

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for May 2014



*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

- ◆ The bid for the sound equipment at Freedom Blast was awarded to Custom Production Services from Spartanburg, SC.
- ◆ Bids were received for the erosion control at Country Club Road Park. Dreamscape Landscaping, LLC from Woodruff, SC was awarded the bid.

### Department Projects

- ◆ The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant for the demolition and construction of the concession building at Century Park was completed and submitted to the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT).
- ◆ Kids Planet was closed May 19 – 23 for general maintenance and repairs in preparation for the spring and summer months. Buddy Waters, Chairman of the Kids Planet Committee, arranged to have a specific oil applied on the wood structures throughout the park for conditioning and maintenance. These applications occur every 2-3 years. The Grounds Maintenance Division staff was able to paint restrooms, make general repairs and focus on landscaping throughout the park.
- ◆ New chairs were delivered to the Needmore Community Center.
- ◆ The floors at the Needmore Community Center, Tryon Recreation Center and the Victor Gym were cleaned and waxed in preparation for the summer activities.
- ◆ The Recreation staff met with David Langley of Langley & Associates Architectural Firm to discuss the reconfiguration of the fields at the Country Club Road Park. Quotes were received for electrical installation at the maintenance buildings.
- ◆ The Grounds Maintenance Division repaired the irrigation heads on the clay tennis courts at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- ◆ LED security lighting was installed and the doors and window frames at the South Suber Road Park were painted. Top dressing of the soccer fields was completed.
- ◆ The contracted painting of the restrooms at City Park was completed.

- ◆ The Grounds Division repaired the sewer line and painted the restrooms at Century Park Kids Planet. Lips on fields 1 & 2 were repaired in preparation of the upcoming tournaments.
- ◆ The Recreation Division continued planning the summer camp programs, field trips and activities and continued conducting interviews for Summer Camp Counselor positions.
- ◆ Justin Miller continued meeting with the LiveWell Greenville Park Hop committee in preparation of the 2014 Park Hop Opening Ceremony. The ceremonies were held at Conastee Park on May 17 to kick off this year's program with fun activities and a miniature scavenger hunt with prizes.
- ◆ The Athletic Division obtained sponsorships and grants from USA Football, Greenville Hospital System and Academy Sports. These sponsorships and grants will be utilized in purchasing equipment for all the sports programs.

## Department Trainings

- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the NIMS400 training at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ David Holtzclaw, Robin Byouk and Lauren Scruggs attended the Drivers Improvement Program training during May.
- ◆ All supervisory staff participated in the ICMA Supervisor training in May.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the Greenville County Food and Nutrition Services training and orientation for the 2014 Summer Feeding Program which will provide lunches to our summer camp participants.
- ◆ Several members of the Parks and Recreation Department completed the MASC Online Training: Crowd Control, Crowd Management and Employee Retention.

## Department Participation



- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department staff assisted with the annual Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce Greer Family Fest on May 2 and 3. Over 10,000 people visited Greer City Park during the festival for the food court and main stage.



- ◆ On May 5, the Grounds Maintenance Division planted a tree at Steven's Field. The tree was purchased by the Camelia Garden Club of Greer in honor of Arbor Day.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation staff gave a presentation on "Quality of Life" to Leadership Greer Class XXXIV on May 6. Each division gave a brief overview of their yearly activities and duties.
- ◆ Justin Miller graduated from Leadership Greer's Class XXXIV. The ceremonies were held at the BMW Zentrum.

- ◆ The Grounds Maintenance Division continued preparing athletic fields for the spring season, installed spring banners throughout downtown Greer. Neighborhood parks were mowed and trimmed on a rotational schedule.
- ◆ Red Watson attended the Partnership for Tomorrow Presentation/Planning meeting at Greer City Hall on May 7. Input was given from attendees on ideas for planning and developing Greer for the next 15 years.
- ◆ Kati Fry from Clemson University and Ben Johnson from North Greenville University completed paperwork for their summer internships with the Parks and Recreation Department. They will begin their internship on June 1.
- ◆ Justin Miller and the Athletic Division met with BB & T staff to finalize details regarding the Needmore Camp “Lighthouse Project”. BB & T is donating materials and supplies to our camp as well as to the athletic programs for less fortunate children. On June 19, BB&T and the Needmore Summer Camp staff will host a field day at Country Club Road Park for all the camp participants. School supplies, field day supplies, food, drink and much more will be given to each child in attendance.

