

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for

October 2017



Food Truck Rollout

*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

- ◆ On October 20, Kids Planet Master Plan Request for Qualifications were received from firms interested in contracting with the City of Greer for the project. Alta Planning + Design, Leathers and Associates, LLC and Site Design Studio submitted their portfolios. They are currently under review.
- ◆ The Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant reimbursement check for \$200,000 was received for the Century Park Project.

## Department Projects

- ◆ Environmental (lead based paint and asbestos) testing was scheduled for structures on the two properties adjacent to the South Suber Road Park (possible demolition and/or sale) and the Center for the Arts building prior to renovations.
- ◆ The week of October 9-13 repair and replacement of playground equipment was completed at Century Park Kids Planet by Leathers and Associates, LLC, Ithaca, NY.
- ◆ On October 17, Mr. Driggers and members from the Parks and Recreation and Finance Departments met with representatives of SGA Architecture to discuss moving forward with a contract and design documents for the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ The Letters of Intent were prepared for the upcoming Recreational Trails Program Grant Cycle.
- ◆ Purchase orders were issued to Unified AV Systems, Marietta, GA for the Operations Center Conference Room AV upgrade and to Priority One Security, Mauldin, SC for the installation of an automated gate opener at the Operations Center. Installation for both are scheduled for November.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson met with staff from Greer CPW and CSR to discuss and schedule installation of rooftop lights at 209 and 268 Depot Street. Installation will take place in November before Thanksgiving.

## Department Trainings

- ◆ On October 11, staff from the Parks and Recreation, IT and Communications Departments attended a webinar kick-off meeting for Civic Plus/Civic Rec.
- ◆ Robin Byouk participated in a webinar, Introducing Arts, Culture and Transportation: A Creative Placemaking Field Scan, on October 13.

## Department Participation

- ◆ Members of the Parks and Recreation Department attended the #artisgreer Public Meeting held on October 3 at the Spinning Jenny. Doug Young, sculptor and community activist, was the guest speaker.
- ◆ Parks and Recreation Department staff attended the Safety Breakfast on October 13 at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ Justin Miller planned and participated in the final “Walk with Your Local Elected Official” on October 14. Mayor Danner and eight additional participants walked through the City of Greer and talked about the history, streetscapes and current City of Greer projects.
- ◆ Several members of the Parks and Recreation Department attended the Greenville Area Directors Meeting, on October 19, at the Greenville County Recreation Department.
- ◆ The fourth quarter Greer Recreation Association Board meeting was held, on October 26, at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ Several Parks and Recreation Department staff attended the Wellness Committee’s Pumpkin Chunkin event at City Stadium on October 27. Employees participated in a pumpkin toss, pumpkin tic-tac toe and flag football to earn credit towards the 2017 Wellness Program.

## Department Highlights

- ◆ Parks and Recreation Department staff met with members from two different groups of Leadership Greer, Class XXXVIII, to discuss potential class projects that would benefit the department’s facilities.
- ◆ Two new tennis nets and court rollers were ordered for the courts at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
  - Pressure washed and cleaned the walkway surfaces leading into Kids Planet at Century Park.
  - Hazardous tree removal was performed in Century Park Disc Golf on holes 1 and 7.
  - Fall pruning of trees and shrubs began with work at the Victor Gym and City Stadium.
  - Equipment repairs were made to City Park playground.
  - Preparation of fields for practice and games continued.
  - Facilities and grounds maintenance continued on a rotational basis.
  - The mobile stage was set up for Greer First Baptist Church and for the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce on Trade Street for Oktoberfest.
  - Christmas pole decorations were checked in preparation for hanging in November.
- ◆ Facilitated youth recreation soccer at South Suber Road Park on Monday and Thursday nights. All age divisions played 10 games and the fall season was completed on October 31. Academy soccer was facilitated at South Suber Road Park and Country Club Road Park as well as various facilities throughout the state and southeast. These teams compete Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays through early December.
- ◆ Recreational baseball league teams compete every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at Century Park and Country Club Road Park. Academy baseball teams compete every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at Century Park and various parks around the upstate and the southeast. League recreational play concluded mid-October.
- ◆ Youth softball recreational league play was facilitated at Victor Park and Tyger River Park, Duncan. Teams participated in the Upstate Dixie Girls League, which was comprised of Byrnes, Dorman, Greer and Woodruff organizations. The season was completed with a tournament at Victor Park on October 7.

