



Parks & Recreation Department November 2021 Report



Breakfast with Santa

"Creating Community Through People, Parks, & Programs"

Current/Ongoing Projects

Victor Gym

- Floor refinishing was completed by Revel Flooring Atlanta, GA. Buffing, screening and two coats of oil polyurethane was applied over a span of two days.

Tryon Recreation Center Pickleball Courts

- A bid was advertised and the opening was held, on November 24, for converting three current tennis courts to ten pickleball courts with nets.

H.R. Turner Park

- Staff met to discuss comments on the permit documents on November 10. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on November 17 for the Turner Field Rugby conversion with five companies/vendors in attendance.

Greer Golf

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

Department Trainings

- Cory Holtzclaw attended SC LEAD training on November 11-12 in Greenville, SC.
- Steven Thompson attended the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association Conference November 14-17 in Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Staff continued with on-line MASC training.

Department Highlights

- On November 18, staff hosted officials from Greenwood County and gave them a tour of Benson Automotive Kids Planet, Edward R. Driggers Center for the Arts and Greer City Park. They were looking for ideas for a new playground in one of their parks.
- Staff hosted, on November 9, an Armed Forces Day meeting to discuss partnering with the American Legion on upcoming events.
- Ann Cunningham participated in a group discussion held on November 9 regarding park vandalism with Travis Durham, Matt Hamby, David Seifert and Mr. Merriman.
- Staff met with members of Greer Relief, on November 10, to discuss the Greer Christmas Parade.
- 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.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- Foothills Soccer Club Greer
- 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 in Lexington, SC.
- Greer Baseball Club Academy Division
 - Academy teams continue to practice at Century Park and Stevens Field on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.
- Girls Softball
 - Facilitated games at Victor Park on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights.
- Rugby
 - Registration for Greer 76ers Varsity Boys and Girls teams progress and will conclude in December.
- Adult Baseball League
 - Completed adult baseball games at Stevens Field on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights.
- Cheerleading
 - Facilitated Cheer for Greer practices at Victor Gym on Tuesday and Thursday nights in preparation for ACC Championship. Cheerleaders who qualified via age will perform at the ACC Championship game in Charlotte, NC on December 4 at halftime.
- Basketball
 - Facilitated youth basketball practices at Victor Gym. Practices take place Tuesdays through Saturdays and will continue through the end of December. Games will start on January 4. Registration reached maximum capacity for all three age groups.
- Wrestling
 - Facilitated Tomahawk Youth Wrestling practices at Tryon Recreation Center on Monday/Thursday nights. Wrestlers will begin competing in local SCYWA tournaments in January. Registration reached maximum capacity again this season.

- Tournaments
 - Recruited teams from all over the southeast and northeast to attend the Rugby Christmas 7s event at Country Club Road Park on December 11. 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

- Play was very good throughout the month. We continue to receive numerous compliments on the condition of the course.
- We are in the process of hiring a new part-time cart attendant.
- Alec Pryor, intern from Greer Middle College Charter High School, worked with the grounds staff on clearing and cleaning landscape beds at the tee boxes on holes #4 and #6.

