



AGENDA
GREER RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Public Hearing and Business Meeting

January 26, 2023 @ 6:15 PM

Greer City Hall, Hall A, 301 E. Poinsett Street, Greer SC 29651

I. CALL TO ORDER

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| A. CALL TO ORDER | Trevor Hoffman, Chairperson |
| B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS | Trevor Hoffman, Chairperson |

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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| A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | Newly Elected Chairperson |
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III. INVOCATION

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| A. INVOCATION | Newly Elected Chairperson |
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IV. PUBLIC FORUM

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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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| A. Approval of July 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes | Newly Elected Chairperson |
| B. Approval of October 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes | Newly Elected Chairperson |

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| A. COMMITTEE REPORTS | Recreation Association Adhoc Representatives |
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VII. DEPARTMENT UPDATE

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| A. DEPARTMENT UPDATE | Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department Staff |
| B. October 2022 Monthly Report | |
| C. November 2022 Monthly Report | |
| D. December 2022 Monthly Report | |

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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| A. FINANCIAL REPORTS | Red Watson, Asst. Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism |
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IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ann Cunningham, Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2023 Meeting Dates

Ann Cunningham, Director, Parks, Rec. & Tourism

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2023 Events

Ann Cunningham, Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism

B. ADHOC REPRESENTATIVES
NOMINATION

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department Staff

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A. ADJOURNMENT

Newly Elected Chairperson

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GREER RECREATION ASSOCIATION
1/26/2023

Approval of July 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Applicant:

Newly Elected Chairperson

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Greer Recreation Association Board Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2022

Location: Greer City Hall, Hall A

Call to Order

Trevor Hoffman, Chairperson – 6:21pm

The following members of the Board of Trustees attended:

Attended: Christine Stroble, Amanda Hopper, Trevor Hoffman, and Marc Metcalf

Absent: Lance Owens, Melissa Padgett Smith, and Jason Bridwell

Others Present:

Ann Cunningham (Director), Red Watson (Asst. Director), Robin Byouk (Cultural Arts Supervisor), Robbie Davis (Events Supervisor), Justin Raney (Grounds Superintendent), Cory Holtzclaw (Athletics Supervisor), Justin Miller (Recreation Supervisor), Sam Merrell (Asst. General Manager, Greer Golf), Lindsey Shaffer (Tourism Specialist), Denise Swearington (Administrative Clerk), Katie Joner (Vice President, GCAC), and Reverend Rob Robinson (DAV)

Pledge of Allegiance

Trevor Hoffman, Chairperson

Invocation

Marc Metcalf, Trustee

Public Forum

No one was present to speak.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Motion:
 - Amanda Hopper made a motion to approve May 12, 2022 minutes.
 - Marc Metcalf seconded the motion.
- Vote:
 - Motion carried unanimously. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

Athletics – Cory Holtzclaw, Athletics Supervisor

- There are no issues or information to report from the Athletics Committees; however, Cory will be presenting two new Adhoc Committee representatives to the Board later in the meeting.

Cultural Arts – Katie Joner, Vice President, Greer Cultural Arts Council

- *How I Became a Pirate* was held at the Center for the Arts, May 6-8 and 13-15. The last weekend was sold out. Over 20 of Dan Dudley's Creative Advancement students came on scholarship on opening night.
- Greer Idol auditions were held on April 19, and we have 9 Greer Idol Jr contestants and 7 Greer Idol contestants.
- The first week of Camp Ark – Arts Reaching Kids was held July 11-15. Two additional camps will be held July 25-29 and August 1-5.
- A Harry Potter Trivia Night Fundraiser will be held at the Center for the Arts on July 30.
- *Peter Pan Jr.* auditions will be held August 8 and 9 at the Center for the Arts. Rehearsals will start at the Tryon Recreation Center on Aug. 22 and will be held every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening and all day Saturdays.
- Performances for Peter Pan Jr. will be at the Cannon Centre Oct. 21-23 and Oct. 28-30.

Disabled American Veterans – Reverend Rob Robinson, DAV Chapter 39 Representative

- The chapter has helped (3) families in the community with food and other needs. He thanked the board and the city for all they do for the DAV.

