

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for May 2019



The U8 Team World Cup Spring Champions.

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"

Department Projects

- ◆ Bi-weekly construction meetings were held on site at the Greer Center for the Arts. Attendees included staff from the Parks and Recreation Department, IT Department, Public Services, Hogan Construction, and SGA Architecture. An owner/architect/contractor walkthrough was held on May 29 for punch list items. The facility remains on schedule to begin occupancy in mid-June and the park in mid-July. Grand Opening activities are in the planning stages for the weekend of September 20.
- ◆ Kids Planet: Red Watson presented proposals for playground equipment and grading/site work to Greer City Council on May 28. City Council approved the project at 100%.
- ◆ Erik Horton of Blue Line Consulting has been contracted to develop a proposal for the parking lot at South Suber Road Soccer Complex, the accessible parking spaces at Turner Field, the site plan for the outdoor restrooms at Turner and Victor Fields, and the storm water runoff issues at Century Park.

Department Participation

- ◆ Staff evaluated the department's current budget position and remaining projects for the current fiscal year. Staff also reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019/2020.
- ◆ Parks and Recreation Department staff members prepared for and operated the City of Greer's tent throughout Greer Family Fest, May 3-4. Information was distributed for various departments in the City, as well as Streetscapes hard hats for children and information regarding the project. An estimated 10,000 guests attended the two-day event in downtown Greer.
- ◆ Staff presented a "Quality of Life" session for Leadership Greer at the Greer Center for the Arts on May 7.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the May 8 Park Hop meeting at the Mauldin Sports Complex. The summer-long scavenger hunt will begin May 18 in parks throughout Greenville County.
- ◆ The 2019 World Qualifiers Skyhoundz Disc Dog event was held at Century Park on May 25-26. Participants throughout the southeast came to compete in Classic Championship, Disc Dogathon, and Xtreme Distance categories. There were also opportunities for amateurs to showcase their dogs' and their abilities.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, and Justin Miller attended the Creative Advancement end of the year awards program on May 31 at City Hall. Justin gave the welcome to the estimated 100 people in attendance.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Justin Miller participated in the Food and Nutritional Services Greenville County Schools Summer Feeding training at the MT Anderson building on May 6.
- ◆ Sarah Chapman, Meredith Anzur, Lindsey Shaffer, and Emma Hagg attended an SCRPA customer service training seminar in Cayce on May 16. This training focused on leadership and providing excellent customer service based on Chick-fil-A's S.E.R.V.E. model.

Division Highlights

Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Dreamscapes installed sod and plant material at Victor Gym along the Line Street side of the building.
- ◆ WP Law performed waterproofing of the City Park lower fountain and also did the bi-annual systems check of the City Park musical fountain.
- ◆ Wigginton Enterprises topdressed City Stadium with 25 tons of topdressing sand.
- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Installed spray and drip irrigation systems at Victor Gym along the Line Street side of the building.
 - Installed "gator bags" on the trees recently planted at Stevens Field and Victor Park. These bags are filled with water every 3 days and provide 2-3 days of water to the trees.
 - Removed the foot valve from the river on the Country Club Road Park irrigation system. Staff will be replacing the sifting screen on this unit to prevent debris from entering the system from the river.
 - Aerified City Stadium and the fields at the South Suber Road Soccer Complex.
 - Made fertilizer applications to City Stadium and Victor Field, and applied sod along Brushy Creek at Kids Planet Park.
 - Replaced irrigation heads at City Stadium.
 - Installed annual, seasonal flowers at City Park at the promenade entrance, flag pole entrance, and clerk's office.
 - Continued to maintain all athletic facilities and fields, recreational facilities, City Park, and neighborhood parks.

Athletics:

- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Facilitated spring baseball practices and games at Century Park, Country Club Road Park, Turner Field, Riverside Middle School, and Stevens Field. Age divisions for the spring season include 4U, 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U. Games and post-season tournaments were concluded in each age division.
 - Facilitated girls' softball practices and games at Victor Park. Age divisions for the spring are 8U, 10U, and 12U. Games and post-season tournaments were concluded in each age division.
 - Facilitated baseball and girls' softball All-Star team practices at Century Park, Country Club Road Park, and Victor Park. Baseball teams will compete in Dixie Youth Baseball District Tournaments in mid-June and girls' softball teams will compete in early June.
 - Hosted girls' softball All-Star meeting at the Operations Center on May 1. Representatives from District 5 and Boiling Springs were in attendance to discuss the All-Star games, including location and dates. The district All-Star tournaments will be held at Byrnes High School on June 3-8. Greer will have an 8U team and a 12U team competing.
 - Facilitated Academy Soccer practices and games at City Stadium and Country Club Road Park for the 2019 spring season. There are three spring academy teams that will compete in South Carolina Youth Soccer Association games throughout the state. Teams completed their season, and tryouts for the 2019/20 season were held at City Stadium on May 13-17.
 - Facilitated youth soccer practices and games at South Suber Road Soccer Complex. Age divisions include U6, U8, U10, and U12. Teams completed the season on May 13.