## Department Highlights

- ◆ The Athletics Division facilitated youth softball and baseball practices at Country Club Park, Century Park, Riverside Middle, Little Turner Field and Victor Field. Youth baseball and softball teams began participating in games at the various facilities. The Frohawk Creek Scramble and Greer Upper State regional tournament team spots are now full. Tournaments will be facilitated at Century Park the first 2 weekends in June. All youth recreation teams will complete their respective seasons the first week in June. The Greer Baseball Club (GBC) met twice in the month of May.
 
- ◆ Foothills Soccer Club of Greer (FSCG) completed the 2014 micro youth spring season at South Suber Road Park. End of the season playoffs for U8, U10 and U12 divisions were also hosted at South Suber Road Park. The Suber Road facility is currently being utilized Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for club practices and games. Club games are scheduled for select Saturdays at the facility. FSCG teams also competed in a weekend long spring tournament. FSCG board met to discuss the spring season.
 
- ◆ Camp days were finalized for the Paul Lister Youth Basketball Camp to be held at Victor Gym. This camp provides free clinics to youth every Monday evening during the month of June. Clinics are open to all children ages 6-12 and are co-ed and based on teaching the fundamentals of the game. If time allows games will also be scheduled after completion of instruction.
- ◆ The Cultural Arts Division held 3 performances of “Sleeping Beauty Kids”. Attendance was wonderful and a profit of \$5,000 was enjoyed. Greer Cultural Arts Council presented a check to the City of Greer in the amount of \$500. This performance was produced by the GCAC teenagers who have grown up in the Greer Children’s Theatre; this gave them an opportunity to take leadership roles in which they did a great job.



- ◆ Greer Idol and Greer Idol Teen auditions were held during the Greer Family Fest. Call backs were held at the Cannon Centre and 9 Greer Idol finalists were chosen along with 12 Greer Idol Teen finalists.
- ◆ The 2014 Juried Art Show Best In Show winner was James “Mitch” Verdin. His artwork was displayed in the Wall Gallery at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ On May 30, GCAC hosted Michael Clowers, choreographer for Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. A two hour dance workshop was held at the Cannon Centre.



- ◆ The Recreation Division continued to facilitate several activities and programs at the recreation centers. Senior Action meets at the Needmore Recreation Center Monday through Friday. Kay Young’s Piano Performers was facilitated every Monday at the Cannon Centre. Never Alone and the Cutlery Club met every Tuesday evening at the Tryon Recreation Center. The After School Program continued at the Needmore Recreation Center and the Creative Advancement After School Program wrapped up their 2014 school year on May 31 at Victor Park.
- ◆ Seniors Out and ARound (SOAR) participated in a lunch bunch meeting at the Hare and the Hound in Landrum, SC. The group toured the Woodrow Wilson Family Home in Columbia, SC and enjoyed lunch at the facility. They traveled to Strawberry Hill and the Hollywood 20 in Greenville to take in a movie. Soar continued to hold their monthly potluck lunch, movies and bingo days as well as the Walk with Ease program and Exercise Day at Victor Gym with the Senior Action group. The average attendance at these events was 17.
- ◆ Summer camp registration continued through most of May for both the Camp Greer at Victor Park and Camp Needmore at the Needmore Community Center. Both camps are filled to capacity with waiting lists.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted 65 events, at which over 17,040 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center during the month May.
- ◆ On May 10, the Vintage Market returned to Greer City Park. The event was once again a great success and an estimated crowd of 500 visited the park to view some excellent vendors.



- ◆ The Events Division hosted the Police Department's Memorial Service at the Cannon Centre on May 15.
- ◆ On May 17, the annual Greer High Oldies reunion returned to Greer City Park and the Cannon Centre. Approximately 800 Greer High School alumni came together for an evening of dancing and reconnecting.
- ◆ On May 18 and 19, "Kay Young's Piano Performers" hosted their spring recital. The event was open to the public, and Kay's talented students performed in the Cannon Centre.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department staff continued planning 2014 events such as: Moonlight Movies and Freedom Blast @ Greer City Park.



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