

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for November 2017



*Elf Jr. Cast and Crew*

*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.*

## Bids

- ◆ Kids Planet Master Plan Request for Qualifications were received from firms interested in contracting with the City of Greer for the project. Alta Planning + Design, Leathers and Associates, LLC and Site Design Studio submitted their portfolios. They are currently under review.

## Department Projects

- ◆ On November 3, department staff met with Ryan McDuffie, Carolina Parks and Play, to discuss the possibility of a splash pad for Greer City Park.
- ◆ Environmental (lead based paint and asbestos) testing was performed on the structures at South Suber Road and on the Center for the Arts building.
- ◆ Red Watson has begun entering the City of Greer's park inventory on ParkRxAmerica.org. This is a website used by physicians to prescribe exercise to patients in lieu of medicine. This project was initiated by the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association (SCRPA).
- ◆ Unified AV Systems; Marietta, GA completed the Operations Center Conference Room AV upgrade and Priority One Security; Mauldin, SC completed the installation of an automated gate opener at the Operations Center.
- ◆ Chris Richards, CSR, Spartanburg, SC and Greer CPW installed rooftop lights at 209 and 268 Depot Street. Langford electric was contracted to install electrical wiring.
- ◆ The Letters of Intent were completed for the upcoming Recreational Trails Program Grant Cycle.

## Department Trainings

- ◆ Ashlyn Stone along with Ruthie Helms attended the Greenville CAN Accessible Design & Compliance Considerations for Mixed Development Sites training on November 2 and 3 at Greenville County Square. An overview of federal requirements and standards, review of site arrival and parking, and designing with future use in mind including festivals and other temporary events were presented.
- ◆ Four Grounds Maintenance Division staff attended the NC/SC Sports Turf Managers Association Conference in Myrtle Beach on November 13-15.
- ◆ On November 16, Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended an ADP Payroll software demonstration.
- ◆ On November 20, several department staff attended the Emerging Leaders Workshop with the City of Greer's former Police Chief, Dean Crisp. Members of the department also attended the reception and book signing "Leadership Lessons from the Thin Blue Line".
- ◆ Several members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff attended Active Shooter Training on November 28 and 29 at the City of Greer Courtroom.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, Cory Holtzclaw and David Holtzclaw attended a webinar on Sports Tourism: How to Up Your Game provided by the ICMA on November 29. The webinar included representatives from Hoover, AL, Myrtle Beach, SC and Rocky Mount, NC that discussed how their cities have used facilities to capitalize on sports tourism.

## Department Participation

- ◆ Members of the Parks and Recreation Department attended a Greer Christmas Parade Planning Meeting, on November 2, in the Operations Center Conference Room.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and Travis Durham attended the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce First Friday Luncheon at Greer City Hall on November 3.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham met with Sally Wills and Shannon Cole, LiveWell Greenville, regarding the Park Hop program for Greenville County.
- ◆ Justin Miller and Meredith Anzur participated in the Friends of Lake Robinson Day on November 11.
- ◆ Municipal and county parks and recreation department representatives throughout Greenville County met at the Operations Center, on November 30, to discuss the possibility of the group assuming the operation of the Park Hop program as LiveWell Greenville would like to step away from the lead.

## Department Highlights

- ◆ Cultural Arts Division, Sara Odom and her husband, welcomed Rowan Oliver Odom to their family on November 16.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation and Public Services Departments held their annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for staff members on November 16 in the Operations Center warehouse. Elizabeth Adams, City of Greer Department Directors and members of the Greer Police Department were guests.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
  - Installed Christmas decorations in the downtown area, Greer City Park and the Operations Center.
  - New batting cage nets were installed at Country Club Road Park.
  - Victor Gym was prepared for the start of the youth basketball season.
  - Preparations began for the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony and the Greer Christmas Parade.
  - Leaf clean up and fall pruning continued at all facilities and athletic complexes.
- ◆ Academy soccer teams competed on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at Country Club Road Park, South Suber Road Park and various facilities throughout the state and southeast. These teams will continue competing in State Cup Tournaments through late December.

