

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## *Monthly Report for June 2019*



*The 11th Annual Freedom Blast celebration was held in City Park on June 29.*

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

## **Department Projects**

- ◆ Staff have been working towards completing projects prior to the end of the fiscal year. Several projects have been delayed due to time constraints/scheduling for contractors. We will request carrying these funds forward into FY 19/20.
- ◆ The Center for the Art's renovation project is nearing completion on the interior of the facility, with only minor issues to address. Decisions regarding furniture, window treatments, signage, etc. are being finalized. Robin Byouk and her staff will begin moving into their offices once art camps and Tunes in the Park conclude on August 2. This will give the contractor time to complete all of the landscaping and final preparations of the surrounding parking lots.
  - Landscaping in the park has begun with the installation of plant materials.
  - Most of the trail and concrete sidewalks have been completed with the exception of the limestone walkways that will be added in early July. CPW has begun installing parking lot and decorative acorn light poles throughout the park. The surrounding streetlights will also be changed to match the park LED light bulbs.
  - Exterior painting, final landscaping, installation of arbors, a kiosk, signage, playground equipment and parking lot modifications are scheduled to be completed in July.
  - Grand Opening activities are in the planning stages for the weekend of September 20..
- ◆ On June 5, the Parks and Recreation Department's management team met with David Langley, Ruthie Helms, and Dan Fowler at the Country Club Road Park concession/press box facility to discuss options for repairing the leaks in the roof over the bathrooms. David Langley originally designed the structure.
- ◆ Color samples for pour in place surfacing and playground equipment were obtained for the Kids Planet Renovation Project. The contract with Blue Water Civil Engineering has been revised and updating of construction documents is in process. A pre-construction meeting will be held in July to prepare for bid advertisement.

- ◆ Two shade structures were installed in the seating areas at Country Club Road Park. While 4 were originally budgeted at this site, we saw an opportunity to provide shade in a more crucial seating area at another facility. The remaining 2 shade structures were installed at Victor Park. It is our intention to install the 2 shade structures at Country Club Road Park in the current budget year with dollars that were already budgeted for shade structures at Victor Park.

## Department Participation

- ◆ Interviews were conducted for the Full Time Cultural Arts Coordinator. Congratulations to Sara Odom, who was promoted from Part Time Cultural Arts Assistant!
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department hosted the SCRPA Western District workshop at City Hall. Approximately 40 people participated in customer service and human resources training.
- ◆ Red Watson conducted media interviews to distribute information about the upcoming renovations to Kids Planet.
- ◆ The City of Greer hosted the 11th Annual Freedom Blast on June 29. It is estimated that over 15,000 guests attended the downtown celebration. The Cultural Arts Division mounted veteran's pictures to be displayed on the Wall Gallery at Greer City Hall. Greer Cultural Arts Council (GCAC) was the beverage provider and with great weather the sales doubled from prior years.

## Department Trainings

- ◆ Justin Miller held 2 sessions of CPR, First Aid, and AED trainings for summer camp counselors and Cultural Arts camp teachers.
- ◆ Summer camp counselors participated in Active Shooter training with the Greer Police Department.

## Division Highlights

### Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Installed summer annuals at Barnett Bridge.
  - Installed wildlife signage at Country Club Road Park.
  - Continued to prepare Stevens Field for junior and senior Legion games, and Country Club Road Park and Century Park for all-star baseball practices.
  - Began the growth regulator plan on the Victor Park softball field and at City Stadium.
  - Completed an application of Ronstar pre-emerge herbicide to Center for the Arts in preparation for sod installation.
  - Delivered trash cans and benches to Carolina Chem-Strip to begin the powder coating process.
  - Continued to maintain neighborhood parks, athletic facilities, recreational facilities, and Greer City Park.

### Athletics:

- ◆ Fall sports registration opened for baseball, softball, and soccer. Registration will conclude on July 14.
- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Facilitated All-Star baseball practices at Century Park and Country Club Road Park. Greer Baseball Club will have All-Star teams in the 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U age divisions. These teams competed in Dixie Youth District Tournaments throughout the upstate in June. The 6U, 8U National, 10U National, and 12U teams won District Championships and will compete in the Dixie Youth State Tournaments in July. The 6U will play in Columbia, 8U in Dillon, 10U in Anderson, and 12U in Bluffton.
  - Facilitated the Frohawk Creek Scramble baseball tournament at Century Park and Victor Park on June 1-2. Age divisions for the tournament included 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U. Twenty teams from around the upstate competed in the tournament.
  - Completed girls' softball All-Star practices at Victor Park. The 8U and 12U All-Star teams competed in tournaments at Byrnes High School on June 3-8 against teams from District Five, Woodruff, and Boiling Springs.
  - Attended Dixie Youth District 1 meeting in Belton on June 7. The meeting was to discuss the upcoming District tournaments, deliver team books, and receive tournament schedules.

