

# Parks, Recreation & Tourism

## November 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.
  - Property owners effected by the Wards Creek Trail system were invited to a Community Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, at Greer City Hall to review and discuss the proposed alignment. Input gathered from this meeting will be consolidated and reviewed.
- The construction documents are being finalized for the South Tyger River Greenway. Next step in the process will be a plan review.
  - The proposed Easement Exhibits and Agreement for the South Tyger River Trail have been submitted to the Greenville County School District for review and consideration. If approved by their General Counsel, it will come to our Council for approval, and then back to the Greenville County School Board for final approval. This spur off of the main Greenway Trail will provide a link to the sidewalk currently on Gap Creek Road.

#### Turner Park

- Keck + Wood are finalizing the construction details and cost breakdown for the new softball/baseball complex at Turner Park.

#### Golf Course

- SGA Architecture and P+F Construction are working towards completing the design plans for the fire suppression system and ADA accessibility in both the clubhouse and pool area.
- Staff continued participating in the bi-weekly review of the MEP (Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing) designs for the renovation and have 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 early December.

#### 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 Trainings

- Department Directors and Supervisors attended the 2022 Annual SCRPA Conference in Hilton Head, SC., on November 13-16.
- Steven Thompson attended the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association Conference November 14-16 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- Lindsey Shaffer attended Leadership Greer on Tuesday, November 1 (Public Safety Day).
- Staff continues with the Risk Management - MASC on-line training

#### Department Highlight:

- Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, Cory Holtzclaw and Justin Miller visited the Rock Hill Sport and Event Center on November 10 along with the Mayor, Mr. Merriman and other Administration staff from City Hall.

## Division Highlights

### Athletics

- Tackle football and our cheerleading program have completed their regular and post season playoff schedule. We hosted the South Carolina Athletic Planners All-Star District Tournament at Dooley Field and Greer City Stadium. Our All-Star tackle season with the 10U district finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> in the district and our 12U Team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place. This was our first district All-Star Championship under the SCAP (*South Carolina Athletics Program*) governing body.
- Our staff facilitated Greer 76ers Rugby practices at Century Park on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. This season we have officially doubled the number Varsity Boy participants from last year.
- Tomahawk Wrestling Club practices held at Cannon Center continue to be facilitated by our staff on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.
- The Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy practiced and played their tournaments and games at Suber Park exclusively, allowing the County Club Road Park fields to remain in good shape, in preparation for the upcoming Greer Christmas 7s Rugby Tournament, scheduled for December.
- Cheer for Greer ACC Championship Game practices were held at Victor Gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our Cheer for Greer program will perform at the ACC pregame Championship at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, on December 3.
- Youth Basketball practices were facilitated by our staff and held at Victor Park, Tuesday through Sunday. We also rented the gym from New Jerusalem Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays to accommodate the participants registered in the program.
- Recruited teams for The Greer Christmas 7s Rugby Tournament, from the lower and upper region of the state of South Carolina, Georgia, Indiana, Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. We also procured athletic trainers, officials and lodging for the two-day event.

