

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for December 2018



The City of Greer Christmas Tree Lighting was held on December 7 in Greer City Park.

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"

Department Projects

- ◆ Justin Miller and David Holtzclaw painted permanent pickleball court lines on the newly refinished Victor Gym floor. This will allow the department to save time and money on putting down tape lines for the court. This will also add a safer surface for play.
- ◆ S.H. Carter completed demolition of the brick house on Suber Road took place on December 5. Tree removal quotes were obtained and work is scheduled for February.
- ◆ On December 6, the Recreation Department project team met and evaluated proposals for Kids Planet Playground Equipment. The project team will narrow the list of proposals from eight to four, then meet with the steering committee to select one proposal for recommendation.
- ◆ A construction meeting for Center for the Arts was held on December 13. Site grading and roof work has started.
- ◆ Offices and rooms in the front of the Operations Center were painted. Carpet is scheduled to be finalized in January.

Department Participation

- ◆ Staff from Finance, Human Resources, and Parks and Recreation met on December 12 to discuss the feasibility of the Athletics Division using a new software called Silbo to assign sports officials to their games.
- ◆ On December 17, Travis Durham and Red Watson met with staff from Finance and I.T. to discuss upgrading Grounds Maintenance staff's cell phones and plans. The upgrades should result in approximately \$50 per month in savings.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw attended the SCRPA Athletics Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC. The conference was a two day event discussing the current trends/topics within youth and adult sports.
- ◆ Staff completed quarterly MASC online training.

Division Highlights

- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department held their annual Christmas luncheon at the Cannon Centre on December 14. Mr. Driggers was in attendance.

Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Prepared Century Park for a kickball tournament
 - Prepared Country Club for state soccer games
 - Removed louver motors and installed insulation panels at Victor Gym
 - Installed stickers and marked new cones for use throughout the City Park system
 - Winterized all facilities that do not have heaters in restrooms and concession stand rooms
 - Cleared sidewalks and steps of snow and ice at City Hall, City Park, Police and Courts, the Fire Department, recreation facilities, and the Operations Center
 - Cleared downed trees at Tryon Tennis Center caused by the snow event
 - Removed wax myrtles at Victor Gym that were damaged during the snow event
 - Removed the batting cages at Victor softball field that were damaged during the snow event

Athletics:

- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Facilitated youth basketball practices at Victor Gym Monday through Saturday. Games will begin in January with each team playing 8 games. The 8U division will play games at Victor Gym on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. The 10U and 12U divisions will play at Victor Gym and the Mauldin Sports Center on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights.
 - Facilitated youth wrestling practices at Riverside High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Wrestlers will compete in local tournaments around the Upstate as well as compete in duals at Victor Gym in January, February, and March.
- ◆ All other sites for outside play are currently shut down for the winter until evaluations, coach training, and spring practices begin.
- ◆ Spring registration for Greer Baseball Club, Girls' Softball, and Foothills Soccer Club of Greer began on December 31 for city residents and will begin on January 7 for non-residents. Registration will run through January 31. We will hold one week in February as our last call for all spring sports programming.

Recreation:

- ◆ Piano Performers Christmas Recital was held at the Cannon Centre on December 17 and 18. Over 100 people attended the event to support the students performing Christmas selections.
- ◆ Ham Radio concluded their classes in December and plan to begin new classes at the first of January. They will also be introducing a Morse code class in 2019. The YouTube channel continued to have tons of traffic in December. Their channel currently has 1,867 subscribers, and it averages about 5 new subscribers each day. Based on YouTube analytics, total watch time over the past 28 days has been 16,414 views and 268,639 minutes. These online viewers have also left pages of reviews thanking our instructors for their time and for posting these unique, hard to find classes online. Since the channel was created, there have been a total of 119,068 views. These numbers continue to grow and show the impact this program is making on the global scene.
- ◆ 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, Tuesdays and Thursdays (250 participants monthly)
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
 - There was one Line Dance Class this month, which was held on December 5 with 25 seniors in attendance.
 - Bingo was held on December 6 with 18 members in attendance.
 - The annual Christmas Potluck was held on December 8. Members enjoyed appetizers and desserts prepared by SOAR members. There was also a gift exchange. There were 30 seniors in attendance.

- The Line Dancing Christmas Party took place on December 12. Dancing, food, and an ornament exchange were enjoyed by 25 members.
- A Tacky Sweater Bingo Party was held on December 20. Seniors wore their "Tackiest Sweaters" and participated in a contest with prizes for the winners. They also played "White Elephant" with Christmas presents the seniors brought. There were 20 seniors in attendance.
- The average attendance for the month was 24.

Cultural Arts:

- ◆ The Greer Children's Theatre held callbacks for the Lion King Jr. on December 3. Two parent/cast meetings for the Lion King Jr. were held at the Tryon Recreation Center on December 4 and 13.
- ◆ GCAC donated 400 prom dresses to Miracle Hill after the conclusion of the Prom Dress Sale on December 12.
- ◆ Sara Odom, Robin Byouk, and the GCAC intern, Taylor Belue, made Christmas cards with the Needmore Afterschool program on December 13.
- ◆ The Arts Division worked on spring/summer programming.

Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 51 events, at which 8,504 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony took place on December 7. The Cultural Arts division coordinated the entertainment, including the main stage and strolling carolers. The Greer Cultural Arts Council provided face painting volunteers for the event. Beautiful weather brought in over 2,000 guests to the park and throughout downtown to join in the festivities.
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa took place on December 8. With the help of 30+ volunteers, all 3 sessions of breakfast went perfectly. Over 600 parents and children attended this event.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – January 18
- ◆ Lion King Jr Performances – March 1-3, March 8-10
- ◆ Baseball Opening Ceremonies – March 29
- ◆ Eggstastic Easter Event – April 13
- ◆ International Festival – April 27
- ◆ Juried Arts Show – May 9
- ◆ Freedom Blast – June 29
- ◆ Railfest – September 28

Current Projects

- ◆ Center for the Arts Renovation
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer – 5 Installed; 12 Racks and Fix-it Stations in Storage Awaiting the 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.