



Parks & Recreation Department October 2021 Report



Artisan Makers Market

"Creating Community Through People, Parks, & Programs"

Current/Ongoing Projects

Benson Automotive Kids Planet

- On September 29, staff met with Jimmy Burke of Cunningham Recreation to discuss Pour in Place Surfacing topcoat options at Kids Planet moving forward.

H.R. Turner Park

- Staff submitted documentation necessary to close our PARD and LWCF Grants on the Turner Restroom Building. On September 30, staff met with Debbie Jordan of SCPRT for an inspection of the Turner Restroom Building. Debbie also inspected all of our other LWCF properties.
- Turner Rugby Field plans were finalized and are ready for permit review and bid advertisement.
- A Change of Use Letter was submitted to Justin Hancock, SCPRT Director of Recreation, Grants and Policy, for the renovation of H.R. Turner Park. Permission was granted to proceed with making renovations for a rugby field, lighting, parking, etc.

Greer Golf

- Greer Golf received several loads of sand from the Public Services Department that will assist top dressing of fairways.

Tryon Recreation Center Pickleball Courts

- A Community Interest Meeting was held to introduce a plan to refinish the lower courts for ten dedicated pickleball courts and nets. There were 37 patrons in attendance that provided wonderful feedback. This proposal will go out to public bid in November.

Needmore Recreation Center Tennis Courts

- Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, and Justin Miller met with GCRA and Cardno Planning, Design and Landscape Architecture to review the structural engineering report for the retaining walls at the tennis courts.

Department Trainings

- Cory Holtzclaw attended SC LEAD training on October 15-16 in Rock Hill, SC.
- Ann Cunningham attended the Leadership Team Retreat, on October 29, at Greer City Hall.
- Staff attended Bloodborne Pathogens training at City Hall on October 27.
- Staff continued with on-line MASC training.

Department Highlights

- An application for the Parks Excellence Award through SCRPA was submitted for Benson Automotive Kids Planet. The winner will be announced at the state conference in December.
- Department staff participated in the Greer Arts and Eats Festival October 1-2 presented by the Chamber of Commerce. A post event review was held via Zoom on October 20 with Chamber staff and board members.

Division Highlights

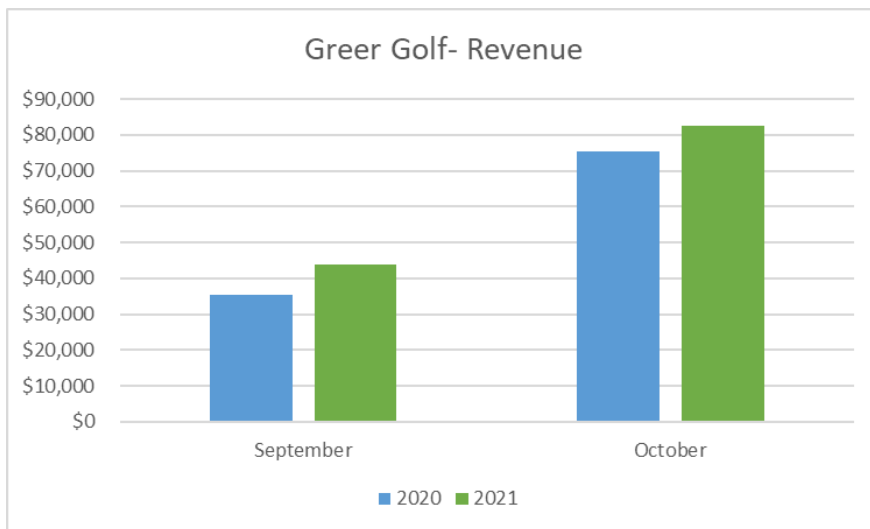
Athletics

- Foothills Soccer Club Greer
 - Completed recreational soccer practices and games at South Suber Road Park. Games were completed on October 25.
 - Facilitated academy practices and games at Country Club Road Park and South Suber Road Park on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. These teams compete within the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association and this division will conclude with the SCYSA State Cup on December 4-5.
- Greer Baseball Club Academy Division
 - Completed recreational games at Century Park on Tuesday and Thursday nights for 8U, 10U, and 12U teams. Academy teams continue to practice at Century Park and Stevens Field on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Their seasons will be completed in mid to late November.
- Girls Softball
 - Facilitated games at Victor Park on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. Greer Parks & Recreation softball teams competed against teams from all over Spartanburg and Greenville Counties this season. The 2021 fall season concludes in early November with tournament games.
- Rugby
 - Registration for Greer 76ers Varsity Boys and Girls teams progress and will conclude in early December.
- Adult Baseball League
 - Facilitated adult baseball games at Stevens Field on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. All regular season games concluded in October. Playoffs begin the first week of November and conclude November 14.
- 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.

