

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for

**September 2016**



*Free Little Libraries*

*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

- ◆ Construction progress walkthroughs were held on September 8 and 15 at Century Park. Picnic tables were ordered for the shelter. Finish work was performed on the building as Melloul Blamey prepares for the final inspection with the Building and Development Standards Department and a final walkthrough with City of Greer staff in October.
- ◆ A quarterly progress report was sent to South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism (SCPRT) for the LWCF Construction Project at Century Park.
- ◆ On September 21, a meeting was held for the bathroom renovation at the Cannon Centre, with members attending from Parks and Recreation, Building and Development Standards and Public Services departments.
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Master Plan Project Steering Committee met on September 27, in the Operation Center Conference Room, to continue 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.
- ◆ On September 29, Ann Cunningham, Bruce Viehman and Red Watson met with Jimmy Burke of Cunningham Associates to discuss shade structures and bleachers for Century Park.
- ◆ The annual report and reimbursement requests for the Needmore Summer Camp was completed and forwarded for review to the Greenville County Re-Development Authority.

## Department Trainings

- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the ICMA Webinar, "Successful Supervision and Leadership", at City Hall on September 8.

- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, Justin Miller, Robert Davis and Robin Byouk attended the SCRPA State Conference held in Greenville, SC September 11 – 13.
- ◆ Justin Miller trained and certified the Events Division staff in CPR, First Aid and AED use on September 14.
- ◆ Parks and Recreation Department staff completed quarterly MASC online training.

## Department Participation

- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, Ashlyn Stone and Robin Byouk attended a meeting with Mr. Driggers, on September 1, to discuss event planning.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the Greater Greer Chamber's First Friday Luncheon on September 2. The keynote speaker was Representative Trey Gowdy.
- ◆ Robin Byouk attended the Leadership Greer retreat on September 14 – 15.
- ◆ Several members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff attended the Employee Benefits Fair, on September 15, at the Cannon Centre.
- ◆ On September 20, Ann Cunningham gave a presentation on the Walking and Bicycling Master Plan and the City Auditorium Project at the Greer Development Corporation luncheon.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the LiveWell Greenville at Play Workgroup meeting on September 21.
- ◆ On September 23, members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff attended the Wellness Committee's Field Day at City Park.
- ◆ Members of the Parks and Recreation Department attended the 2016 Friends of Lake Robinson event on September 25. The Recreation Division provided games and activities for families and held drawings for 3 free fishing rods, 2 children (a boy and a girl) and 1 adult.
- ◆ The Friends of Lake Robinson Photography Show was hung in the Wall Gallery at City Hall.
- ◆ On September 29, Justin Miller attended a LiveWell Greenville Out of School Time Networking event to set goals and plan for this school year's afterschool program.

## Department Highlights

- ◆ The Grounds Division:
  - Mowing and trimming of all facilities continued on a rotational schedule.
  - Athletic fields were prepared for practices, fall season games and tournaments.
  - Painted ADA parking locations at Century Park ball fields and repainted parking lines at City Auditorium.
  - Cleaned and trimmed landscape beds on Trade Street.
  - Installed Oktoberfest banners throughout the downtown area.
  - Set up stage for Oktoberfest.
  - Repaired men's toilet at City Auditorium.
  - Contracted repair of leaking fresh water fill line of fountain 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 travel throughout the state playing in the premier and challenge divisions of the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association.
- ◆ Foothills Soccer Club of Greer recreation league play was facilitated at South Suber Road Park. Teams comprised of U6, U8, U10 and U12 practice and compete in league games every Monday and Thursday evenings.
- ◆ Youth football games and practices were facilitated at City Stadium, HR Turner Park and various parks in Simpsonville, Mauldin and Fountain Inn. The teams are members of the Golden Strip Youth Football League.