Departmental Update

Athletics Division – Cory Holtzclaw, Athletics Supervisor

- Rugby – We are currently running a summer youth flag rugby league for kids 8-12 years old. The league is set to conclude in August when all of our other programming in the fall begins. We will have guest coaches from Clemson and Furman as well as other guest coaches helping. We are currently registering for our Christmas 7s tournament set to be held December 10 and 11 at Country Club Park. The tournament brings teams/clubs from different states to compete, and this year, we are hoping to get 12-14 states represented. Last year was a one day event, and this year will be a two day event.
- Football – Gained a lot of participants this year. We used to have less than 100 participants, but this year we have around 300 kids playing in the 7v7 and tackle leagues combined. Our 7v7 league continues to be a huge program for our department. We currently have waiting lists in this program and the tackle league teams are full as well.
- Foothills Soccer Club – Full in every age division. It is a very popular sport for our department. The registration process is now complete for the Foothills Soccer Club, with waiting lists in all age groups.
- Baseball – The 2022 Summer Tournament season for Greer Baseball Club season has come to an end with our last Dixie Youth South Carolina State Tournament appearance. The Greer Baseball Club 6s travelled to Orangeburg, the 8s travelled to Anderson, the 10s travelled to Dillon, and the GBC 12s travelled to Union to compete. All of our teams competed very well, but came up just short of a state title. We were runner-up. The 2022 Fall Registration is complete and are set to start practices the second week of August. We currently have waiting lists in certain age divisions.
- Softball - Greer Girls Spring season and Summer Tournament season have ended.
- Cheer For Greer – Cheer for Greer had a huge registration for the upcoming fall 2022 season. We are now one of the largest municipal cheerleading programs in the state. This would not have been possible without Jessica Hughes, who helped us get our program to where it is today. They cheer at the Carolina Panthers stadium for the ACC game, North Greenville, and make the program top notch. Squads are now preparing for their upcoming 2022 fall preseason camp.
- Wrestling – Starting registration now for that program.
- Greer Adult Baseball – The season is set to begin August 22nd. This is a 30 and over wooden bat league.
- American Legion – The Junior and Senior American Legion baseball seasons are coming to a close. The Junior team almost won a state championship.
- Rentals – We have had a steady stream of rentals and requests for field rentals are coming in daily. These are often for churches wanting rentals for church kickball, church softball or other events. The police department is running their softball tournament in August at Century Park to support families of fallen officers. This will be coming up on August 20 and 21.

Cultural Arts Division – Robin Byouk, Cultural Arts Supervisor

- The Friends of Lake Robinson Art Exhibit was hung in the Wall Gallery at City Hall during the month of May, with a reception on May 18. They gave a scholarship to a high school student.
- The Rainbow Art Exhibition was hung at the Centre for the Arts, with a reception on June 28 with over 50 visitors.
- Summer Paint/Clay camps were held June 27-July 1 and July 18 – 22. The second session was sold out.

- Tunes In The Park was held on May 14 with Mac Arnold and Plate Full O' Blues, it was also held on June 18 with the Jamie Wright Band and on July 16 with the Carolina Coast Band. All three events were extremely well attended, with Greer Idol and Greer Idol Jr. taking place during the band breaks.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Tunes In The Park – Aug. 27 with The Mighty Kicks and Sept. 17 with The Rhythm City Band and the Greer Idol finalists.
 - Get Your Art On! Arts Fair – Sept. 17 (Center for the Arts)
 - Renaissance Arts Exhibition – August – September (City Hall Wall Gallery)

Events Division – Robbie Davis, Events Supervisor

The Events Division hosted the following events:

- Every Tuesday – Greer Farmers Market
- June 9 – 28 – Moonlight Movies
- June 25 – Freedom Blast

May 13 – July 28 the Events Division has hosted:

- 57 – Internal Events
- 57 – Rentals
- 24 – Special Events
- 20 – Weddings
- Total of 158 events that brought about 42,975 people to Greer City Park
- Food Truck Rollout took place on May 19 with seven trucks in attendance.
- The Moonlight Movie Series began on June 9 and will continue through August 4. There will be entertainment and crafts, inflatables, and a raffle of gift cards from local businesses begins at 7pm with the movie beginning around 9pm.
- City of Greer Freedom Blast took place on Saturday, June 25 with another large turnout. We expanded the number of food vendors and moved the inflatables into a newer location. Each year we continue to see increases in revenue and attendance. This year we had credit card readers which could be used for purchases, and we saw an increase in revenue.
- With the close of the fiscal year, the Events Division saw a huge bounce back in rental numbers for the year with over 680 rentals.

