

Parks, Recreation & Tourism

January 2023 Monthly Report

Current/Ongoing Projects

Wards Creek Trail System

- Staff along with Keck + Wood are evaluating the public response to the project and preparing to answer questions.
- Keck + Wood consultants are assisting staff with submitting a Pre-Application for possibly funding the construction of portions of the Wards Creek Greenway through GPATS. Through the IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts) Bill, GPATS will receive a TA (Transportation Alternatives) allocation in 2023.

South Tyger River Greenway

- Keck + Wood, along with the City of Greer Attorney, is working with the school district to finalize the easement and fencing details.

Turner Ball Park

- Staff members received and reviewed comments from the plan review with Keck + Wood. Adjustments are being made, and plans will be re-submitted for approval.

Greer Golf - Clubhouse and Pool Area Renovation

- Staff received updated pricing from P+F Construction and reviewed it with Mr. Merriman, Mike Sell and John Goughneour. Afterwards, a request to P+F Construction was made to reduce the scope and provide updated pricing. Once an agreement on the scope and pricing is reached, the next step will be submitting plans for review.

Benson Automotive Kids Planet - Century Park

- Staff received updated cost estimates from Keck + Wood for storm water improvements and agreed on the priorities that need to be addressed. Staff also met with the Kids Planet playground representative with GameTime to discuss alternate solutions for the hillside slide.
- Changes were made to the Picket Project and Robin Byouk is currently working on a design to fit all pickets in some type of artistic display on the split rail fence facing the parking lot.

Operations Center Roof Repair

- The Administrative and Recreation Division staff members have temporarily re-located their offices within the Operations Center, outside of the construction area. Decisions are being made regarding carpet, tile, paint and other finishes, with construction to begin in February.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- Registration began for the 2023 spring season for the Greer Youth Baseball Club, Greer Youth Girls Fast Pitch Softball, and the Foothills Soccer Club of Greer. For the first time in years, our Greer Baseball Club brought back the 14U division.
- The Youth Basketball league practices and games continued throughout the month. This is the 3rd consecutive year that the program filled to capacity due to lack of gym space. This year, the program filled to capacity in the first eight days of registration.

- The Greer 76ers Rugby competed in the first round of the South Carolina Rugby Jamboree the weekend of January 14 in Charleston, SC. The High School Boys Varsity finished 4-0; High School Boys Junior Varsity finished 2-2; and the High School Girls finished 2-2.
- The Greer 76ers Rugby Varsity Boys and Junior Varsity Boys competed in preseason matches at the “Georgia Rugby Union” the weekend of January 21 in Roswell, Georgia.
- Six Tomahawk wrestlers competed and placed in the “Tour of South Carolina” Northern Regional wrestling tournament at Eastside High School on January 21.
- On January 28, the Tomahawk Youth wrestling program held the inaugural Tomahawk Invitational, with over 120 wrestlers from six different Upstate South Carolina programs competing at Greer High School. The event was a partnership between Greer High School and Greer PRT.
- The Greer 76ers Rugby hosted the second round of the South Carolina Rugby Jamboree series on January 28 at Country Club Park, with almost 300 players competing on teams from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Cultural Arts

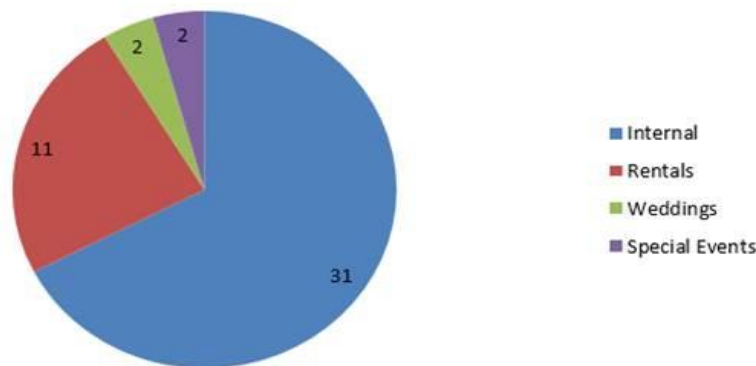
- Rehearsals, set building and costuming resumed on January 3 for Greer Children’s Theatre’s production of *Lion King, Jr.* in preparation for the February and March performances.
- Staff hung the Women of Distinction Art Show at the Center for the Arts on January 5, and on January 9, a new art show was hung at Greer City Hall inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Classes and programs offered at the Center for the Arts included Candle Making, Ceramics, Creative Art Adventures, and Zumba. The ceramics classes have six sold out classes with waiting lists and Robin Byouk’s afterschool art class is double its normal enrollment. The new Zumba class has also seen an increase in enrollment.
- The second round of ceramic butterfly painting for the Butterfly Project took place at the Center for the Arts on January 23. The Center was very busy, as the public came for a second time to paint and glaze a ceramic butterfly in honor of a child that died during the Holocaust. A total of 504 butterflies have been painted for the project.

