

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for

June 2017



Freedom Blast 2017

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

- ◆ On June 12 and 13, the concession stands at Country Club Road Park and City Stadium were deep cleaned.
- ◆ The City of Greer entered into an agreement with SGA Architecture to provide design and construction drawings for the Center for Arts Phase 2 Renovation project. The Center for the Arts Neighborhood Community Input Session, with SGA Architecture, was held on June 21. Approximately 25 people participated in this session and gave feedback on the facility and potential programs for the renovation of the facility and park.
- ◆ The department worked on projects such as installation of playground mulch, Century Park Bridge, Christmas decorations, Center for the Arts Phase 2 Renovations, review and approval of final 8 Tube Dude statues, landscaping at City Park, tree removal at Century Park, South Suber Road Park subterranean drainage system installment preparations, finalizing the installment of the monument at Stevens Ball Field (shared with American Legion), and an Accommodations Tax Extension Request to the Committee for 2016 funds awarded.
- ◆ Contracted Andrew Long, Plant and Tree Solutions, to perform a tree health assessment for the downtown trees in preparation for the Streetscapes Project.

Department Trainings

- ◆ On June 1, Justin Miller held CPR/First Aid/AED training for all summer camp counselors needing certification or re-certification. Counselors also received staff orientation, bus orientation and facility training as well as active shooter training by Greer SRO Steve Anderson.
- ◆ Staff completed the 2017 second quarter MASC on-line training.

Department Participation

- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the Annual Appreciation Luncheon for the Creative Advancement Learning Centers at the Cannon Centre on June 1.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the Wellness Committee meeting on June 16.

- ◆ Several staff attended the Wellness Lunch & Learn with a speaker from EAP on June 22.
- ◆ On June 28, Ann Cunningham participated in the South Carolina Parks, Recreation & Tourism State Trails Advisory Committee Meeting in Cayce, SC. Policies and procedures were reviewed by the committee and approved for the next 2 years. The next grant cycle will be announced in the fall.
- ◆ On June 29, Ann Cunningham participated in the Leadership Greer Class presentation of funds to the Creative Advancement Learning Centers at Victor Gym. Dan Dudley was present to receive the award.
- ◆ Department staff attended planning meetings for upcoming events: Freedom Blast, National Night Out and the Great American Eclipse.

Department Highlights

- ◆ Interviews were conducted for the Grounds Keeper II position in the Grounds Maintenance Division.
- ◆ Bristol, VA Senior Showchoir performed at the Cannon Centre. Approximately 300 people throughout the community paid a small fee to be a part of this very special show featuring songs from various decades and genres.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Practice preparation resumed at Century Park and Country Club Road Park on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and preparation was completed of fields at Century Park for the Frohawk Creek Scramble and Upper State baseball tournaments.
 - Transported excess topdressing sand from City Stadium to Country Club Road Park and Victor Park.
 - Aerified and top-dressed City Stadium, soccer field #2 at South Suber Road Park and soccer field #1 at Country Club Road Park.
 - Completed the installation of the playground mulch and the installation of the retaining wall for the batting cage at Victor Park.
 - Installed 65' baselines on Century Park field #3.
 - Repaired main water break in irrigation at City Park.
 - Repairs were made to the fountain at City Park.
- ◆ Fall 2017 registration for youth baseball, youth softball, youth soccer and adult baseball opened on June 5 for city residents and June 12 for non-residents. Summer tournament team practices for baseball and girls softball were facilitated at Century Park and Country Club Road Park.
- ◆ On June 3-4, the Frohawk Creek Scramble baseball tournament was facilitated at Century Park for 8U, 10U and 12U. Approximately 40 teams from Greenville, Spartanburg, and Pickens counties competed in the summer tournament series.
- ◆ The Dixie Youth Girls Softball District 5 check off tournament meeting was hosted at the Operations Center on June 8. Representatives from Byrnes, Woodruff, Union County, Boilings Springs, Inman and Greer were in attendance to turn in tournament player books, discuss tournament rules and tournament brackets were selected.
- ◆ Youth football and cheerleading day of practice was held at Country Club Road Park on June 12.
- ◆ On June 20, Cory Holtzclaw met with Chad Hart, League Commissioner for adult baseball. Tryouts and free agents days were hosted at Stevens Ball Field. The first season of adult baseball at Stevens Field will begin August 4. Teams are currently registering.
- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw and David Holtzclaw attended the Dixie Youth District 1 Baseball Tournament meeting on June 21 in Belton, SC to discuss tournament rules, turn in tournament player books for approval and select tournament brackets and times. The Greer Baseball Club 8U team won the District Championship in Seneca, SC and will now play in the State tournament in Lexington, SC in July. The 10U team lost in the championship game in Belton, SC. The 12U team won their Sub-District Championship and advanced to the State Tournament in Hartsville, SC in July.
- ◆ The Dixie Girls District 5 Softball Tournament for 6U, 8U, 10U and 12U was facilitated at Century Park on June 22-25. The tournament included 18 teams and the District winners in each age division qualified for the State Tournament in Dillon, SC. The Greer 10U Angels finished as runner-up in their division.

- ◆ The Recreation Division:
 - Continued to facilitate the following programs:
 - Senior Action
 - Piano Performers
 - Never Alone
 - Cutlery Club
 - Artifacts Club
 - Pickleball
 - Ham Radio
 - Whole Fitness

- ◆ Summer Camps began at Victor Gym and the Needmore Recreation Center. The 8 week camps will accommodate a combined 140 children from June 5 – August 4.

- ◆ The Recreation Division staffed the Kids Zone crafts area and assisted with the wristband booth and guest relations tent for Freedom Blast.

- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
 - A total of 245 seniors attended the Bristol, VA Showchoir event on June 2.
 - The Line Dancing Classes were offered on June 7, 14, 21, and 28 with an attendance each week of 13 seniors.
 - Bingo was held on June 1 and 15 with between 13 and 15 seniors in attendance.
 - The SOAR Annual Picnic was held on June 8 with 20 seniors enjoying the outdoors and great food.
 - The movie “La La Land” was shown on June 12 and 13 seniors attended the event at City Hall.
 - The Monthly Potluck was held on June 20 with 32 seniors in attendance. The group was joined by special guest speakers Taylor Graham and Brian Collin from the Greer Fire Department. The seniors enjoyed getting an up close look at the equipment and sitting in the fire truck.
 - Volunteer Day took place on June 22 at the Greer Soup Kitchen. There were 11 seniors who participated in prepping and serving a meal to those less fortunate.
 - The highlight of the month was a visit to Strip Club 104 in downtown Greer for lunch on June 30 with 14 seniors attending. They enjoyed a great meal and fellowship with other SOAR members.
 - The average attendance for the month was 34.

- ◆ Tunes in the Park began on June 9 with the Carolina Coast Band. A blue grass band, Telico, played on June 16 and the evening completed early due to weather. On June 30, the band, Sonbacha, was scheduled to perform but the weather caused the event to be cancelled. They will be returning on July 28.

- ◆ Open Studios was held on June 13 at the Center for the Arts. Artists are available in their studios for the public to browse and purchase artwork.

- ◆ GCAC was the beverage provider for Freedom Blast. The Knights of Columbus sold the beer and wine. Sales were down due to the weather.

- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesdays had their first evening on June 6 at the Center for the Arts. The first 2 weeks attendance was light but the following 2 weeks saw a good attendance.

- ◆ The Cultural Arts Division Camp Ark was held at the Tryon Recreation Center June 26-30. The first week, “Lions Tigers and Bears...oh My!” was full at 36 campers with 4 scholarship student from the Needmore Summer Camp participating.

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 57 events at which 17,170 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.

- ◆ The City of Greer hosted it’s 9th Freedom Blast at Greer City Park on June 24. Even with rainy weather at the start of the event, there was a great turn out with thousands of friends and family in the park to honor our military and veterans.

- ◆ The Events Division is in the process of planning for the following Fall events:
 - Food Truck Rollout on August 4
 - The Great American Eclipse on August 21
 - Railfest on September 30

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Moonlight Movies, Thursdays June 1 – July 27
- ◆ Tunes in the Park, Fridays June 9 – July 28
- ◆ Summer Camps, June 5 – August 4
- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesday, June 17 – July 17
- ◆ Camp ARK on July 10-14 and July 17-28
- ◆ National Night Out, August 1
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, August 4
- ◆ Opening Day @ Stevens Field Adult Baseball, August 4
- ◆ Camp Ark Performances, August 11-13 and August 18-20
- ◆ Great American Eclipse, August 21
- ◆ GCAC Auditions for Elf Jr., August 21-22
- ◆ Police Softball Fundraiser Tournament @ Century Park, August 26-27
- ◆ Friends of Lake Robinson, September 24
- ◆ Railfest, September 30
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, October 19
- ◆ Halloween Hoopla, October 27
- ◆ Giving Thanks Student Art Show Reception, November 2
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa Tickets on Sale, November 4
- ◆ Elf Jr. Performances, November 10-12 and November 17-19
- ◆ Christmas in Greer Tree Lighting, December 1
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa, December 2
- ◆ Greer Christmas Parade, December 3
- ◆ The Girl with the Golden Locks Performance, February 23-25 and March 3-5

Highlighted Projects

- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation – Concrete Pad & Retaining Wall Completed
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Master Plan – Approved by City Council
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer – 5 Installed; 12 Racks and 1 Fix-It Station Remaining
- ◆ Top Dressing Sand – City Park
- ◆ Playground Equipment (Neighborhood Parks)
- ◆ Kids Planet Renovations & Woodworking
- ◆ Country Club Maintenance Area Windscreen
- ◆ Pedestrian Bridge
- ◆ City Hall Event Hall Chairs – Ordered 7/17
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Drainage – In Progress
- ◆ Concrete Sidewalk – Century Park
- ◆ Center for the Arts Renovation – Phase 2
- ◆ Master Plan for Kids Planet
- ◆ South Suber Road House

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