

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for

November 2016



Dancing Through the Decades- Needmore Afterschool Students

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

- ◆ Finish work for HVAC, electrical and painting was performed at Century Park. The Certificate of Occupancy is scheduled to be issued in December, followed by a final walkthrough with the general contractor and the City of Greer.
- ◆ Purchase orders were issued to Game Time/Cunningham Recreation for shade structures and bleachers; and to Mayfield Signs for signage at Century Park.
- ◆ Red Watson and Robin Byouk met with Leigh Padgett of Alfred Williams & Company, on November 7, to design a layout for office furniture at the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ On November 15, Ann Cunningham, Bruce Viehman, Red Watson and Steve Grant met with Ryan Summey of Palmetto Structural Engineering, LLC to discuss plans moving forward for the pedestrian bridge at Century Park.

Department Trainings

- ◆ On November 1 -4, Bruce Viehman completed recertification through the NRPA for Playground Safety Inspector in Lexington, SC.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the Wellness Event, Car Basics Training at the Operations Center on November 10.
- ◆ Four Grounds Division staff attended the NC/SC Sports Turf Managers Association Conference in Myrtle Beach on November 14 – 16.
- ◆ Members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff attended Customer Service Training presented by the South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments at Greer City Hall on November 18.
- ◆ Members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff completed MASC online training.

Department Participation

- ◆ The third quarter Greer Recreation Association Board meeting was held on November 1 at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ Parks and Recreation Department staff attended the Opening Celebration at the Center for the Arts on November 3. The opening provided an introduction to our artists in residence, their artwork and tours of the facility. Jim Quick and the Coastline Band provided entertainment in the park on the mobile stage, Greer Relief sold beverages, Greer Cultural Arts Council sold snacks and two food vendors were on site as well. The Needmore After School program participants performed on the auditorium stage at intermission. Three Artists in Residence and three guest artists were present. The art gallery displayed photographs from Artist in Residence, Blaine Owens. The evening was enjoyed by over 300 members of the Greer community.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Tom Petty attended the City of Greer's Veteran's Day Luncheon at the Blue Ridge Brewing Company on November 11.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Justin Miller attended the LiveWell Greenville At Play Workgroup meeting on November 16 with dicussions regarding the group's direction and the Park Hop program.
- ◆ On November 16, Ann Cunningham met with Tom McAbee, Emily Sims and Rose Marie Jordan to discuss the location for the Bankhead Highway Historical Marker.
- ◆ On November 18, members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff attended the City of Greer Safety Committee's luncheon celebrating 400 days without a lost time accident.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham participated in the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Past President's Conference call on November 29.

Department Highlights

- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Mulch mowing of all facilities continued on a rotational schedule.
 - Athletic fields were prepared for practices and fall season games.
 - Winter pruning of trees and shrubs continued at several facilities.
 - Installed Christmas decorations throughout the city and in Greer City Park.
 - Repaired fence on Brushy Creek Road and the roll cart containment structure at Century Park.
 - Cleaned retention pond at South Suber Road Park.
 - Masonry point up work on the upper fountain at Greer City Park was completed.
 - Swing arbors woodwork was completed at Greer City Park; staining of the wood has not been completed.
 - Replaced damaged speaker for the fountain at Greer City Park.
 - New partitions were installed in the restrooms at Greer City Park.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation and Public Services Departments held their annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for staff members on November 17 in the Operations Center warehouse. Mr. Driggers, Elizabeth Adams and members of the Greer Police Department were guests.
- ◆ On November 23 the Rooftop Lights in the downtown Greer area were turned on for the Christmas season.
- ◆ All 2016 fall recreational sports programming was concluded during November.
- ◆ Academy soccer practices and games was facilitated at South Suber Road Park. Two teams will participate in South Carolina Youth Soccer Association State Cup tournaments in December.
- ◆ The youth wrestling program registration was completed with a maximum capacity of 50 participants. This is a record number of participants in the short history of the program. The schedule for duals and tournaments was released the first week in November. Practices are held every Tuesday and Thursday and tournaments are scheduled for Saturdays all over the upstate. Duals are scheduled weekdays in coordination with the Riverside High School matches.

