

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## *Monthly Report for October 2018*



*Halloween Hoopla was held on October 27 in Greer City Park.*

### *"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"*

#### Department Projects

- ◆ A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on October 17 at Kids Planet to establish qualified companies for the Kids Planet Playground Equipment Proposals. Representatives from twelve different playground equipment companies attended.
- ◆ Red Watson met with Amy Blinson, Grants Manager for SCPRT, on October 18 for a fiscal briefing of the LWCF grant that will partially fund the installation of an outdoor restroom facility at Turner Field.
- ◆ Hogan Construction Group acquired an interior building demolition permit earlier this week and walls and carpet have started coming down and out of the Center for the Arts building. We anticipate our NOI Stormwater Permit through SCDHEC will be received shortly and building/site work will begin in early November. The Project Team currently meets at the Center for the Arts every two weeks, and different departments will be included throughout the process depending on the status of the project. Anticipated completion of the project is Spring 2019.
- ◆ On November 5, we will begin the installation of Christmas banners on Highway 29, followed by lighted pole decorations on Highway 14, Poinsett Street, and Line Street, and pole wraps on the decorative acorn poles downtown and in Greer City Park. Rooftop lighting throughout downtown was checked throughout the month of October to prepare for the upcoming holiday season. We are adding lights to Century 3 this year and this will complete the downtown buildings.
- ◆ Quotes were obtained to abandon the well and fill the septic tank at the house located at 321 South Suber Road. The work is scheduled for November 8. After completion, the house will be demolished and the site prepared for additional parking to support the adjacent soccer fields.
- ◆ We will begin renovations of the front office in the Operations Center in early November. This space is being enlarged to accommodate staff and equipment, and make the lobby more accessible by lowering the counter and adding a security door.

## Bids

- ◆ Bids were opened on October 5 for the resurfacing of the hard surface tennis courts at the Tryon Recreation Center. The job was awarded to Advanced Athletic Surfaces and completed on October 19.
- ◆ The Victor Gym Basketball Backboard, Rim and Height Adjuster project was awarded to Carter Crompton Inc of Clio, MI. The project was completed on October 29.

## Department Participation

- ◆ On October 4, Ann Cunningham, Justin Miller, Red Watson, and Clara O'Neal attended the 1st Annual Livewell Greenville Recognition Event at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena. Our Needmore After School Program was awarded the Healthy Out of School Time Award.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham gave a presentation to the Greer Rotary Club on October 9 at Wild Ace Restaurant. Updates were given on projects, programs and upcoming events in the Parks and Recreation Department.
- ◆ A Recreation Association Board of Trustees meeting was held on October 25 at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ We welcomed Adam Burns and Taylor Scott, two new hires in our Grounds Maintenance Division, part time Events Assistant Lancy Martino, and Jamie Blanton as our new part time Recreation Leader working in our after school program at Needmore Recreation Center.

## Department Trainings

- ◆ On October 25, the Recreation Department hosted an ICMA Coaching Webinar for the City of Greer's Management Team. Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended.
- ◆ Justin Miller hosted a CPR, First Aid, and AED certification class for seven staff members from the Events Division.
- ◆ Brian Wilson and Travis Durham participated in the MASC Root Cause Analysis training at City Hall.

## Division Highlights

### Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Moved the sets for Annie from Tryon Recreation Center to the J Harley Bonds Career Center
  - Participated in meetings to plan for the November 10 Veterans Day event at Veterans Park
  - Began limbing up trees at parks and facilities
  - Continued to paint City Stadium and Country Club Road Park for football games
  - Continued to line Century Park, Victor Park, and Stevens Field for baseball and softball games
  - Performed regular maintenance at City Park, neighborhood parks, recreation centers, and facilities
  - Trimmed trees and redefined flower beds at Veterans Park
  - Began checking Christmas Lights for the upcoming season

### Athletics:

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Completed youth basketball and wrestling registration. Youth basketball drafts were scheduled for November 6, with practices beginning November 8. A full in-house league was registered this season in the 8U division. This is the first time in the program's 3-season history where league play will occur in house for that division. There has been excellent growth in this program. In the first season there was one team in every age division. In the 3rd season there are now six 8U teams, four 10U teams, and two 12U teams. Youth wrestling is also at maximum capacity (the size of the Riverside High School wrestling room restricts the number of participants).

