

Parks, Recreation & Tourism

October 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 Wards Creek Greenway trail system and have proposed their recommendation for the new trail location.
 - Letters were mailed out to property owners on October 21, who live along the proposed Wards Creek Trail, inviting them to attend a community meeting on November 9 at City Hall.
- 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

- SGA Architecture and P+F Construction are working towards finalizing the design plans for fire suppression and ADA accessibility, in both the clubhouse and pool area.
- Staff participated in the review of the MEP (Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing) preliminary designs for the renovation and finalized the pool area fireplace design.

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 November.

Suber Road Park

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

Department Highlights

- Our annual department staff retreat was held on October 19 at Center for the Arts and Top Golf.
- The Greer Recreation Association Board of Trustees meeting was held on Thursday, October 27, at Greer City Hall.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- Registration for Greer 76ers was completed on October 21. Junior Rugby practices were held at Turner Field every Sunday. Greer 76ers Varsity Boys and Girls practices are being held at Country Club Park on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Marketing efforts began for Christmas 7s tournament and we discussed the new requirements from SERS officials union in order for them to work (comp rooms, barriers, additional trainers). Our program is required to comp rooms to our SERS (officials). Lindsay Schaffer met with the Hampton Inn in downtown Greer, but they did not agree to provide any complimentary rooms.
- The fall season of Greer Baseball was completed at Century Park and Country Club, with spring registrations scheduled to begin in December.
- Greer Tackle Football games and practices have begun at Greer City Stadium and Country Club Park. Hosted a night to honor women battling breast cancer which drew a huge crowd.

- Flag Football teams competed on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings at Country Club Road Park. Season concluded with playoffs in our Termite, JV, and Varsity divisions.
- Cheer for Greer league nights at Greer City Stadium and Country Club Park have completed their season. Planning is under way for our Cheer for Greer ACC Championship Game program, which allows girls ages 9-12, in our program to perform on the field at the ACC Championship Game at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte.
- Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Recreational and Academy league games and practices were held at Suber Park and Country Club Park.
- Our Rugby program is required to comp rooms to our SERS (officials). Lindsay met with downtown hotel, but they denied any comp rooms requested
- Registration has concluded for youth basketball with nearly 40 kids on the waiting list. Practices are set to begin on November 14. Youth basketball league continues to be the fastest rising sport in our catalog with 7 v 7 flag football, the second fastest.
- Registration for Tomahawk Youth Wrestling has ended for the 2022-23 season. The program is currently on a waiting list, and was half-way full after the first seven days of registration.
- Hosted Greenville Griffins Rugby – Carolinas Rugby Union Matches at Country Club Park. The last home date for the season is October 29th at Country Club Park (due to usage at Country Club Park and all multipurpose fields we will not be taking anymore rentals at this time).

Cultural Arts

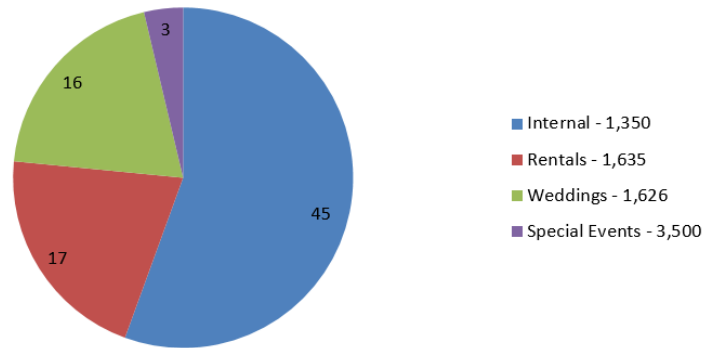
- Fall clay classes continue to meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Candle making classes are meeting on Saturdays, throughout the month.
- Staff conducted interviews with possible instructors to teach Zumba classes and an additional ceramics, painting and/or drawing class.
- The Hispanic and Latino Heritage month Art Reception was held at the Center for the Arts on October 4. There were over 100 attendees and an additional 30 dancers and parents who participated event and Mayor Danner read a proclamation. Balloon artist, Lisandro Mena worked on her balloon installation for 4 days for the Art Reception and Joel and Ayla produced a video documenting the process.
- The Green Span Big Band performed for free at the Center for the Arts on October 8 with 31 guests in attendance.
- GCAC held their fall production of *Peter Pan Jr* at the Cannon Centre on Oct. 21-23 & 28-30. There were 8 performances with 41 cast members, 20-30 adult volunteers for each show and 100-180 guests for each show. Thanks to a scholarship from the Knights of Columbus, GCAC was able to bring 22 guests of Dan Dudley's Creative Advancement afterschool program to the second Friday night show for free.

Events

- Jacob Motter and Emma Mann attended a marketing training course hosted by Greer Development for Greer Station Association members, held on October 5.
- The *Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk* took place in Greer City Park with over 300 participants on Saturday, October 8. Attendees were able to enjoy food trucks, inflatables, and live music.
- The Greer Farmers Market pop-up event took place October 18 with the *Pumpkins and Costumes* market. Attendees enjoyed over 30 vendors and yoga in the park.
- The last Food Truck Rollout took place on October 20. During the chilly night, attendees enjoyed 5 local food trucks and 2 dessert trucks. Music was provided by Chasing Vixens and the series was sponsored by Greer CPW, which has been the sponsor since 2016.

