

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for April 2015



*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

- ◆ The Pour in Place safety surfacing at the City Park Playground was completed.
- ◆ Staff members completed the Parks and Recreation Department's ICMA Insights data.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson participated in the Master Plan Final Draft Presentation at the Cannon Centre on April 23.
- ◆ On April 28, Ann Cunningham met with Jean Crowther, Alta Planning + Design, to discuss the next steps for the GPATS Bicycle and Walking Plan that will link residents to downtown, parks, schools and other priority destinations.

### Bids

- ◆ The Freedom Blast concessions bid was opened on April 2. The Greer Cultural Arts Council was awarded the bid as they were the only bid submitted. They were the provider for last year's event.
- ◆ The Freedom Blast sound system bid was opened on April 6. Custom Production Services was the lone bidder and was awarded the bid. They were the provider for last year's event.
- ◆ The RFP for the grading services at Turner Field was advertised.

### Department Trainings

- ◆ Staff members in the Parks and Recreation Department attended ADA Sensitivity training.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, Bruce Viehman and Travis Durham met with Ruthie Helms, Scott Keeley, Carl Howell and members from Able SC to evaluate several city facilities for ADA compliance on April 7-8.
- ◆ On April 30, Ann Cunningham attended the Wayfinding Design Webinar at City Hall.

### Department Participation

- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Justin Miller met with the organizers of Rides Rollin' for Life to discuss their upcoming event.
- ◆ Red Watson attended a Building Advisory Committee meeting at the J. Harley Bonds Center on April 10.

- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the Greenville County & Municipalities Park Directors meeting at GCPRT Administrative Office in Taylors, SC on April 15.
- ◆ Greer Recreation Association Board meeting was held on April 16 at the City Hall Events Hall A.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Justin Miller attended the LiveWell Greenville At-Play work group committee meeting in Greenville on April 20. The work group finalized the Opening Ceremony for the Greenville County Park Hop Scavenger Hunt summer program set for May 16. Over 1,900 people have pre-registered for this event.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the LiveWell Greenville Board meeting on April 22.
- ◆ Justin Miller, Chairman of the Wellness Committee, represented the committee at the 2015 LiveWell Greenville Healthy Workplace Conference on April 23. The City of Greer Wellness Committee was awarded the Silver Work Place Award.
- ◆ On April 29, Ann Cunningham assisted in judging the Greer Middle College Projects.

## Department Highlights

- ◆ The Grounds Division:
  - Repaired the fountain at Veterans Park.
  - Wires of the upper feature fountain at City Park were repaired from cold and freezing temperature damage. Fountains at Greentown Park and Century Park Kids Planet were also repaired.
  - Removed covers and installed fans at Victor Gym.
  - Applied pre-emergent herbicides and pine straw to landscape beds in parking lot off Victoria Street.
  - Summer annuals were installed at Barnett Bridge.
  - All athletic fields were prepared for the spring seasons.
  - Spring mowing and trimming continues at all facilities.
- ◆ The City of Greer held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Festival on Saturday, April 11 at Greer City Park. The Greer Goes Global theme transcended through the park with international entertainment, food and informational booths. Approximately 3,500 people came out to enjoy the festival. The LED sign was set up and used for the first time to advertise for this event.



- ◆ Justin Miller began interviewing candidates for the Summer Camp counselor positions. Both camp registrations were completely filled by the end of April. Needmore Summer camp has 50 campers registered and Camp Greer at Victor Gym has 89 campers.
- ◆ The Recreation Division added a new program, tumbling, at the Tryon Recreation Center on Wednesday evenings. The Cutlery Club and Artifacts Club also meets on one Tuesday each month and the Never Alone group meets every Tuesday evening at the Tryon Center. Several activities and programs continue to meet each month: Senior Action meets at the Needmore Center every Monday – Friday. Piano Performers continues to be facilitated every Monday at the Cannon Centre.
- ◆ Seniors Out and ARound (SOAR) traveled to downtown Spartanburg for lunch at Wades. SOAR met at Dillard's for ice cream, visited the Greer Public Library and learned how to use a Playaway device. Soar teamed up with Senior Action and participated in a presentation from the Greer Fire and Police

Departments. They continued to hold their monthly potluck lunch, movies and bingo days. Average attendance during the month was 9.

- ◆ Youth baseball and softball recreation and academy practices were facilitated at Century Park, Country Club Road Park, Turner Field, Riverside Middle, Davenport and Victor Park. Various youth baseball academy teams participated in statewide tournament play.
- ◆ Youth soccer academy practices and games were facilitated at South Suber Road Park and Country Club Road Park. Teams from all over South Carolina participated in division games on Saturdays and Sundays. The academy spring season concluded on April 18. Foothills Soccer Club of Greer held their practices and games at South Suber Road Park on Monday and Thursday nights.



- ◆ The Athletics Division facilitated the regular season adult softball league at Century Park on Wednesday nights. The league consists of 8 teams that will play 10 regular season games and a post season tournament.
- ◆ On April 1, the Greer Baseball Club board met to discuss the season and prepare for all-star selections. Tournaments are scheduled for the first 2 weekends in June at Century Park, Country Club Road Park and Victor Park. A girls' softball tournament is scheduled for the first weekend in June at Victor Park.
- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw and David Holtzclaw spoke to the Greer Middle School career class regarding their jobs and answered question from the class on April 13.
- ◆ On April 24, the Greer Baseball Club and Greer Heat girls softball teams attended youth night at Fluor Field in Greenville. Over 400 players and parents attended the game and were recognized on the video board and through a public address announcement.
- ◆ On April 29, the Athletic Division met with Greer Boys Basketball Coach Greg Miller and Chuck Cunningham to discuss future youth basketball opportunities following church basketball that would be facilitated at Victor Gym.
- ◆ Paul Lister Youth Basketball Camp is scheduled for June 1, 8, 15 and 22 at Victor Gym from 6:30pm-8:00pm for ages 6-10. There are no fees for participants.
- ◆ Greer Youth Yellow Jackets Football Camp is scheduled for June 9, 11, 16 and 18 at Country Club Road Park from 6:30pm-8:00pm for ages 6-13. There are no fees for participants.
- ◆ Councilman Wayne Griffin, the Parks and Recreation Department along with Greer Cultural Arts Council sponsored the Phyllis Wheatley "Motown Review" on April 24 at the J. Harley Bonds Center.
- ◆ The Greer Cultural Arts Council sponsored the Gap Creek Singers Scholarship Dinner at the Cannon Centre on April 26.



- ◆ Greer Cultural Arts Council costumes were loaned to 2 local schools for their upcoming performances.

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 66 events, at which over 9,600 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ On April 18, the Events Division hosted the Vintage Market at City Park benefitting Greer Relief. Over 50 vendors sold re-purposed and upcycled items to about 1,000 guests that visited the park. The Vintage Market at the park is a bi-annual event. The next market will be held on October 17.



- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department staff continued planning 2015 events such as: Moonlight Movies (June 4-July 30) and Freedom Blast (June 27).



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