

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## *Monthly Report for April 2019*



*The 6th Annual Greer Goes Global: International Festival was held April 17 in Greer City Park.*

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

### Department Projects

- ◆ Summer Camp Counselor interviews for returning and new hire candidates continued through the month of April. The Recreation Division will have 10 spots to fill for the summer camp programs.
- ◆ Bi-weekly construction meetings continued to be held on site at the Center for the Arts. Attendees included staff from the Parks and Recreation Department, IT Department, Public Services, Hogan Construction, and SGA Architecture. The facility remains on schedule to begin occupancy in mid-June and the park in mid-July. A Grand Opening is planned for the fall.
- ◆ Quotes were obtained from contractors for tile cleaning and restoration at the Operations Center and Victor Gym.
- ◆ Red Watson met with Mike McNabb of Bluewater Civil Design to evaluate the lot at Suber Road identified for future parking. It was determined a site plan and survey will be needed to turn the parcel into a gravel parking lot.

### Department Participation

- ◆ Throughout the month of April, the department participated in Project Pinwheel in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Pinwheels were placed in landscaped beds at City Hall, Needmore Recreation Center, Victor Gym, and Kids Planet at Century Park.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, and Robin Byouk met with students from Sevier Middle School about a potential "Kindness Project" at one of our parks.
- ◆ On April 4, Ann Cunningham participated in the Transportation Element Steering Committee Meeting at City Hall. The City of Greer hired a transportation planning consultant, Frank Curti with Mustang Consulting, LLC, to assist in the preparation of the transportation element contained in the Comprehensive Plan. This was a goal setting and information gathering session.
- ◆ On April 10, Ann Cunningham and Travis Durham met with Justin Pitts, NGU Walt Brazier Campus, to discuss possible park ideas for their campus.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department held its quarterly meeting of the Recreation Association Board on Thursday, April 25, at Greer City Hall. Due to scheduling conflicts of several of the Trustees, a quorum was not held. Voting will be deferred to the July meeting.
- ◆ Department staff members are reviewing budgets for FY 19-20.

## Department Trainings

- ◆ Red Watson, Cory Holtzclaw, David Holtzclaw, Justin Miller, Sarah Chapman, and Sally Wise participated in Edmonds Financial Software training at City Hall on April 17.

## Division Highlights

### Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Prepared Century Park ball fields for a Mungo Homes kickball tournament on April 2.
  - Removed the insulation panels on Victor Gym louvers and installed the louver motors for the season.
  - Began the process of ryegrass removal at South Suber Road Soccer Complex.
  - Applied fertilizer and fire ant control at City Stadium and Victor Softball Field.
  - Applied fire ant control to Century Park fields 2 and 3.
  - Repaired irrigation at Veterans Park.
  - Vertical-sliced and topdressed Greer City Park turf areas.
  - Rescued ducklings from Greer City Park storm water drains on two occasions.
  - Installed annual flowers in Greer City Park promenade bed.
  - Coordinated the replacement of the Greer City Park pond aerator.
  - Continued to prepare all baseball and softball fields for games and maintain all neighborhood parks and recreation facilities.

### Athletics:

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Facilitated spring baseball practices and games at Century Park, Country Club Road Park, H. R. Turner Park, Riverside Middle School, and Stevens Field. Age divisions for the spring season include 4U, 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U. Games will continue through early May and conclude with a postseason tournament.
  - Facilitated girls' softball practices and games at Victor Park. Age divisions for the spring are 8U, 10U, and 12U. Games will continue through early May and conclude with a postseason tournament.
  - Facilitated Academy Soccer practices and games at Greer City Stadium and Country Club Road Park for the 2019 spring season. There are three spring academy teams that will compete in South Carolina Youth Soccer Association games throughout the state. The season will continue through early May.
  - Facilitated youth soccer practices and games at South Suber Road Soccer Complex. Age divisions include U6, U8, U10, and U12. Games will continue play through mid-May.

### Recreation:

- ◆ The Recreation Division hosted the April 10 Park Hop meeting to discuss the 2019 summer program and the registration process that will be underway this month. Scavenger hunt clues will go live on the official kickoff day, May 18.
- ◆ The 2019 Eggstastic Easter event was held at Century Park on April 13 and hosted a record crowd! Over 2,200 people enjoyed the egg hunts, field games, crafts, face painting by GCAC, and inflatables.
- ◆ The annual Senior Computer class concluded at City Hall April 30, with 40 seniors completing the three-week course in basic computer functions, navigation, and internet usage.
- ◆ 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)

- Ham Radio Classes – Victor Gym (40 participants monthly)
- Morse Code Classes – Victor Gym (48 participants monthly)
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
  - SOAR offered four Line Dance Classes this month on April 3, 10, 17, and 24 with an average of 29 seniors in attendance.
  - Bingo was held on April 4 and 18 with an average of 17 members in attendance.
  - Lunch Bunch this month was held on April 11 at Maple Street Biscuit Company. There were 20 seniors in attendance to enjoy great food and fellowship.
  - On April 16 a group of 14 seniors participated in an Easter craft making bunnies in a flower pot for the holiday.
  - The monthly Movie Day was held on April 29. This month's movie was the drama, "Green Book", with 20 members in attendance that day.
  - The average attendance for the month was 21.

### Cultural Arts:

- ◆ Robin Byouk took the former artists in residence for a tour of the Center for the Arts, 3 of whom will be returning after the new facility opens.
- ◆ Robin Byouk gave individual tours of the Center for the Arts to Katie Howell of Greer Development Corporation, David Merhib, the new Greater Greer Chamber president, Sharon Murray with the Spinning Jenny, and Evan Duke with the Foothills Philharmonic.
- ◆ On April 28, Robin Byouk and Sara Odom traveled to Lake City, SC, for the Art Fields exhibit. The entire town hosts art in their businesses, and large installations of art were showcased in a warehouse.
- ◆ Robin Byouk attended the Senior Showcase for the GCAC intern from Greer Middle College.
- ◆ Robin Byouk applied for the 2019 Accommodations Tax Grant for Marketing the Arts.

### Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 67 events, at which nearly 10,100 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 6th annual Greer Goes Global: International Festival on April 27 with over 4,000 guests in attendance. The festival featured country booths, sports, entertainment, and food from over 26 different countries.
- ◆ The Events Division Ambassador Greer Station Shuttles picked up a total of 608 people this month.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 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
- ◆ South Suber Road Parking Area
- ◆ H. R. Turner Field and Victor Park Restroom Facilities
- ◆ H. R. 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.*