

# **Parks and Recreation**

## **April 2022 Monthly Report**

### **Current/Ongoing Projects**

#### **Wards Creek Trail System & South Tyger River Greenway**

- Architects Keck & Wood are in the process of designing the trail system. Once the purchase of properties at Country Club Road are completed, the steering committee will finalize the layout for the proposed alignment of the South Tyger Greenway.

#### **Greer Golf**

- A mandatory pre-response meeting for Design Partnering Services for renovations was held on April 18, with three contractors attending. The deadline for qualifications is April 29.

#### **Needmore Recreation Center Pickleball Courts**

- With no viable bids after two submissions by Greenville County Redevelopment Authority, a third bid has just been received and is currently being evaluated by GCRA.

#### **Tryon Recreation Center Pickleball Courts**

- The contractor is on schedule for a completion date at the beginning of May.

#### **Victor Park**

- The project was tabled by Council and the contractor was contacted regarding a different scope for the job.

#### **H.R. Turner Park**

- The results of the Land and Water Conservation Grant application should be known by mid to late summer with the anticipation of starting construction in late fall of this year.

### **Department Highlights**

#### **Administration**

- On April 5, staff met with members of Post 115 American Legion to discuss the upcoming baseball season.
- On April 7, staff met with members of the Greenville Hurricanes Home School Co-Op to discuss future shared facility options for Athletics.
- Staff met with Dr. Benjamin Littlejohn of El Bethel Church on April 20 to discuss the possibility of future partnerships for facility usage.
- Staff met with Patrick Wood, City of Greer Tennis Professional, on April 20 to discuss tennis programming on Kids to Parks Day and scholarship opportunities for Summer Campers.
- Ann Cunningham met with John Goughneour, City of Greer Facilities and Projects Manager, on April 21 to discuss parking solutions for the American Legion Hut at Stevens Parks.
- Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the Southern Leisure Management Trends Institute in Columbia, SC on April 28 and 29.

### **Division Highlights**

#### **Athletics**

- Completed Opening Day for Youth Baseball and Youth Softball teams and Picture Day for all Youth Softball and Baseball players on April 2.
- Certain Greer 76ers Rugby members participated in the Tropical 7s in Florida on April 7 and 8.
- Facilitated Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Recreation League games and practices at Suber Road Park, with games on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

- Facilitated Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy League games and practices at Greer City Stadium with games on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Facilitated Greer Baseball Club Recreational League games each day of the week, except Fridays and Sundays.
- Completed Greer Baseball Club Academy practices every Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday, with tournament play around the Upstate of SC and Georgia.
- Facilitated Greer Girls Softball league practices at Victor Park every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, and games at Victor Park and various Spartanburg County Parks every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- High School Boys' and Girls' Rugby members participated in matches in Clayton, NC on April 23 and in Raleigh, NC on April 30, with practices throughout the month on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

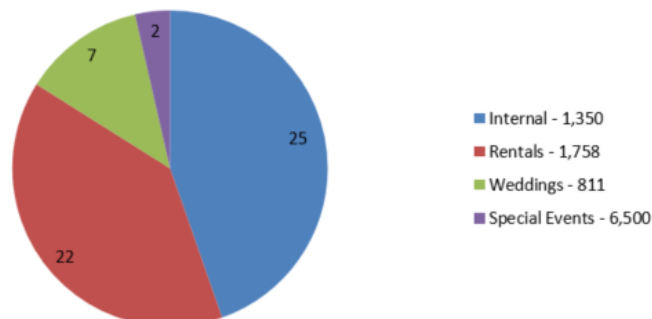
### **Cultural Arts**

- The first production and costuming meeting for the Greer Children's Theatre production of *How I Became a Pirate* was held on April 4, with rehearsals continuing each week on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- On April 6, staff met with published author, Mark Gunnells, to discuss teaching writing workshops.
- The Foothills Philharmonic performed at the Center for the Arts on April 9 with 45 people in attendance.
- Greer Idol auditions were held at the Center for the Arts on April 19 and a subsequent Zoom meeting was held on April 25 with the 9 Greer Idol Jr. contestants and 7 Greer Idol contestants.
- Greer Children's Theatre held a reunion and watch party on April 22 for the cast members and families of its fall 2021 production of *The Descendants*.
- A Butterfly Garden was installed in the park at the Center for The Arts on April 26.
- On April 30, art for the Asian American Pacific Islander Exhibition was hung at the Center for the Arts.

