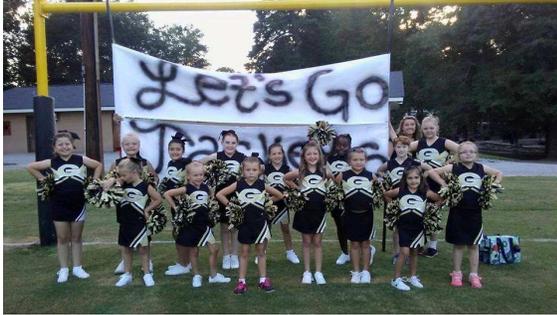


City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for August 2016



Football Cheerleaders



FSCG Soccer Practice

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

- ◆ Phase I renovations of City Auditorium (Center for the Arts) have been completed for accommodating our artists in residence. The facility passed inspection by the Building and Codes Department on August 16, and a Certificate of Occupancy has been awarded.

Applications for artists in residence were taken through August 5. Six artists' statements and portfolios were judged by 8 people, including 4 artists and 4 non-artists. The 6 artists were offered studio space, at the Center for the Arts, based on their order of ranking. September 1 was the scheduled date for leases to begin, however, this date was delayed until October 1 due to finalizing details in the lease agreements.

- ◆ Planning continues for the replacement of the pedestrian bridge at Century Park. A topography survey was completed in August and the soil testing process is scheduled to begin in late September.
- ◆ The Kick-Off Meeting and Plan Review for the South Suber Road Park Master Plan were held on August 23, for the Project Steering Committee. The goal of this meeting was to establish the program requirements, schedule, site and traffic analysis, program participation information, ADA memo, etc. to set the parameters for what would be required as part of the design process. Twelve members make up this committee, comprised of Greer residents, coaches, and city staff members. Alta Planning + Design, Greenville, are the consultants for this project.
- ◆ Christmas decoration agreements are being reviewed for the upcoming holiday season and should be completed in late September.

The Parks and Recreation Department hung a Christmas decoration on a light pole on Wade Hampton Boulevard on August 29. This was in preparation for ordering pole decorations for the new light poles that are planned for installation on Highway 29 as part of a future project. The decoration was taken down the latter part of the same week to give staff members the opportunity to view the decoration at night under the temporary LED lights.

- ◆ Plumbing, grading, building electrical work and painting were performed at Century Park during August as part of the LWCF construction project.
- ◆ A new scoreboard was installed at City Stadium for youth football and soccer games.

- ◆ New ceiling tile was installed at Victor Gym in the bathrooms, social hall and kitchen areas.
- ◆ Red Watson completed the Employee Cell Phone Data worksheet that is used to evaluate the effectiveness of City issued cell phones.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Five department staff registered for the SCRPA State Conference held in Greenville, SC during September.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson registered for the NRPA National Congress held in St. Louis, MO during October.

Department Participation

- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department staff participated in National Night Out on August 2. We played games with children and had the opportunity to meet with many parents to share information regarding our programs and facilities. Greer Cultural Arts provided face painting and tattoos.
- ◆ Department staff attended a planning meeting for Railfest, on August 4, in the Operations Center Conference Room.
- ◆ The Closing Ceremony for Park Hop was held in City Park and in City Hall on August 9. Over 300 scavenger hunt participants and their families enjoyed playing games and picking up prizes that they earned over the summer months.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended a meeting with staff from other City Departments to discuss overtime pay on August 15.
- ◆ On August 16, Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and Robin Byouk met with members of the Greer Cultural Arts Council to discuss current and future items related to Cultural Arts.
- ◆ Department staff met with members of the Police Department, on August 17, to discuss park security concerns and methods for improvement.
- ◆ 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 was approved by the Greenville County School Board on August 23. The use will be for recreational purposes by the community after school hours.

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.
 - Graded and established driveway parking area at rental property on South Suber Road.
 - Assisted Police Department staff to move and spread rubber mulch at the Shooting Range.
 - Installed banner on building at the Center for the Arts.
 - Installed new infield clays at Century Park.
 - Repaired main water line at South Suber Road Park.
 - Contracted removal of hazardous tree at City Park.
- ◆ Foothills Soccer Club of Greer (FSCG) Academy team soccer practices were facilitated at Country Club Road Park and South Suber Road Park. These teams will compete in games throughout the state through November. Some FSCG Academy teams will travel to play at regional sites in North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee representing our club.

