

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for July 2016



Tall Tale Tuesdays

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

- ◆ Preparations continue in renovations for City Auditorium. Signs have been designed and ordered, all exterior and interior door hardware has been ordered, the fire alarm and security systems are being upgraded, landscape design is completed, etc. Applications for artists in residence will be taken through August 5. September 1 will be the official date of facility opening to artists.
- ◆ Planning for the replacement of the pedestrian bridge at Century Park has begun. Options for the bridge will be determined once the engineering and soil testing process has been completed.
- ◆ Construction at Century Park continues and we are approximately a week and a half ahead of construction timeline due to dry weather. The process is moving forward with very few change orders. Substantive completion date is August 19 and final date for completion is September 2.
- ◆ Planning has begun for the South Suber Road Park Master Plan study originally scheduled for FY 15/16. Members of the Project Steering Committee have been selected and the first meeting is planned for mid-August.
- ◆ The Dodge Nitro vehicle that was transferred from the Fire Department to the Parks and Recreation Department was detailed, decals were added and it is ready for employee use.

Department Participation

- ◆ Ann Cunningham met with Sgt. Chad Richardson in mid-July to begin preparations for National Night Out at City Park. Additional meetings were held with department supervisors to help plan for games, TapSnap, inflatables and infrastructure needs (i.e. tables, chairs, tents, etc.).
- ◆ Department staff met on July 8 and July 11 to plan for the Food Truck Rodeo to be held on August 5.
- ◆ Red Watson and Cory Holtzclaw met with Mike Sell, on July 13, to discuss the City of Greer's Social Media Policy.

- ◆ On July 14, Red Watson met with Ashly Stone and Robbie Davis for training on CSI.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson met, on July 19, with members of the Tennis Association of Greer (TAG) to discuss the direction of tennis in Greer and various facility items.
- ◆ The second quarterly Greer Recreation Association Board meeting was held at the Greer City Hall Event Hall A on July 21. All Parks and Recreation Department divisions were represented. No official votes were taken due to there not being a quorum of Trustees.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham hosted a visit from some of the staff members of the City of Hartsville's Parks and Recreation Department on July 21. The visit was comprised of a tour of the facilities followed by a luncheon meeting with department division supervisors to answer questions and offer suggestions for programming, special events, facility rental procedures and park/facility management.
- ◆ The Lease Agreement Renewal between the School District of Greenville County and the City of Greer for the use of the playing fields at Riverside Middle School has been drafted and was approved by Greer City Council on July 26. It will be presented for approval to the Greenville County School Board on August 23. The use will be for recreational purposes by the community after school hours.
- ◆ Final planning and preparations have been made for the Park Hop Closing Ceremony scheduled to be held on August 9 at Greer City Park. The program will begin at 4:30pm and Mayor Danner will welcome everyone at 6:15pm in the Amphitheater prior to award/prize distribution and the conclusion of the ceremony at 7:00pm.

Department Highlights

- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Mowing and trimming of all facilities continued on a rotational schedule.
 - Athletic fields were prepared for practices, tournaments and summer camps.
 - Replaced storm damaged disc golf basket and cleared damaged tree at Century Park Disc Golf.
 - Repaired irrigation systems at Century Park, South Suber Road Park, Greer City Park and Country Club Road Park.
 - Repaired water fountain and installed a new LED light on the pond aerator at Greer City Park.
 - Painted parking lot lines at City Auditorium.
- ◆ Fall sports registration continued for youth baseball, girls' softball, cheerleading, football, soccer, adult basketball and adult softball. Registration was completed on July 27.
- ◆ Foothills Soccer Club of Greer (FSCG) Academy team summer training sessions were held at South Suber Road Park. The teams will compete in games throughout the state beginning in August.
- ◆ Greer Baseball Club (GBC) Academy team summer training sessions were facilitated at Country Club Road Park. These teams will compete in games throughout the state beginning in September. GBC All-Star teams practices were held at Victor Park and Country Club Road Park. The 8U National team competed in the Dixie Youth State Tournament July 8 - 12 in Florence, SC. The 12U National team competed in the state tournament July 15 - 21 in Lewisville, SC.
- ◆ A regional volleyball tournament was facilitated at South Suber Road Park on July 23 - 24. Teams from South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia competed in the tournament.
- ◆ A youth wrestling camp was facilitated at Victor Gym on July 25 - 27. Participants learned proper wrestling techniques, positions and stretching exercises. Over 40 kids took part in the camp and had a great time. This camp will help boost the interest level of our youth wrestling program which will take place during the winter season. Riverside High School wrestlers and head coach were on hand to speak to the kids.
- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw and David Holtzclaw attended a Golden Strip Youth Football League meeting at the Mauldin Sports Complex on July 29. Representatives from Fountain Inn, Simpsonville, Mauldin and Greer met to discuss and prepare for the upcoming football season. Among the topics that were discussed were game rules and scheduling a coaches meeting.