- ◆ Youth football and cheerleading recreational league play was facilitated at Greer City Stadium and various parks throughout the upstate. Teams competed throughout the season in a municipal league comprised of the cities of Greer, Mauldin, Fountain Inn and Simpsonville. The teams finished the season with a tournament and the Greer 12U team won the Silver Division Championship on October 26.
- ◆ Winter sports registration was completed for youth wrestling and youth basketball. Practice for both programs will begin in November and conclude in late February/early March. Maximum capacity in youth basketball for the second season was reached due to the amount of court space available. The athletic staff will look for ways to increase court space and efficiency before the next season to allow more participants to register.
- ◆ The Recreation Division continued to facilitate the following programs:
  - Senior Action – Needmore Recreation Center (200 participants monthly)
  - Piano Performers – Cannon Centre (144 participants monthly)
  - Never Alone – Tryon Recreation Center (80 participants monthly)
  - Cutlery Club – Tryon Recreation Center (20 participants monthly)
  - Artifacts Club – Tryon Recreation Center (74 participants monthly)
  - Pickleball – Victor Gym & Tryon Tennis Courts (120 participants monthly)
  - Whole Fitness – Victor Gym (60 participants monthly)
  - Ham Radio Beginner and Intermediate Classes – Victor Gym Social Hall
  - “Wellness Revelation”, Class – Victor Gym (Mondays at 9:00am)
- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
  - Line Dancing Classes were offered on October 4, 11, 18 and 25 with an average attendance each week of 21 seniors.
  - Bingo was held on October 5 and 19 with approximately 22 seniors in attendance.
  - Lunch Bunch visited The Farmer’s Table in Spartanburg on October 10 with 26 seniors enjoying delicious farm to table food.
  - The Volunteer Project for October was collecting money for the Greer Community Ministries Senior Dining participants. The seniors decorated foam pumpkins to take home for the holidays.
  - Soar’s monthly Potluck Lunch was held on October 17 at Greer City Hall with 17 in attendance. The guest speaker for the luncheon was Natalie Welanetz with Patriot Hospice.
  - On October 23, a Movie Day was held where three members enjoyed Halloween treats and watched the classic movie “Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein”.
  - A trip to Alpine Village in Helen, GA was taken on October 27 where 32 members embarked on a motor coach and enjoyed lunch at the famous Dillard House, free time shopping and sightseeing.
  - The average attendance for the month was 23.
- ◆ Greer Cultural Arts Council held their 2<sup>nd</sup> Princess & Pancake Fundraiser at Fatz Café in Greer on October 7.
- ◆ A new artist, Christina Laurel, began displaying her artwork, on October 13, at the Center for the Arts. Christina is a collage artist occupying Studio 2 at the facility.
- ◆ Elf Jr. The Musical rehearsals continued at the Tryon Recreation Center, a second parent meeting was held on October 17 and the Parks and Recreation staff assisted with moving set pieces to the J. Harley Bonds Center on October 24.
- ◆ The Giving Thanks Art Show was judged and prepared for hanging in the Wall Gallery at City Hall. Winning pieces will be displayed through the Thanksgiving holiday. Winners will receive their certificates and prizes from Mayor Danner at the City Council Meeting immediately following the reception on November 14.
- ◆ Dance classes (jazz, ballet and tap by June Horton) and art classes (taught by Robin Byouk continued on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted 53 events at which 4,810 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The 1<sup>st</sup> Artisan Makers Market was held at Greer City Park on October 14. Over 500 visitors enjoyed 7 food trucks, 35 craft vendors displaying their talents, and live music.
- ◆ The Food Truck Rollout continued to be a great event with hundreds of guests coming to the park on October 19 to enjoy live music and purchase food from 6 different local food trucks.

- ◆ On October 29 at Greer City Park, the Events Division assisted with the 2017 Halloween Hoopla event. Approximately 3,000 guests attended during the 4-hour event participating in games, a walk down Candy Lane and inflatable fun.
- ◆ The Events Division is in the process of planning for the following events:
  - Christmas In Greer which includes the Tree Lighting at Greer City Park, Supper with Santa on December 1, and Breakfast with Santa on December 2.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Christmas in Greer Tree Lighting, December 1
- ◆ Super with Santa (COG Employees)
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa, December 2
- ◆ Greer Christmas Parade, December 3
- ◆ Center for the Arts Open Studios Art & Craft Market, December 7
- ◆ Alice in Wonderland Jr. Performances – February 23-25 and March 2-4
- ◆ Hope Week, April 2-8

## Current Projects

- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation – Concrete Pad & Retaining Wall Completed
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer – 5 Installed; 12 Racks and 1 Fix-It Station in Storage Awaiting the City Streetscape Project
- ◆ Country Club Maintenance Area Windscreens
- ◆ Century Park Pedestrian Bridge – Scheduled for Installation in Early 2018
- ◆ Concrete Sidewalk – Century Park
- ◆ Center for the Arts Renovation – Phase 2 (Conceptual Design Phase)
- ◆ Kids Planet Master Plan – RFQ's Under Review
- ◆ South Suber Road Structures to be Environmentally Tested
- ◆ Installation of New Drive Gate – Operations Center – To be Completed November
- ◆ Installation of AV Equipment – Operations Center – To be Completed November
- ◆ Bankhead Highway Historical Marker for Poinsett and Depot Street Intersection – Ordered and Anticipated Delivery in Early 2018 – Installed During City Streetscape Project

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