

Parks and Recreation

January 2022 Monthly Report

Current/Ongoing Projects

Wards Creek Trail System & South Tyger River Greenway

- Tripp Barrineau, with Keck and Wood, met with Ann Cunningham and Justin Miller for an on-site visit on January 24 and 25 that included walking the properties along Wards Creek and the South Tyger River.

Greer Golf

- Staff met with Melissa Threatt (SGA Architecture and Design) on January 4 and January 20 to discuss Greer Golf clubhouse renovations, design and costs and moving forward with the project.

Needmore Recreation Center Pickleball Courts

- Staff attended the mandatory pre-bid construction meeting for Needmore Pickleball Courts on January 12.

Tryon Recreation Center Pickleball Courts

- On January 11, Justin Miller presented to Greer City Council information to seek approval of the Tryon Park lower courts resurfacing.

Victor Park

- Justin Miller attended the bid opening, on January 11, for the Victor Parking Lot project.

H.R. Turner Park

- Requested construction plans from consultant for the conversion to a rugby and multi-purpose complex

Department Highlights

Administration

- Ann met on January 6 at Greer City Park to discuss placement of the Bank Head Highway Historical marker.
- On January 7, staff met with Edwin Hutchison, Ice Age Ice Sculptures at Benson Automotive Kids Planet to discuss the on-site tree carving.
- Staff met with Mr. Merriman on January 7 to discuss youth rugby policies, procedures and pricing.
- The weight of ice and snow on the Operations Center roof caused it to flex and staff were re-located to the Center for the Arts January 18 – 21. The roof will be further evaluated for repairs.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- Facilitated youth basketball league play and practices Tuesday through Sunday at Victor Gym.
- Completed Youth Basketball Picture day on January 10.
- Facilitated Greer 76ers Rugby practices at Century Park Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Facilitated Tomahawk Youth Wrestling practices at Tryon Recreation Center every Monday and Thursday. Club competed in the Bearcat Brawl Wrestling Tournament at Lander University with 5 youth wrestlers placing in the event. Club also competed at the Tour of SC West Region Tournament at Anderson Civic Center.
- Registration is currently underway for Greer Baseball Club, Greer Girls Softball, Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Spring seasons and Greer 76ers Rugby Spring and Summer 2022 seasons.
- Cory Holtzclaw attended the Girls Softball Commissioners meeting at Tyger River Park on January 10.

- Facilitated Byrnes High School Softball practices at Century Park. Facilitated FSCG Academy practices at Greer City Stadium every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Cultural Arts

- On January 3, a Parent/Cast meeting was held for the production of Little Mermaid Jr. Rehearsals continued at the Centre for the Arts on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights and all day Saturdays. Set building began, on January 22, at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- On January 4, Robin Byouk met with the Studio artists to discuss their participation in events and First Friday's.
- Robin interviewed a new artist, Jennie Kim, on January 4, for potential renting of Studio 4 at the Center for the Arts.
- On January 6, Production's Unlimited repaired the Cannon Centre theatre lighting panel.
- Solutionz repaired issues with the Audio/Visual System at the Center for the Arts.
- GCAC's Inclusion and Outreach Committee met via Zoom on Jan 6 to review the calendar of events for 2022.
- In conjunction with Black History Month, the "Created by Black Artists" Art Exhibit will be displayed in the Center for the Arts and Greer City Hall, January 25 through March 15. The drop off dates for art entries were January 11 and 15. There are 15 artists; the largest number of participants ever, with one piece from every artist being hung at Greer City Hall. This is the first time a show was exhibited in both buildings.
- Gary Huntoon's Ceramic Classes began January 20 with two classes on Tuesdays and two classes on Thursdays.

Events

- Total rentals 44: Internal 20, External Rentals 19, Special Events 1, Weddings 4.
- The first Greer Farmers Market Sunday Brunch Market took place, on January 9, at Greer City Park. This event has continued increasing in popularity with over 40 local artisans and vendors. The Sunday Brunch Markets will continue during the Market "off-season" on Sundays in February, March, and April.
- The Events Division continues to prepare for upcoming events such as International Festival, Moonlight Movies, Food Truck Rollouts, and Freedom Blast.
- The Ambassadors continued to provide excellent customer service to our citizens by picking up over 505 riders in January. The Ambassadors provided service for over 9,275 passengers in 2021.

Golf

- Construction on a new driving range tee is in progress with assistance from the Public Services Department.
- Grounds staff is putting together specs for the "Early Order Program" for chemicals and herbicides on the course through the growing season.
- Grounds staff has been working on clearing debris and underbrush from areas that grow during the summer.
- The course was shut down January 16 – January 21 due to the snow event.
- Cody Norris and David Duffy assisted the Public Services Department with the snow event the weekend of January 15 – 18. They came in Saturday night at 10:30pm and worked until 11:30am Tuesday morning.
- Staff have been working with the "Communicating Results Group" to fine tune the new website in preparation for release to the public.
- Mike Harvey (A&N Fencing) is currently replacing the gate to our maintenance facility.

Recreation

- Justin Miller attended the Greenville County Park Hop 2022 committee kick off meeting on January 15.
- The 20th Annual MLK Day of Celebration Dinner was held on January 24 at Greer City Hall. The event was rescheduled from January 17 due to inclement weather.

- Other Programs:
 - Archery met at Victor Gym on Monday nights and City Stadium on Wednesday nights.
 - Artifacts Club hosted their annual banquet at Tryon Recreation Center on January 10.
 - Never Alone continued on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
 - Hosted six Pickleball clinics at Victor Gym (97 participants).
 - Hosted four open play pickleball days at Victor Gym (72 total participants).
 - Hosted a new Homeschool Pickleball three-week course at Victor Gym with eight participants.
 - Began a coastal line dancing class at Cannon Centre on two Mondays with 27 people in attendance.
- Seniors Out and Around (SOAR):
 - Hosted Line Dancing sessions at the Cannon Centre on Wednesdays with 71 in attendance.
 - Hosted Bingo days at Greer City Hall on two Thursdays with 48 in attendance.
 - Hosted a Whist Card Game Day with five in attendance at Victor Gym on January 13.
 - Hosted a Virtual Reality and Movie Day with 15 in attendance.
- After School:
 - The Needmore and Creative Advancement Afterschool programs continued to meet every weekday when Greenville County schools resumed after the holiday break.
- Senior Action:
 - Met at Needmore Recreation Monday-Fridays for activities inside and lunch (20-25 seniors daily).
- Rentals:
 - Kids Planet Shelters 10
 - Recreation Centers 4
 - Buses 2

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Current Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Brunch Markets – February 13, March 13 and April 10 (City Park) • 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) • Foothills Philharmonic – March 12, April 9 (Center for the Arts) • Little Mermaid Jr – March 4-6 and 11-13 (Cannon Centre) • Food Truck Rollout – March 17 (City Park) • Greer 76ers Rugby Festival – March 19 (Country Club Road Park) • Opening Day Baseball/Softball – April 2 (Century Park) • Easter Eggstastic – April 9 (Century Park) • International Festival – April 23 (City Park) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victor Park Restroom Facility & Parking Lot • Greer Golf Redesign Clubhouse & Pool Area • Cannon Centre Deck Renovation • H.R. Turner Park • South Tyger River Greenway • Wards Creek Trail System • Needmore Recreation Center Pickleball Courts • Tryon Recreation Center Pickleball Courts

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.