

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for April 2016



Opening Day



International Festival

*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 April 6, Ann Cunningham and Red Watson met with Marie Wilson, Allied Partnership, to complete the Concessions Contract.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department (\$10,125) and Greer Cultural Arts Council (\$4,000) were awarded grants from the Accommodations Tax Grant at the Greer City Council meeting on April 26.
- ◆ Department staff finalized budget preparations for fiscal year 2016/2017.
- ◆ A list of projects to be completed by the end of the fiscal year 2015/2016 was compiled by department staff.
- ◆ Quotes are being obtained for Phase One of the renovations at City Auditorium, Victor Park batting cage concrete pad, painting of the picnic shelter at Country Club Road Park and the painting of the backstops at Century Park.
- ◆ Staff members completed the Parks and Recreation Department's ICMA Insights data.

## Bids

- ◆ Bids were opened on April 8 for the Sound Provider at Freedom Blast and the bid was awarded to Custom Production Services in Spartanburg, SC. They provided the sound for Freedom Blast in 2014 and 2015.
- ◆ The mandatory pre-bid meeting for the Century Park Construction Project was held on April 12 with eleven general contractors in attendance. The bid was opened on April 26 and recommendations were made to Greer City Council during the May 10 meeting.
- ◆ A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on April 28 for the Country Club Road Park drainage project. Three companies were in attendance.

## Department Participation

- ◆ The second quarter Greer Recreation Association Board meeting was held on April 14 at the Greer City Hall.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the Livewell Greenville ParkHop Meeting on April 14 at Paris Mountain State Park in Greenville, SC.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the Livewell Greenville At Play Workgroup Meeting on April 20 at Sunset Park in Mauldin, SC.
- ◆ Staff members attended the Lunch & Learn, Digestive Health, on April 28, at Greer City Hall.

## Department Highlights

- ◆ Ann Cunningham completed SCPRT Trails Grant Reviews and submitted recommendations to SCPRT.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Robin Byouk and Steve Owens met with Zach Fox from the Herald Journal on April 1 and with Mike Burns from the Greenville News on April 26 to discuss the City Auditorium project.
- ◆ The Recreation Division began the Senior Computer Classes for fiscal year 2015/2016 on April 8. This GCRA Grant funded program will assist 24 senior citizens in completing a 3 week course on basic computer lessons. The 2 hour classes are held at Greer City Hall on Fridays from 9am-11am and 1pm-3pm.
- ◆ The City of Greer held its 3rd Annual International Festival on April 9 at Greer City Park. The Greer Goes Global theme again transcended through the park with international entertainment, food and informational booths. Approximately 4,000 people came out to enjoy the festival.
- ◆ Greer Children's Theatre performed the Lion King Jr. on April 15-17 and April 22-24. Audience sizes ranged from 250 – 500. The cast ranged in age from 6 – 16 with 61 cast members.
- ◆ The Senior Disc Golf Games were held at the Disc Golf Course at Century Park on April 18 and April 19 with 23 participants.
- ◆ Justin Miller met with the local garden clubs, on April 20, to discuss and plan a Nature Zone event on June 4 at Century Park Kids Planet. The project will teach children about nature, wildlife and the environment.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Justin Miller and Bill Worrell were recognized at the April 26 Greer City Council Meeting for their years of service.
- ◆ On April 30, Greer High School hosted their prom at the Cannon Centre. There were over 400 students who spent the night dancing and having fun. They have already booked the Cannon Centre for their 2017 Prom!
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department participated in Project Pinwheel during April. This project is a month long awareness program for child abuse prevention. Pinwheels were displayed at Century Park Kids Planet, Greer City Hall and the Needmore Recreation Center.
- ◆ Justin Miller and Red Watson continued interviewing candidates for the Summer Camp counselor positions.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
  - Spring mowing and trimming of all facilities was started and continues on a rotational schedule.
  - Athletic fields were prepared for practice and games.
  - Installed Family Fest banners throughout the downtown area and end caps were installed on the bleachers at Century Park.
  - Installed summer annuals at Barnett Bridge, replaced Steeds Hollies on Trade Street and replaced Abelia shrubs at City Park.
  - Repaired irrigation systems as required at numerous facilities.
  - The application of landscape mulch was completed at Greer City Park, Greer Relief and the Greer Police and Courts parking lot.

