

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for June 2020



City of Greer Operations Center

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

### Department Projects

- ◆ Staff reviewed and updated budgets for the upcoming fiscal year, and worked to finalize purchases, receipts and purchase orders for the current fiscal year.
- ◆ Greer Golf Club:
  - Installation of irrigation pump and motor was completed by Paramount Pump.
  - The City of Greer took full ownership and operations of Greer Country Club on June 1.
  - A new fleet of 60 golf carts arrived June 5. The new carts have GPS cart control, which allows staff to designate where carts can and cannot go.
  - The swimming pool opened June 12 and membership is at capacity.
  - Staff attended demonstrations of different versions of golf course software that will provide point of sale services, membership dues collection, merchandise inventory and financial reporting.
  - Staff presented to Greer City Council an overall update on the golf course on June 23.
  - Carpet installation in the bottom floor rooms will begin July 2.
  - Benson Construction Company from Georgia was awarded the Fairway and Tee Box Sprigging and Sodding project and will begin on July 6. Staff will prep the project areas beforehand by blecavating and tilling.
- ◆ Kids Planet:
  - Pouring of concrete sidewalks started.
  - Staff worked with the playground installer to coordinate a start date. All playground equipment was transported to the site.
  - The unsuitable soil issue in the lower parking has been addressed by applying a stone base and allowing the parking lot to thoroughly dry before paving begins.
  - JLS Electrical began preparation on the decorative light pole bases.
  - Staff met with Greer CPW and UPA to obtain pricing on park and parking lot lighting, on June 17.
- ◆ Recreation Division Projects;
  - Planning Fitness equipment and shade structure installation at Victor Park.
  - Bocce Ball court installation at Victor Gym.
  - Fence installation in upper park at the Needmore Recreation Center was completed.

### Department Trainings

- ◆ Robin Byouk continued light board training for the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ Robin Byouk, Robbie Davis, Lindsay Schaffer, and Emma Hagg attended Civic Rec two day trainings at the Center for the Arts on June 3 and 4.
- ◆ On June 18, Robin Byouk participated in a webinar, Online Marketing in the Time of Covid 19. Staff completed on-line training courses through the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

## Department Participation

- ◆ With the opening on June 1, signs were replaced at all facilities reflecting the new social distancing guidelines.
- ◆ Justin Miller met with the Park Hop Committee on June 6 for the upcoming program and to discuss the status of parks opening, new deadlines and information on the program.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham met with Stan Coster, on June 10, regarding the Sunset property entrance at Century Park.
- ◆ On June 18, Ann Cunningham met with Gabe Turner to discuss cleaning up Kids Planet picnic tables for his Eagle Scout project.
- ◆ Staff attended Mr. Driggers' annual department meeting on June 24 at the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ Red Watson, Travis Durham, Dan Fowler, Brian Wilson, Robin Byouk and Sara Odom completed the one-year walk through of the Center for the Arts on June 24.
- ◆ On June 24, Robin also met with Scott Stevens regarding the recording the video and tabulating votes for the Online Greer Idol Jr for this summer.
- ◆ The Greer Cultural Arts Council Board continued meeting bi-monthly via Zoom to discuss events and Covid 19 restrictions.
- ◆ Robin Byouk participated in weekly South Carolina Theatre Association Zoom meetings.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department continued to facilitate Senior Action serving outside lunch at the Needmore Recreation Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- ◆ We continue to monitor updates provided by the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association (SCRPA) and the State of South Carolina Governor's website regarding Covid-19. The recommended "phase-in" plan for venues has to remain fluid to ensure we are following the Governor's Executive Orders as well as the SCDEC and CDC.

