

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for January 2019



Councilman Wayne Griffin and Justin Miller presented Pastor Kelly Williams and Apostle Gerald Williams with Samaritan Awards at the 17th Annual MLK Jr. Celebration Luncheon on January 21.

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"

Department Projects

- ◆ Carpet was installed in the Operations Center conference room on January 14 and 15.
- ◆ On January 15, the Recreation Department project team met and narrowed the list of proposals to 2 for the Kids Planet playground equipment. A meeting will be scheduled in March with the Project Steering Committee to select a single proposal for recommendation.
- ◆ A pre-construction meeting for repairs to the Cannon Centre was held on January 15.
- ◆ On January 29, Ann Cunningham met with Donna Yarborough, President of Greer Council of Garden Clubs, regarding the Nancy Welch Monarch Butterfly Garden at Greer City Park.
- ◆ Bi-weekly construction meetings were held on site at the Center for the Arts. Department staff also met with Unified Technology Systems on January 29 to discuss the AV system for the new facility.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson met with Ruthie Helms and Steve Grant to review the construction of an ADA sidewalk connecting the pedestrian bridge and parking lot at Century Park.
- ◆ Contracts for PARD Grants were received for the Turner Field accessible parking area and the Victor Park outdoor restroom building.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Justin Miller, and Red Watson worked on maps illustrating recommended pathways for cost estimates from the Downtown Walking and Bicycling Master Plan.

Department Participation

- ◆ Staff attended the Streetscape Groundbreaking Ceremony on January 15 at The Davenport in Greer.
- ◆ The first quarter Greer Recreation Association Board meeting was held on January 24 at City Hall. Ann Cunningham introduced the new trustee, Jason Bridwell (District 6), to the board.
- ◆ Throughout the month, department staff worked on the 2019 Annual Presentation.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Justin Miller completed another 2-year certification to remain an instructor in CPR, First Aid, and AED for the Recreation Department.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the SCRPA Southern Leisure & Management Trends Institute in Columbia, SC on January 31 and February 1.
- ◆ Several staff members attended Ambassador Driver Training.

Division Highlights

- ◆ The Ambassador Program began offering rides to downtown patrons on January 15. The 3 electric vehicles will transport patrons from designated parking lots to the downtown area during the Streetscapes project.
- ◆ On January 17, Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, and Justin Miller met with Lucas Croft at Century Park about the possibility of hosting the Disc Dog World Qualifying Event on Memorial Day weekend.

Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Carolina Parks and Play installed a new climber block and surfacing at City Park playground.
- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Moved all furniture and cabinets out of OC offices for carpet and paint.
 - Began removing Christmas decorations from City Park and highway poles.
 - Prepared the grounds offices for painting and carpet installation.
 - Made adjustments to basketball goals at Victor Gym.
 - Completed the cleaning of the City Park pond.
 - Continued preparing and maintaining South Suber Road Soccer Complex and City Stadium for soccer practices and upcoming games.
 - Began preparing baseball and softball athletic facilities for the upcoming sports season.

Athletics:

- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Facilitated youth basketball practices at Victor Gym. The 8U division played games at Victor Gym on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. The 10U and 12U divisions played games at Victor Gym and the Mauldin Sports Center on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. The season will conclude in February.
 - Facilitated youth wrestling practices at Riverside High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Wrestlers competed in local tournaments beginning in January around the Upstate. Tomahawk Youth Wrestling hosted a duel with Boiling Springs and Mauldin at Victor Gym on January 26. The season will conclude on February 9 when Boiling Springs and Dorman visit Victor Gym for another duel.
 - Facilitated Academy Soccer practices/games at Greer City Stadium and Country Club Road Park for the 2019 spring season. There are 3 spring Academy teams that will compete in SCYSA games throughout the state. The season will continue through early May.
 - Hosted FSCG Board meeting on January 3 to review the fall season and preview the upcoming spring season.
- ◆ Spring registration for Greer Baseball Club, Girls' Softball, and Foothills Soccer Club of Greer took place for city residents and non-residents throughout the month. One week in February is being held as the last call for all spring sports programming.