- The Artisan Makers Market was held on October 22 in Greer City Park. Guitarist and singer, Matthew Phillips, provided live music during the event. Over 50 vendors showcased a wide variety of crafts, artwork, food and drinks to a sizeable crowd.
- The Ambassadors have continued to provide excellent customer service to over 1,300 passengers in downtown Greer Station for the month of October.

Rentals

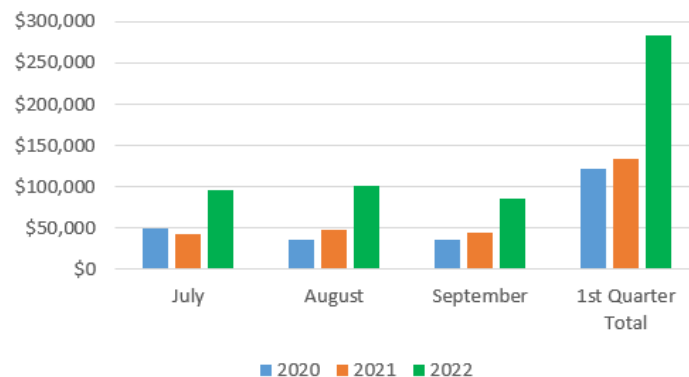


Golf

- The Greer Community Ministries tournament was held on October 14, with 80 teams of golfers, concluding any tournaments for the calendar year.
- Greer Golf opened-up bids for the annual “Early Order Program” to purchase chemicals for the course on October 25. There were 3 submissions that the staff are evaluating.
- Revenue for the first quarter of the fiscal year was \$283,729. This is a 111% increase from 2021.

	July	August	September	1st Quarter Total
2020	\$49,386	\$36,403	\$35,255	\$121,045
2021	\$42,502	\$47,673	\$43,886	\$134,062
2022	\$96,553	\$100,977	\$86,199	\$283,730

Greer Golf- Revenue



Recreation

- **Rentals: Kids Planet Shelters-75, Recreation Centers-14; Buses- 1**
- Senior Action continued to meet at Needmore Recreation Center Monday-Fridays for the indoor activities, where hot lunches were served daily to 20-25 seniors.

- Never Alone continued to meet on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- Skateboarding classes continued to be held at Victor Park outdoor courts, on Tuesday nights and Saturdays. Beginner, level 2, and level 3 classes are offered with a total of 33 participants.
- SOAR hosted Line Dancing classes which were held at Cannon Centre on October 5 & 19 which averaged 31 senior participants, per session
- SOAR hosted Gentle Yoga, a new class offered to our seniors, met at City Park on October 11, 18 and 25. This class was tailored to seniors and individuals with limited range of motion and averaged 6 senior participants, per session.
- SOAR hosted BINGO on October 6 & 20 at City Hall and average of 22 seniors in attendance, per session
- SOAR hosted a Walking Club which met at Greer City Park on October 11 and October 25 and averaged 5 seniors in attendance, per session.
- SOAR to a trip to Stewart Farms on October 13. The day included lunch, a fall hayride, and an educational lesson about pumpkins and the growing process. Everyone had a great time and there were 26 seniors in attendance.
- A Round Robin Rumble Pickleball Tournament was held at Tryon Recreational Center on October 12-15 with 147 participants. The department will net \$758 (10% of participant’s entry fee). The proceeds of the tourney fully support our adaptive Pickleball program.

Tourism

- Lindsey Shaffer was interviewed on Access Carolina on Wednesday, October 12 at the Greer Heritage Museum. The show promoted Food Truck Rollout, Artisan Makers Market, Greer Ghost Tours, and the Greer Farmers Market.
- Lindsey Shaffer and Steve Owens completed the digital and print advertisements for the 2023 Upcountry SC Visitors Guide.
- Lindsey Shaffer and Red Watson coordinated with JC Films Greenville and Dovelight Photography for an upcoming film featuring Dean Cain. Greer Golf will serve as a location in the film.
- The Chamber’s Greer Arts & Eats Festival took place on Saturday, October 29 in downtown Greer with an estimated 4,000-5,000 people in attendance.

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Current Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smokey Mountain Railroad Trip (SOAR) Nov 11 • Open Studios (Center for the Arts) Nov 12 and Nov 13, • Lion Ling Auditions (Center for the Arts) Nov 14 and 15. • Upcountry Fiber Artists Reception (Center for the Arts) Nov 29 • Tree Lighting Ceremony, (City Park) - Dec 2 • Breakfast with Santa (Cannon Centre) - Dec. 3 • Greer Farmers Market – Holiday Market (City Park) Dec 3 & 4 • Greer Christmas Parade – (Downtown) Dec 4 • Gingerbread Jamboree, (Center for the Arts) Dec 6 • Holiday Arts Fair (Center for the Arts) Dec 10 • Cops for Tots (Cannon Centre) Dec 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannon Centre Deck Renovation • Greer Golf Redesign Clubhouse & Pool Area • H.R. Turner Park Renovation • South Tyger River Greenway • Suber Road Park • 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.