

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for June 2018



Freedom Blast celebrated its 10th Anniversary on June 30

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"

Department Trainings

- ◆ Select department staff began training on new time keeping software, ADP. They are currently using ADP in addition to Davisco, our current software, to compare the two systems.
- ◆ Staff completed all required quarterly MASC online training.
- ◆ Justin Miller hosted a New Parent Orientation for Camp Greer Parents on June 4 and for Camp Needmore on June 7 to review summer camp policies and procedures.
- ◆ On June 7, all summer camp counselors received CPR, First Aid, and AED training, as well as staff orientation, bus training, and facility orientation from Justin Miller. Steve Anderson with Greer Police Department also provided an Active Shooter training to our summer counselors that afternoon.

Department Participation

- ◆ Department staff:
 - Attended the Safety Committee's Ice Cream Social at City Hall on June 10 in celebration of consecutive days without a loss time accident.
 - Met with Karen Albert and Bob Starliper, Commander of the American Legion Post in Greer, on June 12 at Veterans Park to discuss the addition of a WWI Memorial Marker. Ms. Albert has been spearheading this project.
 - Participated in a video conference hosted by Alta Planning + Design on June 20 to review playground component options.
 - Met with members from the Greer Police Department on June 26 to review security policies and procedure for events and rentals in our Events Division.

Department Highlights

- ◆ The South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism sent notification confirming the Recreation Trails Program grant is being recommended for approval. The grant totals \$100,000 and will be used to construct a multi-purpose trail through the park at the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ The Needmore Recreation Community Center hosted the primary elections on June 12 and June 26. A total of 200 people voted in the Trade Precinct.

- ◆ Department staff met with Karen Albert and Bruce Clayton on June 13 to discuss the installation of a World War I Memorial Marker at Veterans Park.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended a Park Hop meeting on June 13 with the Livewell Park Hop Committee. Plans regarding this summer's play dates were discussed along with the August 9 Closing Ceremony.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and Robin Byouk met with members from Hogan Construction and SGA Architecture to discuss the design deadline for the Center for the Arts Renovation Project and steps moving forward.
- ◆ Red Watson processed a Freedom of Information Act request for copies of proposals submitted for the Center for the Arts Renovation Project.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and Travis Durham attended a meeting to discuss Christmas decorations on the new Wade Hampton Blvd. light poles on June 19.
- ◆ The Recreation Department hosted a Farewell Drop-In for Ashlyn Stone on June 21. Ashlyn resigned from her position as Events Supervisor and she and her family will be moving to Missouri in the fall. The Events Supervisor position was posted and applications will be taken through the latter part of June.

Division Highlights

Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Prepared site at Wards Creek for new structure installation
 - Installed sod on goal mouths at Suber and Country Club
 - Repaired misters and water line at Kids Planet
 - Installed rain gauge and adjusted irrigation heads at Tryon clay courts
 - Installed borders around the new playground at Wards creek
 - Added fall safety material to the new playground at Wards Creek

Athletics:

- ◆ Started registration for all Flag Football, Tackle Football, Cheerleading, Youth Soccer, Girls' Softball, and Youth Baseball. Seasons for the fall session will begin in August. Adult Baseball currently has 9 teams signed up to play for our Fall Session. That season will begin early August at Stevens Field.
- ◆ Completed the summer tournament series. Teams from all over the upstate competed in our Greer Upper State invitational tournament June 9-10 at Century Park. After completing the Upper State we hosted the Dixie Youth District 1 Coaches Pitch Tournament June 15-20 at Century Park.
- ◆ Competed in Dixie Youth Summer All Star Tournaments. Greer Baseball Club 6U finished as South Carolina District 1 Champions and South Carolina Dixie Youth State Runner-Ups. Greer Baseball Club 8U finished as South Carolina District 1 Champions and will compete in State Tournament beginning July 6. Greer Baseball Club 10U finished as South Carolina District 1 Runner-Ups (out of 15 teams) and will compete in SC State Tournament beginning July 13. Greer Baseball Club 12U finished as South Carolina District 1 Runner Ups (out of 12 teams) and will compete in the SC State Tournament beginning July 6.
- ◆ Greer Dixie Girls sponsored teams in 8U and 10U district tournament play held at Timken Park June 15-20. Both teams were able to compete and finished with at least one win in the double elimination format. Girls' softball has grown in the past few years making these all-star teams possible.
- ◆ Facilitated Greer Baseball Club All-star practices at Country Club Road Park and Century Park.
- ◆ Facilitated Greer Dixie Girls All-star practices at Victor Park
- ◆ Facilitated FSCG youth soccer camp as well as Academy practices at Country Club Park.

