

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for July 2020



Center for the Arts Living Sculpture

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

### Department Projects

- ◆ Administration:
  - Applications for the Administrative Clerk position were received. Staff evaluated the applications and sent questionnaires to candidates.
  
- ◆ Greer Golf Club:
  - Benson Construction Company arrived Monday, July 6 and started tee-box laser leveling and grading. Sprigging of fairways began later that week and concluded on July 16. Staff continued irrigating and monitored the sprigs for two weeks. The fairways will be rolled/flattened, fertilized and irrigated for the remaining nine weeks. The back nine will be completely re-opened for play in October.
  - A RFP for the operation of the restaurant closed on July 7 with no new applications. The committee will revisit the three original applicants and make a selection.
  - Agreements have been signed with ClupProphet for the new Point of Sale (POS) system. Full implementation is expected to be delivered in approximately 4-6 weeks.
  - Wi-Fi has been installed and now functional. GPS control for golf carts is now being fully implemented.
  - As usual, play has slowed down due to heat. We expect to see play pick back up in September.
  - We have two tournaments scheduled for October, Greer Community Ministries and the Lions Club.
  - We currently have 190 members consisting of 59 pool memberships (will expire September 8) and 131 golf memberships. The golf memberships consist of 106 single, 21 family, 2 junior, 1 corporate and 1 out of state.
  
- ◆ Kids Planet:
  - A majority of the sidewalks were poured throughout the site with the exception of the sections providing access to the playgrounds for the playground installers.
  - UPA, subcontracted through CPW, began installing conduit on site for the electrical and fiber.
  - JLS Electrical completed the installation of the decorative light pole concrete bases throughout the park. The parking lot bases will be installed in early August.
  - The installation of the playground has begun. This will continue for an estimated 8 to 10 weeks, depending on weather and any unforeseen obstacles such as unsuitable soils.
  - The Parks and Recreation Department staff are updating the restroom facilities in Kids Planet. We are upgrading the faucets and toilet hardware, replacing exterior doors, painting walls, refinishing the floors,

adding soffits, etc. We are also reviewing the landscaping plans, designing the entrance and replacing the exterior water fountain.

- The former Cannon's Concession Stand has been purchased by the City of Greer. We are currently assessing the condition of the equipment, cleaning the facility and preparing it for occupancy. We plan to advertise for a RFP for potential vendors to operate the concession daily.
- ◆ Additional Department Projects:
  - Continued planning logistics for the installation of the fitness equipment and shade structure at Victor Park.
  - Installed lower park basketball goal at the Needmore Recreation Center funded by Greenville County Redevelopment Association (GCRA) grant.
  - Planning for the construction/installation of two (2) restroom facilities at Victor and Turner Parks.

## Department Trainings

- ◆ Summer Staff was hired by HR on July 1 and Justin Miller and Meredith Anzur held orientation to discuss plans for summer camp activities (online content and mobile recreation dates).
- ◆ On July 28 and 30, the Events Division participated in South Carolina Festival and Event Association's summer seminar via zoom. Topics of the seminar included COVID-19 safety practices, event insurance, sponsorships and marketing.
- ◆ The programming divisions continued entering rental and registration information into the CivicRec software in readiness for the September 1 date to go live.
- ◆ Robin Byouk continued light board training for the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ Robin Byouk participated in online trainings via Zoom; AACT Roundtable Volunteer Theatre fundraising, engaging your audience during and after Covid-19, Conversations with Broadway Producers, SCTA bi-weekly call, AACT webinar – Board Engagement and Retention during Covid-19.
- ◆ Robin Byouk and Sara Odom attended soundboard training at Productions Unlimited on July 27.

## Department Participation

- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department continued to facilitate Senior Action serving drive-thru lunch at the Needmore Recreation Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- ◆ The Athletic Division assisted with Trees Upstate tree giveaway at Stevens Park on July 17-18. This non-profit organization has events to market their organizations mission "To plant, promote, and protect trees in the Upstate". People were able to learn about the organization and receive a free tree as well.
- ◆ With the opening on June 1, signs were replaced at all facilities reflecting the new social distancing guidelines.
- ◆ 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 SCDHEC and CDC.