Recreation:

- ◆ The Recreation Department hosted the annual Palmetto Cutlery Show at the Tryon Recreation Center on May 3-4. Approximately 20 vendors from around the southeast and more than 200 people were in attendance for the 2-day show.
- ◆ The spring recital of Piano Performers was held on May 19-20 at the Cannon Centre. Over 50 students played beautiful music from Disney selections. Over 200 people were in attendance.
- ◆ On May 23, a beginner Pickleball clinic was hosted at Victor Gym where 5 players received 1-on-1 specialized training from Pickleball instructors. More clinics are planned for June.
- ◆ 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)
 - SOAR had four Line Dance Classes this month on May 1, 8, 15, and 29 with an average of 24 seniors in attendance.
 - Bingo was held on May 2 and 16 with an average of 19 members in attendance.
 - On May 9, SOAR went on the annual trip to Strawberry Hill. Members enjoyed breakfast at the café and shopping at the shed for fresh strawberries. There were 22 seniors participating in this fun outing.
 - The monthly Movie Day was held on May 13. This month's movie was the Drama, "Stan & Ollie". There were 12 members in attendance that day.
 - On May 17 a Plant Exchange was held at Victor Gym. Seniors brought plants, clippings, and bulbs to exchange for other plants to take home. There were 7 seniors participating that day.
 - On May 13 a group of 13 seniors participated in a Spring Craft making melted crayon "Stained Glass" bookmarks.
 - Lunch Bunch this month was held on May 23 at Kanpai of Tokyo. There were 25 seniors in attendance to enjoy great food and fellowship.
 - SOAR finished out the month with a trip to Happy Cow Creamery on May 30. Participants enjoyed a tour of the farm and the milking parlor along with shopping in the general store. They also were treated to samples of Happy Cow milk and ice cream. There were 22 seniors in attendance for this fun trip.
 - The average attendance for the month was 18.

Cultural Arts:

- ◆ The Friends of Lake Robinson Juried Art Show was hung at Greer City Hall in the Wall Gallery. An opening reception was held in the lobby of the Wall Gallery on May 7. The top 3 places were announced.
- ◆ Robin Byouk and Sara Odom toured the Mauldin Cultural Arts Center on May 8.
- ◆ Robin Byouk and Sara Odom, along with GCAC volunteers, cleaned out props and costumes and held a YART Sale on May 11 at the Tryon Recreation Center. The GCAC Student Board organized, ran, and cleaned up the sale. They raised \$410 for the Center for the Arts. Most of the remaining items went to Goodwill, Greer Community Ministries, and other non-profit organizations.
- ◆ GCAC held several meetings to work on the Center for the Arts opening Gala on September 20. Robin Byouk met with Chef Musco from the Bonds Center culinary program about being involved in the opening weekend for the Center for the Arts. She also met with representatives from Homes Catering and LaBouteille to set up the food selections for the Gala.

- ◆ Greer Idol and Greer Idol Jr. auditions took place at Greer Family Fest. There was a great turnout of 25. Call-backs were held May 23 at the Tryon Recreation Center, and 8 Idols and 5 Jr. Idol contestants were chosen to compete during Tunes in the Park.
- ◆ Robin Byouk and Sara Odom met with Doug Young at Veterans Park to talk about a sculpture for the fountain. Doug has created several of the sculptures in downtown Greenville, including Water Blessing and Shoeless Joe Jackson.
- ◆ Robin Byouk gave tours of the Center for the Arts to several GCAC Board members as well as Stanley Widener with the Greenville Concert Band, Kelsey Crum with the Carolina Dance Collaborative, Carlos Bulnes of Bulnes Metal Art, and watercolor artist Tom Forrester.
- ◆ Greer Children's Theater held their first production meeting for their fall show, Beauty and the Beast, on May 28.

Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 77 events, at which nearly 17,585 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The Greer Farmers Market season kicked off in Greer City Park on May 25 with sponsorship from the City of Greer. The weekly market will go through October with 30 vendors every Saturday and about 500 guests in attendance.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Moonlight Movies – June 6 – August 1 (City Park Amphitheater)
- ◆ Tunes in the Park & Greer Idol – June 14 – August 2 (City Park Amphitheater)
- ◆ Freedom Blast – June 29 (City Park)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Country Club Road Park Shade Structures

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.