- Tackle Football
 - Completed games at City Stadium. The 8U, 10U, and 12U teams competed in the Golden Strip Municipal League with Mauldin, Simpsonville, and Fountain Inn. Our 8U Junior Jackets team finished 2nd in the league championship, 10U Junior Jackets Black won the silver division championship, and 10U Junior Jackets Vegas finished 2nd in the gold division. Youth Night at Dooley Field was held on October 8. All cheerleading and tackle football teams received free admission and were recognized prior to the Greer/Belton-Honea Path high school game.
- Cheerleading
 - Completed Cheer for Greer games at Greer City Stadium and Country Club Road Park on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. The cheerleading program reached maximum capacity this year. The Cheer for Greer provided cheerleading squads for both tackle and flag football this season. Cheerleaders who qualify based on age began practicing at Victor Gym for their appearance at the ACC Championship game in Charlotte, NC.
- Basketball
 - Registration concluded for youth basketball for 8U, 10U, and 12U divisions. Practices and games will take place at Victor Gym. Player evaluations, drafts and practices will begin in early November with games starting in January. Registration is at maximum capacity for all three age groups.
- Wrestling
 - Registration for Tomahawk Youth Wrestling began for the 2021-22 season. Practices will take place at Tryon Recreation Center on Monday and Thursday nights. Registration is at maximum capacity.
- Tournaments
 - Recruited teams from all over the southeast and northeast to attend the Rugby Christmas 7s event at Country Club Park on December 11-12. Currently, we have commitments from multiple universities including Clemson and South Carolina as well as high school teams from North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, and Indiana.

Greer Golf

- Greer Golf is now using “Golf Now” technology, which is an app that allows golfers to book tee times. Since starting utilization of Golf Now, on October 1, we have had 75 rounds booked at our course that resulted in \$2,700 in revenue.
- Ella’s at the Course officially opened as our restaurant at Greer Golf on October 1.
- Greer Community Ministries held their annual fundraiser golf tournament on October 15. The tournament had 37 teams (148 players) and was our biggest tournament of the year.
- Below is a comparison of revenue for September and October in 2020 versus 2021. Please note the course re-opened the respective closed nine holes in October. We have seen an increase in revenue in both of these months this year when comparing to last year.



Cultural Arts

- Classes
 - Clay classes and painting workshops continued at the Center for the Arts.
- Events
 - The Greer Children’s Theatre provided princesses and other fairy tale creatures at the Creation Station.
 - On October 13, Robin Byouk and Cecily Witcher (Artist in Residence) met with Gene Crelcic from the Premier Arts Collective to discuss a “mini” 9x9-art show in the spring of 2022.
 - The Friends of Lake Robinson Annual Photography exhibit remained in the “Wall Gallery” through October 27.
 - The artwork of Tom Gardner remained on display at the Center for the Arts until October 30.
 - The Greer Children’s Theatre performed Disney Descendants at the Cannon Centre Oct 22-24 and 29-31. All shows were sold out. GCT was the first theatre in the area to perform this play based on the popular movie of the same title. Rehearsals were held Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the Center for the Arts or Tryon Recreation Center.

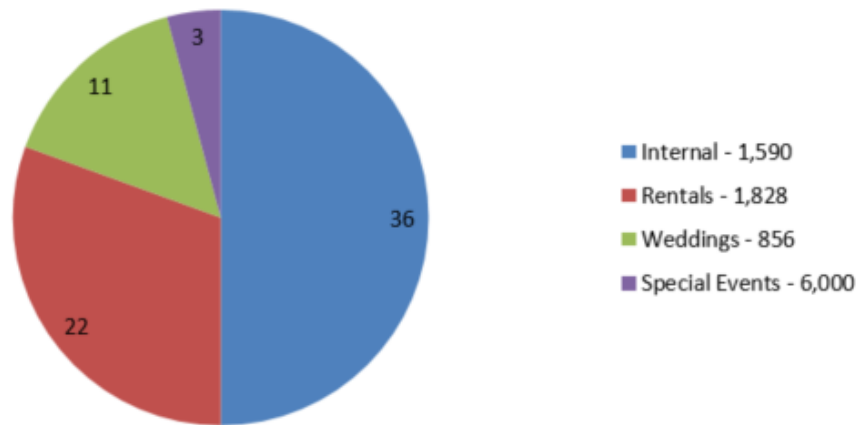
- Rentals
 - On October 5-6, Infinity Marketing rented the auditorium at the Center for the Arts to film a commercial.
 - Sandy Staggs with Proud Mary Theatre rented the Center for the Arts Performing Arts area for its upcoming production of *Falsettos* the first week in November.