## Division Highlights

### Athletics:

- ◆ Registration for tackle football, flag football, cheerleading, baseball, girls softball, and soccer began on June 1 for city residents and June 8 for non-residents. Registration will continue until mid-July. Athletics division will continue to evaluate our registration period over the months of June and July and determine a best possible start date and plan for activities. All activities will phase in with social distancing mandates for all parents/spectators.
- ◆ Facilitated academy baseball practices at Country Club Road Park on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. All of the participants and coaches completed City of Greer Parks and Recreation waivers and extra precautions were taken at this facility. Hand sanitizer was provided for all players/coaches before and after practices/workouts. Parents were required to social distance, players had to place their bags at least 6 feet apart and use of dugouts were prohibited at this time.
- ◆ Facilitated academy soccer fall tryouts at City Stadium on June 15-22. All participants and coaches completed City of Greer Parks and Recreation and South Carolina Youth Soccer Association (SCYSA) waivers prior to tryouts. Hand sanitizer was provided for all players/coaches before and after tryouts. A separate entrance/exit for the field was used during tryouts. Parents were required to social distance and players were required to place their bags a least 6 feet apart. Additional guidelines were followed through SCYSA.
- ◆ Facilitated American Legion Junior and Senior team practices at Stevens Park. All players/coaches completed City of Greer Parks and Recreation waivers and spectators must follow social distance guidelines while at the park. Teams will conclude their summer league seasons following a tournament in mid-August. This particular league was our first league back after restrictions lifted for outdoor activities.
- ◆ Continued recruiting for Fall 2020 volunteers for all youth sports and adult baseball programs. The fall season alone requires a concentrated effort to fill all volunteer spots in light of the Covid 19 circumstances.
- ◆ Prepped for our upcoming Cheer For Greer Camp. Volunteers and staff worked together to provide a safe plan for all of our 2020 Fall participants attending camp at Victor Gym. With the current restrictions and with this event being held indoors, we will be restricting the number of participants enrolled as well as restricting parents from entering the gym. Parents will be allowed to view their children periodically from our side entrance if needed.

### Recreation:

- ◆ Instructor based programming returned to:
  - Victor Gym – Archery
  - Tryon Recreation Center – Artifacts Club, Cutlery Club and Never Alone. Social distancing remained in effect for these programs.
- ◆ On June 9, Mayor Danner hosted a workshop at the Victor Gym with local pastors in the community.
- ◆ Tennis/pickleball continued play at the Tryon Recreation Center.

- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
  - All activities were cancelled due to COVID-19.
- ◆ One rental at the Needmore Recreation Center was canceled due to COVID-19 and one rental was held at Wards Creek Park.
- ◆ Recreation Division activities canceled due to COVID 19:
  - Basketball free play (Victor Gym) – 8 sessions
  - Creative Advancement Afterschool (Victor Gym) – 20 sessions
  - Needmore After School (Needmore Recreation Center) – 20 sessions
  - Ham Radio (Victor Gym) – 4 sessions
  - Pickleball Free Play (Victor Gym) – 9 sessions
  - Camp Greer Summer Camp
  - Camp Needmore Summer Camp

Cultural Arts:

- ◆ The Gallery at the Center for the Arts reopened on June 2.
- ◆ Steve Owens and Taylor Crouch assisted Robin Byouk in recording three storytellers, Mayor Danner, Norma Givens, and Fred Baus, as well as craft session for the Virtual Tall Tale Tuesdays.
- ◆ On June 12, Robin Byouk met with Edwin Hutchison, tree carver, to discuss ideas for the tree in the Center for the Arts Park. Several staff members met on June 16 regarding the logistics for the tree carving.
- ◆ An art reception was held, on June 25, in the Wall Gallery at City Hall for the 2020 Juried Art Show winners and their families.
- ◆ On June 30, Robin Byouk and Sara Odom met with Sharon Self, Greer Development Corporation Marketing & Research Director, to discuss placing artwork in the downtown restaurants.
- ◆ A new soundboard and wireless microphone system was purchased by the Greer Cultural Arts Council. Robin Byouk and Sara Odom attended soundboard training at Productions Unlimited in Roebuck, SC on June 30.
- ◆ The Juried Art Show pieces were replaced at The Wall Gallery at City Hall with a series of mixed media pieces by artist Christina Laurel.

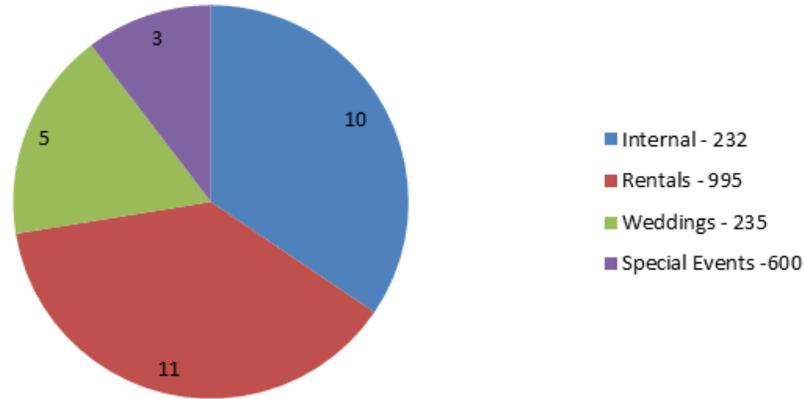
Grounds Maintenance:

