

Parks and Recreation

May 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 systems. The Howell property purchase closed on May 31, and the steering committee will review the proposed layout next month for the alignment of the South Tyger Greenway.

Greer Golf

- The Renovations Committee interviewed three contractors on May 18 and made a recommendation to Council on May 24 to select P+F Construction for the upcoming project.

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 10 courts were completed in early May and the Grand Opening was held on May 12 with Mayor Rick Danner providing the official "First Serve".

Victor Park

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

H.R. Turner Park

- Staff continues to wait on results of the Land and Water Conservation Grant application which should be known by mid to late summer with the anticipation of starting construction in late fall.

Department Highlights

Administration

- Staff conducted interviews for the Tourism Specialist position on May 3. Congratulations to Lindsey Shaffer, who was selected for promotion to this position.
- The Leadership Greer Quality of Life presentation took place at the Center for the Arts on May 3 where participants took an alcohol ink class and a pottery class.
- On May 4, Melissa Threatt of SGA/Narmour Wright Architecture met with staff to discuss the proposals submitted for renovations to the Greer Golf clubhouse and pool areas.
- On May 10, staff met with Nathan Murphree to discuss a Disc Golf Tournament to be held at Century Park this fall.
- Staff attended the Greer Middle College Intern End of Year Presentations on May 19.
- Staff met with Jimmy Alexander of Downtown Decorations on May 20 to discuss Christmas decorations and banners for downtown Greer, various parks and Highway 29.
- The National Certification for Wildlife City Celebration took place on May 24 at the Center for the Arts, with Mayor Danner, garden club members, Parks and Recreation leaders and many local residents attending.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- Completed the 2022 Spring Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Recreation and Academy Soccer seasons and completed the Academy Tryouts for fall 2022.
- Completed the 2022 Greer Baseball Club Recreation season.

- Completed the 2022 Greer Girls Softball regular season.
- Hosted the 2022 Tomahawk Wrestling Banquet on May 6 at Victor Gym and recognized four wrestlers at the Greer City Council meeting on May 24.
- Met with volunteers to facilitate a summer Touch Rugby league at Country Club Park for 9 -12 year olds.
- Facilitated Greer Baseball Tournament Team practices at Country Club Park and Century Park.
- Facilitated Greer Baseball Club Academy practices at Century Park and Stevens Field.
- Facilitated Greer Baseball Club All Star practices at Century Park, Country Club Park, Tyger River Park and BSYAA.
- Facilitated Greer Softball Tournament Team practices at Victor Park and Century Park.
- Recruited teams for the upcoming Frohawk Creek Scramble regional baseball tournament at Century Park on June 4-5.

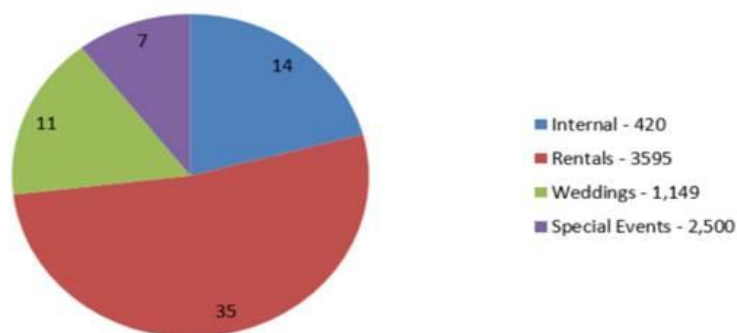
Cultural Arts

- The Greer Children’s Theatre performed the musical *How I Became a Pirate* on May 6-8 and May 13-15, averaging 85% of tickets sold, and entertaining a total of more than 600 people at the Center for the Arts. Melinda Long, author of the children’s book, *How I Became a Pirate*, was a special guest at the May 7th performance. She autographed copies of her book and shared with the cast about how it was published.
- The opening reception for the Asian American and Pacific Islander Art Exhibition was held on May 10 at the Center for the Arts with approximately 50 people in attendance, including most of the artists in the show.
- On May 11, staff hung 19 pieces of art at City Hall for the Friends of Lake Robinson Art Competition, and an opening reception was held on May 18.
- Tunes in the Park opened its season on May 14 in Greer City Park with Mac Arnold & Plate Full O’ Blues performing for a crowd of approximately 800 people. During the band breaks, the first round of singing competition for Greer Idol and Greer Idol Jr. took place.