- ◆ Youth basketball registrations were completed with practices every Tuesday and Thursday at the Victor Gym. This is the first year of our youth basketball program. Participants ranging from age 6 – 12 will compete with other municipalities from the area in competitive league play.
- ◆ Robin Byouk, Cory Holtzclaw and Olivia Swalm, Greer Middle College Charter High School intern, attended the Crestview Elementary Family Night on November 14. The City of Greer Parks and Recreation Department's information table was host to several hundred students and their families.
- ◆ The Giving Thanks Student Art Show entries were judged and hung in the art gallery at Greer City Hall. The reception was held at Greer City Hall on November 15 from 5pm-8pm. There were more than 100 students, friends and community members in attendance.
- ◆ 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.
 - Never Alone (20 participants weekly) met every Tuesday evening at the Tryon Recreation Center.
 - The Cutlery Club (20 participants monthly) met on November 1 and the Artifacts Club (15 participants monthly) met on November 28 at the Tryon Recreation Center.
 - The Pickleball Program (30 participants each session) continued on Mondays at the Tryon Recreation Center and Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Victor Gym.
 - The Needmore Recreation Center and the Creative Advancement Afterschool programs continued to meet at the Needmore Recreation Center and the Victor Gym respectively Mondays – Fridays.
 - The Ham Radio Beginner Class (20 participants) concluded at the Victor Gym and plans are underway to start a new beginner and amateur classes in January 2017.
 - The newest program, Whole Fitness, a free community workout continued every Saturday morning at the Victor Gym with an average of 7 participants.
- ◆ The Recreation and Cultural Arts Divisions partnered to provide the opportunity for the Needmore Afterschool students to participate in "Dancing Through the Decades". The event was held at the Center for the Arts on November 17. Erica Trykowski, for her senior project at Greer Middle College Charter High School, worked with the Needmore students twice per week for 2.5 months in preparation for the dance recital. The group danced to songs from each decade beginning in 1900 to present day. This great performance was attended by approximately 50 people from the community.
- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
 - Bingo was held on November 3 and 17 at the Victor Gym with 18 seniors in attendance.
 - Attended Music Sandwiched-In at the Spartanburg County Library on November 2 with 12 seniors in attendance. The group enjoyed the performance of Celloasis and a catered lunch.
 - The Thanksgiving Potluck was held on November 15 celebrating the traditional dinner with 27 members attending.
 - Two line dancing classes were held on November 9 and 30 at the Tryon Recreation Center with 8 seniors in attendance at each session.
 - Movie Day was held on November 21 with the showing of "Who Gets the Dog?".
 - The SOAR Lunch Bunch visited Still Water Grill in Greer on November 29.
 - The average attendance for the month was 15.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted 50 events at which over 4,765 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa tickets went on sale November 7 at Greer City Hall. For the first time ever, all sessions were sold out within the first hour of ticket sales. Just under 500 people will enjoy a hot breakfast and time with Santa on December 3 at the Cannon Centre.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Annual Tree Lighting & Supper with Santa, December 2
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa, December 3 (SOLD OUT)
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Vintage Market in the Park, April 29
- ◆ Moonlight Movies, Thursdays June 1 – July 27
- ◆ Summer Camps, June 5 – August 4
- ◆ Freedom Blast, June 24

Highlighted Projects

- ◆ Century Park Construction (LWCF) – Concession, Pressbox and Restrooms – Waiting Final Walkthrough
- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation – Concrete Pad Completed
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Master Plan – Final Meeting Scheduled 12/15/16
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer – 5 Installed; 12 Racks and 1 Fix-It Station Remaining
- ◆ Top Dressing Sand – City Park & Suber FY 16/17; Infield Clays at Century Completed
- ◆ Playground Equipment (Neighborhood Parks)
- ◆ Trash Containment Area (City Park)
- ◆ Scoreboard Installation – (Century Park) Removed Old Scoreboard Installation of New 3/17
- ◆ Kids Planet Renovations & Woodworking
- ◆ Country Club Maintenance Area Windscreen
- ◆ Batting Cage Nets and Portable Mounds – To Be Ordered By 3/17
- ◆ Removable Bollards Victor Park
- ◆ Pedestrian Bridge
- ◆ Hard Surface Dugout Covers
- ◆ Shade Covers – Ordered To Be Installed 2/17
- ◆ BP Edwards Park Basketball Goals – Old Goals Removed
- ◆ Cannon Centre Bathroom Renovations – Start Up 2/17
- ◆ City Hall Event Hall Chairs
- ◆ Century Park Public Address System – Advertised For Bid 1/17
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Drainage
- ◆ Century Park Gate Painted

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"