## Division Highlights

### Athletics:

- ◆ Completed participant registration for tackle football, flag football, cheerleading, baseball, girls softball, and soccer.
- ◆ Facilitated academy baseball practices at Country Club Road Park on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday night. Academy teams participate in tournament play across the upstate on Saturdays and Sundays.
- ◆ Academy soccer summer workouts were held at Country Club Road Park on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Hand sanitizer was provided for all players/coaches before and after tryouts. Parents were required to social distance and players were required to place their bags at least 6 feet apart. Additional guidelines were followed through South Carolina Youth Soccer Association (SCYSA).
- ◆ American Legion Junior and Senior games were facilitated at Stevens Park. Spectators were instructed to follow social distance guidelines while at the park. Junior Legion team was eliminated from play this past week. Senior Legion team was eliminated in the state tournament game at Segra Park in Columbia, SC.
- ◆ Youth flag football drafts for the Termites (4-6 years), Junior Varsity (7-9 years) and Varsity (10-12 years) were held at the Operations center on July 29. Teams are now practicing at Country Club Road Park every Tuesday and Thursday evening under guidelines for COVID-19.
- ◆ Met with all youth football head coaches to discuss COVID-19 guidelines for practice and games. Head coaches will conduct a temperature check for participants prior to hitting the field each night. Teams from Mauldin Parks and Recreation, Fountain Inn Parks and Recreation, Greer Parks and Recreation and Greenwood County Parks and

Recreation will participate together this season. Each department hosted multiple guideline meetings prior to the start of camps.

- ◆ Facilitated youth girls softball practices at Victor Field every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday.
- ◆ Youth recreation soccer practices we held at South Suber Road Park. Practices are scheduled for every Monday and Thursday.
- ◆ Cheer For Greer Camp was conducted at Victor Gym on July 21-24. Due to our current circumstances, with this event being held indoors, we restricted the number of participants enrolled as well as restricted parents from entering the gym until our final "family night" on Friday, July 24. The girls enrolled in the Cheer for Greer program learned basic tumbling, cheers, and dances.

#### Recreation:

- ◆ The Recreation Division continued to facilitate the following programs:
  - Some instructor-based programming continued in facilities. These programs with participant numbers included Archery (160), Artifacts Club (20), Cutlery Club (25), Pickleball Clinics (69), and Never Alone (30).
  - A Magic Camp with Upstate Magic Academy was held on July 27-July 31 at Victor Gym with seven students.
  - Hosted ten Mobile Recreation Playdates with summer staff at different parks with 61 kids in attendance.
  - Several online activities with our summer staff were hosted: <https://www.cityofgreer.org/914/At-Home-Activities>.
  - A Greer Relief Mobile Food Pantry was conducted on July 29 at Needmore Recreation Center.
  - Continued working on transitioning funding and getting approved for GCRA grants derailed by Covid-19.
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
  - SOAR was unable to meet in July due to COVID-19, but we have continued to make phone calls and send emails to stay in touch with our seniors. We are currently planning many exciting, safe activities for the fall.
- ◆ Recreation Rentals for the month of July:
  - Rentals were allowed to continue at a reduced capacity.
  - Recreation Centers - 6
  - Wards Creek Park - 1
  - BP Edwards Park - 1
  - Greentown Park - 1
- ◆ Activities canceled due to Covid-19 in July:
  - Archery: 3 sessions
  - Artifacts Club: 1 session
  - Basketball Free play: 8 sessions
  - Camp Greer Summer Camp
  - Camp Needmore Summer Camp
  - Cutlery Club: 1 session
  - Never Alone: 2 sessions
  - Pickleball Free play: 9 sessions
  - Recreation Center rentals: 1 canceled
  - Senior Action: 9 sessions (modified lunch pickup on 13 days)

#### Cultural Arts:

- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesdays was filmed at the Center for the Arts and released on YouTube and Facebook on Tuesdays at 6:30pm.
  - The storytellers were:
    - Children's author Fred Baus, July 7
    - Fourteen (14) Magical stories with JJ Pearson, July 14
    - Internationally renowned poet Glenis Redmond, July 21
    - Amber Sherer, Glenis' daughter and poet, July 28
  - Each video consisted of the storyteller and crafts by Robin Byouk. Steve Owens and Taylor Crouch recorded and edited the videos.
- ◆ Greer Idol Jr went online this summer. The competition began on July 9. Each session was recorded at the Center for the Arts with the judges on a Zoom call. We had seven contestants. The contestant with the lowest scores does not move forward. The final will be August 20 with the winners being announced on Facebook Live on August 24.