- Facilitated FSCG Academy soccer practices and games at Country Club Road Park and Suber Road Park. The academy teams play throughout the state and games take place from August through mid-November.
- Concluded all youth baseball and softball league play for the 2018 Fall season.
- Concluded adult baseball league play at Stevens Field for the 2018 Fall season. As many as 8 teams competed Monday through Friday at Stevens Field
- Concluded the inaugural season of flag football league play. The season was a huge success. In the first season of flag football programming and games were facilitated for a dozen flag football teams.
- Facilitated youth tackle football practices and games at City Stadium, Davenport Field, and Turner Field. Youth tackle season concluded on November 6 with season ending playoffs.
- Facilitated youth cheer practices and games at City Stadium and City Park. Cheer squads team up with tackle football teams for each game day.

## Recreation:

- ◆ The Recreation Division 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)
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
  - SOAR had four Line Dance Classes this month on October 3, 10, 17, and 24 with an average attendance of 21 seniors.
  - Bingo was held on October 4 and 18 with an average of 17 members in attendance.
  - The monthly Lunch Bunch gathering was on October 5 at Hans & Franz Biergarten in Greer. There were 25 members celebrating Oktoberfest by enjoying a delicious meal and fellowship.
  - On October 16, the “Brown Bag Learning Series” was held with speaker Jennifer Waddell from Sound Hearing. She gave a presentation to 7 seniors on the effects of hearing loss and she offered some solutions for the seniors.
  - SOAR Movie Day on October 22 featured the wonderful documentary “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” about Fred Rogers. There were 12 seniors in attendance that day.
  - A trip to Fisher’s Orchard was enjoyed by 12 seniors on October 25. This fun outing included a wagon ride around the orchard, a visit with the farm animals, and an opportunity to purchase pumpkins and other items. Afterward, the group had lunch at The Junction restaurant in Landrum, SC.
  - The month concluded with a Halloween Party on October 31 where 42 seniors dressed up in costumes, enjoyed Halloween treats, played games, and made pictures in a photo booth. Several prizes were given for Best Costume.
  - The average attendance for the month was 19.

## Cultural Arts:

- ◆ Robin Byouk met with Luke Browder, voice teacher at North Greenville University, to discuss a future partnership at the newly remodeled Center for the Arts.
- ◆ The Greer Children’s Theatre continued rehearsal for Annie. The show was promoted through table tents at three downtown restaurants, social media, newspaper, and banners hung in City parks.

- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw joined Robin at Crestview Elementary's PTA night on October 15 to speak about Parks and Recreation Programs.
- ◆ The cast and crew moved lights and sound equipment out of the Cannon Center on October 22 to the J Harley Bonds Career Center, where rehearsals continued.
- ◆ Sara Odom created artwork for the Upstate Men's Choir Veterans Day performance on November 11 at the Cannon Centre. GCAC is one of the sponsors of this event.
- ◆ The GCAC Student Board helped host a small fundraiser at the Tryon Recreation Center of \$10 prom dresses. They raised \$330.

## Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 68 events, at which 9,131 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted the Artisan Makers Market at Greer City Park on October 13 from 9am-2pm in partnership with the Greer Farmers Market. The event included live music, 24 vendors, Roll-In Cuban food truck, and King of Pops popsicles.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted Food Truck Rollout on October 19 from 5pm-8pm. It continues to be a great event with approximately 1,000 guests coming to Greer City Park to enjoy live music and food from 6 different local food trucks.
- ◆ The Greer Farmers Market will continue on Saturdays throughout November with assistance from the Events Division. The weekly market averages 10 vendors every Saturday and about 150 guests in attendance.
- ◆ The Events Division assisted with the 2018 Halloween Hoopla event on October 27 at Greer City Park. About 2,000 guests attended the 4-hour event and were able to play carnival games, watch live performances, and take a walk down candy lane.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Lion King Jr. Auditions – November 26 and 29
- ◆ Christmas in Greer Tree Lighting and Supper With Santa – December 7
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa – December 8
- ◆ Greer Christmas Parade – December 9
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Highway 29 banners

*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.*