

Parks, Recreation & Tourism

September 2022 Monthly Report

Current/Ongoing Projects

Wards Creek Trail System & South Tyger River Greenway

- Architects with Keck + Wood, Inc. are continuing the process of designing the trail system and have proposed their recommendation for the new trail location.
- The construction documents for the South Tyger River Greenway are being finalized. Next step in the process will be a plan review.

Turner Park

- Finalizing construction details with Keck + Wood for the new softball/baseball complex at Turner Park and awaiting an estimated cost breakdown.

Greer Golf

- The conceptual plans for the clubhouse/pool areas and construction timeline should be completed and submitted next month.
- Golf Architect, Jeff Lawrence, met with staff on September 15 to begin planning new location and design of putting green. This project will be partially funded with the PARD grant.

Needmore Recreation Center Pickleball Courts

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

Cannon Centre Deck Renovation

- The project remains on-going with an expected completion date in October.

Suber Road Park

- The Parks, Recreation & Tourism portion of this project has been delayed. It will resume with the completion of the Fire and Police Departments plans.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- Practices continued and games started for our Fall Sports. These sports include NFL Flag Football, Youth Tackle Football, Cheerleading, Youth Recreation and Academy Soccer, Adult Baseball, Youth Baseball and Youth Girls Softball).
- Our division hosted SCYSA Statewide Challenge and premier soccer at Country Club Park and Suber Park.
- For the first time ever in our department's history, we will have All-Star tackle football teams for all age-groups. Teams will compete in the upper state and state championships.
- We welcomed back our 6U coaches pitch division this Fall and had four teams of kids sign-up.

Cultural Arts

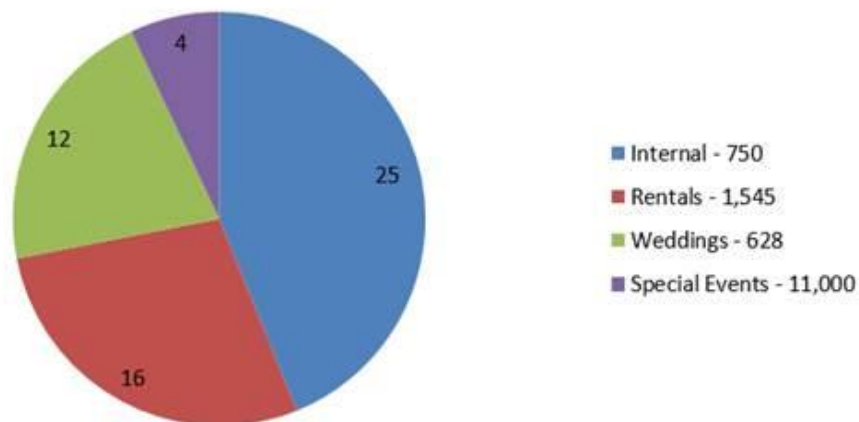
- The Greer Children's Theatre cast of Peter Pan, Jr. built sets, created costumes, and began rehearsals on September 6 at Tryon Recreation Center.
- Robin Byouk and several of the artists appeared on Your Carolina with Jack and Megan on September 6, to promote the exhibition Artist in Residence.
- The Center for the Arts hosted the dress rehearsal for Comedy of Errors in preparation for the Upstate Renaissance Faire on September 10.
- Current classes in clay and candle making are being held at the Center for the Arts.

- Get Your Art On! Arts Fair was held at the Center for the Arts on September 17 from 10am-2pm. There were twenty artist vendors and two food vendors. The seventy-three guests toured the Center during the event and Jackson Lewis played the saxophone during lunch.
- The last Tunes in the Park was on September 17 at Greer City Park. The band was The Rhythm City Band. It was also the finale of Greer Idol and Greer Idol Jr. For the first time contestants were able to sing a song live with the band, which was a great opportunity for the contestants. Brian Garner was the winner of Greer Idol and Mathew Molina won Greer Idol Jr. The event was extremely well attended, and the food vendors had a successful day.
- The Arts Division displayed train photos at City Hall for Railfest held on September 21.

