

Parks and Recreation

March 2022 Monthly Report

Current/Ongoing Projects

Wards Creek Trail System & South Tyger River Greenway

- On March 18, Tripp Barrineau of Keck & Wood performed additional surveying for the South Tyger River Greenway. The Wards Creek Trail options are under review.

Greer Golf

- A contract was signed with SGA Design for the Clubhouse renovations, and staff met with architects on March 23 to discuss next steps.

Needmore Recreation Center Pickleball Courts

- The Needmore Pickleball courts project was advertised again by the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority. One bid was submitted and is being reviewed by GCRA and City of Greer staff.

Tryon Recreation Center Pickleball Courts

- The contractor is tentatively scheduled to start in Mid-April.

Victor Park

- A second pre-bid meeting and bid opening occurred in March for the parking lot and basketball court renovation to begin in April, after a change of scope in the project.

H.R. Turner Park

- The Dodd Studio, LLC finalized the design proposal for complete delivery of the H.R. Turner Park Rugby construction project. Staff is currently reviewing the proposal.

Department Highlights

Administration

- Ann Cunningham attended a meeting at City Hall on March 1 to discuss ADA improvements.
- Red Watson completed and submitted the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant on March 4 for funds to be used in the construction of a Rugby field at Turner Park.
- Staff met with Mr. Merriman and Susan Howell on March 9 regarding funding of the Greer Golf Clubhouse Renovation.
- Staff met with Mr. Merriman on March 14 to discuss the current Rugby season.
- On March 29, staff met with Kelly Long (Council of Garden Clubs) to discuss the placement of a butterfly garden at the National Certification for Wildlife Community Habitat Event to be held on May 24 at the City of Greer Center for the Arts.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- Concluded the Youth Basketball Season with the Greer 8U All Stars winning the District Championship and then going to Florence, SC on March 5 to compete for the state title.
- Competed in Ruggerfest, one of the nation's premier Rugby tournaments, on March 5 and 6 in Charlotte, NC.
- Competed in State Wrestling Championship on March 5 and 6 in Camden, SC and finished season with 1 State Champion and 2 Runner-ups.
- Greer 76ers Rugby team hosted a Rugby Festival on March 19 at Country Club Park with teams from NC, SC and Georgia competing.

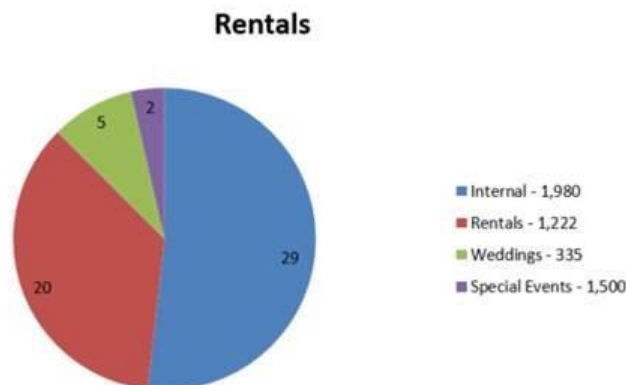
- Completed drafts and started practices for all Greer Baseball Club Recreational teams with teams practicing Mondays – Saturdays at various fields.
- Started Greer Baseball Club Academy team practices, with teams competing on weekends at various sites in SC, NC and Georgia.
- Began practices for the Greer Girls Softball teams at Victor Park on Mondays – Sundays and kicked off season competing in the Diamond Dirt Classic on March 26 at Tyger River Park.
- Facilitated FSCG Recreation and Academy soccer practices and games at Greer City Stadium and South Suber Road Park on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Cultural Arts

- Little Mermaid, Jr. opened its first weekend of performances on March 4-5 and completed its final weekend of performances on March 11-13, with all four shows completely sold out, entertaining 520 audience members.
- Martha Grattan hosted a free, two-part ceramics class for the SOAR group which began March 11.
- The Foothills Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet performed at the Center for the Arts on March 12 with approximately 40 people in attendance.
- Greer Children’s Theatre held auditions on March 15 for its next production, *How I Became a Pirate*, and then held a parent/cast meeting on March 28. The student-led production has 24 cast members with shows to be held at the Center for the Arts in May.
- On March 24, artwork for the 2022 City of Greer Juried Art Show was hung at the Center for the Arts, with 63 entries, the most ever received. A reception for the artists was held the following evening, with Mayor Danner awarding certificates to the winners.
- Cecelia Witcher held an Alcohol Inks class and Martha Grattan held a Ceramics class, both on March 26.

Events

- Staff is currently reviewing bids which were opened on March 17 for the fireworks provider for the City of Greer Freedom Blast.
- Event staff met with departments and volunteer organizations regarding Freedom Blast and International Festival.
- The Events Division hosted the Greer Police Department and officers from around the state for a week-long training at the Events Halls.
- The Ambassadors continued to provide excellent customer service to our citizens.



Golf

- Don Garrett, of Clemson University and the Walker Course, led a roundtable discussion with staff and employees of other Upstate golf courses on March 2 to discuss maintenance practices for Diamond Zoysia putting greens.

- Staff met with the contracted marketing and advertising team on March 10 about the upcoming season for events and information.
- The Spring class for the First Tee at Greer Golf is now full with a waiting list, with plans for additional classes in the Summer and Fall.
- Currently facilitating two high school golf teams from Greer High School and Greer Middle College for the Spring season.
- Secured an agreement with Stanley Martin Homes that guarantees the purchase of one membership for each new home sold in Oakton (new housing development directly across from the course) in exchange for one comped corporate golf membership.
- Reported an increase in revenues for the month of March compared to last year generated from cart fees, greens fees, member dues and the range.

Recreation

- Summer Camp registrations began on March 14, with Camp Greer at Victor Gym filling all spots within an hour.
- Hosted Pickleball Clinics (154 participants) and Open Play Pickleball days (125 participants) at Victor Gym throughout the month and hosted one Adaptive Pickleball Session on March 24 with 21 participants.
- Hosted four Open Play Basketball sessions at Victor Gym (120 participants).
- Senior Action continued to meet at Needmore Recreation Center each weekday for activities and lunch, with 20-25 attendees daily.
- Archery met at Victor Gym on Monday/Thursday nights and City Stadium on Wednesday nights.
- Seniors Out and Around (SOAR):
 - Hosted Line Dancing on Wednesdays at Cannon Centre or Tryon Recreation Center with an average attendance of 27 each week.
 - Hosted Bingo, Card Game day, Movie/VR day, and Book Club day throughout month.
 - Took a day trip to Landrum and Tryon for lunch at Southside Smokehouse and shopping at Old Mill Market Square on March 31, with 32 participants.
- Rentals:
 - Kids Planet Shelters - 97
 - Recreation Centers - 4

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Current Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Day Baseball/Softball – April 2 (Century Park) • Easter Eggstastic Event – April 9 (Century Park) • International Festival – April 23 (City Park) • Greer Farmers Market – Every Tuesday May 3 - August 30, September 20, November 15 (City Park) • Greer Children’s Theatre Performance – May 6-8 and May 13-15 (Center for the Arts) • Asian American-Pacific Islander Arts Exhibition Reception – May 10 • 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 Renovation • South Tyger River Greenway • Wards Creek Trail System • Needmore Recreation Center Pickleball Courts • Tryon Recreation Center Pickleball Courts • Victor Park Parking Lot and Basketball 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.