- ◆ Cheerleading teams are assigned to the youth football teams and travel to the area parks to support the teams.
- ◆ On September 12, a Golden Strip Youth Football League bi-weekly meeting was held at Greer City Stadium. Representatives from Fountain Inn, Simpsonville, Mauldin and Greer met to evaluate the league.
- ◆ Practices and games for the recreation and academy baseball teams were held at Country Club Road Park, Riverside Middle School, Stevens Field, Victor Park and Century Park. League play began at Century Park the second week of September. The new picnic and restroom facilities at Century Park were greatly appreciated by the patrons.
- ◆ The Greer Baseball Club has begun meeting in preparation for the upcoming 2017 spring season.
- ◆ Recreation softball practices and games were facilitated at Victor Park and the teams traveled to Tyger River Park. Coaches Pitch and Kids Pitch teams compete every Monday and Thursday nights. Teams for the fall season are from Byrnes, Woodruff, Dorman and Greer.
- ◆ Regional volleyball tournaments were hosted at South Suber Road Park, Country Club Road Park and City Stadium on September 10 and 11. Teams from all over South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia participated in “G-Vegas” Volleyball Tournament play.
- ◆ The Recreation Division continued to facilitate Senior Action (50 participants daily) at the Needmore Recreation Center every Monday – Friday. Piano Performers (36 participants weekly) utilized the Cannon Centre every Monday and Never Alone (20 participants weekly) met every Tuesday evening at the Tryon Recreation Center. The Cutlery Club (20 participants monthly) met on September 6 and the Artifacts Club (15 participants monthly) met on September 26 at the Tryon Recreation Center. The Pickleball Program (30 participants each session) continued on Fridays at the Tryon Recreation Center and Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Victor Gym.
- ◆ The new dog obedience program (1 participant each night) was continued through September 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 added 2 additional Free Little Libraries utilizing a Partnership for Tomorrow Grant. The grant was obtained through Reading Greenville. The libraries were painted and designed by the Greer Cultural Arts Council and were installed by the Grounds Division at the Needmore Recreation Center and Victor Park. The third library is located at Century Park Kids Planet and was provided by Local Girl Scout Troop 811 of Service Unit 636.
- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
  - Bingo was held on September 1 and 15 at the Victor Gym with 15 seniors in attendance.
  - Two line dancing classes were held on September 7 and 28.
  - On September 9, 19 seniors from the Lunch Bunch visited The Cheesecake Factory in Greenville.
  - The monthly potluck was held on September 13 with 19 seniors enjoying a Fall Recipe Swap.
  - The SOAR Volunteer Day took place on September 14 at the American Red Cross in Greenville. A group of 10 seniors put together Fire Safety Packages to be distributed to people in the Greer Community.
  - The month was finished with a trip to Fireside Restaurant and Justus Orchard in Hendersonville, NC, on September 30, with 26 seniors participating in the trip. The group enjoyed breakfast followed by apple picking and shopping.
  - The average attendance for the month was 17.
- ◆ Cultural Arts Division began fall art classes and facilitated dance classes at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department welcomed Sara Odom, Cultural Arts Assistant, on September 22.
- ◆ Greer Children’s Theatre continued rehearsals for “Wonderland High” to be performed October 21-23 and 28-30.
- ◆ Robin Byouk met with several artists to showcase the Center for the Arts (City Auditorium). Contracts were reviewed with each artist in anticipation of their renting a space for their artwork. Contracts will begin in October for each of the 6 available studios.

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 60 events at which over 66,515 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted the First Annual Railfest at City Park on September 10. Over 1,000 guests came to learn about the importance of trains in the Upstate and were instructed on how to remain safe around railroad tracks. Participants enjoyed a fun day learning about rail safety and the history of Greer.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, October 20
- ◆ GCAC Performance “Wonderland High”, October 21 - 23 and October 28 – 30
- ◆ Halloween Hoopla, October 29
- ◆ City Auditorium Art Celebration, November 3
- ◆ Thanksgiving Art Show, November 15
- ◆ Annual Tree Lighting & Supper with Santa, December 2
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa, December 3 (Tickets on Sale 11/7/16 4pm-6pm)
- ◆ Annual Greer Christmas Parade, December 4
- ◆ Auditions for Madagascar, December 5, 7, 12 and 14
- ◆ Spring Sports Registrations (Residents, January 2; Non-Residents, January 9)
- ◆ Martin Luther King Day, January 16
- ◆ Madagascar Performances, February 24-26 and March 3-5
- ◆ Summer Camp Registrations (Residents, March 13; Non-Residents, March 20)
- ◆ 2017 Juried Art Show Reception, March 24
- ◆ Baseball Opening Day, April 1
- ◆ Eggtastic Easter, April 8
- ◆ International Festival, April 22
- ◆ Moonlight Movies, Thursdays June 1 – July 27
- ◆ Summer Camps, June 5 – August 4
- ◆ Freedom Blast, June 24

## 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
- ◆ Banners
- ◆ Facility Improvements (8 Picnic Tables – Century Park)
- ◆ Playground Equipment (Neighborhood Parks)
- ◆ Playground Components
- ◆ Trash Containment Area (City Park)
- ◆ Operation Center HVAC Cleaning
- ◆ Scoreboard Installation – Century Park
- ◆ 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”***