

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## *Monthly Report for September 2019*



*Internationally renowned pianist Emile Pandolfi enchanted guests at the Grand Opening Gala for the Center for the Arts.*

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

### Department Projects

- ◆ Center for the Arts:
  - The Greer Cultural Arts Council held a fundraiser on Friday, September 20, "*Spotlight on the Arts Gala*". There were approximately 140 people in attendance that enjoyed entertainment provided by Emile Pandolfi, Noah Guthrie, and Jarod Emerson.
  - The Grand Opening of the Center for the Arts was held on Saturday, September 21. A Dedication Ceremony was held at 10:45am, followed by entertainment and activities inside the facility and throughout the park from 11:00am–4:00pm, that included tours, pottery wheel and origami demonstrations, inflatables, balloon animals, open studios, and indoor and outdoor entertainment.
  - On Sunday, September 22, tours were available to the public from 1:00pm–5:00pm. Approximately 225 guests attended.
- ◆ Kids Planet:
  - Kids Planet was closed on Tuesday, September 3. Staff began removing personalized items at that time to be stored and later incorporated into the new playground facilities.
  - The City of Greer Parks and Recreation Department solicited bids for the demolition of Kids Planet Playground. Eleven different companies attended the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on September 13. One addendum was issued on September 17, asking that the price for one of the trees included in the demolition plan be listed as an alternate. Bids were opened on September 20. Bids were accepted from Sterling Structure, Martin & Son Contracting Inc., and Wilma's Pump & Tank. Staff will follow up with each company that submitted a bid to review information contained in their bid packets such as references, pricing, required permitting and licensing, etc. and make a recommendation to City Council to award the bid in October.
  - Department staff members are working with Greer CPW to disconnect and remove all security lighting and light poles from Kids Planet.
  - Staff will look into preventive measures during demolition and construction to save trees not marked for removal.
  - BlueWater Civil Design is planning to submit all plans for full review to the City of Greer in October.

- ◆ Staff is working with Jonathan Nett of Civil SD to develop site plans for the outdoor restrooms at Turner and Victor Fields, and the accessible parking area at Turner Field. Mr. Nett is also working with the City of Greer in designing ADA accessible parking at Springwood Park.
- ◆ Bathrooms floors at Victor Gym had an epoxy covering installed over the existing floors.

## Department Trainings

- ◆ Justin Miller, David Holtzclaw, Robin Byouk, and Sara Odom attended the Sound and Light training for the new Center for the Arts facility on September 17.

## Department Participation

- ◆ Staff met with J.C. Crenshaw of Greer DAV and Bruce Clayton of Clayton Monuments on September 19 regarding a memorial brick fundraising campaign for the Greer DAV.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, Cory Holtzclaw, and Brian Wilson attended the SCRPA/NCRPA joint state conference in Myrtle Beach on September 16–18.
- ◆ Justin Miller worked the Wellness Committee table at the 2019 Benefits Fair. Employees were able to obtain information and participate in activities that relate to the City's Wellness program.
- ◆ Justin Miller, India Jackson, and Clara O'Neal attended the 2019 Wellies, hosted by LiveWell Greenville. At the event, the Needmore Recreation Center was recognized for integrating healthy eating and active living policies, systems, and environments into their programs.

## Division Highlights

### Athletics:

- ◆ Division staff facilitated:
  - Greer Baseball Club practices and games at Century Park and Country Club Road Park on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The fall season will conclude in mid-October.
  - Girls' softball practices and games at Century Park and Victor Park on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. These teams will compete against teams from District Five, Woodruff, District Six, Boiling Springs, and Inman. Games will be played at Victor Park and Tyger River Park through mid-October. Age divisions include 8U, 10U, and 12U.
  - Adult baseball games at Stevens Park on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. The season will conclude with playoffs in late October.
  - Flag football practices and games at Country Club Road Park on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Age divisions for flag football are 6U, 8U, and 11U. 6U and 8U leagues have already concluded. 11U division concludes October 22.
  - Youth tackle football and cheerleading practices and games on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights at Greer City Stadium. Age divisions are 8U, 10U, and 12U. The fall season will conclude with playoffs in October.
  - FSCG academy fall soccer practices and games at South Suber Road Park and Country Club Road Park on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. These teams compete in the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association and travel throughout the state.
  - FSCG recreational soccer practices and games at South Suber Road Park on Monday and Thursday nights. Age divisions are U6, U8 U10, and U12. The fall season will conclude in late October.

