

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for January 2020



Tomahawk Youth Wrestling practices were held at Riverside High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights throughout the month of January.

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"

Department Projects

- ◆ Kids Planet:
 - Mandatory pre-bid meetings for Kids Planet grading, site work, and accessibility were held on January 2 with 6 companies in attendance. Bids were due on January 22, with 3 bids submitted for the grading and site work and 2 bids submitted for the accessible grading and site work. Raby Construction was the low bidder. Staff met on site with Raby Construction on January 28 to review the bids and scope of work before making a recommendation to award.
 - Bids opened for tree removal at Kids Planet on January 3. Work commenced on January 14, with Heatherly Tree Service of Lyman providing this service.
 - Demolition of current playground equipment continues. Rain/wet conditions have been an issue, but the project is still on schedule to complete demolition before grading and site work begins.
- ◆ Greer Golf Club:
 - On January 7, Ann Cunningham and Red Watson met with City Administrator Edward Driggers to discuss funding for the upcoming Greer Golf Club project.
 - Recreation Department staff have visited the site and met with current staff to start inventory lists for upgrades and renovations, and to begin developing job descriptions and an operating budget.
 - Meetings were held between members of the Recreation, Finance, IT, and Maintenance departments on site to start planning for transition of ownership.
- ◆ Staff are continuing to work on developing site plans for the outdoor restrooms at Turner and Victor Fields, and accessible parking area at Turner Field, and designing ADA accessible parking at Springwood Park.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Exempt staff completed NIMS 300 training on January 16-17 at the Cannon Centre.
- ◆ Brian Wilson and Travis Durham attended the SCRPA Park Maintenance Institute in Irmo, SC on January 22-23.

- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw began the SC LEAD program by visiting Charleston County Parks and Recreation. The session lasted 3 days at James Island County Park.

Department Participation

- ◆ On January 6, Justin Miller met with the Park Hop Committee, in partnership with Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation, to discuss Spartanburg agencies joining the group. The committee met again the following day to discuss planning for the upcoming program season.
- ◆ A meeting was held at City Hall on January 29 to discuss the 2020 International Festival in April.

Division Highlights

- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department had their annual inspection on January 21.

Athletics:

- ◆ Spring youth baseball and girls' softball registration, which opened on December 23, continued throughout the month of January. Soccer registration began the first week of January for City residents and the second week for non-residents. Both registrations will conclude on February 8.
- ◆ The Foothills Soccer Club of Greer held a board meeting on January 7 at the Operations Center to discuss the fall season and the upcoming spring season. There were a couple of rule changes made for the spring in the U10 and U12 age divisions, and important dates were finalized including draft night, first practice, and first game.
- ◆ Division staff facilitated:
 - Foothills Soccer Club of Greer academy soccer practices and games at Greer City Stadium on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. These teams compete in the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association and travel throughout the state. The spring season will continue through mid-May.
 - Youth basketball practices and games at Victor Gym Mondays through Saturdays for 8U, 10U, and 12U age divisions. Games began on January 6 for all three age divisions. The 8U and 10U teams play all league games at Victor Gym, while the 12U division travels to Mauldin Sports Center for league games. The season will continue through late February.
 - Tomahawk Youth Wrestling practices at Riverside High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The wrestlers are participating in matches throughout the Upstate. An inter-squad duel was held at Victor Gym on January 4. Two additional duels with Boiling Springs and Dorman will be held at Victor Gym on February 1 and 15.

Recreation:

- ◆ The 19 annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Luncheon was held on January 20 with a sold out crowd of 315 ticketholders in attendance. Brandon Brown and Marvin Miller, the 2020 Samaritan Award Winners, were recognized during this popular event.
- ◆ There were two Greenville County Sheriff primary elections in the month of January, facilitated by Recreation Division staff at the Needmore Recreation Center. There were a total of 374 voters.
- ◆ Ham Radio Amateur classes began meeting on January 14 at Victor Gym.
- ◆ Pickleball coaching clinics started in January with 32 participants per session. Adaptive Pickleball also held two sessions this month with 34 participants.
- ◆ 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, Tuesdays and Thursdays (215 participants monthly)
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
 - There were 4 Line Dance Classes this month on January 8, 15, 22, and 29 with an average of 34 seniors in attendance.
 - Bingo was held on January 9 and 30 with 27 members in attendance each day.
 - On January 23, SOAR had 10 seniors take a tour of the BMW factory. They got the chance to see the process of building one of these fantastic cars and to learn the history behind BMW.

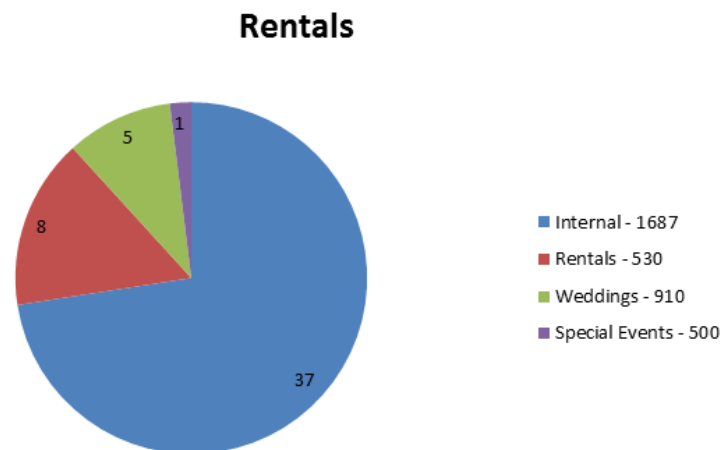
- The monthly Movie Day was held on January 27 with 28 seniors in attendance to watch the movie “Judy”, based on the life of Judy Garland.
- The month concluded with a Lunch Bunch visit to Southern Growl on January 31. There were 30 seniors in attendance to enjoy great food and fellowship that day.
- The average attendance for the month was 26.
- ◆ Rentals for the month of January:
 - Recreation Centers: 4