FSCG Academy players were registered with South Carolina Youth Soccer Association for the fall season. Player information and team rosters were formed and individual player cards were issued. All players must be registered to be eligible to play in SCYSA sanctioned games.
- ◆ Foothills Soccer Club of Greer fall team drafts with coaches was held on August 8-9 at City Hall. Teams began practicing on August 18 at South Suber Road Park.

- ◆ Practices for recreation and academy baseball and softball teams were facilitated at Country Club Road Park, Riverside Middle, Stevens Field and Victor Park. Century Park is currently closed due to the renovation project.
- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw and David Holtzclaw attended a Golden Strip Youth Football League meeting at the Mauldin Sports Complex on August 10. Representatives from Fountain Inn, Simpsonville, Mauldin and Greer met to make final preparations for the upcoming football season.
- ◆ Youth football games were facilitated at City Stadium against teams from Mauldin, Fountain Inn and Simpsonville recreation departments. Each team will play 8 regular season games along with post season playoffs.
- ◆ Cheerleading uniform sizing, jersey sizing and weigh-in for youth football players was held at Victor Gym on August 4.
- ◆ A regional volleyball tournament was hosted at South Suber Road Park on August 13-14. Teams from all over South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia participated in "G-Vegas" Volleyball Tournament play.
- ◆ The Recreation Division continued to plan for the 2016 Friends of Lake Robinson Day. This year's event will take place on September 25 from 1pm-6pm. We will be providing games and activities for families and also will be holding a drawing for a free fishing rod.
- ◆ Summer Camps concluded at Victor Gym and the Needmore Recreation Center on August 5. There were over 140 campers that took part in our 8 week camps this summer.
- ◆ A new dog obedience program was offered in August with certified instructor, Ray Rucker. The class was held on Wednesday and Thursday nights at the Tryon Recreation Center with emphasis on basic obedience.
- ◆ The Recreation Division hosted two book bag giveaways for the community. The first was held at Victor Park on August 6 with over 500 book bags and school supplies being given away and over 1,000 in attendance. There were free inflatables and also free hotdogs and burgers for the community. The second book bag giveaway was held at Wards Creek Park on August 13. There were over 200 book bags given out with several hundred people attending the event.
- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
 - Bingo was held twice, on August 4 and 18.
 - Two line dancing classes were held on August 10 and August 31 with 7 seniors in attendance.
 - The monthly potluck was held on August 16 with an International Theme.
 - The coloring and coffee session was held at the Tryon Recreation Center on August 8.
 - On August 23, a Dessert Party was held with Jack Roper and Megan Heidlburg, TV hosts for Your Carolina on WSPA. The seniors enjoyed the event and interacting with Jack and Megan.
 - The Lunch Bunch visited Aunt Sues Country Corner in Pickens, on August 26, and Strossner's Bakery, Café and Deli in Greenville, on August 30. The attendees had a great time eating and plan to attend both venues again in the coming months.
 - The average attendance for the month was 13.
- ◆ Red Watson and Robin Byouk conducted interviews for the part-time Cultural Arts Assistant position.
- ◆ Cultural Arts Division concluded the GCAC Advanced Camp with performances of "James and the Giant Peach" at the Cannon Centre, August 12-14 & 19-21. These performances were free to the public. All 6 shows had a good attendance.
- ◆ Greer Children's Theatre held auditions and started rehearsals for their fall production of "Wonderland High". This show is geared to middle and high school age attendees.
- ◆ On August 5, the Events Division hosted the first ever Food Truck Rollout in City Park. Over 200 guests enjoyed live music and games and tasted treats from some of the Upstate's best Food Trucks. The next Rollout is scheduled for October 20 from 5pm-8pm.
- ◆ The Events Division continued to plan for our newest event, Railfest, on September 10, from 10am-2pm at City Park. This event is all about rail safety and the history of Greer!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Art Class for Teens, September 6 - October 11
- ◆ Railfest, September 10
- ◆ Friends of Lake Robinson Day, September 25
- ◆ Greer Station Oktoberfest, October 8
- ◆ Vintage Market, October 15
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, October 20
- ◆ GCAC Performance “Wonderland High”, October 21 - 23 and October 28 – 30
- ◆ 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

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Kids Planet Renovations
- ◆ Country Club Maintenance Area Windscreen
- ◆ Batting Cage Nets and Portable Mounds
- ◆ Removable Bollards
- ◆ Pedestrian Bridge
- ◆ Hard Surface Dugout Covers
- ◆ 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”