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Installed new basketball backboards and rims at Needmore Recreation Center and Greentown Park.
  - Reopened basketball courts at Victor Gym, Needmore Recreation Center, Greentown Park, Wards Creek and BP Edwards Parks.
  - Installed 41 outdoor hand sanitizer dispensers between City Park, Center for the Arts, neighborhood parks and facilities, and disc golf.
  - Opened playgrounds at City Park, Center for the Arts and neighborhood parks. These playgrounds are cleaned and sanitized one per day by Precision Pro Wash
  - Began preparing Country Club Road Park and Stevens Field for the start of summer practice that will begin the week of June 8.
  - Fertilizer was applied to Center for the Arts, Victor Field, City Stadium, Country Club Road Park baseball fields, and Little Turner and the sod along Brushy Creek Road at Kids Planet.
  - Planted summer annuals in Barnett Bridge planter box.
  - Prepared City Stadium for academy soccer try-outs and Wards Creek Park for a rental.
  - Repaired subflooring in the Kids Planet concession stand.
  - Continued to prepare Stevens Field for American Legion teams and Country Club Road Park baseball field's practices on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.
  - Delivered the mobile pool lift to Greer Golf Club pool and the JLG lift to the Cannon Centre for repair work on the building.
  - Assisted the Game Time with the Kids Planet with loading the new playground equipment onto their trailers at the Operations Center
  - Continues to mow and trim City Park, Center for the Arts, neighborhood parks, recreational facilities, and athletic fields.

Events:

- ◆ The Events Division adjusted to Governor Henry McMaster’s amended Executive Order to allow rentals of facilities to operate at 50% of their maximum caacity to assistance in reducing the spread of Covid-19.

**Rentals**



- ◆ The shuttle service began operating with full service again on June 3. The ambassadors picked up 361 passengers.

**Google Review**

★★★★★ a week ago

I love Greer City Park. The walking paths are all clean and wide. The pond is beautiful and full of life. Second away from shopping and food. Loved the outdoor events before the Pandemic.

👍 Like

★★★★★ a week ago - 🗨

Very nice large park. Very clean and well keep. Dog friendly except during special events

👍 Like

★★★★★ a month ago

**Survey Monkey Response**

**Q14**

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

Everything was great

**Q12**

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

Yes

Comment:

I am very thankful that the City allowed me to offer a space to host an end of year showcase for my dancers.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Kids Planet Dedication/Opening – (Date TBD)
- ◆ Tall Tales Tuesday – Virtually – June and July
- ◆ Camp ARK – Virtually – July (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Greer Idol Jr – Virtually - TBD
- ◆ Saturday Music (Center for the Arts) – TBD
- ◆ Moonlight Movies (City Park) – Cancelled
- ◆ Freedom Blast – Postponed
- ◆ Open Hours (Center for the Arts) – Tuesday nights 6pm-9pm & Saturdays 11am-4pm
- ◆ School House Rock Live! - Postponed until 2021
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – August 21 (City Park)
- ◆ Spotlight on the Arts Gala – Cancelled
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Arts Festival – September 19 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Railfest – September 26 (City Park)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 16 (City Park)
- ◆ Artisan Makers Market – October 17 (City Park)
- ◆ GCAC Production “The Descendants” (Cannon Centre) November 6-8 and 13-15
- ◆ Giving Thanks Art Show – November 10 (City Hall)
- ◆ Gingerbread Jamboree – December 3 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Greer Children’s Theater Christmas Show – December 11-13 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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.*

With Freedom Blast being canceled this year the Events Division celebrated virtually on social media starting on Tuesday, June 23 – Saturday, June 27.

Tuesday, June 23 – We shared fun facts about the festival.



Wednesday, June 24 – We encouraged sharing of local heroes with our Hero Spotlight.



Thursday, June 25 – We asked for favorite Freedom Blast memories



Friday, June 26 – We highlighted our sponsor, Texas Roadhouse. We also shared a video of one of our rib eating contests with over 200 views.



<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=671923776998598>

Saturday, June 27 – This was our original Freedom Blast date.

We shared information supporting our Veteran and Military organizations.



We shared a video of the 2018 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Freedom Blast with over 350 views.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=964068937371173>

We finished our celebration with a video of our 2018 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Freedom Blast Fireworks which had over 500 views.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2852153778240870>