Cultural Arts:

- ◆ Patti Sexton began a part time position as a Cultural Arts Assistant on January 2.
- ◆ The Center for the Arts hosted the opening reception for local artist Jose Romero, with 99 people in attendance. He sold 4 pieces of artwork during the event.
- ◆ The Greer Children’s Theatre started rehearsals in January for Frozen Jr. at the Tryon Recreation Center on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings and Saturdays during the day. Performances will be held at the J. Harley Bonds Career Center in March.
- ◆ Robin Byouk attended the Junior Theatre Festival in Atlanta on January 17-19.
- ◆ On January 23, the Arts Division met with International Ballet to discuss a possible partnership at the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ The Center for the Arts hosted several art classes throughout the month, including 2 watercolor classes and a ceramics class.
- ◆ Robin met with the Family Festival committee to discuss upgrading the quality of artist participation in the event.
- ◆ On January 29, the Arts Division met with all of the Artists in Residence to discuss the upcoming calendar and events for Center for the Arts.
- ◆ Robin and Evan Hamlin, the director for Godspell, interviewed all Greer Children’s Theatre Student Board members to decide who will be in which director position for this production.

Events:

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 51 events, at which an estimated 3,627 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.



- ◆ The first Food Truck Rollout of 2020 was held on January 17. Attendees were able to enjoy food from 4 different food trucks, beer from Greer Relief, and live music by Matt Phillips.
- ◆ Emma Hagg and Lancy Martino set up a booth at The Wedding Festival in Spartanburg on January 25. This festival allowed the Events Division a chance to meet with future brides in the area. About 500 people attended this event.
- ◆ Google Reviews posted during the month of January:

Local Guide · 82 reviews · 153 photos

★★★★★ 5 hours ago

Nice play ground for kids, with covered benches for parents, little pond with walking path around it, and some adult swings. Upper level has really nice waterfall feature with setting area. Plenty of Grass for the kids to run and play.

Local Guide · 26 reviews · 100 photos

★★★★★ 2 weeks ago

Beautiful place for the wedding I attended.

- ◆ Survey Monkey response received during the month of January:
Is there anything that you'd like to share with us about your experience?

I was so impressed with the venue and the value and the help and communication all along the way. I had so many of my guests at the event share their positive comments about the venue.

How satisfied were you with the booking process?

Very satisfied

Comment:

Emma was very helpful and knowledgeable

Are there any areas of improvement that you'd like to share with us?

Keep doing what you do! Your team is excellent!

- ◆ Ambassador Program numbers for the month of January:

January Monthly Numbers

Monthly totals	11am-2pm Shift Total	6pm-9pm Shift Total	Daily Total	1st Shift Avg	2nd Shift Avg	Daily Avg
Tuesday	45	17	62	9.00	3.40	12.40
Wednesday	16	40	56	3.20	8.00	11.20
Thursday	60	64	124	12.00	12.80	24.80
Friday	94	233	327	18.80	46.60	65.40
Saturday	112	120	232	22.40	24.00	46.40
Sunday	50	N/A	50	10.00	N/A	10.00
Total	377	474	851	12.57	18.96	31.53

Grounds Maintenance

- ◆ Hardscape Creations performed mortar repair and point-up work to the large fountain at City Park.
- ◆ Division Staff:
 - Removed Christmas decorations throughout the City and returned them to storage.
 - Cleaned and repaired trash roll cart container at Century Park's Disc Golf Course.
 - Began shade structure removal at Century Park.
 - Installed straw matting behind Victor Gym to assist in erosion control following the recent HVAC project.
 - Painted fields and installed soccer nets at City Stadium for the start of soccer season.
 - Drained and cleaned the pond at City Park as part of the annual pond cleaning project.
 - Installed Tube Dudes at Century Park and City Park.
 - Cleared the blockage of the storm drain pipe that runs under Field 1 at Century Park. This backup was causing water to stand on the disc golf side of the creek.
 - Installed new can lights throughout the interior and exterior of Needmore Recreation Center.

- Performed mowing and trimming at Needmore Recreation Center, Veterans Park, Tryon Recreation Center, Stevens Field, and Victor Gym due to the unseasonably warm winter weather throughout the month of January.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Foothills Philharmonic String Quartet Concert – February 29 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Frozen Jr. – March 1-3 & 8-10 (J. Harley Bonds Center)
- ◆ Black History Month Essay Contest Reception – March 10 (City Hall)
- ◆ Foothills Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet – March 21 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ CenterG Juried Art Show – March 27 (City Hall)
- ◆ Eggstastic Easter Event – April 4 (City Park)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Camp ARK – June and July (Location TBD)
- ◆ Tunes in the Park/Greer Idol – June 14-July 28 (City Park)
- ◆ Moonlight Movies – June 11-August 2 (City Park)
- ◆ Freedom Blast – June 27 (City Park)
- ◆ Streetscapes Grand Opening and Block Party – July 10 (Downtown Greer)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – August 21 (City Park)
- ◆ Spotlight on the Arts Gala – September TBA (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Railfest – September 26 (City Park)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 16 (City Park)
- ◆ Artisan Makers Market – October 17 (City Park)
- ◆ Giving Thanks Art Show – November 10 (City Hall)
- ◆ Christmas Tree Lighting – December 4 (City Park)
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa – December 5 (Cannon Centre)

Current Projects

- ◆ Kids Planet Playground Renovation
- ◆ Greer Golf Club Project
- ◆ Parking Garage Project
- ◆ Streetscapes Ambassador Program
- ◆ 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.