Cultural Arts

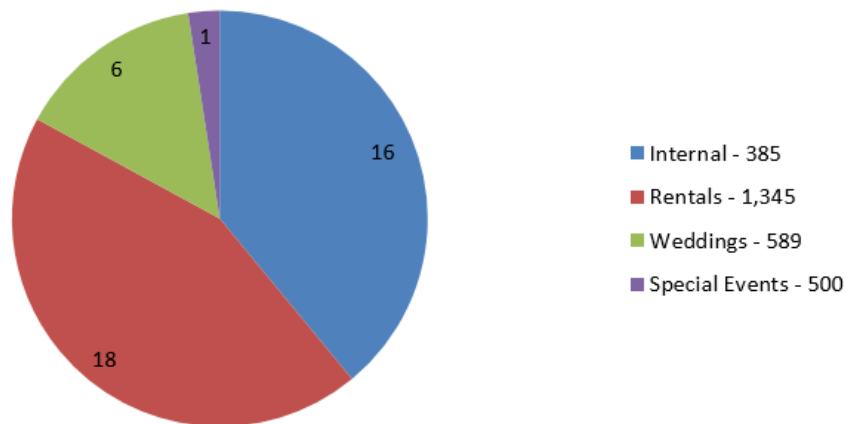
- Classes
 - Sara Odom and Justin Miller met with Kenny Wise, a veteran, to discuss art and guitar classes.
- Events
 - On November 10, Robin Byouk met with the directorial team for the spring production of Little Mermaid Jr. Auditions will be held in December.
 - Greenville Open Studios was held on November 6 (10:00am-5:00pm) and November 13-14 (12:00pm-6:00pm). Five of the seven artists juried into the completion. Approximately 126 people visited the Center for the Arts facility and many were amazed at the beautiful facility and surrounding park. This event was great exposure, as many visitors did not realize the facility was in Greer. On November 18, Robin Byouk recorded a sound bite showcasing the Greenville Open Studios for the Inside Greer video series.
 - The 3rd annual Gingerbread House Competition was held on November 20 and 23 with judging taking place on November 29. Steve Owens announced the winners via a Facebook video during the Gingerbread Jamboree on November 30. The Carolina Bronze Handbell Ensemble performed to an audience of 65 people. Guests viewed the gingerbread houses, made gingerbread cookies and attended painting classes.
- Rentals
 - The Foothills Philharmonic Brass Quartet performed at the Center for the Arts on November 20.
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Events Division

- Division Staff
 - The ambassadors continued providing excellent customer service and picked up over 450 passengers during the month.
- Events
 - Breakfast with Santa ticket sales took place on Monday, November 8 at 7:00pm. Guests were encouraged to purchase tickets online or by phone. 64 tables were sold between 3 sessions at 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am. Breakfast will be provided by Laurenda's Family Restaurant. Free activities include free crafts, Letters to Santa, and children will have an opportunity to talk with Santa. Family photo sessions will also be available onsite.
 - The Greer Farmers Market Fall Fest and Chili Cook-off took place on Tuesday, November 16. Over 12 different vendors competed in the Chili Cook-off. Guests were able to purchase samples and submit their choice for the best chili. Over 30 vendors were onsite selling goods and food. It was an overall great time for everyone in attendance.

The Events Division hosted 41 events, at which 2,819 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.

Rentals



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.
 - On November 2, hosted the District 2 Polling Site at the Tryon Recreation Center with just over 40 voters attending.
 - A wellness activity was hosted at Kids Planet on November 12 with ten employees and spouses in attendance. Attendees played corn hole and ladder golf, utilized the zip line and worked out on the outdoor fitness equipment.
 - Concluded a Women’s Mentorship program at Victor Gym. There were 11 participants registered for the class.
 - Began hosting the Greer American Sewing Guild at Tryon Recreation Center the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. This group is very active in making items for hospitals and DSS for new babies and children.
 - Other Programs
 - JOAD Archery (30)
 - Artifacts Club (20)
 - Cutlery Club (25)
 - Pickleball Clinics (49)
 - Fit 4 Mom Stroller Class (10)
 - Never Alone (25)
 - Seniors Out and AROUND (SOAR)
 - Line Dancing Classes were held on November 3, 10 and 17. We had an average of 26 seniors in attendance each week.
 - BINGO met on November 4 and 18. We had an average of 21 seniors in attendance.
 - The Walking Program met for two walks at Greer City Park. The first walk was held on November 7 with seven walkers and the second walk was held with five participants.
 - On November 8, monthly Movie Day was held with 11 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 Drama, “Dream Horse”.
 - The group also participated in the Annual Syl Syl Christmas toy Drive on November 14. New toys were collected for the toy drive that in turn were donated to the Greer Police Department Cops for Tots program.
 - The Book Club meeting was held on November 16 at Victor Gym. Five seniors attended to discuss the book, “Beneath the Apple Leaves” by Harmony Verna.
 - The average attendance for the month was 13 seniors.
- Rentals
 - Recreation Center Rentals (5)
 - Benson Automotive Kids Planet Shelter Rentals (41)
 - Neighborhood Parks (2)
 - Bus Rentals (2)

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Current Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • MLK Luncheon – January 17, (City Hall) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victor Park Restroom Facility • Greer Golf Redesign Clubhouse & Pool Area • Cannon Centre Deck Renovation • H.R. Turner Park • 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.