Events

- The first Greer Farmers Market Sunday Brunch took place on January 8 at Greer City Park with over 30 vendors. Additional Sunday Brunch Markets will take place on February 12, March 12, and April 2.
- The Events division assisted in hosting the Recreation Division’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon on January 16 at Greer City Hall.
- On January 19, Robbie Davis and Emma Mann met with Reno Deaton and Rob Rowan to discuss the Innovation and Solutions World Conference, scheduled to take place in Greer on March 27-29.
- Our Ambassadors continued to provide excellent customer service to over 500 passengers in downtown Greer Station in the month of January.

The Events Division hosted 46 total events – Internal: 31, Rentals: 11, Special Events: 2, Wedding Events: 2. A total of 2,480 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.

Rentals



Greer Golf

- Greer Golf has been awarded the Greenville County Golf Association “Greenville County Two-Man Championship” to be held in May 2023.
- The Grounds staff painted the greens on January 9.
- Greer Golf hosted the “Corbin Turf University” on January 24 where professionals spoke on topics such as industry trends, new landscape pests, techniques to improve pesticide applications, and more. Attendees received South Carolina Pesticide Applicator CEU’s.
- Steven Thompson worked on bid specs for course-wide fertilizer to be distributed in the spring and also worked on obtaining a new lease agreement for the rough mowers and a quote for replacing the fairway mowers.
- Jim Young and Sam Merrell have made a recommendation for hire on the part-time Pro Shop attendant position.
- The course recorded \$11,000 more in revenue in the month of January 2023 than it did the previous January.

Recreation

- Never Alone continued meeting on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center along with the Cutlery Club, Artifacts Club, and DAV monthly meetings.
- Archery Club met two times each week at both Victor Gym and City Stadium.
- Pickleball activities for the month included Clinics, Open Play sessions, and Adaptive Pickleball at Victor Gym and Tryon Recreation Park.
- Our Afterschool program continued at Needmore Recreation Center and the Creative Advancement Afterschool program continued at Victor Gymnasium Monday through Friday each week.
- Senior Action continued to meet Monday-Fridays at Needmore Recreation Center for planned activities and lunch which served 20-25 seniors daily.
- SOAR hosted four Line Dancing classes with 22 on average in attendance. Bingo was held two days with an average of 26 participants, and five Gentle Yoga classes were held with an average of 8 participants. Other activities for the SOAR group included Movie Day with 19 seniors in attendance, Book Club with 11 attending, and an outing for lunch and bowling at Spare Time with 6 seniors.
- The division planned and hosted the 21st Annual MLK Jr. Celebration at Greer City Hall on January 16 with over 300 in attendance. James Felder was the keynote speaker, and Saint Mark United Methodist Church choir and the Creative Advancement choir provided the entertainment.
- Rentals:
 - Recreation Center Rentals - 4
 - Kids Planet Shelter Rentals – 9

Tourism

- Lindsey Shaffer attended Leadership Greer – Media/Communications Day on January 10.
- Lindsey Shaffer met with Maria Amore, owner of Bellamore (co-working/event venue) for a site visit on January 12.
- Lindsey Shaffer attended a free, social media session hosted by Taylor Branding Consulting located in Greer on January 18.
- Lindsey Shaffer met with Casey Shoub (Upstate Outdoor Adventurer) on January to discuss photography/videography for future ad campaigns and social media for Discover Greer.
- Lindsey Shaffer met with members of the Chamber’s Arts & Eats Event Committee on January 23 to discuss 2023 plans.
- The digital Discover Greer Destination Guide launched on January 31 (National Plan for Vacation Day). It can be viewed on the Discover Greer website at www.discovergreer.com

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Current Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomahawk Invitational – January 28 (Greer High School) • SC Rugby Festival – January 28 (Country Club Park) • Women of Distinction Art Reception – February 4 (Center for the Arts) • Greer Farmers Market Sunday Brunch – February 12, March 12, and April 2 (City Park) • Foothills Philharmonic Performance – February 18 (Center for the Arts) • GCT presents Lion King, Jr. – February 24-26 and March 3-5 (Cannon Centre) • SC Rugby State Tournament – February 26 (Country Club Park) • City of Greer Juried Arts Exhibition – March 2023 (Center for the Arts) • Annual Juried Art Show Reception – March 2 (Center for the Arts) • Food Truck Rollout – March 10, April 7, May 12, August 18, September 22, and October 20 (City Park) • Summer Camp Registration Opens – March 13 (City of Greer Residents) and March 20 (Non-City Residents) • Foothills Philharmonic Performance – March 18 (Center for the Arts) • Opening Day – April 1 (Century Park, Country Club Park, and Victor Park) • Eggtastic Easter Event – April 1 (City Park) • Foothills Philharmonic Performance – April 15 (Center for the Arts) • Dedication of the Butterfly Project and showing of the movie “Beloved” – April 18 (Center for the Arts) • International Festival – April 29 (City Park) • Greer Farmers Market – Tuesdays May 2 – August 29; September 19, October 17, and November 14 (City Park) • Tunes in the Park – May 20, June 10, July 22 and August 19 (City Park) • Moonlight Movies – Thursdays June 8 - 29 and July 13 - August 3 (City Park) • Freedom Blast – June 24 (City Park) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bensons Automotive Kids Planet • Greer Golf Redesign Clubhouse & Pool Area • H.R. Turner Park Renovation • Operations Center Roof Repair • 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.