

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for October 2019



*The final Food Truck Rollout of the year was held on October 18 in City Park.*

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

### Department Projects

- ◆ Kids Planet:
  - Staff is working with Greer CPW to disconnect and remove all security lighting and light poles from Kids Planet.
  - Staff met with Andrew Long of Plant and Tree Solutions to look at preventive measures during demolition and construction to save trees not marked for removal.
  - BlueWater Civil Design has submitted all plans for full review to the City of Greer.
  - Plans have also been submitted to GCRA for review of the parts of the project addressing accessibility that will be funded by Community Development Block Grant dollars.
  - Staff met with Wilma's Pump & Tank of Taylors on site for a pre-demo meeting. Red Watson presented their proposal to council and it was approved on October 8. Weather permitting, silt fence and signage is to be installed by the end of the month, with demolition to begin next month.
- ◆ Staff is working with Jonathan Nett of Civil SD to develop site and grading plans for the outdoor restrooms at H.R. Turner and Victor Fields, and the accessible parking area at H.R. Turner Field.
- ◆ Bids were advertised for outdoor restrooms at Victor and H.R. Turner Parks.
- ◆ Supervisors participated in a team building activity by touring all facilities to update list for capital improvements and make general notes for maintenance, upgrades, etc.

### Department Trainings

- ◆ Gary Melton attended SCRPA OSHA training in Greenville.
- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw attended the South Carolina Athletic Programs Branch district meeting at Pickens Recreational Center on October 9.
- ◆ Robin Byouk, Sara Odom, Justin Miller, and David Holtzclaw attended sound board training for the Center for the Arts with Unified AV on October 9.
- ◆ Robbie Davis traveled to Chattanooga, TN to attend Placemaking Week. This weeklong conference emphasized hands-on learning and innovative social events.
- ◆ Lindsey Shaffer, Emma Hagg, and Lancy Martino attended a social media seminar hosted by VisitGreenvilleSC. This training shared 8 ways VisitGreenvilleSC can help promote the City's events division on social media. They were given best practices, tips, and tactics when creating social media content.

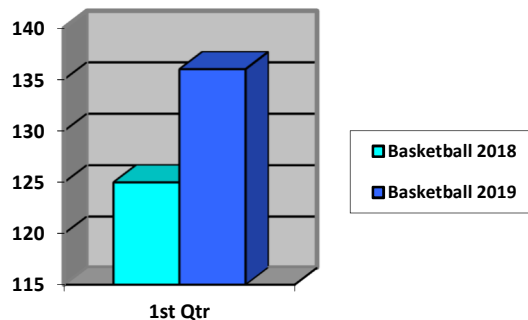
## Department Participation

- ◆ Ann Cunningham met with Greer Police Department staff regarding a traffic study for Snow Street on October 1.
- ◆ An ice cream social was held on October 2 to welcome Steve Grant to the Operations Center and Public Services Department, and to also say thank you to his staff for all of their help and support, particularly in the opening of the Center for the Arts Building.
- ◆ Staff attended the Safety Breakfast at City Hall on October 4.
- ◆ Also on October 4, Ann met with Chris Richards of CSR regarding the new pole decorations for Trade Street.

## Division Highlights

### Athletics:

- ◆ Division staff:
  - Completed Greer Baseball Club, Foothills Soccer Club of Greer, Girls' Softball, Flag Football, Tackle Football, Cheerleading, and Adult Baseball fall seasons.
  - Facilitated FSCG academy fall soccer practices and games at South Suber Road Park 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.
  - Completed winter registration for youth basketball. Youth basketball will have practices and games at Victor Gym on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for 8U and 10U age divisions. The 12U division will travel to Mauldin SportsCenter for league games. In the short lifespan of this program, the Athletics Division has reached the maximum enrollment for 8U and 10U leagues; 12U still has room for growth. Next season, more gym space will be necessary in order to continue this growth.



- Completed Tomahawk Youth Wrestling registration. Practices will be at Riverside High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights beginning in early November. The wrestlers will participate in tournament matches throughout the Upstate, and will host duals at Victor Gym in January and February.

### Recreation:

- ◆ The 2019 Park Hop Scavenger Hunt wrapped up during the “Get Out Greenville” event at Conastee Park on October 5. Over 200 people attended the event and over 1000 people participated in the Park Hop program this year.
- ◆ 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)