Events

- The Upstate Renaissance Faire took place on September 10. The festival went off without a hitch despite over an inch of rain on Saturday morning. With over 125 vendors from many different states, guests were able to travel back in time to experience life in medieval time, mud included. It was estimated that over 3,000 people were in attendance despite horrible weather.
- The Greer Farmers Market hosted their first Fall Gather Market Series on September 20 with over 40 different vendors. The next two dates are October 18 and November 15.
- Railfest took place on Saturday, September 24 from 10am-2pm at Greer City Park. Children of all ages had the opportunity to visit 8 different local train vendors. These include national model train associations, train museums, and safety information from Operation Lifesaver and Norfolk Southern. Activities included free trackless train rides, face painting, balloon twisting and balloon twisting classes, caricatures, animals from Greenville Wildlife Rehab, and magical performances. Karl Lauber played over 40 different train songs throughout the day. Cannonball Paul and Bookworm Bonnie returned after a two-year hiatus to provide train entertainment and stories about Hobos. Food trucks and dessert vendors provided lunch throughout the festival. There were approximately 3,000 people in attendance.
- The Ambassadors have continued to provide excellent customer service to over 1,000 passengers this month in downtown Greer Station.

Rentals



Golf

- Grounds staff is gathering information for a Palmetto Pride Tree Grant for the installation of new trees along Gap Creek Road.
- We are in the process of hiring two part-time employees (one pro shop associate and one golf cart attendant).
- Staff met with Jeff Lawrence, Golf Architect, on September 15 to begin planning the location of the new putting green that will be partially funded by a PARD grant.
- Greer Golf hosted the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office 2022 Chaplain's Benevolent Fund tournament on September 19 (over 100 players) and the 43rd Greater Greer Open (over 60 players) on September 24 & 25. Both tournaments were a huge success and we received numerous compliments on the condition of the course.
- The Greer Community Ministries Golf Tournament will be held October 14. This will be our last tournament of the year.
- Revenue for the months of July and August of the current fiscal year totaled \$197,879. This is a 219% increase from 2021 (\$90,176.01).
- Revenue for the current period (9/1 – 9/26) for the current FY is \$48,816. This is an increase of \$24,466 (200%) from last year.

Recreation

- Senior Action continued to meet at Needmore Recreation Center each weekday for activities and lunch. (20-25 seniors daily).
- Archery participants met at Victor Gym on Monday and Thursday nights and City Stadium on Wednesday nights.
- Skateboarding classes began at Victor Park outdoor basketball courts on Tuesday nights and Saturdays. Beginner, level 2, and level 3 classes are offered, with a total of 33 participants.
- Never Alone continued to meet on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- Seniors Out and Around (SOAR):
 - Hosted Line Dancing sessions on Wednesdays at Cannon Centre
 - Hosted Bingo, Book Club, Movie Day, and Walking Program days throughout the month
- Hosted Pickleball Clinics and Open Play sessions were held at Victor Gym and Tryon Park.
- Hosted Open Play Basketball was held at Victor Gym.
- Creative Advancement Afterschool program began this month at Victor Gymnasium.
- The Division held a Purple Martin Conservation Film release at the Cannon Centre on September 9 and 62 tickets were sold.
- The Disabled American Veterans met at Tryon Recreation Center on Sept. 20.
- The Greer Fall Brawl Circuit Challenge, disc golf tournament took place on Sept 17 at Century Park. All 48 slots were sold, the maximum amount for this event.
- Rentals:
 - Recreation Centers - 7
 - Kids Planet - 89
 - Bus Rentals -1
 - Park Rentals – 1

Tourism

- Lindsey Shaffer participated in Leadership Greer Orientation on September 2. She is representing PRT in Leadership Greer this year.
- The Inaugural 9:11 Endurance Challenge held on September 11, had 11 people and 1 service dog participate. The event organizers, Team Be @ Peace, are looking to expand the event for next year.
- The Communications Department and Lindsey Shaffer finalized the Tourism Website, which launched on September 27.

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Current Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hispanic & Latino Heritage Art Exhibition Reception - October 4 (Center for the Arts). The exhibition will be on display through October 15th • Greenspan Big Band - October 8 (Center for the Arts) • Foothills Philharmonic Concert – October 14 (Center for the Arts) • Food Truck Rollout – Oct. 20 (City Park) • <i>Peter Pan Jr production - October 21-24 & 28-30-</i> (Cannon Center) • Artisan Makers Market Saturday, October 22 (City Park) 9am - 1pm • Arts and Eats – <i>Rescheduled-</i> October 29 (Downtown Greer) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greer Golf Redesign Clubhouse & Pool Area • Cannon Centre Deck Renovation • H.R. Turner Park Renovation • South Tyger River Greenway • Wards Creek Trail System

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.