- ◆ The 2016 spring baseball and softball seasons got underway on April 9. Thanks to Citizens Building and Loan for sponsoring our Opening Day, as well as, Robbie Gravley, all of our coaches, players and parents for participating. Greer High School Principal, Marion Waters, threw out the first pitch to get the season started. Over 1,800 people were in attendance to cheer the teams in the first games of the spring season.
- ◆ Youth baseball and softball practices/games were held at Century Park, Victor Park, Country Club Road Park, Riverside Middle School, Davenport Field, Big Turner Field and Little Turner Field.
- ◆ Tournament invitations for all summer tournament play hosted in Greer were sent to the surrounding communities. Baseball and softball summer teams were selected. These teams will compete at Country Club Road Park and Victor Park. Youth baseball teams will travel to Greer to compete in the summer tournament series.
- ◆ Spring academy soccer practices and games were facilitated at South Suber Road Park and Country Club Road Park. These teams participate in statewide premier and challenge league play and are preparing for premier and challenge cups. Spring recreation games for Foothills Soccer Club of Greer teams were held at South Suber Road Park. The teams play every Monday, Thursday and Saturday during the spring season.
- ◆ Adult Basketball League continued play at Victor Gym every Monday and Wednesday evening. Adult Softball League continued play at Century Park every Wednesday evening.
- ◆ South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) games were played at Stevens Field. Teams composed of homeschooled youth traveled from all over the upstate to play at Stevens Field.
- ◆ The Athletic Division promoted the Adult Kickball partnership with Greenville Sports Leagues (GSL) which will hold 2 free play sessions on May 11 and May 18. The first league game will be played May 25. Teams will compete at Victor Park every Wednesday night.
- ◆ The S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
  - A special bingo day presented by Wellcare Health Plans was held on April 5.
  - A potluck luncheon, on April 19, was held with special guest speaker Michael Cogdill from WYFF News. There were 34 SOAR members in attendance for this event.
  - The new SOAR Volunteer Group volunteered for the Special Olympics Spring Games at Furman University on April 20.
  - A T'ai Chi Chih presentation and demonstration by Adabelle Rychtarik was held at the Tryon Recreation Center on April 25.
  - The Lunch Bunch group visited the Runway Café at the Greenville Downtown Airport on April 26.
  - The group enjoyed a manicure day by the students from the J. Harley Bonds Career Center on April 28.
  - The average attendance for the month was 14.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Greer Family Fest, May 6 – May 7
- ◆ Moonlight Movies on Thursdays, June 2 – July 28
- ◆ Frohawk Creek Scramble Baseball Tournament, June 4 – June 5
- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesday on Tuesdays, June 7 – July 8
- ◆ Victor and Needmore Summer Camps, June 6 – August 5
- ◆ Tunes in the Park on Fridays, June 10 – June 22
- ◆ Greer Upper State Baseball Tournament, June 11 – June 12
- ◆ Ozone All Star District Tournament, June 18 – June 23
- ◆ Freedom Blast, June 25
- ◆ National Night Out, August 2
- ◆ GCAC Camp ARK Performance – June 13, 14 and June 19, 20
- ◆ Friends of Lake Robinson, October 9 (Tentative)
- ◆ Vintage Market, October 15
- ◆ Halloween Hoopla, October 29
- ◆ Annual Tree Lighting & Supper with Santa, December 2
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa, December 3
- ◆ Annual Greer Christmas Parade, December 4

## Highlighted Projects

- ◆ City Auditorium
- ◆ Century Park Construction (LWCF) – Concession, Pressbox and Restrooms
- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation
- ◆ Victor Gym Ceiling Tile
- ◆ Victor Gym Painting – Large Wall & Upstairs Touch-up
- ◆ Century Park Fence Painting
- ◆ Kids Planet Assessment
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Master Plan
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer
- ◆ Country Club Road Park French Drain
- ◆ Banners for athletic fields
- ◆ Facility Improvements (8 Picnic Tables)
- ◆ Playground Equipment (Neighborhood Parks)
- ◆ Playground Components
- ◆ Trash Containment Area (City Park)

***“Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs”***