

# Parks and Recreation

## June 2022 Monthly Report

### Current/Ongoing Projects

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

- Architects with Keck & Wood, Inc. are in the process of designing the trail systems. The steering committee is currently reviewing the proposed layout.

#### Greer Golf

- Staff met with Keck & Wood, Inc. and members of the City of Greer Engineering and Public Services departments on June 7 to discuss the next steps of the renovation project.

#### Needmore Recreation Center Pickleball Courts

- The third bid that was submitted is being evaluated by GCRA.

#### Victor Park

- The contractor patched the holes in the parking lot that were necessary to see what was below the surface and has also seal coated and re-stripped the asphalt on the outdoor basketball courts.

#### 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.

#### Cannon Centre Deck Renovation

- Green Earth Partners was awarded the bid with construction expected to begin in August.

### Department Highlights

#### Administration

- Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended a meeting on June 7 with The First Tee-Upstate to discuss the future possibility of a partnership between the City of Greer and The First Tee. Mayor Danner, Mr. Merriman, staff from Keck & Wood, Inc., and members of the City of Greer Engineering and Public Services departments were also in attendance.
- Ann Cunningham attended a Suber Road Park Planning Meeting on June 8 with Mr. Merriman and Travis Durham, Director of Public Services. On June 10, staff from the Recreation and Public Services departments met to discuss details.
- Staff met with Steve Owens and Ayla Fitzpatrick of the City of Greer Communications Department to discuss park consolidation and re-branding of properties containing the South Tyger Greenway Trail.
- Ann Cunningham attended a meeting at Greer City Hall on June 21 regarding ADA Improvements to Greer City Park.
- Staff met with members of the Public Services department on June 23 to discuss the placement of "Buddy Benches" provided by Leadership Greer throughout the City's parks.
- The Department hosted the City's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Blast celebration on June 25<sup>th</sup> at Greer City Park with an estimated attendance of 20,000 to 30,000 people. The Events Division organized the event with assistance from all of the City of Greer departments.

### Division Highlights

#### Athletics

- Completed the 2022 Frohawk Creek Scramble Regional Baseball Tournament at Century Park on June 4-5.

- Completed the 2022 Girls Softball All Star Tournament games and practices at Victor Park and Chesnee Recreation Complex.
- Completed the 2022 6U and 8U Greer Baseball Club All Star Program, with the 10U and 12U District Championship to be held in July.
- Hosted Cheer For Greer, Wrestling, and Tackle Football Pre-Season meetings and hosted Cheer For Greer Coach Sessions at Victor Gym to layout cheers and routines for the upcoming season.
- Held Fall Season Registrations for Foothills Soccer Club of Greer, Tackle Football, Cheer For Greer, Greer Baseball Club, Greer Girls Softball, and 7 v. 7 Flag Football programs.
- Held registration for a free Summer Flag Rugby program and facilitated league play at Country Club Park. At each of the five sessions, participants learn the game and then compete as a team in a non-contact version of the sport.

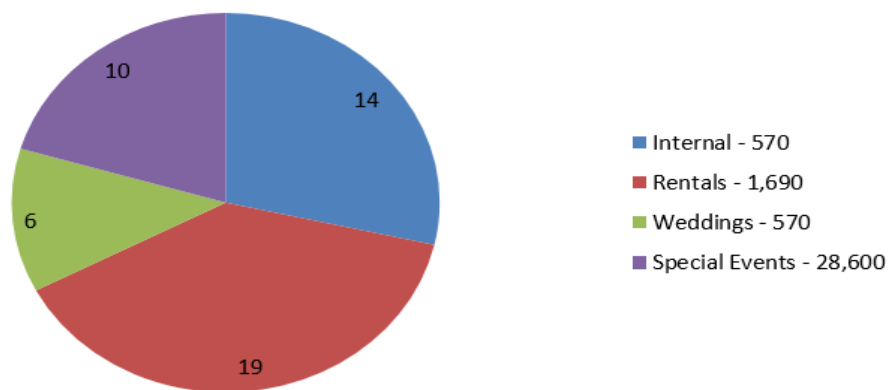
**Cultural Arts**

- Staff hung the Greer Veteran photos at City Hall on June 8 in preparation of the Freedom Blast celebration on June 25.
- Kapasi Glass installed two new windows at the Center for the Arts on June 10.
- On June 15, staff met with Sandra Braidman, a candle-making artist interested in programming classes at the Center for the Arts.
- Tunes in the Park was held on June 18, with the Jamie Wright Band performing to a large crowd and very full amphitheater at the Greer City Park. The second round of Greer Idol and Greer Idol Jr. competition was held during breaks.
- Gary Huntoon and Martha Grattan continued ceramics classes on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at the Center for the Arts.
- Rainbow-Themed art was hung in the Center for the Arts in honor of Pride Month and a reception was held to honor the artists on June 28, with over 50 people in attendance.
- Began the first weekly session of paint/clay camp on June 27 at the Center for the Arts.

**Events**

- The Greer Farmers Market continued its weekly markets with over 40 vendors. The Greer Farmers Market will take place each Tuesday night through August 30.
- The Moonlight Movie summer series kicked off the summer on June 9 and continued each Thursday evening through June 30. Each week, over 600 participants had the opportunity to enter in a free raffle, watch magic by JJ’s Magic, and enjoy free kid’s crafts. Ice cream, popcorn, and hot dogs were available for purchase onsite by Abbott’s Frozen Custard. The series will take a break until July 14 and then continue through August 4.
- The Ambassadors continued to provide excellent customer service to our citizens by picking up 1,016 passengers in downtown Greer Station. This is an average of 42 people per day.

**Rentals**



## **Golf**

- Hosted the Partnership for Tomorrow Board Meeting on June 8, with staff presenting information on the transition and renovations over the past two years.
- Grounds staff worked to distribute potassium on a few greens that have been problematic this year, with plans to continue the process to all greens by month end, since the process seems to be working well.
- Hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Nathan Moore Foundation fundraiser tournament on June 18. With over 200 golfers playing to honor the life and legacy of Nathan Moore, it was the largest tournament at the course this year. Greer Golf is also excited to announce it will host the Greater Greer Open on September 24, a competitive tournament which will draw amateur golfers from all over the Upstate.
- Grounds staff started fertilizer applications to complete the grow-in on the Front 9 and on all greens, and aerated and top-dressed the greens on June 20 and 21.
- Received \$37,000 more in revenue to date in the current fiscal year than last fiscal year for the same time period.

## **Recreation**

- Began Summer Camps at Victor Park and Needmore Recreation Center on June 6. The 8 week camps will continue through August 5 and will host 115 kids daily.
- Hosted the Special Election Voting Polls at Tryon Recreation Center on June 14.
- Continued the Beginner Skateboard classes and the new “Level 2” Skateboard class at Victor Park, with 36 participants enrolled on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Hosted Pickleball Clinics and Open Play Pickleball sessions throughout the month and one Adaptive and Veterans’ Pickleball session at Victor Gym (over 150 participants).
- Hosted Open Play Basketball sessions at Victor Gym (over 200 participants).
- Senior Action continued to meet at Needmore Recreation Center each weekday for activities and lunch.
- Never Alone, the DAV, the Artifacts Club and Cutlery Club met at Tryon Recreation Center during the month.
- Archery met at Victor Gym on Monday and Thursday nights and City Stadium on Wednesdays (over 100 participants).
- 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.
  - Hosted an outside picnic at City Park on June 30, with 32 seniors in attendance.
- Rentals:
  - Kids Planet Shelters – 92
  - Recreation Centers – 10
  - Neighborhood Parks - 1

## **Tourism**

- Began meeting with downtown Greer merchants. Merchants on Victoria and Cannon Streets have requested wayfinding signage to gain more foot traffic on the side streets.
- Staff met with Adam Jennings (VisitGreenvilleSC) on June 9 to maximize use of our membership and update our website listing to ensure accuracy and to include rental facilities, Greer Golf, and Center for the Arts.
- Staff assisted with the “Dine on Trade” event on June 10 which had an estimated attendance of 2,000 people.
- Ensured Greer City events were included on the July/August printable event schedule for *Visit Greenville*.

- Promoted Moonlight Movies, Tunes in the Park, and Freedom Blast on Greer Recreation’s Instagram and assisted Greer Athletics in promoting the Summer Flag Rugby program on social media and at Moonlight Movies.
- On June 22, staff met with Sharon Self (Greer Development Corporation), Alison Rauch (Public Information Coordinator for CPW), and members of the City of Greer Communications Department to discuss upcoming events and ways to provide mutual support.
- Staff met with Robbie Davis on June 29 to begin the process of updating the Special Event Permit application.

<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>• Moonlight Movies – Thursdays June 9 - 30 and July 14 - Aug. 4 (City Park)</li> <li>• Paint and Clay Camp - June 27-Jul 1 and July 18-22 (Center for the Arts)</li> <li>• Camp ARK Arts Camp – July 11-15; July 25-29; Aug. 1-5 (Center for the Arts)</li> <li>• Tunes in the Park – July 16, Aug. 27, and Sept. 17 (City Park)</li> <li>• <i>Peter Pan Jr.</i> Auditions – Aug. 8 and Aug. 9 (Center for the Arts)</li> <li>• Food Truck Rollout – Aug. 18 and Oct. 20 (City Park)</li> <li>• Upstate Renaissance Fair – Sept. 10 (City Park)</li> <li>• “Get Your ART On!” Arts Fair – Sept. 17 (Center for the Arts)</li> <li>• Greer Arts &amp; Eats Festival – Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 (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>• 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.***