

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for May 2018



Foothills Soccer Club of Greer

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"

Department Highlights

- ◆ On May 2, the Center for the Arts renovation project team (Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, Travis Durham, Brian Wilson and Robin Byouk) evaluated and graded RFQ responses from 7 qualified construction companies. The 4 companies that scored the highest (Hood Construction, Hogan Construction, Sossamon Construction and Harper Construction) were interviewed by our Project Team and SGA Architecture on May 18, and Hogan Construction was selected for recommendation to Greer City Council as the General Contractor for this project.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, Travis Durham and Brian Wilson attended a Downtown Streetscape Meeting with staff from other City Departments and Kimley Horn at Greer City Hall on May 2.
- ◆ Department staff met with Cannon Concessions on May 8 to finalize agreement for the "Snack Shack" at Kids Planet. The concession opened on May 11.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and Ashlyn Stone met with Chad Richardson on May 16 to review policies pertaining to rentals and security fee policies at Greer City Park.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, Travis Durham and Brian Wilson attended a tele-conference with Alta Planning + Design staff to discuss design ideas for Kids Planet on May 23.

Department Participation

- ◆ Department staff:
 - Hosted Leadership Greer on May 1 for Quality of Life at City Park and Kids Planet and collected information from the class to be used in our Kids Planet Master Plan. All Supervisors gave brief presentations on their respective divisions and overall department programs/events/functions. This program ended with a hands-on disc golf demonstration at Century Park. All participants were given a City of Greer Parks and Recreation Department water bottle koozie as a souvenir.
 - Participated in Family Fest by providing a City Tent with general information regarding upcoming programs/events as well as maintaining City Park for food vendors and entertainment.
 - Continued working on budgets for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20

Department Trainings

- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the SCPRT State Trails Advisory Committee meeting on May 22 at the Cayce Tennis Center.
- ◆ Red Watson attended the SCPRT ELM Branch Lunch and Learn at the Cayce Tennis Center on May 24.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the Greenville County Food and Nutrition Services training on May 30. This orientation and training allows our summer camps to participate in the summer lunch program through the school district.

Division Highlights

Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Fertilized City Stadium in early May to promote growth of Bermuda grass after removal of ryegrass overseeding
 - Setup stage in Cannon Centre for Leadership Greer graduation
 - Repaired Veterans Park fountain
 - Repaired picnic tables in Kid's Planet shelters
 - Removed ducklings from storm drain pipe at City Park lower pond
 - Removed hazardous limbs at Century Park lower entrance and within Disc Golf course
 - Prepared Century Park for Upper State baseball tournament
 - Repaired and turned on misters within Kids Planet playground
 - Repaired main water line for concessions, restrooms and irrigation at Century Park
 - Installed new trash cans, set up mobile stage, pruned existing plant material, and installed new landscape plant material at Veterans Park
 - Continued to mow and maintain all city parks, facilities and athletic fields

Athletics:

- ◆ Facilitated academy soccer at South Suber Road Park and Greer City Stadium. FSCG Academy teams compete Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at Greer City Stadium, South Suber Road Park, and various facilities throughout the state and southeast. The teams completed their seasons with State Cup tournaments.
- ◆ Facilitated recreational soccer practices/games at South Suber Road Park for U6, U8, U10, and U12 age divisions. Each team played 10 regular season games. The season was completed on May 14.
- ◆ Facilitated baseball practices at Country Club Road Park, Turner Park, Century Park, and Riverside Middle School. Each team played 10 games and a season ending tournament was held for each age division. All-star teams were rostered for 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U divisions. Due to the number of participants in certain divisions we were required to franchise into two different leagues (Greer National and Greer American)
- ◆ Facilitated Dixie Girls' Softball 8U, 10U, and 12U practices and games at Victor Park. Teams competed against district teams from Woodruff, Byrnes, and Dorman at Victor Park and Tyger River Park. A tournament was held at Byrnes High School for each age division. The 8U tournament championship included a matchup between the Greer Black and the Greer Gold teams. Both teams made it through a 10-team bracket to meet up in the final.
- ◆ Facilitated FSCG Academy soccer tryouts at City Stadium for the 2018-19 season. Tryouts were held for boys and girls, ages 10-18, for 3 nights a week over a three-week period. Teams will compete in the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association league during the fall and spring seasons.
- ◆ Attended a meeting at Mauldin Sports Center on May 3 with representatives from Simpsonville Parks and Recreation, Fountain Inn Parks and Recreation, and Mauldin Parks and Recreation to discuss a fall flag football league. Flag football is a new sport for our department and we will compete in a league with these departments.