Golf – Sam Merrell, Assistant General Manager, Greer Golf

- On June 18, we had the Nathan Moore Foundation Fundraiser Golf tournament. We had over 200 golfers which was our biggest tournament of the year.
- On July 18, we welcomed the South Carolina Junior Golf Association for their Greenville Chapter event of the Hootie and the Blowfish series. There were 106 junior golfers ages 8-17 from all over the upstate competing.
- We have hosted three youth golf camps with The First Tee this year. These are week long camps for kids ages 5-17.
- Our grounds staff have continued to improve the course over the summer. They have made soil amendments, verti-cut and aerified greens, made continued applications of fertilizer to the front 9 fairways and tee boxes, and continued the grow-in of the original driving range tee.
- We have announced September 24 and 25 as the dates for the upcoming Greater Greer Open. This will be the 43rd year.
- We will be working with Greer High School and Greer Middle College Charter High School to host their golf matches at the course.
- Staff will continue to interview for Part Time Pro Shop Attendant and Part Time Cart Attendant positions over the next two weeks.

Marc Metcalf, Board Trustee, asked where Greer High plays golf now, and Sam Merrell responded they currently play at Greer Golf.

Grounds Maintenance Division – Justin Raney, Grounds Supervisor

Grounds staff:

- Set up for Freedom Blast where 33 Public Services employees worked a total of 338 hours. Employees painted the “Big G” where the skydivers landed.
- City Park was re-mulched for the second time this year.
- Aerified and top dressed Suber Road and verticut and top dressed soccer fields and baseball fields at Country Club Park
- Emory tree service cleaned up some trees at the Tryon tennis center.
- Aerified City Park and continue with fertilizing the area outside of City Hall
- Since last meeting, we’ve had 10.5” of rainfall.

Marc Metcalf, Board Trustee, asked if we have always had the “Big G” at Freedom Blast, and Justin said he believes this was the first year. Mr. Merriman asked if they could have it done, so he and two other employees did it. It took approximately four hours to complete. Marc said it was really cool!

Recreation Division – Justin Miller, Recreation Supervisor

- Summer Camps at Victor and Needmore will conclude on August 5. We have had a great staff, and have had a great time this summer as always. They will have a big party to celebrate.
- We have been doing some nature efforts and education over the past year, and when we last met we were about to have the dedication of the butterfly garden at the Centre for the Arts. We had just received our National Wildlife Certification as a city, and we had about 50 or 60 people attend the dedication and we released about 19 Monarch butterflies that day. We had a couple of news channels there to cover the event. Now, on September 9 we are partnering with a guy who has made a conservation film called *Purple Haze* which is about the Purple Martin bird. The largest sanctuary of Purple Martins is on Lake Murray, SC. We are screening the movie on September 9 at Cannon Centre. Tickets are available for \$10 on EventBrite.
- Afterschool Programs will start August 15 and Creative Advancement will begin on September 6.
- We have a couple of Backpack Giveaways that will take place on August 6 and 13 at Victor Gym. Troy Pride, Jr. an NFL player and former Greer High player, will host the giveaway on August 6 and an organization called Youth Chasing Every Opportunity will have one on August 13.
- Skateboarding – We have had another four classes added (with two new Level 2 classes). Both of the Level 2 classes were at capacity.
- Pickleball – We opened our new outdoor Pickleball courts the night of our last meeting on May 12, and have already hosted two tournaments. We have had over 700 paid participants at our Pickleball clinics this year at Victor Gym.

Tourism Division – Lindsey Shaffer, Tourism Specialist

- The past couple of months have consisted of meeting with downtown merchants to provide an overview of the role and receive feedback on events and road closures.
- We have received five Special Event Permit Applications (one festival, two block parties and two walk/run events).
- Currently, staff is working with the Athletics Division in promoting the Summer Rugby Program and the Christmas 7s Regional Rugby Tournament.
- Upcoming Events –
 - City Park will have the Renaissance Faire on September 10 with an estimated attendance of several thousand visitors.
 - A 9:11 Endurance Challenge will take place in Turner Park neighborhood on September 11, and will have about 100 participants.
 - The Chamber’s Arts & Eats Festival will take place on September 30 and October 1.

Marc Metcalf, Board Trustee asked how often we do the zip code research where you try to find out where people are coming from? Ann responded that we started when we re-opened Kids Planet after

the renovation. We were there several weekends and found out we had over 27 different zip codes attend. Lindsey stated we would continue this because it helps to receive Grants.

Financial Reports – Red Watson, Assistant Director

- Program Funds – We finished the fiscal year in good shape for our Enterprise Fund for Recreation Programs. We have started the new year off strong with healthy fall sports and shelter/facility registrations.
- We successfully closed one of our two Parks and Recreation Development Fund (PARD) grants at the Golf Course in May. We made improvements to cart paths, landscaping and the driving range. The other grant will be used to construct a new putting green in the spring of next year.

