

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for June 2014



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

- ◆ Bids were opened for our annual Turf Management Service, which includes herbicide and pesticide treatment of our hospitality fields and facilities. Two bids were received and the job was awarded to Wilson Turf & Associates.
- ◆ Bids were opened for the waterproofing of the Country Club Rd. Complex Concession Stand. The job was not awarded and will be re-bid.

Department Projects

- ◆ The Grounds Maintenance Division repaired the irrigation heads at Country Club Road Park.
- ◆ LED lighting was installed in the swing arbor at City Park.
- ◆ The contracted painting of the restrooms at City Park was completed. Plumbing fixtures at the Needmore Community Center and the water fountain at Victor Gym were repaired.
- ◆ Quotes were received for Verti-Cutting of the baseball fields at Country Club Road Park.
- ◆ Summer annuals were installed in the landscape beds at City Park and Barnett Bridge.
- ◆ Team Home Depot installed pavers and new landscape at Century Park Kids Planet.
- ◆ The Recreation Division continued planning summer camp programs, field trips and activities, and conducted interviews for the part-time Recreation Leader position at Victor Gym.
- ◆ Justin Miller continued meeting with the LiveWell Greenville Park Hop committee. Preparation is underway for the closing ceremony at Greer City Park on August 13.
- ◆ The Athletic Division obtained sponsorships and grants from USA Football and Academy Sports to purchase football equipment for the upcoming fall season. In addition, BB&T supplied the Upstate Jackets youth football club with much needed new helmets.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Several members of the Parks and Recreation Department received Active Shooter training from Sgt. Chad Richardson and Officer Steve Anderson of the Police Department.

- ◆ Red Watson attended the Drivers Improvement Training Program training during June.
- ◆ All supervisory staff participated in the ICMA Supervisor training in June and concluded the six (6) month course.
- ◆ The Recreation Division held the 2014 Summer Camp Counselor Orientation. The counselors were trained and certified in CPR/First Aid, driving the buses and Active Shooter training.
- ◆ Department Staff participated in Active Shooter training in June. This is an on-going training program for those that were not able to attend this class and for new hires.
- ◆ Several members of the Parks and Recreation Department completed quarterly MASC Online Training. The courses completed were Crowd Control, Crowd Management and Employee Retention.
- ◆ The Upstate Jackets youth football program nominated their player safety coach, Ron Johnson, who will attend a one day clinic on teaching "Heads Up" football.

Department Participation

- ◆ Red Watson appeared on WYFF Channel 4's morning news on June 22 and WMUU 94.5's radio lunch broadcast on June 28 to promote Freedom Blast.
- ◆ The Needmore Community Center hosted the June primary election on June 10 and the June run-off election on June 24.
- ◆ Justin Miller continued meeting with the Wellness Committee to plan the upcoming year. They also reviewed the point system and our health initiative.
- ◆ The Grounds Maintenance Division continued preparing athletic fields for games and practices, and installed patriotic banners at City Park. Neighborhood parks were mowed and trimmed on a rotational schedule.
- ◆ Kati Fry from Clemson University and Ben Johnson from North Greenville University began their internship on June 2. They will complete one rotation in each of our programming divisions.
- ◆ The Athletic and Recreation Divisions facilitated the Needmore Summer Camp "Lighthouse Project" in association with BB&T on June 19. We are very thankful for the materials and supplies donated to the Needmore Summer Camp and athletic programs that will benefit less fortunate children. BB&T also provided a field day for the Needmore campers where they participated in games, activities, and relay races. School supplies, field day supplies, food, drinks and more were given to each child in attendance. Sinclair Cannon, former Greer High / University of Tennessee football player, spoke to the children at the end of the event about pursuing their dreams and to work hard in everything they do in life. Please click the link below to see our highlight and thank you video:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-VFhA_Ee1U

Department Highlights

- ◆ The Athletics Division facilitated youth baseball practices at Country Club Road Park and Century Park. The Frohawk Creek Scramble and Greer Upper State regional tournament were hosted at Century Park on June 7 -8 and June 14-15. Teams traveled to Greer from Lexington, Columbia, Spartanburg, Easley, and Greenville to participate. The Greer Baseball Club (GBC) hosted two (2) board meetings to discuss the structure of the league for the future. A one (1) day youth girls softball tournament is scheduled at Victor Park and a High School Showcase baseball tournament is scheduled at Stevens field the weekend of July 18.



