

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for July 2015



*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

- ◆ Grading at Turner Field was completed by Capitol Construction of the Carolinas LLC.
- ◆ FRP panels were installed in the classroom at the Needmore Recreation Center.
- ◆ Dreamscape Landscaping, LLC of Woodruff was contracted to install new landscape plantings at Country Club Road Park and Suber Road Soccer Complex.
- ◆ Timbertech, Inc. of Greenville was contracted to remove 8 trees and 20 stumps at the Snow Street property.

### Bids

- ◆ A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting for the Century Park Concession Building demolition was held on July 20.
- ◆ Bids for the Century Park Concession/Restroom Building Demolition were re-advertised and opened. Capitol Construction of the Carolinas, LLC from Spartanburg was awarded the job.
- ◆ A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting for the City Stadium Painting project was held at City Stadium.
- ◆ Bids for painting the interior and exterior walls and stadium seating were advertised and opened. Mayfield Signs, LLC of Greer was awarded the job.
- ◆ Mandatory Pre-Bid Meetings were held at the Victor Gym for the Victor Gym Renovations, HVAC replacement and Painting projects.
- ◆ Bids for the Victor Gym Construction Project were advertised and opened. Apostolic Construction, Inc. of Taylors was awarded the job.
- ◆ Bids for the Victor Gym Painting Project and the HVAC project were advertised.

### Department Trainings

- ◆ On July 15, the members of the Parks and Recreation Department met with Ruthie Helms, Scott Keeley and Carl Howell to check the Operations Center and Snow Street for ADA accessibility inspection.
- ◆ On July 16, the members of the Parks and Recreation Department met with Ruthie Helms to check City Stadium, Veterans Park, Turner Park and Stevens Field for ADA accessibility inspections.

## Department Participation

- ◆ Justin Miller participated in the LiveWell Greenville At-Play Workgroup Work Day at Gower Park on July 7. Members of the workgroup assisted with spreading mulch around all playground structures as a part of the Park Heroes Program for Greenville County Recreation.



- ◆ The Parks and Recreation staff attended Mr. Driggers' presentation on the Classification and Compensation Study on July 8.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the Ten at the Top ADA Training at Greer City Hall on July 21.
- ◆ On July 30, Ann Cunningham attended the SCRPA State Director's Meeting in Cayce.
- ◆ The Greer Recreation Association Board meeting was held on July 30 at the City Hall Events Hall A.

## Department Highlights

- ◆ The Grounds Division:
  - Repaired the irrigation systems at several locations and parks.
  - Removed the cooler, ice machine and equipment from the concession building at Century Park in preparation for demolition.
  - Prepared the Disc Golf Course hole #5 for an Eagle Scout Project.
  - All athletic fields were mowed 2 to 3 times per week in preparation of practices and games.
- ◆ The Recreation Division hosted 2 Scholastic Camps this summer at the Cannon Centre. Area children attended two hour camps each day for a week to work on Math, Reading, Writing, English and SAT/ACT preparation.



- ◆ The Recreation Division partnered with the Foothills Philharmonic Orchestra to host a learning day at the Needmore Summer camp. The kids were educated on the history of various instruments and were given a brief tutorial on how to play several instruments.
- ◆ Seniors Out and ARound (SOAR) held their Lunch Bunch meeting in Greer at The Chicken Salad Chick. They traveled to Furman University to enjoy Music By the Lake. SOAR continued to hold their monthly potluck lunch, movies and 2 bingo days. Average attendance during the month was 9.

- ◆ The Summer Camps invited both of the new City of Greer Police Department canine officers to each camp during July. Both Officer Stryker and Officer Boss loved the summer campers and the campers enjoyed learning about their specific duties for the Police Department.



- ◆ The Greer All-Star 10U Baseball team competed in the Dixie Youth State Tournament held in Clemson and finished 5<sup>th</sup>. The 10U All-Star team claimed the district championship. The Greer All-Star 14U Baseball team competed in the Dixie Youth State Tournament in North Augusta and finished 5<sup>th</sup>. The 14U All-Star team claimed the district championship.
- ◆ The Greer Girl's 10U Softball All-Star team completed in the Dixie Girls Softball State Tournament in Seneca and finished 7<sup>th</sup>. The team claimed the district championship.



- ◆ Athletics Division completed fall registration for youth sports (baseball, soccer, football, cheerleading and girls softball). Adults sports are currently registering for the fall. Uniform sizing for all Greer Youth Football Cheerleaders was completed at Victor Gym on July 13. Athletics staff met with representatives from Mauldin and Laurens Recreation Departments to discuss the 2015-2016 fall schedule. A football coaches meeting was held on July 28 to review the rules, practice schedules/locations and to select teams for the fall season. The cheerleading coaches held a meeting to select squads and distribute practice information. Dixie Upstate Girls Softball coaches and administrators hosted a meeting on July 8. Softball conditioning and practices were facilitated at Victor Park.
- ◆ The Athletics Division facilitated pre-season soccer academy practices on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Country Club Road Park. Registration for the soccer academy teams for the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association was completed. Over 100 Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy Players were registered for the 2015-2016 season.
- ◆ The 2015 Tall Tale Tuesdays program concluded at the Cannon Centre. The program was held every Tuesday evening through July 28. The program includes physical activities, story time and a craft. The series saw a steady increase in attendance throughout the months of June and July.
- ◆ Beginner Theatre Camp was held July 13-17 by Greer Cultural Arts. Attendance was at a capacity of 36. Advanced Theatre Camp was held July 20-31. The capacity was increased this year to 43 due to a large interest in the camp. Both camps were held at the Tryon Recreation Center. The campers from both camps will be performing Peter Pan Jr. in August at the Cannon Centre. The performances are free to the public.

- ◆ Greer Children's Theatre held their prom on July 21 at the Cannon Centre. Mary Poppins dance workshops were held July 27-28 at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- ◆ Tunes in the Park, with Greer Idol Teen and Greer Idol competitions, ran for 6 weeks and concluded on July 24. The winners were announced; Felicia Owens won the Greer Idol competition and Roni Lee Teems won the Greer Idol Teen competition. Tap and jazz classes were held on Thursday evenings at the Tryon Recreation Center.



- ◆ The Events Division hosted 65 events, at which over 10,445 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The City of Greer's Moonlight Movies was held every Thursday evening in June and July. The corporate sponsor, Wells Fargo, was very involved bringing crafts and prizes each week for the children in attendance. The 2015 Moonlight Movies Series ended with a free Social Media Kiosk where guests could take pictures with Baymax from Big Hero 6. The participants posted their pictures on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and also took printouts home to remember this great event. Partners such as Home Depot, the Greenville County Library and the Church at Greer Station have participated in supplying crafts and activities.



- ◆ The Events Division has begun planning for the City of Greer's 2015 Christmas event and is steadily finalizing plans for the September-October wedding season.

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