- ◆ The 2016 Tall Tale Tuesdays program concluded at the Cannon Centre. The program was held every Tuesday evening through July 12. The program allowed kids and adults to discover the long lost art of storytelling. The Recreation Division and the Cultural Arts Division partnered to offer a physical fitness, storytelling and a craft activity from 7pm-8pm each Tuesday.
- ◆ In partnership with the Local Girl Scout Troop 811 of Service Unit 636 a “Free Little Library” was built and installed at Century Park Kids Planet on July 14. The troop will maintain and operate the library for 2 years. The library allows the community to read books at their convenience and participants are encouraged to “take one and leave one”.
- ◆ The S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
 - Toured the Greer Heritage Museum and then had lunch at Wild Ace Pizza on July 8.
 - Visited Fisher’s Orchard and Dillard’s Ice Cream Parlor on July 11.
 - SOAR Volunteer Day was on July 13 at the Piedmont Women’s Center. Twelve seniors volunteered and helped the center make bundles for newborn babies.
 - Two line dancing classes were held on July 6 and 20 with 7 seniors in attendance.
 - The monthly potluck was held on July 19 with guest speaker John Cessarich from WYFF. The seniors thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Cessarich and had a great attendance of 31 SOAR members.
 - On July 22, 7 SOAR ladies tried adult coloring while enjoying coffee and socializing.
 - Bingo was held twice, on July 14 and 28, with an attendance of 15.
 - On June 24, the SOAR Volunteer Group joined the Greer Community Ministries Senior Dining and made crafts with the seniors.
 - The Lunch Bunch visited Café Rivera’s in downtown Greer on July 26 with 11 members enjoying a great lunch.
 - The average attendance for the month was 13.
- ◆ Cultural Arts Division held Beginner Theatre Camp on July 11 - 15. GCAC provided scholarships through the Metropolitan Arts Council and BMW for 9 children from the Needmore Summer Camp to attend the Beginner Theater Camp. Advanced Theatre Camp was held July 25 - August 5 at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- ◆ Tunes in the Park and Greer Idol competitions, ran for 6 weeks and concluded on July 22. Olivia Rae Wells won the Greer Idol competition.
- ◆ Greer Cultural Arts Council (GCAC) held its first Music Revue called “We Got the Beat” on July 29 - 31. It was a 1980’s music review with free admission. There was a large attendance at all 3 shows.
- ◆ Moonlight Movies finale, powered by CPW, was a great success. Each week, on Thursday evenings, over 800 guests enjoyed dancing, preshow drawing for prizes, and food for purchase, crafts and a free movie.
- ◆ The Events Division continues to plan for 2 new events coming in August and September. The newest children’s event, Railfest, will focus on rail safety and the history of Greer! This event will be held at Greer City Park on September 10 from 10:00am-2:00pm. Also, on October 20 in the park, join the Parks and Recreation Department for the second Food Truck Rollout. The community will enjoy food trucks, games and live music starting at 5:00pm.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ GCAC Camp ARK “James and the Giant Peach Jr”, August 19, 20
- ◆ Art Class for Teens, September 6 - October 11
- ◆ Railfest, September 10
- ◆ Friends of Lake Robinson Day, September 25
- ◆ Greer Station Oktoberfest, October 7
- ◆ Vintage Market, October 15
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, October 20
- ◆ GCAC Performance “Wonderland High”, October 21 - 23 and October 28 - 30
- ◆ 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 – Concrete Pad Completed
- ◆ Century Park Fence Painting
- ◆ Kids Planet Assessment
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Master Plan
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer
- ◆ Top Dressing Sand
- ◆ Facility Improvements (8 Picnic Tables)
- ◆ Playground Equipment (Neighborhood Parks)
- ◆ Playground Components
- ◆ Trash Containment Area (City Park)
- ◆ Operation Center HVAC Cleaning
- ◆ Scoreboard Installation – Century Park & City Stadium
- ◆ Kids Planet Renovations
- ◆ Country Club Windscreen
- ◆ Batting Cage Nets and Portable Mounds
- ◆ Removable Bollards
- ◆ Pedestrian Bridge
- ◆ Hard Surface Dugout Cover
- ◆ Shade Covers
- ◆ BP Edwards Park Basketball Goals
- ◆ Cannon Centre Bathroom Renovations
- ◆ City Hall Event Hall Chairs
- ◆ Century Park Public Address System
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Drainage

“Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs”