

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for November 2019



*The Greer Children's Theatre performed Disney's Beauty and the Beast November 8-10 and 15-17.*

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

## Department Projects

- ◆ Kids Planet:
  - A construction camera was installed by our staff with assistance from Steve Owens at Kids Planet playground on November 1.
  - Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, Travis Durham, and Brian Wilson met with Innova Disc Golf on November 13 at Century Park to discuss the potential re-design of two holes on the disc golf course.
  - A pre-construction meeting with Wilma's Pump and Tank was held on site at Kids Planet on November 20 to prepare for demolition.
  - Bid specifications were finalized for the two grading and site work advertisements at Kids Planet.
- ◆ Sites were surveyed at Turner and Victor fields in preparation for the installation of outdoor restrooms. Bids were opened for these projects on November 15.
- ◆ The installation of a new HVAC system at Victor Gym began this month and is expected to be completed in December.
- ◆ As part of the on-going efforts to assure the safety and security of the City's parks, new security lights were installed at B.P. Edwards Park and trees were trimmed at all parks to provide better sight lines.
- ◆ Drain pipe gutter extensions were completed at Victor Gym.
- ◆ Staff began assisting the local chapter of the DAV on the sale of memorial bricks to be installed at Veterans Park.
- ◆ As part of a review of traffic concerns, Ann Cunningham met with Steve Grant and Sgt. Randle Ballenger on November 26 to discuss the installation of additional traffic signage on Snow Street.

## Department Trainings

- ◆ Justin Miller taught a CPR, First Aid, and AED certification class to department employees Cory Holtzclaw, David Holtzclaw, Meredith Anzur, and Sally Wise.
- ◆ On November 20, staff met with members of the Public Services Department and Fire Department to discuss OSHA training opportunities.

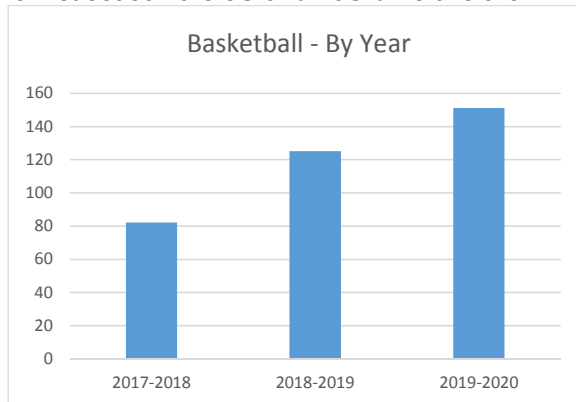
## Department Participation

- ◆ Justin Miller planned the Pumpkin Chunkin at Century Park on November 1. There were 15 participants at this annual Wellness event.
- ◆ On November 12, Ann Cunningham met with Major John Doehler to discuss his participation in the Veterans Local Government Management Fellowship and gave an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department operations.
- ◆ Staff completed questionnaires for the City-wide Class and Compensation Study, with many staff members attending follow-up interviews with representatives from Management Advisory Group.
- ◆ A meeting of the Recreation Board of Trustees was held on November 14 at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation and Public Services Departments held their annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for staff members on November 21 in the Operations Center warehouse.

## Division Highlights

### Athletics:

- ◆ Athletics staff attended the South Carolina Athletic Programs meeting hosted by Pickens Recreation Department in regards to winter sports rulings and guidelines. Our district will be hosting the 2019-2020 South Carolina State Championships for every age group.
- ◆ Division staff facilitated:
  - Foothills Soccer Club of Greer academy fall soccer practices and games at South Suber Road Soccer Complex and Country Club Road Park on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. These teams compete in the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association and travel throughout the state. The fall season will end following the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association State Cup tournament in December.
  - Youth basketball evaluations and uniform sizing sessions at Victor Gym on November 5. Players went through several drills to evaluate skill level. Evaluation is designed to help draft competitive teams. Volunteers from within the Athletics program helped complete all evaluations, while Athletics staff helped with check-in and sizing.
  - Youth basketball practices at Victor Gym on Mondays through Saturdays for 8U, 10U, and 12U age divisions. Games will begin in January for all three age divisions. The 8U and 10U teams will play all league games at Victor Gym, while the 12U division will travel to Mauldin SportsCenter for league games. This is the first season the 8U and 10U divisions are in-house.



