

Parks, Recreation & Tourism

July 2022 Monthly Report

Current/Ongoing Projects

Wards Creek Trail System & South Tyger River Greenway

- Architects with Keck & Wood, Inc. are still in the process of designing the trail system for the Wards Creek Trail. The steering committee has finalized the layout for the South Tyger Greenway, and the architects are currently working on the development of the construction documents.

Greer Golf

- Staff met with representatives from P+F Construction, SGW/NW Design and Architecture, and other city staff to review conceptual plans for the clubhouse/pool areas and the construction timeline.

Needmore Recreation Center Pickleball Courts

- There is no update from GCRA on the bids for renovation. The project is currently “On Hold” due to difficulty in getting contractors.

Victor Park

- The final stages of the project (re-stripping and seal coating of the basketball courts) were completed July 1.

Cannon Centre Deck Renovation

- Green Earth Partners is scheduled to begin construction on August 4.

Department Highlights

Administration

- On July 14, staff attended a City meeting for the Upstate Renaissance Faire which will be held September 10 at Greer City Park.
- Staff met with members of the Public Services Department on July 18 to discuss details and programming of the Suber Road Park Development project.
- On July 19, staff met with members of the City of Greer Communications Department on a recruitment video for the City of Greer.
- Ann Cunningham spoke with Tripp Barrineau of Keck & Wood, Inc. on July 21 to discuss updates for trail development.
- Ann Cunningham and Red Watson met with Jacquette Ginyard of Ella’s at the Course to discuss upcoming renovations to Greer Golf.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- Facilitated Youth Flag Summer Rugby League at Country Club Park
 - Coach Warren Taylor is currently working with our youth coach Andy Garcia on a fall program
 - Coach Hall from Clemson University attended our July 26 session and trained all participants
- Began registering teams/clubs for the upcoming Christmas 7s Regional Rugby Tournament to be held on December 10 and 11
- Hosted preseason workout sessions at Victor Gym for the Tomahawk Youth Wrestling program
- Completed the 2022 Spring Greer Baseball Club Recreation Season
 - Every age division won its district championship

- 6U finished in the Top 5 at State (out of 12), 8U finished in the Top 6 at State (out of 12), 10U finished as SC State Runner Ups, and 12 U finished in the Top 6 at State
- Facilitated Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy Practices at Country Club Park and Suber Park
- Completed registration for Greer Junior Jackets Tackle Football and facilitated preseason conditioning sessions and practices at Greer City Stadium. We had minor growth from the 2021 season, and for the 2nd year in a row, we will be adding a team.
- Completed registration for Cheer For Greer, facilitated practices at Greer City Stadium and planned for upcoming preseason camp. Our program once again had TREMENDOUS registration with Waiting Lists. Greer PRT offers one of the largest Youth Recreation Cheer programs in the state.

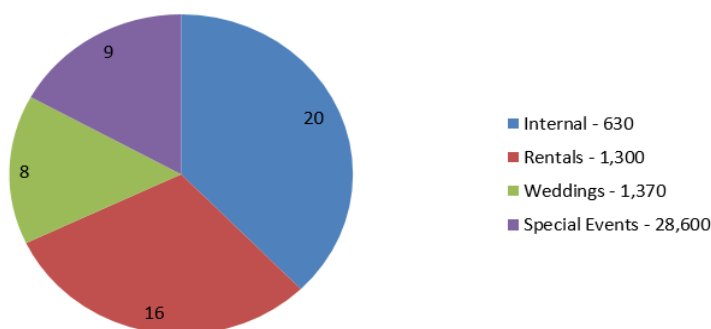
Cultural Arts

- On July 6, staff went to the Spartanburg Art Museum to observe their clay classes and gallery.
- On July 8, staff met with a new sewing teacher, Sherri Alfred, regarding fall classes.
- The first week of Camp ARK was held July 11-15, with some available spaces, so 8 scholarships were given to Camp Needmore summer campers.
- Tunes in the Park was held on July 16 with the Carolina Coast Band and Round 3 of Greer Idol and Greer Idol Jr. contestants performing to a huge crowd.
- On July 18, the GCAC Board met to prepare for the Harry Potter Trivia Night Fundraiser to be held on July 30. The event quickly sold out, so 30 additional seats were added and sold out!
- The second Paint/Clay Camp was held July 18 -22 and was at full capacity.
- Robin Byouk, Supervisor of the Center for the Arts, and Lindsey Shaffer, Tourism Specialist, met the new director of the Greenville Creative Center for the Arts on July 19 and had the opportunity to tour the facility.

Events

- The Greer Farmers Market continued its weekly market with over 40 vendors. On July 19, it hosted the Peach Jam which included a peach cooking competition. The Greer Farmers Market will take place each Tuesday night through August 30.
- The Moonlight Movie summer series continued to bring in a large crowd to the park every Thursday. Each week, guests had the opportunity to enter into a free raffle, watch magic by JJ's Magic, and enjoy free kid's crafts. Ice cream, popcorn, and hot dogs were available for purchase onsite by Abbott's Frozen Custard.
- The Ambassadors continued to provide excellent customer service to our citizens by picking up over 1,300 passengers in downtown Greer Station in the month of July.

