - The teams will be competing in tournaments, including the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association (SCYSA) State Cup in mid-November.
- Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Recreation
  - The season concluded with medals given to the team with best record in 8U, 10U, and 12U.
- Youth Basketball
  - Registration ended with all age groups full and a waitlist.
  - Practices will begin in November at Victor Gym.
- Youth Wrestling
  - Registration ended with 60 spots filled.
  - Practices will begin in November at the Tryon Recreation Center.
  - Wrestlers will compete in tournaments within the local area.



Recreation

- The following programs are being facilitated:
  - Senior Action
    - Served lunch outside of the Needmore Recreation Center on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
  - Needmore Afterschool Program
    - Meets Monday through Thursday with 15 kids in attendance.
  - JOAD Archery at City Stadium
    - 80 participants
  - Artifacts Club at Tryon Recreation Center
    - 20 participants
  - Cutlery Club Tryon Recreation Center
    - 25 participants
  - Pickleball Clinics at Victor Gym
    - 46 participants
  - Never Alone at Tryon Recreation
    - 30 participants
  - Creative Advancement Organization at Victor Gym
    - 40 kids in attendance.
  - Basketball Clinics at Victor Gym
    - Concluded on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - 24 kids attended each week.
- SOAR (Senior Out and Around)
  - Drive-In BINGO was held at the Victor Gym Parking Lot on October 8<sup>th</sup>, with 15 seniors in attendance.
  - Held the first monthly Movie Day since COVID-19 on October 26<sup>th</sup> at Greer City Hall. We had 17 SOAR members in attendance.
  - An in-person BINGO was planned for October 29<sup>th</sup> at Victor, this was cancelled due to Tropical Storm Zeta.
  - SOAR average attendance this month was 16 seniors.
- Recreation Rentals
  - Recreation Centers-6
  - Mobile Stage Rental-1

Cultural Arts

- Division Staff:
  - Worked along with GCAC volunteers cleaned out the sound and light equipment area at Cannon Centre.
  - Worked with Steve Owens and Jeff White to create the Halloween edition of Tall Tales, “Frightful Fridays”. These videos were posted to the Center for the Arts Facebook Page throughout the month of October.

- The following classes were facilitated:
  - Jazz and Tap
  - Art Adventures for Kids
  - Wheel Throwing
  - Kids Pottery
  - Bellying Dancing
  - Adult Slab Building
- The Foothills Philharmonic held a soloist concert at the Center for the Arts. All Accelerate SC guidelines were practiced with 35 people in attendance.
- The Juried Art Show artwork that was purchased by the City was hung on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of City Hall. Courtney Garret our intern from Greer Middle College assisted in the hanging.
- The Greer Cultural Arts Council (GCAC) held auditions at Center for the Arts for their holiday show called Junior Claus.
- The Pumpkin Crafting Contest was held at the Center for the Arts with 27 entries and 14 winners. The judges included Ruthie Helms (City of Greer Employee), Christina Laurel (Artist), and Daniel Howell (Ice Age Carver). Robin Byouk, Sara Odom, and Taylor Crouch announced the winners via pre-recorded video posted to Facebook.

#### Grounds Maintenance

- Division Staff
  - Setup and removed mobile stage for Topsy Taco stage rental.
  - Overseeded South Suber Road Park Soccer Fields 1 and 2.
  - Installed final application of plant growth regulator to South Suber Road Park soccer fields 1 and 2 along with Victor Park.
  - Marty Knighton assisted the golf course staff with subsurface drainage installation along hole #11 along with unloading sod and moving to hole #12.
  - Vandalism was discovered at the Greer City Park upper bathroom (men's room). The stall door in the restroom was completely removed from the hinges.
  - Assisted in setup and clean up for Dine On Trade.
  - Fall pre-emerge weed prevention application was completed on 16 acres of turf.
    - These areas included: Victor Field, Country Club Road Park, Center for the Arts, sod along Brushy Creek at Kids Planet, sod outside of Victor Gym, Little Turner, Veterans Park, Century fields 1-3, downtown sod areas and Fire Department front yard.
  - Installation of the new replacement swings at the City Park swing arbor. These new swings were coupled with sway prevention to prevent future damage to the wood posts of the arbors.
  - Removed Spring/Summer annuals from Barnett Bridge planter bed and replaced with pansies for the Fall/Winter.
  - Prepared South Suber Road Park for soccer practice, recreational games and South Carolina Youth Soccer Association state games.
  - Prepared Century Park and Victor Field for baseball and softball games.
  - Prepared Greer City Stadium for football games.
  - Prepared Country Club Road Park soccer field for flag football games.
  - Continued to maintain Greer City Park, Center for the Arts, downtown, athletic fields/complexes, neighborhood parks and recreational facilities.

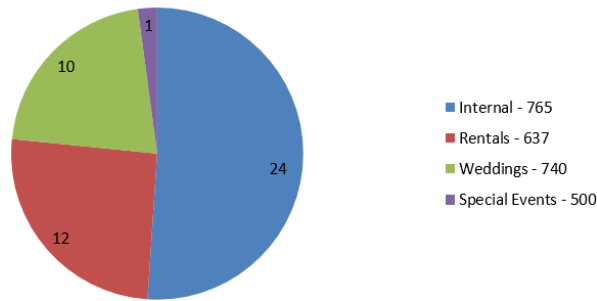
#### Greer Golf

- ADHOC Golf Committee Meeting was held on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Six of the seven members attended. Jeff Lawrence was in attendance to hear suggestions for the improvements to the course during the front nine sprigging project.
- The Greer Community Ministries Tournament was held on October 16<sup>th</sup> at Greer Golf. There were more than 50 volunteer's onsite and 48 teams (192 golfers) competed in the fundraiser event. This is our largest event of the year and the golf course received numerous compliments on the improvements.

#### Events Division

- The Events Division hosted 47 events, at which nearly 2,642 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- The Artisan Makers Market was held in Greer City Park on October 17<sup>th</sup> with 500 in attendance.
- Ambassador
  - The Ambassadors picked up 1,469 passengers in October at an average of 61 passengers per day. A total of 75 pick-up requests were made via MyTraxGPS. In 2019 we picked up 1,095 passengers compared to this year.

## Rentals



- **Google Review**

★★★★★ 6 days ago

The park is a very beautiful park. I took my kids to play at the park for a little while. There was a wedding taken place on oneside it was closed off. And on the otherside at the top of the hill a photo shoot was taken place. The park is very spacious. Lots of tables to sit at while watching my children play. They enjoyed themselves. They have a restroom on site. That was a plus for me it sits right off from the playground, do not have to walk far or leave the park due to the fact that they dont have a playground.

👍 Like

★★★★★ a month ago

I went there to attend a wedding. It was a wonderful setting.

★★★★★ a week ago

This park is a true gem of a park. Just spent an evening here with a blanket and some carry out. Nice walk around the water features and rode the swings too. Great place to spend an evening!



### Upcoming Events

- Kids Planet Dedication/Opening-(Date TBD)
- 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.*