Events Division

- Division Staff
 - Assisted in the Greer Arts and Eats Festival by providing a space for bands to relax before and after sets.
 - The final Food Truck Rollout of the year took place on October 14 with music performed by Brooks Dixon. Attendees were able to visit five local food trucks and purchase beer from Greer Relief. Attendees brought chairs and blankets to enjoy a beautiful night in Greer City Park.
 - The Artisan Makers Market was held on October 16 in Greer City Park. Guitarist and singer, Matthew Phillips, provided live music during the event. Forty vendors showcased a wide variety of crafts, artwork, food and drinks to a sizeable crowd. Attendees and artisans alike enjoyed the day.

The Events Division hosted 72 events, at which 10,274 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.

Rentals



Google Review



Recreation

- Programs
 - Senior Action...
 - Continued to host exercising, bingo, and programs and to eat a hot lunch at the Needmore Recreation Center on Mondays-Fridays.
 - After School...
 - Continued every Monday – Friday from 2:30pm-6:00pm at the Needmore Recreation Center. Ten children are enrolled in the program with one staff member on site.
 - Creative Advancement continued to meet every Monday – Friday at Victor Gym with just over thirty participants.

- A Women’s Mentorship program began on Saturdays from 10:00am-1:00pm at Victor Gym. There are 11 participants registered for the class.
- Our summer long scavenger hunt called, “Park Hop” concluded with the closing event, “Get Out Greenville”, at Pleasant Ridge Park on October 2. Participants came out to collect their swag bags and prizes gained during the summer program. This program is in partnership with all the Parks and Recreation agencies in Greenville and Spartanburg Counties. The program had over 2,500 participants with just over 1,000 participants being prize eligible.
- Other Programs
 - JOAD Archery (30)
 - Artifacts Club (20)
 - Cutlery Club (25)
 - Pickleball Clinics (88)
 - Open Play Pickleball (67)
 - Never Alone (25)
- Seniors Out and AROUND (SOAR)
 - Line Dancing Classes were held on October 6, 13 & 20. We had an average of 25 seniors in attendance each week.
 - BINGO met on October 7 & 21. We had an average of 17 seniors in attendance.
 - On October 11, monthly Movie Day was held with 12 members attending. Before watching the movie each month, seniors have time to test out the VR headset. The seniors love the opportunity to travel to far off places from the comfort of their chairs. After the VR sessions, we enjoyed watching the Comedy/Drama, “Here Today”.
 - The Book Club meeting was held on October 19 at Victor Gym. Seven seniors attended to discuss the book, “When You Were Mine” by Kate Hewitt.
 - The Walking Program met for a walk at Greer City Park. The first walk was canceled due to weather, but then the October 26 walk was held with 8 participants.
 - The average attendance for the month was 14 seniors.
- Rentals
 - Recreation Center Rentals (8)
 - Benson Automotive Kids Planet Shelter Rentals (111)
 - Neighborhood Parks (1)
 - Bus Rentals (3)

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Current Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Handbell Ensemble – November 30 (Center for the Arts) ● Gingerbread Jamboree – November 30 (Center for the Arts) ● Gingerbread House Display – November 30 & December 4 (Center for the Arts) ● Christmas Tree Lighting – December 3 (City Park) ● Breakfast with Santa – December 4 (Cannon Centre) ● Little Mermaid Jr Auditions – December 4 (Center for the Arts) ● Greer Farmers Market Christmas Festival – December 4-5 (City Park) ● Greer Christmas Parade – December 5 (Downtown) ● Holiday Arts Fair – December 11 (Center for the Arts) ● Christmas 7s Rugby Tournament & Combine – December 11 & 12 (Country Club Road Park) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Benson Automotive Kids Planet Renovation ● Victor Park Restroom Facility ● Greer Golf Redesign Clubhouse & Pool Area ● Cannon Centre Deck Renovation ● H.R. Turner Rugby Phase 1 ● Christmas Decorations Installation – November 22-24 ● Christmas Decorations Removal – January 3-5

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.