

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for July 2019



*Greer Recreation's 6U All-Star team won the Dixie Youth South Carolina State Championship.*

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

### Department Projects

- ◆ Center for the Arts:
  - Bi-weekly construction meetings were held.
  - Training on items such as irrigation and HVAC were conducted on July 17.
  - Staff attended a pre-bid meeting for window blinds on July 30.
  - On July 31, Ann Cunningham and Robin Byouk met with Angela Rodriguez of the Greenville News to highlight the new facility.
  - The playground is being installed and will be open to the public by mid-September.
  - Purchase requisitions were generated for FF&E items.
  - Sod installation, building painting, and landscaping are nearing completion
- ◆ Kids Planet:
  - Red Watson conducted media interviews for the upcoming renovation.
  - On July 11, a meeting was held with Robert Roux and Brandy Blake of the City's Building & Development Standards Department to discuss next steps and permitting. Plans will be submitted for review and it will be placed on the PAC meeting agenda for August 8.
  - Pour in Place colors were selected and a design review meeting was held on July 26 with the playground equipment provider, the Civil Engineer, and the project team from the Recreation Department.
- ◆ Dates were scheduled for the cleaning of office and restroom tile at the Operations Center, and epoxy coating of restroom tile at Victor Gym.
- ◆ An EV Shuttle Program review meeting was held on July 29 at Greer City Hall with Mr. Driggers, Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, and Robbie Davis.
- ◆ The entrance sign to Victor Park and Gym was removed for repair and painting.
- ◆ A pre-bid meeting was held for Victor Gym's HVAC project on July 30.
- ◆ All 15 mobile and facility AEDs were inspected on July 31 as part of the Fire Department's annual inspections.

## Department Trainings

- ◆ Department employees attended NAMI training in July.

## Division Highlights

### Athletics:

- ◆ Cheer for Greer hosted a preseason cheer camp at Pelham Baptist Gym. The camp is a week-long introduction to cheerleading, which is run completely by our volunteers.
- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Completed fall sports registration for Greer Baseball Club, Girls' Softball, and Foothills Soccer Club of Greer. Practices for these fall sports will begin in August.
  - Facilitated All-Star baseball practices at Century Park and Country Club Road Park. Greer Baseball Club had All-Star teams in 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U age divisions. These teams competed in Dixie Youth State Tournaments throughout the state in July as District 1 Champions. The 6U All-Star team competed in Columbia and won the Dixie Youth South Carolina State Championship. This was the first ever Dixie Youth Baseball State Championship for Greer Parks and Recreation. The 8U National team played in Dillon finishing 8th, the 10U National team played in Anderson finishing 10th, and the 12U team played in Bluffton finishing 6th.
  - Facilitated summer training for the FSCG academy fall soccer teams at Country Club Road Park on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights in July in preparation for the upcoming season.
  - Hosted a flag football coaches meeting on July 18 to discuss the upcoming season and complete team rosters. Practices will begin in August at Country Club Road Park.
  - Facilitated youth tackle football conditioning for 8U and 10U age divisions at Century Park on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. Practices for these teams will begin on August 1 at Greer City Stadium.

### Recreation:

- ◆ Interviews were held for a Recreation Leader position available at the Needmore Recreation Center.
- ◆ Questionnaires were sent out to 18 candidates for a new full time Recreation Coordinator position.
- ◆ The 2019 Summer Camps continued in July. Approximately 125 kids per day participate in an 8-week camp at Victor Park and the Needmore Community Center with tons of field trips, activities, games, and crafts.
- ◆ The Recreation Division continued to facilitate the following programs:
  - Senior Action – Needmore Recreation Center, Mondays-Fridays (200 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)
  - On July 9, members met at Victor Gym and had delicious snowcones from Pinguinos Hermanos. There were 10 seniors in attendance for this fun outing.
  - SOAR had four Line Dance Classes this month on July 10, 17, 24, and 31 with an average of 29 seniors in attendance.
  - The monthly Movie Day was held on July 15. This month's movie was the drama, "The Professor and the Madman". There were 28 seniors in attendance to watch this wonderful movie.
  - Bingo was held on July 18 and 23 with an average of 24 members in attendance.
  - On July 26, a group of 16 members visited the Greer Heritage Museum. A great time was had by all while learning about Greer's rich history. After the museum visit, the group had a delicious lunch at Ira's Chicken.
  - Lunch Bunch this month was held on July 30 at Kustom Krust. There were 26 seniors in attendance to enjoy great pizza and fellowship.
  - The average attendance for the month was 22.

## Cultural Arts:

- ◆ Robin Byouk conducted tours of the Center for the Arts with Crescom Bank's April Staggs, Jim Boyd, and Mindy Calvert, Citizens' Building and Loan's Jennifer Jones, Carlos Bulnes Metal Art, and Tom Ebetino and Truman Henderson.
- ◆ Jennifer Mills's artwork was hung in the Wall Gallery at City Hall.
- ◆ Camp ARK held Beginner Camp at the Tryon Recreation Center July 8-11 with a theme of 3-Ring Circus. Advanced Camp was held July 15-18 and 22-25. Attendance reached capacity at both camps. The Advanced Camp prepared the play Willy Wonka Jr to be performed at the Cannon Centre.
- ◆ Tunes in the Park had 3 very well attended nights in July. Greer Idol and Greer Idol Jr were held each week and drew a large crowd. The most attended week featured Mac Arnold and Plate Full O' Blues.
- ◆ Robin Byouk and Sara Odom met with 2 furniture companies and 2 blinds companies to get quotes for the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ Greer Children's Theatre held auditions for Beauty and the Beast at the Tryon Recreation Center on July 22 and 24. Callbacks were held July 27. The cast list will be posted in August.

## Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 58 events, at which nearly 8,735 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department completed its 11th season of Moonlight Movies in the Greer City Park Amphitheater. The 8-week movie series hosted over 800 guests each Thursday night and continues to grow in popularity.
- ◆ The Greer Farmers Market will continue on Saturdays through October with assistance from the Events Division. The weekly market averages 35 vendors and about 500 guests.
- ◆ The Events Division Ambassador Program has continued to build awareness. July was the biggest month this year in ridership, with over 1,900 riders. The shuttles run Tuesday–Saturday from 11am-2pm and 6pm-9pm, and Sundays 10:30am-3:00pm.

## Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Trees Greenville installed new mulch to recently-planted trees throughout the disc golf course at Century Park.
- ◆ Dreamscapes Landscaping installed new landscaping at Tryon Recreation Center. Staff installed the drip irrigation system for this site.
- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Repaired transfer deck at Kids Planet playground.
  - Made application of plant growth regulator to City Stadium and Victor Field.
  - Assisted with setup for Moonlight Movies and Tunes in the Park.
  - Assembled new mower to be used at Center for the Arts.
  - Made irrigation repair at City Park.
  - Utilized the Aera-vator at City Stadium and Victor Field to help relieve compaction and allow oxygen flow to the root system of the turf.
  - Installed park benches at Center for the Arts.
  - Continued to maintain all neighborhood parks, recreational facilities, and City Park.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Center for the Arts Grand Opening – September 20-22
- ◆ Railfest – September 28 (City Park)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 18 (City Park)
- ◆ Artisan Makers Market – October 19 (City Park)
- ◆ Beauty and the Beast – November 8-10, November 15-17 (J. Harley Bonds Center)
- ◆ 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

*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.*