Recreation:

- ◆ The outdoor ping pong table was constructed and installed at Victor Park, adding another outdoor recreation opportunity for City of Greer citizens.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended a Park Hop meeting on May 9 with the Livewell Park Hop Committee. Plans regarding the May 19 program start-date were discussed along with play date planning for the summer.
- ◆ Hosted the 2nd of 4 HC50 Community Walk with your Local Official on May 19. Judy Albert was the official who attended and she was co-hosted by staff from Internal Medicine of Greer. A great time was had by all on a 1.5-mile walk through the Sunnyside community.
- ◆ Hosted the 2018 Palmetto Cutlery Knife show on May 4-5 at Tryon Recreation Center. This was the third annual show hosted by the department. Two hundred visitors attended and there was an excellent showing from vendors.
- ◆ The 2018 Senior Computer class which began on April 5 concluded on May 10. A three-week course on Thursdays at City Hall was attended by 40 seniors. This course was instructed by Jim and Kay Young, who teach basic computer functions, general navigation on office programs, and navigation on the internet. The instructors provide 10 brand new laptops for seniors to use with the option to buy at discounted pricing after the program concludes.
- ◆ The Needmore Summer Camp continued accepting applications throughout the month.
- ◆ Continued to facilitate the following programs:
 - Senior Action – Needmore Recreation Center, Mondays-Fridays (200 participants monthly)
 - Piano Performers – Cannon Centre, Mondays (220 participants monthly)
 - Never Alone – Tryon Recreation Center, Tuesdays (80 participants monthly)
 - Cutlery Club – Tryon Recreation Center (20 participants monthly)
 - Artifacts Club – Tryon Recreation Center (74 participants monthly)
 - Pickleball – Victor Gym and Tryon Tennis Courts, Mondays-Thursdays (250 participants monthly)
 - Whole Fitness – Victor Gym (60 participants monthly)
 - Senior Whole Fitness – Victor Gym (20 participants monthly)
 - HAM Radio, Beginner and Intermediate Classes – Victor Gym (104 participants monthly)
 - Creative Advancement After School Program – Victor Gym (280 participants monthly)
 - Needmore After School Program – Needmore Recreation Center (100 participants monthly)
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
 - Four Line Dancing Classes were held this month on May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 with an average attendance of 20 seniors.
 - Attended the Senior Enrichment Day presented by Spartanburg Parks and Recreation on May 8. We had 8 seniors enjoy a day of taking various classes, with free lunch and desserts.
 - Bingo was held on May 3 and May 17 with an average of 19 members in attendance.
 - Watched “The Greatest Showman” for Movie Day on May 21, enjoying popcorn, “circus treats”, and a great movie with 25 seniors
 - Our monthly Potluck Luncheon was held on May 15 with 28 members attending. Our guest speaker was Dr. Tara Bailey from Advanced Hearing Solutions. She gave a presentation about how we actually hear with our brains and not our ears. The seniors enjoyed lots of good food and fellowship.
 - The month was rounded out with a trip to Southern Hills Lavender in Greer. A catered lavender-themed lunch along with shopping and the opportunity to pick our own lavender was enjoyed by 16 seniors.
 - The average attendance for the month was 19.

Cultural Arts:

- ◆ Greer Idol Auditions were held at the Greer Family Fest on Saturday May 5 with 10 people auditioning. Callbacks were held at the Center for the Arts on May 24 and 5 contestants were chosen to participate this year.

- ◆ GCAC provided 12 people dressed as princesses and villains for the Greer Family Fest. They walked around and handed out flyers and parachute soldiers for Freedom Blast as well as helped run a craft booth at the event.
- ◆ Sara Odom hosted a table at the Greer Farmers Market May 19 and 26. The table provided crafts for kids and helped promote upcoming events.
- ◆ The Freedom Blast artwork contest was judged on May 17. The first place artwork will be featured on the Freedom Blast t-shirts. The second place will be turned into a mural for Freedom Blast.

Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 62 events, at which nearly 21,720 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The Greer Farmers Market season kicked off in Greer City Park on May 19. Averaging 35 vendors every Saturday and about 500 guests in attendance, the weekly market will continue through November.
- ◆ Continued planning for Moonlight Movies June 7 – July 26 and Freedom Blast on June 30.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesdays – June-July
- ◆ Moonlight Movies – June 7-July 26 (Thursdays)
- ◆ Needmore & Victor Summer Camps – June 11-August 10
- ◆ Tunes in the Park/Greer Idol – June 15-July 23 (Fridays)
- ◆ Freedom Blast – June 30
- ◆ National Night Out – August 7
- ◆ Camp ARK Performance – August 10-12 and August 17-19
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – August 17
- ◆ Walk With Your Local Elected Official – August 18
- ◆ Railfest – September 15
- ◆ Artisan Makers Market – September 29
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 19
- ◆ Halloween Hoopla – October 27
- ◆ Walk With Your Local Elected Official – November 10
- ◆ Christmas in Greer Tree Lighting – December 7
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa – December 8
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – January 18

Current Projects

- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer – 5 Installed; 12 Racks and Fix-it Stations in Storage Awaiting the City Streetscape Project
- ◆ Center for the Arts Renovation – Phase 2 (Conceptual Design Phase)
- ◆ Kids Planet Master Plan – Alta Planning + Design (Awarded Design Phase)
- ◆ Bankhead Highway Historical Marker for Poinsett and Depot Street Intersection – Received on February 6 – To Be Installed During City Streetscape Project

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.