Recreation:

- ◆ Ham Radio began new classes to start the year, and the instructors also introduced a Morse code class. There were 8-12 participants in this class in January.
- ◆ The Recreation Division also hosted the 17th Annual Dr. MLK Jr. Celebration Luncheon on January 21 at City Hall. Mayor Danner was the keynote speaker and the Sullivan Family provided entertainment. The 2019 Samaritan Award winners were Ernestine Whittenberg, Apostle Gerald Williams, and Pastor Kelly Williams. Another sellout crowd of 350 people enjoyed a great program.
- ◆ 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)
 - SOAR had 4 Line Dance Classes this month on January 9, 16, 23, and 30 with an average of 34 seniors in attendance.
 - On January 10 a delicious lunch and 2 hours of bowling was enjoyed by 6 seniors at Spare Time in Greenville.
 - Movie Day was held on January 14. This month's movie was the romantic comedy "Dog Days". There were 15 seniors in attendance for this fun movie.
 - Bingo was held on January 3, 17, and 31 with an average of 14 SOAR members in attendance.
 - On January 25, a tour of the BMW Manufacturing Plant was attended by 25 seniors who had a great time learning the process of how these cars are manufactured every day in Greer.
 - Lunch Bunch was held on January 29 at the new Greer restaurant Select. There were 19 SOAR members in attendance to enjoy great food and fellowship.
 - The average attendance for the month was 19.

Cultural Arts:

- ◆ The Greer Children's Theatre started rehearsals for Lion King Jr at the Tryon Recreation Center every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Promotional videos have been filmed to promote Lion King Jr on social media. The performances will be in March.
- ◆ Robin Byouk attended the Junior Theatre Festival in Atlanta on January 18-20. Over 5,000 children, teachers, and directors attended. There were performances, instructional classes, and informational sessions.
- ◆ The Arts Division worked on preparations for upcoming spring and summer activities including artwork and logistics.
- ◆ Robin Byouk made a presentation at the NGU Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, which is a sorority of Higher Levels Educators. The presentation included all of the upcoming arts projects, renovation of the Center for the Arts, and the Greer Children's Theatre.

Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 41 events, at which 3,915 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The first Food Truck Rollout of 2019 was hosted on January 18, with 4 food trucks serving approximately 1,000 guests as they stood around fire pits enjoying the park.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Black History Essay Contest – February (City Hall)
- ◆ Greater Greer Bridal Showcase – February 9 (City Hall & Cannon Centre)
- ◆ Foothills Philharmonic – February 9 (Cannon Centre)
- ◆ Lion King Jr Performances – March 1-3, March 8-10 (Cannon Centre)
- ◆ Baseball Opening Ceremonies – March 29 (Century Park)
- ◆ CenterG Juried Art Show – March 29 (City Hall)
- ◆ Eggstastic Easter Event – April 13 (Century Park)
- ◆ International Festival – April 27 (City Park)
- ◆ Family Fest May 3-4 (Downtown)
- ◆ Juried Arts Show – May 9 (City Hall)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout _ May 17 (City Park)
- ◆ Moonlight Movies – June 6 – August 1 (City Park Amphitheater)
- ◆ Tunes in the Park & Greer Idol – June 14 – July 26 (City Park Amphitheater)
- ◆ Freedom Blast – June 29 (City Park)
- ◆ Camp Ark 2019 (Tryon Recreation Center)
 - Beginner Camps (Art & Theater Camp)
 - 6/24 – 27 (Princesses + Pirates)
 - 7/8-11 (The Great 3 Ring Circus)
 - Advanced Camp (Musical Theater Camp)
 - 8/9-11 & 8/16-18 (Willy Wonka Jr)
- ◆ Beauty and the Beast – August 8-10, August 15-17 (J. Harley Bonds Center)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – August 17 (City Park)
- ◆ Railfest – September 28 (City Park)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 18 (City Park)
- ◆ Artisan Makers Market – October 19 (City Park)
- ◆ Tree Lighting – December 6 (City Park)
 - Supper with Santa (Cannon Centre)
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa – December 7 (Cannon Centre)
- ◆ Christmas Parade – December 8 (Downtown)

Current Projects

- ◆ Center for the Arts Renovation
- ◆ Kids Planet Playground Renovation
- ◆ Streetscapes Ambassador Program
- ◆ Suber Road Parking Area
- ◆ Tryon Recreation Center Outdoor Restroom Renovation
- ◆ Century Park Accessible Pathway and Curbing
- ◆ Turner Field and Victor Park Restroom Facilities
- ◆ Turner Field Accessible Parking Area
- ◆ Country Club Road Park Shade Structures

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.