### 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)
  - Pickleball – Victor Gym and Tryon Tennis Courts, Tuesdays and Thursdays (250 participants monthly)

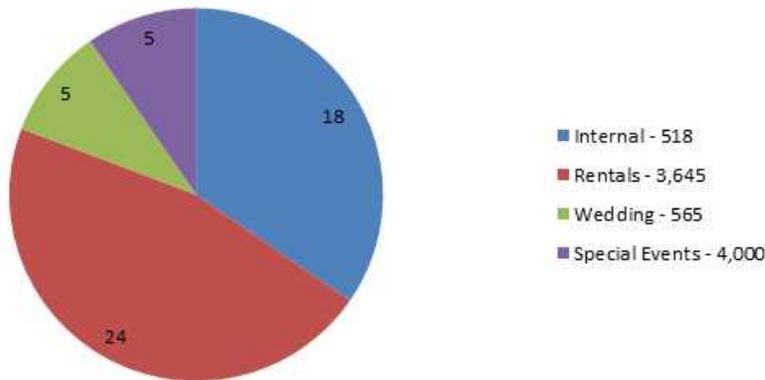
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
  - SOAR held four Line Dance Classes this month on September 4, 11, 18, and 25 with an average of 25 seniors in attendance. On September 25, Line Dance Classes were held at their new home at the Center for the Arts.
  - Bingo was held on September 5 and 19 with an average of 27 members in attendance.
  - On September 6, SOAR visited Molly & Myles Ice Cream in Greenville. There were 20 seniors who enjoyed sweet treats that day.
  - Lunch Bunch this month was held on September 10 at Tacos and Mas in Greer. There were 20 seniors in attendance to share in authentic Mexican fare and great fellowship.
  - SOAR visited Creative Soul Studio in Lyman on September 12. A total of 11 seniors enjoyed painting a coffee cup on a canvas to take home.
  - September 17 was the quarterly Potluck Luncheon with 15 seniors in attendance who brought their favorite homemade dishes to share.
  - The monthly Movie Day was held on September 23. This month's movie was the Drama, "Astronaut". There were 33 seniors in attendance to watch this touching movie.
  - SOAR finished out the month with a great trip to Flat Rock Playhouse on September 26. The day started with a delicious lunch from Never Blue in downtown Hendersonville, NC. After lunch, the group traveled to the Flat Rock Playhouse for a production of "Cinematastic: The Music of the Movies". This trip was filled to capacity, with 30 seniors in attendance.
- ◆ The average attendance for the month was 23.
- Rentals for the month of September:
  - Recreation Centers: 5
  - Mobile Stage: 1
  - Neighborhood Parks: 1
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### Cultural Arts:

- ◆ Sara Odom met with Christina Laurel, the first artist who will be exhibiting at the Center for the Arts, to show her the art hanging systems. They also met to discuss Christina teaching some workshops later in the fall.
- ◆ Sara attended the Greer Chamber First Friday Luncheon with GCAC Board members Tim Lincolnhol, Barbara Bohley, and Brian Martin to talk about the Spotlight on the Arts Gala and the Center for the Arts Grand Opening. Tim spoke about the Gala and Sara talked about the Grand Opening.
- ◆ The baby grand piano that Robin Byouk and Sara painted and refurbished was tuned on September 11 so that it could be played during the Opening Weekend.
- ◆ On September 13, Robin and Sara met with Debra Lincolnhol, an advisor at NGU, and Web Drake, the NGU Dean of the College of Communications & Fine Arts, to take them on a tour of the Center for the Arts and to discuss ways to coordinate and cross-promote programs.
- ◆ Robin and Sara installed the Railfest artwork display in the Wall Gallery on September 24.

## Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 51 events, at which approximately 6,728 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.



- ◆ The Events Division hosted Railfest on September 28 from 10:00am-2:00pm with over 1,500 people in attendance. This festival included information on train safety and history, performances from Cannonball Paul and Bookworm Bonnie, trackless train rides, and kids crafts. Over 9 railroad and model train groups were in attendance providing information about their organizations.
- ◆ Google reviews posted in the month of September:



121 reviews

★★★★★ 5 hours ago

Wonderful city park. Lots of green spaces, plenty of shade. There is a large playground for the kids, indoor bathrooms and walking paths. We attended the Railroad festival and had a great time. The rides, face painting, balloon animals and commemorative photo were all free! That just never happens. Great way to spend the day...well done Greer!



2 reviews

★★★★★ a week ago

Just had our son's wedding today at the Cannon Centre. We just can't say enough about this venue AND their staff. They all took great care of us. They were flexible, helpful and just easy to work with. And if you get some string lights hung from the ceiling, it's just magical in there!! Would recommend highly!

- ◆ The Greer Farmers Market will continue on Saturdays throughout October and November with assistance from the Events Division. The weekly market averages 15 vendors and approximately 250 patrons every Saturday.

## Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Installed picnic tables, benches, trash cans, and baby changing stations at Center for the Arts.
  - Made repairs to Victor Gym outdoor basketball goal rims and backboards.
  - Contracted to have sod installed along the mulch bank adjacent to Field #1 at Century Park
  - Installed straw matting and grass seed to new ADA sidewalk area at Tryon Tennis Center.
  - Applied starter fertilizer to the ryegrass at City Stadium and South Suber Road fields.
  - Delivered tractor sprayer to H&H Farm Equipment to have upgraded spray boom and foam marker installed.
  - Contracted to have a new 3-rail fence installed along the right side of the lower entrance at Century Park.
  - Made application of Fall pre-emerge herbicide to Victor Park and Country Club Road Park baseball fields.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Beauty and the Beast – November 8-10, November 15-17 (J. Harley Bonds Center)
- ◆ 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)

## 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

*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.*