- ◆ Greer Baseball Club Academy Division completed tournament play in November.
- ◆ Youth basketball practices were held at Victor Gym. Age divisions are 8U, 10U and 12U. Teams will participate in a municipal recreation league beginning January 2. Uniform sizing for all participants was held on November 7.
- ◆ Youth wrestling practices were facilitated at Riverside High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights. All wrestlers competed in a duals match at the high school. The first tournament, The Jet Open, was scheduled for December 9 but was cancelled due to the winter storm forecast.
- ◆ The Recreation Division continued to facilitate the following programs:
  - Senior Action – Needmore Recreation Center (200 participants monthly)
  - Piano Performers – Cannon Centre (144 participants monthly)
  - Never Alone – Tryon Recreation Center (80 participants monthly)
  - Cutlery Club – Tryon Recreation Center (20 participants monthly)
  - Artifacts Club – Tryon Recreation Center (74 participants monthly)
  - Pickleball – Victor Gym & Tryon Tennis Courts (120 participants monthly)
  - Whole Fitness – Victor Gym (60 participants monthly)
  - Ham Radio Beginner and Intermediate Classes – Victor Gym Social Hall
  - “Wellness Revelation”, Class – Victor Gym (Mondays at 9:00am)
- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
  - Line Dancing Classes were offered on November 1, 8, 15 and 29 with an average attendance each week of 25 seniors.
  - Bingo was held on November 2 and 16 with approximately 22 seniors in attendance.
  - Thirty seniors visited A Day in the Country in Hendersonville, NC for lunch and shopping on November 3. They also visited Burntshirt Vineyards and enjoyed wine tasting and a tour.
  - On November 6, members of SOAR participated in a Beginner iPhone Class where they learned basic phone skills and functions.
  - On November 9, Greer Police Department Officers Barnett and Williams along with K-9 Officers Stryker and Boss demonstrated an average day in the line of duty.
  - The Volunteer Project for November was collecting toys for the Syl Syl Christmas Toy Drive. The toys were collected in memory of Sylvia Holtzclaw and donated to the Greer Police Department’s Cops for Tots program.
  - Soar’s Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch was held on November 21 at Greer City Hall with 41 in attendance. Special entertainment was The Sunshine Girls, who told jokes and sang songs with the group.
  - Lunch Bunch visited Topsy Taco, on November 28, with 18 seniors enjoying traditional Tex-Mex food.
  - A trip to the Holiday Fair was taken on November 30. The first stop was for lunch at Kitchen Sync in Greenville. After lunch, they day was spent with lots of shopping at the fair. The attendance for this fun filled day was 17.
  - The average attendance for the month was 22.
- ◆ Elf Jr. The Musical was performed at the J Harley Bonds Career Center on November 10-12 and 17-19. Attendance was between 250 and 350 people for each show.
- ◆ The 2017 Giving Thanks Student Art Show was hung in the Wall Gallery at Greer City Hall during the month of November. The winners received certificates and prizes from Mayor Danner at the Greer City Council Meeting held immediately following the reception on November 14.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted 58 events at which 4,831 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa ticket sales were held on November 4 beginning at 8:00am at Greer City Hall. The first person in line arrived at approximately 5:00am to guarantee her choice of tickets. Just under 500 tickets were sold to about 100 families in 45 minutes. A big thank you for all the help from multiple departments assisting visitors through the line quickly and safely.
- ◆ The Events Division is in the process of planning for the following events:
  - Food Truck Rollout on January 19 and Bridal Showcase on February 20.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – January 19, May 18, August 17 and October 19
- ◆ Bridal Showcase – February 20
- ◆ Alice in Wonderland Jr. Performances – February 23-25 and March 2-4
- ◆ Opening Day (Soccer) – March 17
- ◆ Eggstastic Easter – March 24
- ◆ Juried Arts Show – March 24
- ◆ Hope Week, April 2-8
- ◆ International Festival – April 14
- ◆ Opening Day (Baseball/Softball) – April 14
- ◆ Moonlight Movies – June 7-July 26 (Thursdays)
- ◆ Freedom Blast – June 30
- ◆ Camp ARK Performance – August 10-12 and August 17-19
- ◆ Railfest – September 15
- ◆ Halloween Hoopla – October 27
- ◆ Christmas in Greer Tree Lighting – December 7
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa – December 8

## Current Projects

- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation – Concrete Pad & Retaining Wall Completed
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer – 5 Installed; 12 Racks and 1 Fix-It Station in Storage Awaiting the City Streetscape Project
- ◆ Country Club Maintenance Area Windscreens
- ◆ Century Park Pedestrian Bridge – Scheduled for Installation in Early 2018
- ◆ Center for the Arts Renovation – Phase 2 (Conceptual Design Phase)
- ◆ Kids Planet Master Plan – Alta Planning + Design (Awarded Design Phase)
- ◆ Bankhead Highway Historical Marker for Poinsett and Depot Street Intersection – Ordered and Anticipated Delivery in Early 2018 – Installed During City Streetscape Project

*“Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs”*