

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for

February 2017



Madagascar Cast

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.

Bids

- ◆ Bids were opened on February 10 for the Century Park PA System. Unified AV Systems, Marietta, GA was awarded the job and will begin installation on March 27.

Department Projects

- ◆ The restroom facilities at the Cannon Centre were renovated during the month. Renovations include updating the tile and replacing the countertops, faucets, sinks and mirrors in each restroom. Regional Builders Construction, Taylors, SC began the renovations on February 6 and completed them on February 28.
- ◆ The Cultural Arts Division began preparations for their move to the Center for the Arts with office furniture being installed on February 22.
- ◆ New trash cans for Century Park, Veterans Park and the Center for the Arts were received.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department received confirmation from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) of the PARD Grant available for the Century Park Pedestrian Bridge Project.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Ashlyn Stone and Robbie Davis attended the Southeast Festival and Events Association Conference in Lexington, KY on February 19-22. The conference highlighted subjects on improved sponsorship techniques, event insurance needs and keeping yourself healthy while working in the event world.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the 2017 Programming Summit in Myrtle Beach, SC from February 22-24. Programming staff from around the state attended this conference and sessions on different programs from the Parks and Recreation field.
- ◆ Parks and Recreation department staff completed Blood Borne Pathogen training and all received TB shots.

Department Participation

- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association (SCRPA) Trends Conference in Columbia, SC on February 2-3.
- ◆ Justin Miller led the Wellness Committee in hosting a dodgeball event for employees on February 20 at Victor Gym.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the LiveWell Greenville Leadership Team meeting at the YMCA Metro Office in Greenville, SC on February 22.
- ◆ Robin Byouk was named Chairperson of the Leadership Greer XXXVII Construction Committee. The group project is the revitalization of the playground and recreation areas at the Greer Housing Authority located at 220 Biblebrook Drive, Greer, SC.

Department Highlights

- ◆ Applications were submitted for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Sub-Recipient Funds to support the Needmore Summer Camp and the Senior Computer Classes.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Installed scoreboard posts and power pedestals at Century Park.
 - Installed LED brake lights on equipment trailer.
 - Repaired restrooms at Stevens Field, the Needmore Recreation Center and the Operations Center.
 - Repaired freeze damaged water line to ice machine at the Tryon Tennis Center.
 - Completed annual pond cleaning at Greer City Park.
 - Applied infield clays to home plate and rebuilt mound at Stevens Field.
 - New top surface of poured in place fall safety material was installed at Greer City Park.
 - Prepared athletic fields for practice and games.
 - Winter pruning of trees and shrubs continued at several facilities.
 - Mulch mowing of all facilities continued as needed.
- ◆ Spring sports registration for Greer Baseball Club, girls' softball and Foothills Soccer Club of Greer were completed. All spring sports are at capacity for the season.
- ◆ Youth wrestling was facilitated at Riverside High School on Tuesday/Thursday nights. The wrestling season will conclude the first week in March with state championships.
- ◆ Youth basketball (8U, 10U, 12U) practices were facilitated at the Victor Gym on Tuesday/Thursday nights. Games were played at the Mauldin Sport Center. The teams have completed their regular season and tournament play for the season.
- ◆ Foothills Soccer Club of Greer (FSCG) academy soccer practices and games were facilitated at City Stadium and South Suber Road Park. These teams will participate in statewide league play with the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association (SCYSA). The regular season will run through April and end with the State Cup in early May.
- ◆ Recreational soccer practices were facilitated at South Suber Road Park for U6, U8, U10 and U12 divisions. The teams will begin games in late March.
- ◆ Greer Baseball Club held evaluations at Century Park on February 21 for A & AA divisions and February 23 at Country Club Road Park for Minors and Ozone divisions. Each player was graded on fielding, catching and hitting.
- ◆ Foothills Soccer Club of Greer and Greer Baseball Club conducted draft nights for all teams. Coaches selected players for their teams, discussed rules and schedules for the upcoming season. Participants were rostered for the upcoming camps. This program is a partnership between Greer High School and the Parks and Recreation Department. Both high school football and cheerleading coaches will work alongside a youth coach during the camps.

- ◆ 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) and the Artifacts Club (37 participants) met on one Monday/Tuesday of each month at the Tryon Recreation Center.
 - The Pickleball Program (30 participants each session) continued on Mondays and Wednesday at 6:00pm at Victor Gym.
 - The Needmore Recreation Center (21 participants) and the Creative Advancement (61 participants) afterschool programs continued to meet at the Needmore Recreation Center and the Victor Gym respectively Mondays – Fridays.
 - The Ham Radio Beginner and Amateur Classes continued during the month of February at the Victor Gym.
 - Whole Fitness, a free community workout, continued every Saturday morning at the Victor Gym with an average of 7 participants. The newest program, “Weigh Less to Feed More”, continued through February. This new program is a nutrition, fitness and spiritual study.
 - The second and third Piano Guilds of 2017 were held at the Needmore Recreation Center on February 4 and 25. There will be 5 Piano Guilds hosted this winter and spring.
 - The Needmore Afterschool Garden Club held a winter plant day on February 3. The club planted Cilantro, Broccoli and two types of peas. They will now focus on the winter plants and continue to monitor the garden with watering, weeding and harvesting the crops.

- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
 - Bingo was held on February 2 with 21 seniors in attendance and February 16 with 15 seniors in attendance.
 - Seven seniors attended the monthly Volunteer Day on February 7 at the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville. They baked cookies for the families who are residing there while their children are in the hospital.
 - Two line dancing classes were held on February 8 with 16 seniors in attendance and February 22 with 20 seniors in attendance.
 - The SOAR 2nd Annual Valentine’s Day Party was held on February 10. Lunch was catered from Laurenda’s Restaurant, a Line Dancing Performance from the students in the monthly class and a Line Dancing Lesson was enjoyed by the 63 seniors in attendance.
 - Movie Day was held on February 13 with the showing of Sully with 18 seniors attending.
 - The monthly Potluck took place on February 21 with special guest speaker, Steve Luck, from the Silver Haired Legislature. Mr. Luck shared information with 28 seniors as to how they can become involved with the laws for seniors passed in this state.
 - On February 25, thirteen of the ladies attended a Senior Citizen Pageant presented by the IB Program from Greer High School. The group enjoyed watching seniors from the Greer community display their formal wear and talents during the competition.
 - On February 28 a group of 10 Lunch Bunch participants enjoyed a trip to Dish Out Café in Greenville, SC.
 - The average attendance for the month was 21.

- ◆ The Foothills Philharmonic performed at the Cannon Centre on February 4. There were approximately 300 people in attendance.

- ◆ Greer Cultural Arts Council held a fundraiser on February 11, Princesses and Pancakes, at Fatz Café netting \$1,000 profit.

- ◆ The Greer Children’s Theater cast of Madagascar appeared on Studio 62 on February 20. The production opened on February 24 with performances on February 24-26 and March 3-5. Ticket sales were light for the February performances but the March performances saw approximately 300 per performance.

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 30 events at which over 1,565 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.

- ◆ On February 18, the Events Division hosted its first Greater Greer Bridal Showcase at Greer City Hall. Upstate brides were able to visit with local wedding vendors while the Events Division showcased both City Hall and the Cannon Centre as prime wedding venues.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Summer Camp Registrations (Residents, March 13; Non-Residents, March 20 until capacity is reached)
- ◆ 2017 Juried Art Show Reception, March 24
- ◆ Baseball Opening Day, April 1
- ◆ Eggastic Easter, April 8
- ◆ Youth Football Camp on April 9, 15 and 23
- ◆ International Festival, April 22
- ◆ Vintage Market in the Park, April 29
- ◆ Greer Family Fest, May 5 – 6
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, May 26
- ◆ Moonlight Movies, Thursdays June 1 – July 27
- ◆ Frohawk Creek Scramble Tournament on June 3-4
- ◆ Tunes in the Park, Fridays June 9 – July 21
- ◆ Summer Camps, June 5 – August 4
- ◆ Greer Upper State Tournament on June 10-11
- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesday, June 17 – July 17
- ◆ Dixie Girls District Tournament on June 22-24
- ◆ Freedom Blast, June 24
- ◆ Camp ARK on June 26-30, July 10-14 and July 17-28
- ◆ National Night Out, August 1
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, August 4
- ◆ Friends of Lake Robinson, September 24
- ◆ Railfest, September 30
- ◆ Vintage Market at Greer City Park, October 14
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, October 19
- ◆ Halloween Hoopla, October 27
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa Tickets on Sale, November 4
- ◆ Christmas in Greer Tree Lighting, December 1
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa, December 2
- ◆ Greer Christmas Parade, December 3

Highlighted Projects

- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation – Concrete Pad Completed, Quote Being Obtained for Retaining Wall
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Master Plan – Recommendations Are in Process
- ◆ 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 Park Completed
- ◆ Playground Equipment (Neighborhood Parks)
- ◆ Trash Containment Area (City Park)
- ◆ Scoreboard Installation – (Century Park) Removed Old Scoreboard Installation of New 3/2017
- ◆ Kids Planet Renovations & Woodworking
- ◆ Country Club Maintenance Area Windscreen
- ◆ Removable Bollards Victor Park Received – Installation to be Scheduled
- ◆ Pedestrian Bridge
- ◆ Hard Surface Dugout Covers – Century Park Installation 3/2017
- ◆ Shade Covers – Installation 3/2017
- ◆ City Hall Event Hall Chairs
- ◆ Century Park Public Address System – Installation 3/2017
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Drainage

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