

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for December 2017



Winter Sports

*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.*

### Department Projects

- ◆ Red Watson submitted the Parks and Recreation Department's Letter of Intent for the upcoming Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant cycle. The letter details a project that would provide outside restrooms at H.R. Turner Park and Victor Park.
- ◆ City of Greer staff met with members of SGA Architecture and their team of engineers, on December 5, for a kickoff meeting for the Center for the Arts renovation project.
- ◆ On December 13, Ann Cunningham and Red Watson met with staff from Alta Planning + Design to discuss timelines and moving forward with the Kids Planet Master Plan.

### Department Trainings

- ◆ On December 5, several members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff attended Active Shooter Training at the City of Greer Courtroom.
- ◆ Robin Byouk, Ashlyn Stone, Robbie Davis and Brian Wilson attended the North Carolina/South Carolina Parks Recreation and Tourism Conference in Greensboro, NC on December 11-13.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson participated in a webinar for Civic Rec configuration training on December 13.
- ◆ All department staff completed quarterly MASC online training for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

### Department Participation

- ◆ The City of Greer Christmas weekend kicked off, on December 1, with the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Greer City Park. Beautiful weather brought over 2,000 guests to the park to enjoy musical entertainment, inflatables, face painting, Christmas crafts and welcome Santa to the stage to read a Christmas story.
- ◆ Members of the Parks and Recreation Department assisted with the Greer Christmas Parade on December 3.

## Department Highlights

- ◆ Department staff compiled data to be included in the Parks and Recreation Department's Annual Presentation to City Council.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department held their annual Christmas luncheon at South House in Greer on December 14. Mr. Driggers attended the luncheon.
- ◆ On December 17-19, the Piano Performers Christmas Recital was held at the Cannon Centre. The three days saw 250 people in attendance at the event with 60 students performing Christmas selections.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
  - Performed snow removal at Greer City Hall and the Cannon Centre.
  - Painted parking lot lines at City Stadium and South Suber Road Park.
  - Installed insulation covers on vent fans at Victor Gym.
  - Installed signage and painted lines for the new automatic gate at the Operations Center.
  - Installed grass seed and straw matting at the pedestrian bridge area of Century Park.
- ◆ 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 completed their season with participation in the State Cup tournaments.
- ◆ Youth basketball practices were held at Victor Gym on Monday through Friday. Age divisions are 8U, 10U and 12U. The program has increased from last year's three teams to seven teams this year.
- ◆ 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. Youth wrestlers competed in tournament matches at West Oak High School, Irmo High School, Ninety Six High School and Hillcrest High School. Their tournament schedule will continue in January at Eastside High School.
- ◆ Athletic staff attended a Girls Dixie Softball meeting, on December 6, at Tyger River Park to discuss the upcoming spring season. Representatives from District 5, District 6, Landrum, Woodruff, Inman, Boiling Springs and Greer were in attendance.
- ◆ Foothill Soccer Club of Greer Board meeting was held on December 12 at the City of Greer Operations Center. The fall soccer season and the upcoming spring season were discussed.
- ◆ The Recreation Division continued to facilitate the following programs:
  - Senior Action – Needmore Recreation Center (200 participants monthly)
  - Piano Performers – Cannon Centre (110 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 (195 participants monthly)
  - Whole Fitness – Victor Gym (60 participants monthly)
- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
  - On December 5, seventy-eight seniors attended a Christmas Brunch at City Hall. The group played games, enjoyed line dancing, prizes and a delicious catered meal from Laurenda's.
  - A Line Dancing Class was offered on December 6 with 17 seniors in attendance.
  - Bingo was held on December 7 with 15 seniors in attendance. The group played "White Elephant" bingo, where each person brought a gift and the participants were able to steal the gifts from each other. Twenty-seven SOAR members enjoyed this fun activity.
  - The SOAR Annual Christmas Gift Exchange Potluck was held on December 19 with 39 members in attendance. Each attendee brought an appetizer and participated in a gift exchange.
  - The average attendance for the month was 35.

- ◆ The Recreation Division continued planning the 2018 MLK Luncheon. The luncheon will take place on January 15 at City Hall. Food, entertainment and a keynote speaker will be part of the program.
- ◆ The Greer Children's Theater held callbacks for Alice in Wonderland Jr on December 2 at the Center for the Arts. There was an enormous turn out for auditions of 105 with 64 parts cast. The first parent/cast meeting was held at the Tryon Recreation Center on December 5.
- ◆ An Open Studios was held at the Center for the Arts on December 14 with four guest artists and five artists in residence. Approximately 24 people visited and viewed the artwork.
- ◆ Photos of the Lake Robinson Photography contest was displayed in the Wall Gallery at City Hall.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted 44 events at which 7,490 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa took place on December 2 at the Cannon Centre. Over 30 volunteers assisted 200 guests at each of 3 sessions. The event was a great success and went perfectly.
- ◆ The Events Division is in the process of planning for the following events:
  - Food Truck Rollout on January 19, Walk with Your Local Elected Official on February 14 and Bridal Showcase on February 20.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ MLK – January 15
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – January 19, May 18, August 17 and October 19
- ◆ Walk with Your Local Elected Official – February 17
- ◆ Bridal Showcase – February 20
- ◆ Alice in Wonderland Jr. Performances – February 23-25 and March 2-4
- ◆ Opening Day (Soccer) – March 17
- ◆ Eggastic 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 January 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”***