- Tomahawk Youth Wrestling practices at Riverside High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The wrestlers will participate in matches throughout the Upstate and will host 3 duels at Victor Gym in January and February. The wrestling program is at maximum capacity for the season.
- Cheer For Greer prep for the ACC Championship event. Participants ages 11 and 12 years old are practicing for the halftime show routine at the 2019 ACC Clemson vs. UVA championship game. The game will be held at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte on Saturday, December 7.

## Recreation:

- ◆ 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)
  - Ham Radio Beginner and Intermediate Classes – Victor Gym (30 participants monthly)
  - Morse Code Classes – Victor Gym (5 participants monthly)
  - Pickleball – Victor Gym and Tryon Tennis Courts, Tuesdays and Thursdays (250 participants monthly)
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
  - The monthly Movie Day was held on November 4. This month's movie was the comedy, "The Hustle". There were 25 seniors in attendance to watch this hilarious movie.
  - There were 3 Line Dance Classes this month on November 6, 13, and 20 with an average of 29 seniors in attendance.
  - Bingo was held on November 7 and 21 with an average of 25 members in attendance.
  - The SOAR group collected toys for the Syl Syl Toy Drive that was held on November 10. The toys collected at the drive are donated to Greer Cops for Tots and Country Santa.
  - On November 14 the seniors took a trip to Wellborn Winery. The first stop was for lunch at the new Topsy Taco in Greer. After a delicious meal, the group traveled to Wellborn Winery to participate in a wine tasting. There were 25 members in attendance that day.
  - SOAR finished out the month with their annual Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon. There were 30 seniors enjoying fellowship, good food, and a day of giving thanks.
  - The average attendance for the month was 27.
- ◆ Rentals for the month of November:
  - Recreation Centers: 11
  - Bus Rentals: 3

## Cultural Arts:

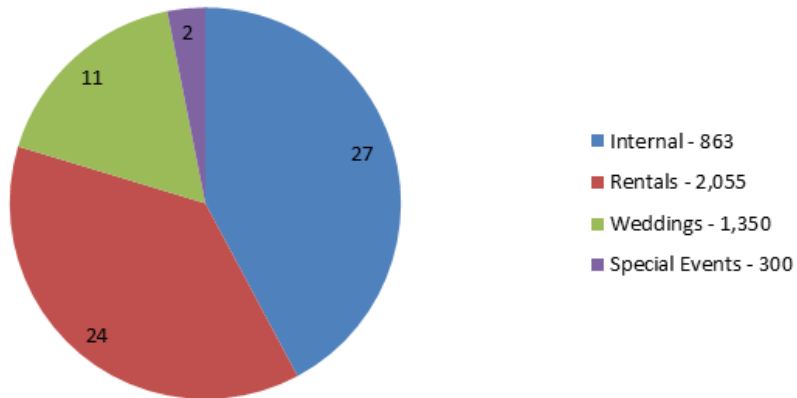
- ◆ The Greer Children's Theatre performed 6 shows of Disney's Beauty and the Beast November 8-10 and 15-17 at the J. Harley Bonds Career Center. There were 54 cast members and attendance averaged 250 per show. Several cast members appeared on Your Carolina on November 4 to promote the show.
- ◆ The Giving Thanks Student Art Show reception was held at Greer City Hall on November 12, with a record number of 50 entries. Winners were recognized at the City Council meeting that evening.
- ◆ Ballet classes and Adaptive Dance classes were held at the Center for the Arts on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the month.
- ◆ Greer Children's Theatre held auditions for Frozen on November 18 and 19. The cast was posted on November 25, with 52 children accepting their roles.
- ◆ The Center for the Arts held it first free Open House for ARTS classes on November 21. Classes offered included watercolor, drama, drawing, ceramics, and gingerbread house making.



Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 64 events, at which 4,568 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.

**Rentals**



- ◆ Breakfast with Santa tickets went on sale Saturday, November 2 at 8:00am. Ticket buyers started arriving and waiting in line at 5:00am despite the 30-degree weather. Within 25 minutes 175 tickets were sold for the 9:30am session, with the 8:00am and 11:30am sessions selling out the following Monday. Over 500 tickets were sold for this event, with all revenue raised going right back into the event.
- ◆ Google reviews posted in the month of November:

★★★★★ a month ago

Beautiful Park- 2 family Weddings there so far

👍 Like

★★★★★ 2 months ago

It is a lovely little park & very well maintained. Many different events are hosted in this park. Well worth checking out their schedule!

★★★★★ a month ago - 🚩

Love seeing venues like this repurposed! Very simple, but great meeting/ event space. A/V equipment and small prep kitchen.

- ◆ Survey Monkey responses received during the month of November:

**Q12**

Overall, do you feel like you received a great value?

Yes

Comment:

We will definitely be back.

Is there anything that you'd like to share with us about your experience?

Staff the night it was spot on and very professional.

- ◆ Ambassador Program numbers for the month of November:

	<b>November Monthly Numbers</b>					
<b>Monthly totals</b>	<b>11am-2pm Total</b>	<b>6pm-9pm Total</b>	<b>Daily Total</b>	<b>1st Shift Avg</b>	<b>2nd Shift Avg</b>	<b>Daily Avg</b>
Tuesday	63	55	118	12.60	11.00	23.60
Wednesday	51	39	90	10.20	7.80	18.00
Thursday	53	67	120	13.25	16.75	24.00
Friday	92	196	288	18.40	39.20	57.60
Saturday	142	120	262	28.40	24.00	52.40
Sunday	30		30	6.00		6.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>14.81</b>	<b>19.75</b>	<b>30.27</b>

## Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Installed Christmas decorations throughout City Park, along Trade Street and Highway 29/Wade Hampton Boulevard, and throughout the Center for the Arts complex, as well as pole decorations throughout town.
  - Removed existing chain link fencing at Victor Gym to make way for new fence installation.
  - Installed new American, State, and POW flags at Veterans Park.
  - Assisted Cultural Arts with multiple projects, including transfer of black wall panels and moving of refrigerator.
  - Prepared Century Field #2 for Mungo Homes kickball tournament.
  - Prepared South Suber Road Soccer Complex field for South Carolina Youth Soccer Association state soccer game.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – January 17 (City Park)
- ◆ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon – January 20 (City Hall)
- ◆ Daddy Daughter Dance – February 8 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Foothills Philharmonic String Quartet Concert – February 29 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Frozen Jr. – March 1-3 & 8-10 (J. Harley Bonds Center)
- ◆ Foothills Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet – March 21 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ CenterG Juried Art Show – March 27 (City Hall)
- ◆ Eggstastic Easter Event – April 4 (Location TBD)
- ◆ International Festival – April 18 (City Park)
- ◆ Godspell Jr. – May 8-10 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – May 15 (City Park)
- ◆ Kids Planet Dedication/Opening – (Date TBD)
- ◆ Freedom Blast – June 27 (City Park)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – August 21 (City Park)
- ◆ Railfest – September 26 (City Park)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 16 (City Park)
- ◆ Christmas Tree Lighting – December 4 (City Park)

## Current Projects

- ◆ Kids Planet Playground Renovation
- ◆ Streetscapes Ambassador Program
- ◆ Streetscapes Renovation Project
- ◆ South Suber Road Parking Area
- ◆ H. R. Turner Field and Victor Park Restroom Facilities
- ◆ H. R. Turner Field Accessible Parking Area
- ◆ Springwood Park ADA Renovation

*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.*