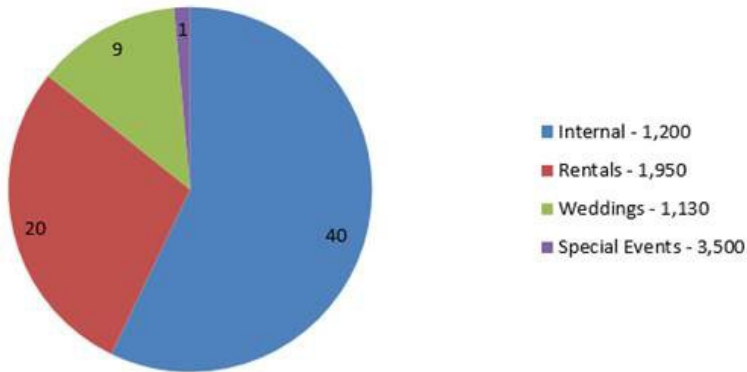
### Cultural Arts

- Robin and Sara met on November 10 with Evan Duke of the Foothills Philharmonic and Reno Deaton of the Greer Development Corporation about possible future collaborations.
- Robin Byouk had a Zoom meeting on November 11 with the Greenville Jewish Federation about the about lessons from the Holocaust and their Butterfly Project; which gives area children and schools an opportunity to paint ceramic butterflies, for free, as a symbol of resilience & hope.
- Greenville Open Studios were held on Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14, and 5 of our 7 resident artists participated in the event.
- Auditions and casting were held for the Lion King, Jr. production with performances will be held on February 24-26 and March 4-6 at the Cannon Centre.
- Staff cleaned and organized costumes at Tryon Recreation Center, and put away costumes, props and set pieces from Peter Pan, Jr. production which was held on Wednesday, November 16.
- The Foothills Philharmonic Brass Quintet performed at the Center for the Arts on Saturday, November 18, with 57 people in attendance.
- The Center for the Arts continued classes in November for their after-school program which included clay and candle-making classes.
- Preparations were made for the Upcountry Fiber Artists Exhibition at the Center for the Arts. There were so many pieces of art to display, it took 4-days to complete the installation. The Exhibition was held on November 29.

## Events

- Our Events Division hosted an interdepartmental meeting to finalize details for the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting on December 2.
- The Greer Farmers Market Gather- Fall Market, originally scheduled on November 15, was rescheduled for November 22 (due to inclement weather). The Thanksgiving themed market included over 40 vendors.
- Our Ambassadors continued providing excellent customer service to over 1,000 passengers in downtown Greer Station in the month of November.

## **Rentals**



## Golf

- Revenue for the month of November was \$63,545, an increase of \$10,000 from 2021.
- The part-time cart attendant position advertisement has been closed, with 7 applications submitted.
- We are currently advertising for a part time Pro Shop Attendant.
- A new range-ball picker was purchased for the golf course's driving range on 11/15.

## Recreation

- Senior Action met at Needmore Recreation Center Monday-Fridays for activities and lunch (20-25 seniors daily).
- Archery classes for both youth and adults were held at Victor Gym on Monday nights and City Stadium on Wednesday nights.
- Never Alone, The Artifacts Club and the Disabled American Veterans met at Tryon Recreation Center.
- Disabled American Veterans met at the Tryon Recreation Center on Tuesday 11/15.
- SOAR hosted events:
  - Line Dancing with 30 in attendance at the Cannon Centre.
  - Bingo Day with 15 participants at City Hall.
  - Movie Day with 20 in attendance at City Hall.
  - Book Club meeting with 9 in attendance.
  - Walking club with 3 in attendance.
- Pickleball Clinics and Open Play sessions were held at Victor Gym and Tryon Park. Our department also hosted GCRA grant funded Pickleball clinics at Victor Gym.
- Open-Play Basketball was held at Victor Gym.
- The Afterschool Program continued at Needmore Community Center.
- Creative Advancement Afterschool Program began at Victor Gymnasium.

- Tryon Recreation Center served as an early voting location which served over 6,500 Greenville County residents as well as a polling location on Election Day, where 585 residents voted.
- The Artifacts Club met at Tryon Recreation Center on 11/28
- Rentals:
  - Recreation Center Rentals- 9
  - Kids Planet Rentals- 55
  - Buses – 2

**Tourism**

- Lindsey participated in CPW’s Lake Robinson Day on Saturday, November 5, and provided the PRT’s program and event information and a fun activity for the attendees.
- Lindsey Shaffer and Ayla Fitzpatrick met with Michelle Willis, Marketing Director at GDC, on Wednesday, November 9, to discuss collaboration and partnership opportunities.
- Lindsey Shaffer attended the SFEA Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 16.
- Lindsey Shaffer met virtually with BMW on Thursday, November 17, to set up a Discover Greer visit to the BMW Performance Center and Zentrum Museum.
- Lindsey Shaffer attended the Inland Port Greer Expansion Celebration on Friday, November 18.

<b><u>Upcoming Events</u></b>	<b><u>Current Projects</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree Lighting Ceremony, (City Park) Dec 2</li> <li>• Swinging Into Christmas (Center for the Arts) Dec 3</li> <li>• Breakfast with Santa (Cannon Centre) - Dec. 3</li> <li>• Greer Farmers Market – Holiday Market (City Park) Dec 3 &amp; 4</li> <li>• Greer Christmas Parade – (Downtown) Dec 4</li> <li>• Gingerbread Jamboree, (Center for the Arts) Dec 6</li> <li>• Holiday Arts Fair (Center for the Arts) Dec 10</li> <li>• Cops for Tots (Cannon Centre) Dec 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannon Centre Deck Renovation</li> <li>• Greer Golf Redesign Clubhouse &amp; Pool Area</li> <li>• H.R. Turner Park Renovation</li> <li>• South Tyger River Greenway</li> <li>• Suber Road Park</li> <li>• Wards Creek Trail System</li> </ul>

*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.*