Events

- Hosted the SC International Association for Identification Conference May 3-5.
- The Greer Farmers Market opened its season on May 3 and continued on May 10 and May 17 with over 40 vendors each week. The Strawberry Cook-off took place on May 17 bringing in over 1,000 visitors to City Park. The market will continue each Tuesday through August 30.
- Food Truck Rollout “rolled” into Greer City Park on May 19. Attendees were able to visit 8 local food trucks and vendors, purchase beer from Greer Relief, hear music performed by Jake Ybarra and enjoy the 360 Photo Booth brought out by Forever Free Media. Folks also enjoyed the free giveaways and information provided by event sponsor, Greer CPW.
- The Ambassadors continued to provide excellent customer service to our citizens by picking up 1,169 passengers in downtown Greer Station. This is an average of 48 people per day.

Rentals



Golf

- Hosted the Greer Lions annual fundraiser tournament on May 20, consisting of over 20 teams with 80 golfers.
- Dreamscapes performed the boring of the irrigation line under the driveway and completed the entrance landscaping.
- Staff sprigged the original practice tee with Tahoma-31 Bermuda Grass.
- Grounds staff has started fertilizer applications to complete the grow-in on the Front 9 and on all greens.
- Received \$13,000 more in revenue to date in the current fiscal year than last fiscal year for the same time period.

Recreation

- Began a second round of Beginner Skateboard classes and also introduced a new “Level 2” skateboard class at Victor Park.
- Hosted Pickleball Clinics and Open Play Pickleball days at Victor Gym throughout the month.
- Hosted Open Play Basketball sessions at Victor Gym.
- Senior Action continued to meet at Needmore Recreation Center each weekday for activities and lunch.
- The Artifacts Club, Cutlery Club, Disabled Veterans Chapter 39, and Never Alone all met at the Tryon Recreation Center during the month.
- The USA Archery State Tournament was held on May 21 at City Stadium with 63 participants competing with over 30 different zip codes from around the surrounding states.
- Held the May 24 Primary Election at Tryon Recreation where just over 30 voters participated.
- Creative Advancement Afterschool program concluded with an Awards Luncheon at the Cannon Centre on May 27.
- The Parent Orientation for Camp Greer Summer Camp was held on May 31 at Victor Gym.
- Seniors Out and Around (SOAR):
 - Hosted Line Dancing sessions on Wednesdays at Cannon Centre.
 - Hosted Bingo, Book Club, Card Game day, Movie/VR day, and Walking Program days throughout month.
 - On May 27, took seniors on a trip to Strawberry Hill for breakfast and activities.
- Rentals:
 - Kids Planet Shelters – 137
 - Recreation Centers - 12

Tourism

- Met with Sharon Self (Greer Development Corporation) on May 17 about upcoming events in Downtown Greer.
- Greeted Greensboro visitors on May 24 as they arrived at City Hall for a presentation on the impact BMW has had on the community. Approximately 100 people were in attendance.
- Attended Visit Greenville’s Hospitality & Tourism Networking Event on May 24 in Downtown Greenville.
- Attended GSA’s Networking Event on May 24 at Cartwright Food Hall.
- Coordinated with Macaroni Kid Spartanburg to include Moonlight Movies in their Summer Passport Program. Participants will receive a stamp if they attend at least one Moonlight Movie and will be entered to win prizes coordinated by Macaroni Kid Spartanburg upon receiving at least 15 stamps from participating organizations. The program launched May 31.

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Current Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greer Farmers Market – Tuesdays May 3 – Aug. 30, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 (City Park) • Moonlight Movies – Thursdays June 9 - 30 and July 14 - Aug. 4 (City Park) • Freedom Blast – June 25 (City Park) • Paint and Clay Camp - June 27-Jul 1 and July 18-22 (Center for the Arts) • Camp ARK Arts Camp – July 11-15; July 25-29; Aug. 1-5 (Center for the Arts) • Tunes in the Park – July 16 (City Park) • Upstate Renaissance Fair – Aug. 10 (City Park) • Food Truck Rollout – Aug. 18 (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 • 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.