

Parks, Recreation and Tourism

February 2022 Monthly Report

Current/Ongoing Projects

Wards Creek Trail System & South Tyger River Greenway

- On February 22, staff met with Tripp Barrineau, with Keck and Wood, along with staff from GIS, Engineering and Building and Development Standards Departments to discuss master plans for the Wards Creek Trail and South Tyger River Greenway.

Greer Golf

- The contract for professional services was received and is currently being reviewed.

Needmore Recreation Center Pickleball Courts

- With no contractors placing a bid in January or February, the project was submitted for rebid with bids due on March 18 to Greenville County Redevelopment Authority.

Tryon Recreation Center Pickleball Courts

- The contractor will begin work with the return of weather. The weather will need to be 53° or higher for the court resurfacing and paint to cure.

Victor Park

- The City of Greer Project Manager submitted the project for rebid. The pre-bid meeting will be held on March 17 with the bid opening scheduled for March 24.

H.R. Turner Park

- Red Watson participated in a mandatory Land and Water Conservation Fund virtual workshop on February 11. Staff met with Dan Dodd of The Dodd Studio to discuss the next steps in the H.R. Turner Renovations Project.

Department Highlights

Administration

- Staff met with Ron Hamlin of Virtual Reload E-Sports Gaming, on February 2, to discuss future potential programming opportunities.
- On February 10, staff met with Brent Munnerlyn of Munnerlyn Pyrotechnics (Lexington, SC) to discuss close proximity vs traditional fireworks shows.
- Ann Cunningham and Steve Owens participated in a virtual meeting with members of Stamp (a marketing firm) to discuss how to attract a new audience for our programs and facilities.
- Staff met with all Parks, Recreation and Tourism Division supervisors to discuss the growing event vendor needs and to create a set of procedures to simplify the application process for event vendors.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- Twenty-four teams with over 200 players competed at Victor Gym in basketball league play.
- End of season tournament for all 10U and 12U youth basketball teams were held February 1-16 at Victor Gym.
- Hosted the 8U Western District All Star Basketball Tournament at Victor Gym the weekend of February 27.
- Competed in NUWAY regional wrestling tournaments in Newberry on February 5 and Anderson on February 19.

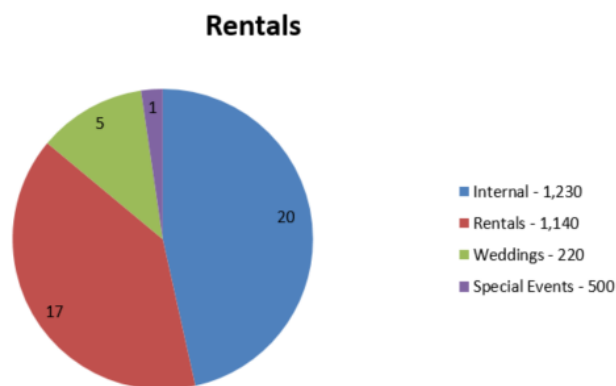
- Registrations were completed for recreation and academy baseball, recreation and academy soccer and fast pitch softball for the spring 2022 seasons.
- Baseball Field FF&E project to replace all L-Screens was completed prior to the start of the spring season.
- Rugby teams competed in Rugby festivals in Alpharetta and Roswell, GA every weekend in February.
- Teams from North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina competed in the Rugby Match Day at Country Club Road Park on February 27.

Cultural Arts

- On February 1, the Created by Black Artists Exhibition reception was held at the Center for the Arts. Approximately 150 people were in attendance. Nationally known poet, Glenis Redmond was the guest speaker. Food was provided by White Wine and Butter. One piece of artwork from each of the 15 participating artists was hung at Greer City Hall and the Center for the Arts. The exhibit has attracted an array of visitors throughout the month.
- On February 3, local art teacher, Anna Humphries toured the Center for the Arts facility.
- Martha Grattan taught a polymer clay class on February 5.
- Interviews were conducted via ZOOM on February 13 for How I Became a Pirate with the GCAC Student Board.
- On February 14, GCAC held their Student Board Meeting via Zoom and the Adult Board Meeting in person at the Center for the Arts.
- On February 22, Robin Byouk spoke at Southside Christian School regarding careers in art.
- Robin Byouk met with the International Dance Conservancy on February 25 to assist with grant writing and contacts.
- Foothills Philharmonic string quartet performed at the Center for the Arts on February 26 with 60 people in attendance.
- Ceramic classes have been postponed due to the instructor, Gary Huntoon, undergoing emergency surgery.
- The Center for the Arts participated in the Metropolitan Arts Council First Friday's Greenville Art Crawl. All Artists in Residence were in attendance at the Center for the Arts.

Events

- Currently finalizing all entertainment and vendors for the International Festival.
- Hosted Rogers Group Inc. for their annual five-day training at City Hall.
- The Ambassadors continued to provide excellent customer service to our citizens. After completing its 3rd full year of service, the ambassadors picked up 9,275 guests in downtown Greer Station. In three years of service, they have picked up **28,323** guests.



Golf

- Play rebounded well from the snow event in January with several days posting revenue from \$1,500 - \$2,000 each day.

- On February 10, staff met with architect Jeff Lawrence of Lawrence Golf Design in Greer, SC, to discuss a grass remediation/maintenance plan for the upcoming growing season.
- Bids were opened on February 18 for the Early-Order Programs for grounds granular and chemical grass treatments. The bids are currently being reviewed.
- Grading on the new practice tee surface is complete. Staff are working on irrigation upgrades, and pricing for sod and sprigs to complete the project.
- Staff are working with Stanley Martin Homes to secure a partnership to include a paid membership for one year with the purchase of a new home. This offer is for the subdivision being built directly across from the course.

Recreation

- Completed Youth and Senior GCRA fiscal year 22/23 applications for the CDBG Grant funding.
- Summer Camp information packets were released to the public. City of Greer residents’ registration will open on March 14 and on March 21 for all registrations.
- Seniors Out and Around (SOAR):
 - Concluded a Coastal Line Dancing program at the Cannon Centre on Mondays.
 - Hosted a Euchre Card Game Day at Victor Gym on February 10.
- Rentals:
 - Kids Planet Shelters 33
 - Recreation Centers 5

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Current Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Brunch Markets – March 13 and April 10 (City Park) • Created by Black Artists Exhibition – January 25-March 15 (City Hall and 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) • Asian American-Pacific Islander Arts Exhibition Reception – April TBA • Greer Farmers Market – May 3-August 30, Tuesdays (City Park) • Greer Children’s Theatre Performance – May 6-15 (Cannon Centre) • Arts in Bloom Craft Fair – May 7 Tentative (Center for the Arts) • Tunes in the Park – May 14 (City Park) • Food Truck Rollout – May 14 (City Park) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.