

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## *Monthly Report for August 2018*



*Seussical Jr. was performed August 10-12 and 17-19 at Cannon Centre.*

### **"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"**

#### **Department Projects**

- ◆ A master list of projects for the upcoming fiscal year was created and reviewed by staff.
- ◆ On Wednesday, August 1, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kids Planet Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting was held in the Conference Room at the Operations Center. The Agenda consisted of Concept Design Presentation, Site Recap, Public Input Results from Seven Workshops and Surveys, Concept Design, Playground Elements, Phasing and Next Steps.
- ◆ Utilities were disconnected and removed from the house at 321 South Suber Road in preparation for demolition, which will allow us to create additional parking for soccer games.
- ◆ Center for the Arts Renovation project update: Designs for the facility and park are in the final stages of completion with the assistance and guidance of our architectural firm, SGA, and Hogan Construction. Guaranteed Maximum Prices will be confirmed by Hogan Construction and the project will be presented to City Council in September. If approved, we anticipate demolition/construction to begin in October.

#### **Bids**

- ◆ Bid specs were prepared for the Victor Gym basketball backboard, rim, and height adjuster project.

#### **Department Participation**

- ◆ Department staff:
  - Partnered with the United Way of Greenville to offer a Back to School Backpack giveaway at Victor Gym on August 18. There were about 150 patrons who attended to collect free book bags and school supplies
  - Hosted and participated in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, in City Park. The event was offered by the Greer Police Department and it was a success in bringing everyone together to celebrate the community.

# Division Highlights

## Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Prepared for and worked the National Night Out event at City Park
  - Planted Lantana at City Hall clerks' office entrance
  - Trimmed shrubs at Needmore Center, Victor Gym, Tryon Tennis Center, and Operations Center
  - Removed bathroom partitions at Suber Road Soccer Complex in preparation for new partition installation
  - Continued to prepare baseball and soccer fields for practice on a daily basis
  - Made plant growth regulator application to City Stadium, Victor Field and Suber Soccer fields 1 and 2

## Athletics:

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Facilitated FSCG Academy summer soccer practices and games at Country Club Road Park and Suber Park.
  - Facilitated youth soccer practices at Suber Park in preparation for upcoming seasonal games beginning in September.
  - Facilitated youth baseball practices at Country Club Park and Century Park. Youth baseball teams will begin league play in early September.
  - Facilitated youth softball practices at Victor Park in preparation for the upcoming seasonal games beginning in September.
  - Facilitated adult baseball games and practices at Stevens Field every day of the week.
  - Hosted postseason Greer Baseball Club board meeting.
  - Facilitated youth flag football practices at Country Club Park. Flag games are set to begin in early September at Country Club Park and various other municipal field sites for 8U, 10U, and 12U divisions. 6U flag division plays only at Country Club Park.
  - Facilitated youth tackle football practices at City Stadium. Youth tackle participants competed in the "Golden Strip Youth Football Jamboree". 8U, 10U, and 12U Greer youth tackle teams completed team and individual picture day then competed in 2 jamboree style scrimmages.
  - Facilitated youth cheer practices at City Stadium. Youth cheerleading squads joined youth football teams for the "Golden Strip Youth Football Jamboree".

## Recreation:

- ◆ Justin attended the Closing Ceremony of the 2018 Park Hop program at Legacy Park in Greenville, SC on August 9. Swag Bag prizes were claimed based on the number of parks patrons who visited during the summer. There were several activities on hand for participants to enjoy. This year there were 1,038 people who registered to participate in the program and 5,517 clues that were answered within the scavenger hunt.
- ◆ Justin also led the 3rd Healthy Community 50 walk in partnership with Mary Black Foundation on August 18. There were 18 participants including Mayor Danner, Councilman Griffin, Councilwoman Albert, and City Administrator Ed Driggers. The walk focused on the Victor Community and incorporated the old mill site, Veterans Park, and Victor Park.
- ◆ Summer Camps concluded at Victor Gym and the Needmore Recreation Center. Field trips, games, crafts, and plenty of fun were had over the last three months at our summer camps! Each camp concluded with a party, DJ, and photo booth.
- ◆ The annual report and reimbursement request for the Needmore Summer Camp grant was completed and submitted to Greenville County Redevelopment Authority.

- ◆ 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)
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
  - Four Line Dance Classes were held this month on August 1, 15, 22, and 29 with an average attendance of 26 seniors.
  - Bingo was held on August 2 and 16 with an average of 19 members in attendance.
  - The monthly “Brown Bag Learning Series” was held on August 7. This month’s speaker was Kerri Stewart, a Registered Dietitian with Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System. She gave information to 10 seniors on better food choices and things we can do for a healthier lifestyle.
  - The Lunch Bunch went to Corona’s Mexican Restaurant on August 14, and 13 members enjoyed a delicious meal.
  - A SOAR Summer Potluck was held August 18. There were 23 seniors in attendance for this time of fellowship
  - SOAR Movie Day on August 27 featured the movie “Chappaquiddick”. There were 23 seniors in attendance that day.
  - The month concluded with a fun day trip to Spartanburg. The day began with breakfast at Mon Amie Morning Café. After a delicious meal, members did some shopping at the Vintage Warehouse. There were 15 seniors in attendance to enjoy this fun-filled day.
  - The average attendance for the month was 21.

### Cultural Arts:

- ◆ The Carolina Coast Band performed August 3 as part of the Tunes in the Park concert series. The weather was rainy, so the event was held inside Greer City Hall. The Greer Idol 2018 winner was Tim Morgan.
- ◆ The Arts Division did superhero-themed face painting at National Night Out on August 7.
- ◆ The Greer Children’s Theatre held its annual free theatrical production at the Cannon Centre on August 10, 11, 12 and 17, 18, 19. The advanced camp performed Seussical Jr. to crowds of over 200 at each performance.
- ◆ The Greer Children’s Theatre held auditions for Annie at the Tryon Recreation Center on August 13 and 15. The parent meeting and rehearsals began on August 20.
- ◆ Sara and Robin attended GCCA’s first Arts Flea Market on August 25.
- ◆ GCAC is continuing to recruit new board members, meeting with several community leaders and organizations.
- ◆ The GCAC student board met and voted in nine new board members for the upcoming school year.

## Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 77 events, at which 9,057 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The City of Greer Parks and Recreation Department assisted in the National Night Out event held at Greer City Hall on August 7. The Community was invited to come to the park to learn about City Services and spend time with our Greer PD. About 1,000 guests came out to enjoy free pictures in the Greer PD Cardboard Car, free inflatables, and many fun giveaways.
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout continues to be a great event with over 1000 guests coming to the park on August 17 to enjoy live music and chose foods from 6 different local food trucks.
- ◆ The Events Division is in the process of planning Railfest on September 15 from 10am-2pm as well as the Artisan Makers Market taking place on October 13 from 9:00am-2:00pm at Greer City Park.
- ◆ The Greer Farmers Market will continue on Saturdays throughout November with assistance from the Events Division. The weekly market averages 20 vendors every Saturday and about 500 guests in attendance.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Artisan Makers Market – October 13
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 19
- ◆ Halloween Hoopla – October 27
- ◆ Annie – November 9-11; November 19-21
- ◆ Walk With Your Local Elected Official – November 10
- ◆ Giving Thanks Art Show – November 13
- ◆ 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
- ◆ HVAC at Victor Gym
- ◆ Highway 29 banners
- ◆ Renovation of the front office at the Operations Center
- ◆ Demolition of the Suber Road brick house

*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.*