Rentals



Golf

- Grounds staff continues to work on soil amendments to improve the greens and has continued fertilizer applications on the Front 9 greens and tee boxes.

- On July 8, staff sprigged the practice tee.
- Staff worked on quotes for cart path repairs to holes 11, 12 and 14 and is now working to schedule the repairs with Armstrong Concrete, who was awarded the contract. Armstrong is expected to complete the project next month.
- On July 18, the South Carolina Junior Golf Association (SCJGA) held its Greenville Chapter Event of the Hootie and the Blowfish Series at Greer Golf. There were 106 Junior golfers (ages 8-17 years) competing from all over the Upstate.
- Greer Golf officially announced the return of the Greater Greer Open Golf Tournament and has opened registration. The September 24 and 25 tournament will accept up to 144 golfers.

Recreation

- Summer camps continued at Victor Park and Needmore Recreation Center July 11-29. The 8 week camps will continue through August 5 and will host 115 kids daily.
- The “Let Freedom Dink Pickleball Tourney” was held at Tryon Park on July 16-17, with 78 participants. The tournament generated \$1429 in revenue for our department.
- Open Play Basketball sessions were offered on Wednesday and Friday nights at Victor Gym.
- Pickleball Clinics and Open Play sessions were held at Victor Gym and Tryon Park.
- Senior Action continued to meet at Needmore Recreation Center each weekday for activities and lunch.
- Never Alone, the Artifacts Club and Cutlery Club met at Tryon Recreation Center during the month.
- Archery met at Victor Gym on Monday and Thursday nights and City Stadium on Wednesdays and had an Archery Camp July 25 – 29 at Victor Gym.
- Seniors Out and Around (SOAR):
 - Hosted Line Dancing sessions on Wednesdays at Cannon Centre
 - Hosted Bingo, Book Club, Movie/VR day, and Walking Program days throughout month
 - Hosted an Ice Cream Social on July 14 at the Center for the Arts with 15 seniors in attendance
- Rentals:
 - Kids Planet Shelters – 69
 - Recreation Centers – 6
 - Neighborhood Parks - 1

Tourism

- Staff met with Adam Jennings (VisitGreenvilleSC) on July 1 to finalize the City of Greer’s listings.
- Staff met separately with Harvest Kitchen, Cartwright Food Hall, Ollie’s Tavern, Pour Sports Pub & Grille, and Stomping Grounds to discuss and receive feedback regarding road closures and events in downtown Greer.
- Lindsey Shaffer, Tourism Specialist, was accepted into the 43rd Class of Leadership Greer to begin in September 2022.
- Lindsey attended the GSA Board Meeting on July 12 and the SFEA Board Meeting (virtually) on July 12.
- Staff met with department representatives and Sharon Murry (Spinning Jenny) on July 14 to discuss the road closure request for the Upstate Renaissance Faire to be held on September 10, 2022.
- Lindsey met with Alison Rauch (Greer CPW) and Robert Roux (City of Greer Engineering) on July 15 regarding the City of Greer’s involvement in the Lake Robinson Day of Celebration.
- Lindsey attended the SFEA Summer Seminar in Rock Hill, SC on July 20 which covered topics such as food truck compliance, creative sponsorships, and vendor relations.
- Lindsey met with Dwayne Skinner (Diamond South Events) and the City of Greer Events Division on July 26 regarding a potential Rhythm, Blues & Wine Festival.

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Current Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greer Farmers Market – Tuesdays May 3 – Aug. 30, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 (City Park) • Moonlight Movies – Thursdays July 14 - Aug. 4 (City Park) • Camp ARK Arts Camp – July 11-15; July 25-29; Aug. 1-5 (Center for the Arts) • Tunes in the Park – July 16, Aug. 27, and Sept. 17 (City Park) • <i>Peter Pan Jr.</i> Auditions – Aug. 8 and Aug. 9 (Center for the Arts) • Food Truck Rollout – Aug. 18 and Oct. 20 (City Park) • Upstate Renaissance Faire – Sept. 10 (City Park) • “Get Your ART On!” Arts Fair – Sept. 17 (Center for the Arts) • Railfest – September 24 (City Park) • Greer Arts & Eats Festival – Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 (City Park) • Hispanic & Latino Heritage Art Exhibition Reception October 4 (Center for the Arts) • Greenspan Big Band – October 8 (Center for the Arts) • Foothills Philharmonic Concert – October 14 (Center for the Arts) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greer Golf Redesign Clubhouse & Pool Area • Cannon Centre Deck Renovation • South Tyger River Greenway • Wards Creek Trail System • Needmore Recreation Center Pickleball Courts

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.