



Parks & Recreation Department December 2021 Report



Ice Carving at the Christmas Tree Lighting

"Creating Community Through People, Parks, & Programs"

Current/Ongoing Projects

Tryon Recreation Center Pickleball Courts

- Results of the bid for converting three current tennis courts to ten pickleball courts with nets will be presented to City Council in January 2022.

H.R. Turner Park

- Staff from Parks and Recreation met with members of the Dodd Studio, and the City of Greer's Building and Development Services department to discuss the Turner Park Master Plan on December 9.
- Staff submitted a Letter of Intent to apply for funds in the upcoming grant cycle for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The application due date is March 14.

Greer Golf

- Staff continue to work with SGA Architecture on the designs for the renovation of the clubhouse and pool area. Plans should be completed in January.
- Greer Golf staff started the construction of a new driving range tee. The project will take 1-2 months to complete.

Wards Creek Trail System & South Tyger River Greenway

- Staff met with Tripp Barrineau of Keck+Wood to discuss the creation of a master plan for trail development along Ward's Creek and the South Tyger River.

Department Trainings

- Cory Holtzclaw graduated from SC LEAD at the SCRPA Annual Conference in Greenville, SC on December 6. The program spanned over a two-year period due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Staff continued with on-line MASC training.

Department Highlights

- Staff attended the SCRPA Annual Conference on December 6-8 in Greenville, SC.
- Staff met with David Bishop, owner of the Sno Hut, on December 14 to renew the rental contract for concession services at Kids Planet.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- Foothills Soccer Club Greer
 - Completed Academy fall season practices and games at Country Club Road Park and South Suber Road Park on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. These teams competed within the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association and finished the season at the SCYSA State Cup on December 4-5 in Lexington, SC.
 - Registration for the spring season will begin the first week of January.
- Greer Baseball Club Academy Division
 - Spring baseball registration began for City of Greer residents on December 20 and non-residents on December 27. Academy teams continue to practice at Century Park and Stevens Field on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.
- Girls Softball
 - Registration will begin the first week of January.
- Rugby
 - Began registration and team forming for Greer 76ers Varsity Boys and Girls teams. Facilitated practices at Century Park on Tuesday and Thursday nights in preparation for the Greer Christmas 7s Tournament and the spring/summer season.
- Cheerleading
 - Completed Cheer for Greer practices at Victor Gym on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Cheerleaders performed at the ACC Championship game in Charlotte, NC on December 4 at halftime. This event continues to produce an overwhelming positive response from parents and participants.
- Basketball
 - Facilitated youth basketball practices at Victor Gym. Practices take place Tuesdays through Sundays. League games will start on January 4 and teams will play eight regular season games and a postseason tournament. Registration reached maximum capacity for all age groups within ten days of registration opening.
- Wrestling
 - Facilitated Tomahawk Youth Wrestling practices at Tryon Recreation Center on Monday/Thursday nights. Wrestlers will begin competing, throughout the state, in local SCYWA tournaments in January. Registration reached maximum capacity again this season.
- Tournaments
 - Facilitated the Greer Christmas 7s Rugby Tournament at Country Club Road Park on December 11. The tournament included a Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls, and College Division. High school teams from across the country including Indiana, Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, and North Carolina competed in the tournament. College teams included

Clemson, Georgia, Western Carolina and Lander. The tournament was extremely successful even with rainy conditions and teams are already planning to return for the tournament in 2022. We look forward to hosting this event December 2022.

Greer Golf

- Greer Golf staff started the construction of a new driving range tee. The project will take 1-2 months to complete.
- Below is a comparison of revenue for July - December in 2020 versus 2021. For the first six months of this fiscal year, Greer Golf has recorded \$11,000 more revenue than in 2020.



Rounds/Revenue

Month	Rounds			Revenue		
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
January						
February						
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October			73			\$2,623.00
November			89			\$3,155.00
December			73			\$2,451.00
Totals			235			\$8,229.00

Cultural Arts

- Events
 - Staff organized the entertainment for the Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 3. Skyland Elementary School 4th/5th Grade Chorus, GCAC Santa Little Singers, Victor Celebration Singers, Daniel Howell with Ice Age Sculptures and the Foothills Philharmonic Brass Quartet performed.
 - On December 4, Greer Children’s Theater held all day auditions for their spring production of Little Mermaid Jr. On December 27, Robin Byouk met with the directors at the Cannon Centre to discuss the layout of the stage and sets.
 - A Holiday Arts Fair was held on December 11 inside the Center for the Arts. There were over 20 vendors plus a food truck and over 180 people attending the event. Santa Claus was present and saw approximately ten children and ten adults. The dedication of a time capsule in the Little Library Tree Sculpture was held at noon. Mayor Danner was the guest speaker and storyteller for the event.
 - December 15 was the call deadline for Created by Black Artists to exhibit in a double location art show at Greer City Hall and the Center for the Arts. Fifteen inquiries were received resulting in fourteen confirmed artists. The show will be hung the end of January and be on display through March, with the Opening Reception to be held on February 1.