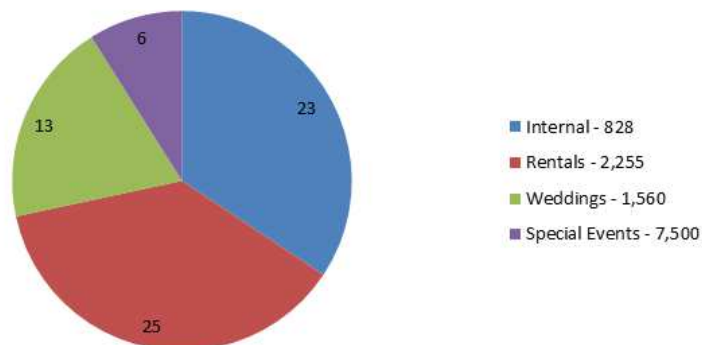
- Pickleball – Victor Gym and Tryon Tennis Courts, Tuesdays and Thursdays (250 participants monthly)
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
  - Line Dance Classes were held on October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, with an average of 26 seniors in attendance.
  - Bingo was held on October 3 and 17 with an average of 25 members in attendance.
  - A Craft Day was held on October 8, where 16 seniors made mini Halloween wreaths.
  - Abbott’s Frozen Custard hosted a special Bingo event on October 11. There were 17 members in attendance to play Bingo and enjoy some yummy custard.
  - Lunch Bunch this month was held on October 15 at the Schwaben House in Greenville. There were 23 seniors in attendance to enjoy authentic German fare for Oktoberfest.
  - The monthly Movie Day was held on October 21. This month’s movie was the comedy/fantasy, “Yesterday”. There were 30 seniors in attendance to watch this tribute to The Beatles.
  - SOAR took a fall trip October 28. A group of 28 seniors enjoyed a wonderful southern meal at A Taste of Home in Woodruff before visiting Stewart Farms. A great time was had by all while taking a hayride, picking out pumpkins, and visiting the country store.
  - SOAR finished out the month with a Halloween Bingo Party. Seniors came dressed in their favorite costumes, there were lots of Halloween snacks and treats, and prizes were awarded for Best Costume. There were 30 seniors who participated on this fun day.
  - The average attendance for the month was 24.
- ◆ Rentals for the month of October:
  - Recreation Centers: 8
  - Bus Rentals: 2

**Cultural Arts:**

- ◆ The Greenville Concert Band performed a Salsa-inspired evening of music at the Center for the Arts on October 1. The art studios were all open and there was standing room only for this event.
- ◆ The Center for the Arts hosted dance classes with the Carolina Dance Collective on Tuesday afternoons.
- ◆ Hogan Construction did a final photography session at the Center for the Arts on October 4 to showcase the completed project.
- ◆ Marchant Contract finished the blackout strips and blinds in the auditorium at the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ Greer Children’s Theatre continued rehearsals for Beauty and the Beast on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at the Tryon Recreation Center. There were 8 sessions devoted to creating costumes for this show.
- ◆ The second parent/cast meeting for Beauty and the Beast was held on October 10 in preparation for the move into the J. Harley Bonds Career Center.

**Events:**

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 67 events, at which 12,143 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.



- ◆ The final Food Truck Rollout of the year was held on October 18 from 5:00pm-8:00pm. This event ended with a showing of a Halloween favorite, “Hocus Pocus”.

- ◆ Google reviews posted in the month of October:

★★★★★ 4 days 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

We just used the building for a meeting, but it seemed quite nice. The facilities were clean and well kept. The room was quite large and the sound system worked great. The staff seemed very helpful and supportive.

- ◆ Artisan Makers Market took place October 19 from 9:00am-2:00pm at Greer City Park. This event hosted 30 vendors. Participants were able to purchase from local makers, listen to music, and enjoy the morning in the park.
- ◆ The Greer Farmers Market ended their season on Saturday, October 19. The weekly market averaged 10 vendors every Saturday with about 150 guests in attendance. The Events Division assisted in all 22 weekends by providing more than 110 staffing hours.
- ◆ Survey Monkey response received during the month of October:

How satisfied were you with the booking process?

Very satisfied

Comment:

Emma Hagg was very helpful with getting all the details in order

## Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Prepared for and provided materials for cemetery cleanup project with Daughters of the American Revolution.
  - Performed set move for the Cultural Arts division from Tryon Tennis Center to J. Harley Bonds Career Center.
  - Attended lift safety/operation training in OC conference room.
  - Prepared fields at City Stadium, South Suber Road Park, and Country Club Road Park for games throughout the fall athletic season.
  - Installed fall annuals at City Park flag pole entrance bed along with Barnett Bridge planter bed.
  - Drained and cleaned the fountains at City Park to remove the pink dye for October cancer awareness.
  - Continued to prepare Kids Planet for playground demolition by removing a tree and installing tree protection fencing around selected trees.
  - Turned off all in-ground irrigation at parks and athletic fields for winter.
  - Continued to maintain all neighborhood parks, athletic facilities, recreational facilities, Center for the Arts, and City Park.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Gingerbread Jamboree – December 5 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Tree Lighting – December 6 (City Park)
  - Supper with Santa (Cannon Centre)
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa – December 7 (Cannon Centre)
- ◆ Christmas Parade – December 8 (Downtown)
- ◆ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon – January 20 (City Hall)

## Current Projects

- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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.*