

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for September 2018



Flag football games began in early September. This is the City of Greer's first season offering flag football.

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"

Department Projects

- ◆ The Master Plan for Kids Planet was presented to Greer City Council on September 11 by Alta Planning + Design.
- ◆ Renderings and floor plans were presented to Greer City Council on September 11 by SGA Architecture, followed by a request to enter into a contract for construction with Hogan Construction for the renovation at the Center for the Arts. City Council approved the renovations and a contract was initiated with Hogan Construction.
- ◆ New doors and programmable locks with timers were installed in the outdoor restrooms at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- ◆ A contract was signed with Bluewater Civil Design to create the grading and sitework construction documents for Kids Planet.

Bids

- ◆ Solicitation for Bids was advertised for the Victor Gym Basketball Backboards, Rim, and Height Adjuster project.

Department Participation

- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and Cory Holtzclaw attended the First Friday Lunch at Greer City Hall on September 7 for the introduction of Leadership Greer Class 39, which David Holtzclaw is a participant.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Staff completed KnowB4You Phish training and MASC online quarterly training.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the ICMA Coaching Webinar at Greer City Hall on September 20.
- ◆ On September 21, Red Watson participated in a phone conference for the fiscal briefing of the RTP Grant that will fund the trail at the Center for the Arts.

Division Highlights

Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Prepared fields for the start of flag football.
 - Painted soccer fields at South Suber Road Park for the start of games.
 - Continued preparing Stevens Field daily for adult baseball games.
 - Prepared equipment and other items for sale on GovDeals.
 - Maintained City Park, neighborhood parks, athletics facilities, and recreation facilities.
 - Applied final application of growth regulator to South Suber Road Park soccer field and City Stadium.
 - Overseeded, topdressed, and fertilized City Stadium and South Suber Road Park soccer fields with perennial ryegrass in preparation for Fall/Winter soccer at these sites.
 - Installed landscaping at Stevens Field and Century Park pedestrian bridge.

Athletics:

- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Facilitated FSCG Academy soccer practices and games at Country Club Road Park and South Suber Road Park. The academy teams play throughout the state and games take place from August through mid-November.
 - Facilitated youth soccer practices and games at South Suber Road Park. Teams began games in September and will continue through October.
 - Facilitated adult baseball games and practices at Stevens Field, Monday-Friday nights. The adult baseball season was completed in September with a post season tournament.
 - Facilitated youth baseball practices at Country Club Road Park and Century Park. League play began in September and will continue through October.
 - Facilitated youth softball practices and games at Victor Park. The fall season started in September at Victor Park and Tyger River Park with games and will continue through October.
 - Facilitated youth flag football practices at Country Club Road Park. Flag games began in early September at Country Club Park and various other municipal field sites for 8U, 10U, and 12U divisions. The 6U flag division plays only at Country Club Road Park.
 - Facilitated youth tackle football practices at Greer City Stadium. Youth tackle teams compete in the "Golden Strip Youth Football League", along with teams from Mauldin Parks and Recreation, Simpsonville Parks and Recreation, and Fountain Inn Parks and Recreation. Games began in September and will continue through October at Greer City Stadium and other municipal field sites.
 - Facilitated youth cheer practices at City Stadium. Youth cheerleading squads joined youth football teams for the "Golden Strip Youth Football Jamboree".

Recreation:

- ◆ Justin Miller staffed the Wellness Committee table at the Annual benefits fair on September 13. Fair goers participated in a challenge to win great prizes. Participants were also given information on the new wellness library and info on upcoming wellness events.
- ◆ The Recreation Division 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)
 - Line Dance Classes were held on September 12, 19, and 26 this month with an average attendance of 26 seniors.
 - Bingo was held on September 6 and 20 with an average of 20 members in attendance.
 - The monthly Lunch Bunch trip on September 7 took 25 members to Lakeview Steakhouse in Greer to enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship.
 - On September 10, the movie "Book Club" was shown for SOAR Movie Day. There were 22 seniors in attendance.
 - On September 13, breakfast at Mon Amie Morning Café and shopping at the Vintage Warehouse, both in Spartanburg, were enjoyed by 11 seniors.
 - The "Brown Bag Learning Series" was held on September 18 with 20 seniors in attendance. This month's speaker was Jo Ann DiFedele, Associate Professor from Greenville Technical College. She gave a presentation on Natural/Alternative Healthcare.
 - The average attendance for the month was 21.

Cultural Arts:

- ◆ The artwork in the Wall Gallery was changed to railroad photos by Tom Watkins, a Greer native.
- ◆ The Greer Children's Theater bought the Beauty and Beast costumes from Chapman High School for their production next year. They are being stored at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- ◆ GCT's production of Annie rehearsed at the Tryon Recreation Center on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
- ◆ On September 8, GCAC held their first retreat at the Center for the Arts. They redefined their mission statement, developed a plan for recruiting new members, and discussed their future growth.
- ◆ GCAC is sponsoring the Upstate Men's Choir, who will be performing at the Cannon Center on November 11. Tickets and artwork have been created for the event.
- ◆ An open call for artwork for County Bank was held in downtown Greer. County Bank was pleased with the number of pieces and variety of artwork they received. They will be purchasing some of the artwork to hang in their Greer location.

Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 61 events, at which 7,256 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ Railfest was held on September 15 from 10am-2pm with over 1,000 people in attendance. This festival included information on train safety and history, performances from Cannonball Paul and Bookworm Bonnie, trackless train rides, and kids' crafts. Over 8 railroad and model train groups were in attendance providing information about their organizations.
- ◆ 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

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Lion King Jr. Auditions – November 26 and 29
- ◆ 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.