- ◆ Attended a meeting at the Fountain Inn Activity Center with representatives from Simpsonville Parks and Recreation, Fountain Inn Parks and Recreation, and Mauldin Parks and Recreation to discuss our district wide flag and tackle football leagues.
- ◆ Assigned all cheer teams/coaches, planned for upcoming Cheer For Greer Pre-season cheer camp in July at Victor Gym

Recreation:

- ◆ Summer Camps started on June 10 at Victor Gym and the Needmore Recreation Community Center. This year we are once again at our max of 125 kids per day. This 8-week camp will take July 2-6 off and conclude on August 10. Field trips galore, games, crafts, and plenty of fun will be had this summer!
- ◆ Continued to facilitate the following programs:
 - Senior Action – Needmore Recreation Center, Mondays-Fridays (200 participants monthly)
 - Piano Performers – Cannon Centre, Mondays (220 participants monthly)
 - Never Alone – Tryon Recreation Center, Tuesdays (80 participants monthly)
 - Cutlery Club – Tryon Recreation Center (20 participants monthly)
 - Artifacts Club – Tryon Recreation Center (74 participants monthly)
 - Pickleball – Victor Gym and Tryon Tennis Courts, Mondays-Thursdays (250 participants monthly)
 - Whole Fitness – Victor Gym (60 participants monthly)
 - Senior Whole Fitness – Victor Gym (20 participants monthly)
 - HAM Radio, Beginner and Intermediate Classes – Victor Gym (104 participants monthly)
 - Creative Advancement After School Program – Victor Gym (280 participants monthly)
 - Needmore After School Program – Needmore Recreation Center (100 participants monthly)
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
 - SOAR started out the month with a trip through the mountains of Hendersonville, NC on June 1. Afternoon tea at A Southern Cup Fine Teas and shopping in Downtown Hendersonville were enjoyed by 23 seniors.
 - Four Line Dance Classes were held this month on June 6, 13, 20, and 27 with an average attendance of 19 seniors.
 - The annual SOAR Picnic was held June 5. This fun afternoon at Century Park with delicious food, games and fellowship was enjoyed by 14 seniors.
 - Bingo was held on June 7 and 21 with an average of 24 members in attendance.
 - “Forever My Girl” was shown for Movie Day on June 11 with 11 seniors in attendance.
 - The monthly Potluck Luncheon was held on June 19 with 24 members attending. There was no guest speaker this month.
 - SOAR welcomed the Anderson Senior Follies To-Go Performers at the Cannon Centre on June 15. This group presented comedy sketches, music, dancing and much more. Forty seniors attend this fun performance.
 - The Lunch Bunch dined at Southern Palate in Greer on June 28. Eight seniors enjoyed a southern buffet and spending time with their SOAR friends.
 - The average attendance for the month was 20.

Cultural Arts:

- ◆ The Arts Division painted a mural with some of the kids from Camp Needmore for the Freedom Blast Mural display the week of June 18-22.
- ◆ Comic Book CAMP June 25-29 was held at the Tryon Recreation Center. Camp enrollment was full.
- ◆ Tunes in the Park opened on June 15 with Mac Arnold. Approximately 1000 people of all ages were in attendance. Son del Callao performed on June 22. About 300 people attended despite the rain.
- ◆ Tall Tales Tuesdays was moved to the Greer Heritage Museum and saw 30-40 attendees.

Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 63 events, at which 24,736 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 10th Annual Freedom blast at Greer City Park on Saturday, June 30. Over 15,000 people visited Greer City Park for this popular event honoring the United States military.
- ◆ The Greer Farmers Market gained popularity every Saturday with assistance from the Events Division. The weekly market will go through November averaging 35 vendors every Saturday and about 500 guests in attendance.
- ◆ The Events Division wrapped up their first month of Moonlight Movies averaging over 800 people each Thursday night. This event started June 7 and will end July 26.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesdays – June-July
- ◆ Moonlight Movies – June 7-July 26 (Thursdays)
- ◆ Needmore & Victor Summer Camps – June 11-August 10
- ◆ Tunes in the Park/Greer Idol – June 15-July 23 (Fridays)
- ◆ Freedom Blast – June 30
- ◆ National Night Out – August 7
- ◆ Camp ARK Performance – August 10-12 and August 17-19
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – August 17
- ◆ Walk With Your Local Elected Official – August 18
- ◆ Railfest – September 15
- ◆ Artisan Makers Market – September 29
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 19
- ◆ Halloween Hoopla – October 27
- ◆ Walk With Your Local Elected Official – November 10
- ◆ Christmas in Greer Tree Lighting – December 7
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa – December 8
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – January 18

Current Projects

- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer – 5 Installed; 12 Racks and Fix-it Stations in Storage Awaiting the City Streetscape Project
- ◆ 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 – Received on February 6 – To Be Installed During City Streetscape Project

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.