### **Events**

- Staff assisted the Recreation Division with the Eggstastic Easter Event on April 9 at Century Park.
- Governor Henry McMaster hosted guests at City Hall on April 12 to honor Representative Tommy Stringer by awarding him with the Order of the Palmetto, SC's highest civilian honor.
- Held the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Greer Goes Global: International Festival on April 23, with over 6,000 in attendance. The event featured over 89 countries, food vendors, non-profits, and sports vendors, and 17 live music and dance performances throughout the day. The Division would like to thank the Public Services, Police, Fire, and the Parks and Recreation Departments for their support and help to efficiently run this festival for the public.
- The Ambassadors continued to provide excellent customer service to our citizens by picking up 800 visitors to the downtown Greer Station.

**Rentals**



**Golf**

- Hosted officials from Greenville and Chanticleer Country Clubs on April 11 to view the course’s Tahoma-31 turf grass, as they are preparing for an upcoming renovation.
- Tyler Pearce began work as a Full Time Groundskeeper 1 on April 19, which filled the last open full-time position. Interviews are being conducted for a Part-time Pro Shop Attendant and for Seasonal Part-time Cart Assistants.
- Bids for cart path repair and replacement to be funded with a PARD grant were opened on April 25, and staff are currently evaluating the bids.
- Staff worked to secure Purchase Orders for additional improvements to be made with a PARD grant, which will include irrigation and sod on the new practice tee at the driving range as well as landscaping at the entrance and flagpole.

**Recreation**

- Hosted two classes on April 4 of the new Beginner Skateboarding program, with 20 students at the Victor Gym outdoor courts. These classes will run for 6 weeks each Tuesday. Two additional classes were added on Saturdays beginning April 16 because of high interest, and participant totals are now at 43 students, with 13 on a waiting list.
- Held the 2022 Eggstastic Easter Event on April 9 at Century Park with a total of 1,800 people attending, including over 900 children.
- Hosted Pickleball Clinics (112 participants) and Open Play Pickleball days (141 participants) at Victor Gym throughout the month.
- Hosted six Open Play Basketball sessions at Victor Gym (180 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 sessions on Wednesdays at Cannon Centre with between 25 – 30 seniors in attendance each week.
  - Hosted Bingo, Book Club, Card Game day, Movie/VR day, and Walking Program days throughout month.
  - On April 28, took 25 attendees to the Greenville Farmers Market plant sale, with a stop for lunch at Stax’s Original Grill.
- Rentals:
  - Kids Planet Shelters - 144
  - Recreation Centers - 8

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Current Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greer Farmers Market – Tuesdays May 3 – Aug. 30, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 (City Park)</li> <li>• Food Truck Rollout – May 19 (City Park)</li> <li>• Frohawk Creek Scramble – June 4 - 5 (Century Park)</li> <li>• Moonlight Movies – Thursdays June 9 - 30 and July 14 - Aug. 4 (City Park)</li> <li>• Dixie Youth District Baseball Championships – June 16 - 21 (Century Park)</li> <li>• Tunes in the Park – June 18 (City Park)</li> <li>• Freedom Blast – June 25 (City Park)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greer Golf Redesign Clubhouse &amp; Pool Area</li> <li>• Cannon Centre Deck Renovation</li> <li>• H.R. Turner Park Renovation</li> <li>• South Tyger River Greenway</li> <li>• Wards Creek Trail System</li> <li>• Needmore Recreation Center Pickleball Courts</li> <li>• Tryon Recreation Center Pickleball Courts</li> <li>• Victor Park Parking Lot and Basketball Courts</li> </ul>

***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.***