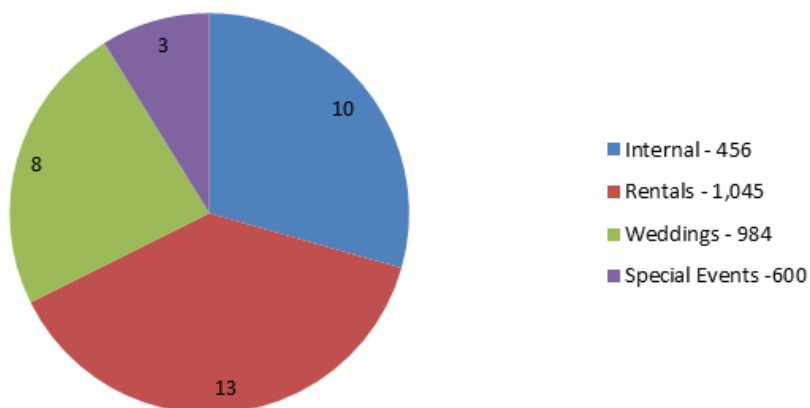
- ◆ The “Wall Gallery” at City Hall was changed to Christina Laurel’s mixed media collages the first week in July. The artwork from the 2020 City of Greer Juried Art Show was taken down and the artists picked up their work that week. The Jose Romero art show at the Center for the Arts was taken down. A new show will be hung in August.
- ◆ Edwin Hutchison began carving the “Living Tree” sculpture at the Center for the Arts on July 23. This is made possible in part by a grant from the Partnership for Tomorrow. The sculpture should be completed by September 3. A “first cut” photo shoot was held at 11am on July 23.
- ◆ Greer Cultural Arts Council (GCAC) held two Theatre Workshops at the Center for the Arts, one on July 20-22 and one on July 27-29. Each session was three days, three hours each day, with the same teacher. Center for Disease Control guidelines were followed; only ten students per session, masks were worn, temperatures were checked and the students were spaced 6 -8 feet apart.
- ◆ The Center for the Arts gallery and studios were open to the public on Tuesday nights and Saturdays from 11am-4pm with the exception of Saturday, July 4.
- ◆ Robin Byouk and Sara Odom met with Public art artists (sculptors) James Nick Ring and his wife on July 28. They are the owners of Nick Ring Studios in Travelers Rest, SC and are interested in participating in the events at the Center for the Arts.

Grounds Maintenance:

- ◆ Division Staff:
  - Moved murals at the Tryon Recreation Center to allow the Cultural Arts Division to paint them for an interactive public arts installation.
  - Relocated picnic tables from Operations Center to Century Park Kids Planet. Tables were brought to the Operations Center for refurbishing before the renovations got underway.
  - Prepared BP Edwards Park for a rental.
  - Pruned shrubs at Operations Center.
  - Applied fertilizer to City Stadium, Country Club Road Park baseball fields and Victor Field.
  - Applied plant growth regulator to City Stadium, South Suber Road Park fields 1 & 2 and Victor Field
  - Continued to prepare Stevens Field for American Legion games.
  - Continued to maintain athletic complexes and fields, neighborhood parks, recreational facilities City Park, Center for the Arts and the downtown area.
  - City Park fountains were pressure washed.
  - All landscape beds were sprayed for weeds, and undesired growth was removed from plants and trees in the beds, as well as 2-4-D Spot sprayed in turf grass.
  - A park bench was relocated to the promenade from another location in the park due to a vehicle accident during the Farmers Market.
  - Pruning around Cannon Centre and parking lot shrubs.
  - Hollies were removed from City Hall outdoor lighting and boxwood shrubs were removed from flagpole lighting.

Events:

**Rentals**



- ◆ The Events Division hosted 39 events, at which nearly 3,085 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ On July 12, the Events Division assisted with the CenterG Dedication Ceremony. We set up and operated a short dedication video on the movie screen.
- ◆ The Events Division has been working with Greer Station Association/Greer Development Corporation providing information and input in the creation of a “Wedding Festival” to provide brides with information regarding wedding vendors in the Downtown Greer area.
- ◆ On July 21, the Event Halls carpet was deep cleaned. We have done this service once a quarter. In addition, the Event Halls kitchen tile was re-waxed to help extend the life of the tile.

### Google Review

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Very nice scenery, plenty of walkways around area. Great place for photos and other special events.  
First time but I will be back!!

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### Ambassador

The Greer Station Shuttle Ambassadors picked up 558 passengers in July. This is an average of 18 passengers per day.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Kids Planet Dedication/Opening – (Date TBD)
- ◆ 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
- ◆ H. R. Turner Field and Victor Park Restroom Facilities
- ◆ Springwood Park ADA Renovation
- ◆ Victor Park Fitness Equipment Project

*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.*