

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for September 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.

Department Projects

- ◆ Red Watson, Bruce Viehman, additional City staff and Greer Development Corporation staff members met with Curly Willow Designs and Dreamscape Landscaping regarding the Trade Street Landscape Redevelopment Project on September 5. The new landscape design is scheduled to be completed in October.
- ◆ On September 8, Ann Cunningham and Red Watson met with David Langley to discuss a Boy Scout project to stain bridges and construct signs for the Disc Golf Course at Century Park.
- ◆ On September 10, Ann Cunningham, Bruce Viehman, Red Watson and Bill Mork met with Tony Langford (Langford Electric), Tony Farr (CPW) and Chris Richards (CSR) to discuss adding rooftop lights to additional buildings in the downtown area. This project will enhance the downtown area for the Christmas season and large local festivals.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, a board member, on the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism Trails Committee, reviewed and voted on providing additional grant funds for the development of the Wambaw Cycle Trail 2012 project from the USDA Forrest Service.
- ◆ Justin Miller is representing the Parks and Recreation Department as a participant on the Care Team with this year's United Way Campaign fund raisers.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Justin Miller, Clara O'Neal and India Jackson attended a 3 hour Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) training offered through LiveWell Greenville. The training will assist with the after school and summer camp programs at the Needmore Community Center to initiate nutrition and involve physical activity education into the programs. The training was held at the Victor Gym with over 15 people attending from different afterschool centers around Greenville County.
- ◆ Three Grounds Division staff attended Pesticide Applicators training in Greenville with each staff member obtaining six credit hours. Staff applicators are required to obtain 10 credit hours within a 5 year period.
- ◆ David Holtzclaw, Ashlyn Stone, Robin Byouk and Gary Melton attended the Scout Carolina Recreation and Parks Association's (SCRPA) Annual Conference in Myrtle Beach September 13 – 16, 2014.
- ◆ All staff members in the Parks and Recreation Department completed quarterly MASC Online Training. The courses completed were Sleep and Your Health, Dealing with Intoxicated Individuals, Chain Saw Safety and Lock Out /Tag Out.

- ◆ Members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff received new copier training.

Department Participation

- ◆ Turn the Town Teal kicked off at City Park on Tuesday, September 2, in honor of Ovarian Cancer Awareness.
- ◆ Supervisors of all four programming divisions attended Career Day at Greer Middle School on September 17. Each division spoke about Public Administration and Local Government to 6th, 7th and 8th graders.
- ◆ All Parks and Recreation Department staff completed the Evergreen Solutions Job Assessment Tool Survey. Department supervisors completed reviews of their staff's Job Assessment Tool in conjunction with the compensation & classification study.
- ◆ On September 17, Parks and Recreation Department staff and other City departments met with the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce staff to review plans for the Oktoberfest in downtown Greer to be held on October 4.
- ◆ Justin Miller met with Livewell Greenville Park Hop Committee on September 30 to review the current program and discuss ideas for the coming year.
- ◆ Repairs were made to the electrical panel at the lower tennis courts at the Tryon Recreation Center and new hollies were installed to replace the damaged shrubs at the Needmore Community Center.
- ◆ Preparation of athletic fields for games and practices continues and neighborhood parks were mowed and trimmed on a rotational schedule.
- ◆ Shrubs were pruned at the old Greer Citizen Building to assist the contractor with restoration work.

Department Highlights

- ◆ North Greenville University intern, Ben Johnson, concluded his internship with the Parks and Recreation Department on September 12.
- ◆ Julia Black became Mrs. John Harrell on Saturday, September 20, 2014 in Atlanta, GA!
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, Reno Deaton and Mark Owens met with Bob Brookover, on September 29, regarding an Economic Impact Study for the City of Greer.
- ◆ Foothills Soccer Club of Greer (FSCG) recreation games were facilitated every Monday and Thursday nights at South Suber Road Park. FSCG Academy division soccer teams began statewide games and hosted friendly matches with local teams at the Suber complex. The complex hosts teams for practices or games 5 nights per week. The 2014 fall season Academy division consists of 10 teams residing from Greenville and Spartanburg counties.



- ◆ Greer Baseball Club (GBC) and girls softball league games and practices were facilitated at Century Park, Country Club Road Park, Little Turner, Victor Memorial Veterans Park and Sunset Park in Mauldin. Games and practices were held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

- ◆ The Upstate Jackets youth football and cheerleading season opened at City Stadium with 8U, 10U and 12U teams competing in league play on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Teams practiced on average 3 days per week at J. Harley Bonds, Riverside Middle, Little Turner and City Stadium.



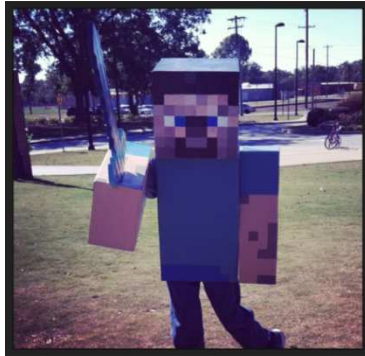
- ◆ The fall adult softball league played every Wednesday at Century Park. The season consists of 10 regular season games and a playoff tournament.
- ◆ The last Tunes in the Park were held on September 19 at the City Park Amphitheater. Rock and Roll Reunion was rescheduled from a rainout on August 1 to perform. During the intermission, the first Greer Idol Reunion was held. Several prior Greer Idol and Greer Idol Teen contestants performed.
- ◆ The Wall Gallery at City Hall was changed to showcase artist Diana Moroso. Over half of her prints were sold.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department purchased 13 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for the city of Greer. The units will be placed in 8 facilities and 5 will be mobile units for use by the Athletic Division, the Events Division and the Grounds Division. Ann Cunningham, Justin Miller and John Holzheimer from the Fire Department presented a demonstration of the AED's to City Council on September 23. The purchase and installation of the AED's was well received by City Council.



- ◆ Seniors Out and ARound (SOAR) participated in a lunch bunch meeting at Fatz Café in Greer. They traveled to the Apple Festival in Westminster and to Lake Lure for lunch and a boat tour. SOAR continued to hold their monthly potluck lunch, movies and bingo days. Average attendance during September was 18.
- ◆ Justin Miller also met with Senior Action to discuss a possible talent show at the Cannon Centre in November.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted 61 events, at which over 6,440 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.



- ◆ On September 3, the Events Division hosted the Upper State Codes Enforcement Agency (USCEA) training for the Building and Codes Department.
- ◆ On September 4, the Events Division hosted the Wellness Committee's "Snacks with Suzy" to promote healthy behaviors and the Susan G Komen Race for the Cure in Greenville.
- ◆ The Annual Benefits Fair was hosted at the Cannon Centre on September 24. City of Greer employees met with local health vendors. The Human Resources Department in collaboration with the Wellness Committee held educational seminars regarding the new Wellness Program policies.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted the Police Department's quarterly Coalition of Law Enforcement and Retail (CLEAR) meeting on September 30 at the Cannon Centre.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department staff continued planning 2014 events such as: Halloween Hoopla and the Thanksgiving Art Show.



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