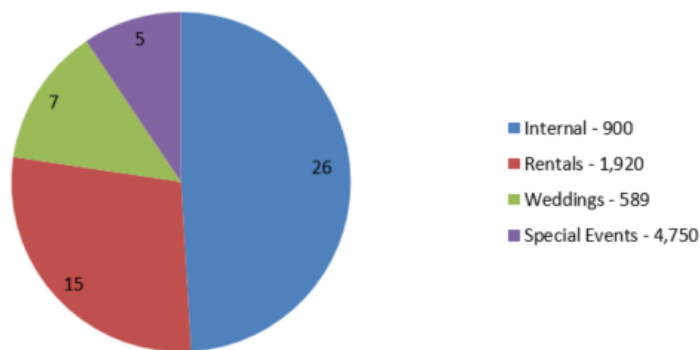
Events Division

- Division Staff
 - The ambassadors continued providing excellent customer service to our citizens by transporting over 500 passengers during the month.

- Events
 - Christmas Tree Lighting was held on December 3 and welcomed its largest attendance with over 3,500 people. Mayor Danner and Santa helped celebrate the lighting of the Greer Christmas Tree with live musical performances, five free craft stations, Christmas train rides, marshmallow roasting, and an ice carving demonstration.
 - A delicious Supper with Santa was held on December 3. Over 200 City of Greer employees and their families were provided an opportunity to have their pictures with Santa and enjoy free kids crafts. This event raised over \$1,500 dollars that was donated to the City of Greer Police Department Cops for Tots.
 - Breakfast with Santa was held on December 4 with a sold out crowd of 500 people. Breakfast was provided by Laurenda's Family Restaurant. Free activities included crafts, Letters to Santa, and children had an opportunity to see, talk and have their picture taken with Santa. A new addition this year was live Christmas music performed by His and Her during the entire event.
 - The Greer Farmers Market Holiday Fair was held on December 4 and December 5 with over 80 vendors. Guests were able to purchase gifts and items for the Christmas season. This event was a huge success and we have continued to see the Greer Farmers Market events have great success at Greer City Park.

The Events Division hosted 53 events, at which 8,106 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.

Rentals



Recreation

- Programs
 - Senior Action...
 - Continued to host exercising, bingo, 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 currently 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.
 - Other Programs
 - JOAD Archery (30)
 - Artifacts Club (20)
 - Cutlery Club (25)
 - Pickleball Clinics (91)
 - Adaptive Pickleball (14)
 - Open Play Pickleball (27)
 - Fit 4 Mom Stroller Class (10)
 - Never Alone (25)
 - Great American Sewing Guild (8)
 - Seniors Out and ARound (SOAR)
 - Line Dancing Classes were held on December 1 and 8. On December 1, a Christmas party was held with lots of dancing and Christmas treats. We had an average of 25 seniors in attendance each week.
 - BINGO met on December 2 and 16 with the Christmas Party being held on the 16. An average of 17 seniors were in attendance.
 - On December 7, six seniors participated in a Christmas Cookie Decorating Class at SoBella Sweets in Greer. A great time was enjoyed learning advanced cookie decorating techniques.
 - A Christmas Ornament Exchange Party was held on December 9 at Greer City Hall with 16 seniors in attendance. The group enjoyed Christmas decorations, sweet treats and everyone brought a \$5 ornament to exchange.

- The Walking Program met at Greer City Park on December 14. The weather was a little chilly, but four dedicated walkers braved the weather to exercise.
- On December 21, the Book Club meeting was held at the home of Bob and Mary Reimer (SOAR Adhoc Representatives). In honor of Christmas the members met for brunch and discussed the book “The Glass Ocean” by Beatriz Williams. There were six members in attendance.
- The average attendance for the month was 12 seniors.

- Rentals
 - Recreation Center Rentals (4)
 - Benson Automotive Kids Planet Shelter Rentals (14)
 - Bus Rentals (2)

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Current Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Brunch Markets – January 19, February 13, March 13 and April 10 (City Park) • MLK Dinner – January 24 (City Hall) • Created by Black Artists Exhibition – January 25-March 15 (City Hall and Center for the Arts) • Created by Black Artists Opening Reception – February 1 (Center for the Arts) • Food Truck Rollout – March 17 (City Park) • Little Mermaid Jr – March 4-6 and 11-13 (Cannon Centre) • Opening Day Baseball/Softball – April 2 (Century Park) • Easter Eggastic – April 9 (Century Park) • International Festival – April 23 (City Park) 	<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.