- Facilitated Cheer for Greer uniform sizing at Victor Gym on June 25. Cheerleaders were custom fitted for uniforms for the upcoming cheerleading season.

## Recreation:

- ◆ Justin Miller held 2 parent orientations for Camp Greer and Camp Needmore. This gave parents the opportunity to obtain information regarding camp policies, receive field trip calendars, meet some of the staff, and obtain group assessments for the summer.
- ◆ The 2019 summer camps began on June 10. Approximately 125 kids per day will participate in 8-week camps at Victor Gym and the Needmore Community Center.
- ◆ 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)
  - On June 4, SOAR took a trip to Big Ben’s Desserts in Lyman. Members enjoyed sundaes, banana splits, cupcakes, and more. They also got to hear Big Ben’s inspirational story of how his business got started. There were 20 seniors in attendance that day.
  - There were Line Dance Classes this month on June 5, 12, 19, and 26 with an average of 25 seniors in attendance.
  - Bingo was held on June 6 and 20 with an average of 25 members in attendance.
  - On June 11, a group of 14 of members got together to make handmade cards for soldiers. These cards were sent to America’s Adopt a Soldier Program to be delivered to veterans and active duty troops overseas.
  - Lunch Bunch this month was held on June 14 at Della Ventura’s. There were 26 seniors in attendance to enjoy great food and fellowship.
  - The annual SOAR Picnic was held on June 18 at Century Park. Members brought their favorite picnic foods and enjoyed games and great fellowship. There were 22 seniors in attendance that day.
  - The monthly Movie Day was held on June 24. This month’s movie was the dramedy, “The Upside”. There were 39 seniors in attendance to watch this wonderful movie.
  - The average attendance for the month was 24.

## Cultural Arts:

- ◆ Meetings were held with Laura Williams of CBI Workplace Solutions regarding furniture styles and fabrics and with Chris Craft with Sign Source regarding signage for the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ On June 7, the Greer Cultural Arts Council (GCAC) Student Board painted a mural of hands on the front bar on the arts side of the Tryon Recreation Center. This project was selected in lieu of a Senior Prom this year.
- ◆ Robin Byouk and 4 GCAC board members attended a tasting on June 9 at Holmes Catering to select food for the Center for the Arts Gala to be held on September 20. A meeting with representatives of Mission Grape to discuss supplying product for the Gala was also held at La Bouteille.
- ◆ The GCAC Board toured the new Center for the Arts on June 10.
- ◆ On June 11, Robin Byouk spoke at the Lions Club meeting regarding the new Center for the Arts and the arts programming in Greer.
- ◆ Tunes in the Park kicked off on June 14 with the Mighty Kicks, a Motown band. Greer Idol and Greer Idol Jr. competitions were held with very large crowds in attendance. There were 8 Greer Idols and 5 Greer Idol Jr. contestants. The band on June 21 was the Song Band.

- ◆ Mia Wade and Caroline Robertson met with Robin Byouk on June 17 to discuss orchestrating the Lions Club Art Contest and Show. The goal is to display the artwork from these events in one of the galleries at the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ Sara Odom and Robin Ryouk interviewed an artist, Hillary Frye, for an instructor position at the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ Princesses and Pirates Art Camp was held on June 24-27 at the Tryon Recreation Center. Eight children from the Needmore Summer Camp program attended the camp.
- ◆ A production meeting for Beauty and the Beast was held on June 24.

## Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 65 events, at which nearly 22,825 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The Greer Farmers Market continued throughout the month of June. The City of Greer continues to offer a sponsorship for this event. The weekly market will go through October with 30 vendors every Saturday and about 500 guests in attendance each week.
- ◆ Moonlight Movies started June 6 and will run throughout the summer until August 1. Activities include inflatables, crafts, games, and dancing.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Moonlight Movies – June 6 – August 1 (City Park Amphitheater)
- ◆ Tunes in the Park & Greer Idol – June 14 – August 2 (City Park Amphitheater)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – August 16 (City Park)
- ◆ 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.*