- ◆ The Foothills Soccer Club of Greer (FSCG) board met to discuss the upcoming fall season. The academy soccer teams hosted tryouts at South Suber Road Park for the 2014/2015 seasons for U9, U10, U12 and U13 teams which will play locally and statewide. Players were entered into the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association database to allow the participants to obtain state player cards for the members on each team.

- ◆ The Paul Lister Youth Basketball Camp was held at Victor Gym. The free co-ed clinics were provided to youth ages 6-12 on June 2, 9 and 16. The camps were held to teach the fundamentals of basketball to all participants.
- ◆ Registration for fall sports including Upstate Jackets Football, Cheer for Greer cheerleading, Greer Baseball Club, Girls' Softball and the Foothills Soccer Club of Greer began on June 1. Early registration will conclude on July 18.
- ◆ The Greer Cultural Arts Council (GCAC) and the Recreation Division began the summer storytellers series, "Tall Tale Tuesdays" on June 10. The first 2 weeks had over eighty (80) children in attendance. The event is free of charge and features 30 minutes of stories followed by 30 minutes of crafts relating to the stories.



- ◆ The Cultural Arts and Events Divisions held the Freedom Blast Mural Competition. Two winners were chosen and Robin Byouk painted the murals with the assistance of several Needmore Summer Camp participants.



- ◆ GCAC was the beverage provider for Freedom Blast. Sales were \$2000 less than last year due to the inclement weather, but a profit of approximately \$3000 was made.
- ◆ The first round of Greer Idol and Greer Idol Teen was held during Freedom Blast. There were nine (9) Greer Idol finalists and twelve (12) Greer Idol Teen finalists.
- ◆ The Recreation Division continued to facilitate several activities and programs at the recreation centers. Senior Action meets at the Needmore Recreation Center Monday through Friday and Kay Young's Piano Performers were facilitated every Monday at the Cannon Centre. Never Alone and the Cutlery Club met every Tuesday evening at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- ◆ Seniors Out and ARound (SOAR) participated in a lunch bunch meeting at Laurenda's in Greer. They traveled to the Roper Mountain Science Center for a Friday night program titled "Starry Nights". Soar continued to hold their monthly potluck lunch, movies and bingo days.
- ◆ Summer camps at both Needmore and Victor began on June 9. Both camps are filled to capacity with waiting lists. The campers are enjoying weekly field trips, games and activities.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted sixty-three (63) events, at which over 22,305 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ On June 5, the City of Greer hosted a community announcement, "The Colors of Summer". Information about the Moonlight Movies, Tunes in the Park, Summer Selfies and Freedom Blast were announced and Sarge, the Eagle mascot for Freedom Blast, was introduced.
- ◆ Greer City Park was selected by the Azalea Garden Club as the Business Yard of the Month.

- ◆ June 5 was the beginning of the Moonlight Movies series with the showing of Happy Feet 2. Moonlight Movies are shown every Thursday evening in June and July. Hotel Transylvania was unfortunately rained out the following week, but Smurfs 2 and Teen Beach Movie saw great crowds!
- ◆ The Events Division assisted the Human Resources Department with the annual Employee Appreciation Picnic on June 7. This year's theme was western and City of Greer employees enjoyed family fun and great food.
- ◆ On June 28, the City of Greer hosted the sixth annual Freedom Blast @ Greer City Park. The event consisted of eight (8) food vendors, inflatables, musical entertainment from Greer Idol Teen, Greer Idol, the headliner band 20 Ride, a Texas Roadhouse Rib Eating Contest, military tribute and a spectacular fireworks show. An estimated crowd of 15,000 enjoyed the festivities.



- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department staff continued planning 2014 events such as: Moonlight Movies and Tunes in the Park.

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