Director's Report – Ann Cunningham, Director

- **New Department Name**

- As of July 1, the official name of our department has been changed to the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department. We will begin changing signage throughout the park system this year and hope to be complete in 2023.

- **Department Personnel Update**

- Sally Wise, our Administrative Assistant, has retired, and we are very excited for her and wish her the best! We are in the hiring process and are conducting interviews and will have someone in the near future. We thank Denise for coming tonight and filling in, and the new Administrative Assistant will serve as the Secretary to the Recreation Board.

- **Current/Ongoing Projects**

Greer Golf

On July 14, staff met with architects from SGA Architectural Firm and Steve Foushee with Prescott + Foushee Construction to discuss/review current plans for the Greer Golf Clubhouse and Pool Renovation project. Prescott + Foushee Construction was awarded this project by City Council, and we feel confident they will do a wonderful job. We are working towards finalizing designs and value engineering construction plans as well as a timeline for construction. Our goal is to begin construction in October.

H.R. Turner Park

The project has been put on hold and the Land and Water Conservation grant through the National Park Service has been withdrawn. We can certainly pursue this project later, it's just not the right time.

Suber Road Soccer Complex

We have started some movement on this project which we didn't expect, but the Fire Department and Police Departments are working on projects, and the Fire Department needs a department in that area. They are looking at possibly building one near the Suber Road Complex or adjacent to the property we have. They're in negotiations for the purchase of that land. We would love to have a fire department adjacent to our park, and it would give us a couple of extra acres. We have a Master Plan and will include the community in that.

Needmore Pickleball Courts

We've been working with Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA) on re-doing the Tennis courts and turning them into Pickleball courts and having a Walking Track. It is currently on hold. They're having difficulty getting a contractor, and we're just waiting until we can get someone to work on it.

Trails Update

South Tyger Greenway-

This is going to be about a two-mile trail (one way). The City of Greer finalized the purchase of land adjacent to Greer Golf, on the driving range side of the course and across Gap Creek Road.

This is 72 acres, and about 14 acres is across Gap Creek Road. We now have a park that totals approximately 300 acres, which gives us so much potential. The steering committee has finalized the layout for the trail alignment for the South Tyger Greenway and our architects Keck + Wood are currently working on the development of construction documents.

Ann asked Red Watson to show the map of the proposed trail on the AV screen. Red showed the proposed trail to the Board Members and meeting attendees and stated that Phase I will follow the Tyger River through the woods and come up to where the batting cages are at the baseball fields. There are options to return to Gap Creek Road or return and cross under Country Club Road (working with the DOT for that possibility) and end at the Golf Course.

Ann commented that the pool will be removed, and this will be a space for families to return and spend time together, have lunch, enjoy the weather and experience nature. The putting green will be moved so that the deck can be expanded and used as an event space for wedding receptions, family reunions, golf tournaments, and other events.

The little field going into Country Club Park will be turned into a parking lot. We hope to be able to eventually connect to Highway 14. Once we start the Master Planning, Ann stated we would consider whether we want to offer primitive camping on the river or maybe a zip line, and stated the area is just beautiful, and we are very excited about the potential.

Marc Metcalf, Board Trustee, asked if the distance from the start to the end of the trail back at the Golf Course was two miles, and Ann responded that it is about two miles, depending on which way you go. She also commented how it will be a great opportunity for the neighborhoods it will connect to for students to be able to walk to school. Marc also asked how wide the trail will be...will it be ten or twelve feet wide? Ann responded either ten or twelve feet, and we would like it to be twelve feet wide. Marc also asked if part of the city's plans are to have bike lanes connecting to downtown from Highway 14 were in the plan. Ann believes it is part of the plan for Poinsett Street to slow traffic and enjoy walking safely. We are trying to make connections.

We are working on the Wards Creek Trail as well which will start at City Park and go to Bible Brook Road. It's a little more complicated because we have to obtain easements from private property owners to make connections. It will be approximately 2.75 miles and provide another mode of transportation.

Amanda Hopper, Board Trustee, commented that she and her son were almost hit in the crosswalk at Abbott's. Someone slammed on their brakes and almost hit them. The lights in the crosswalk only flash at night and do not always flash. People are going too fast in the area and don't realize it's a crosswalk. She feels it needs to be "marked" better and asked who would be in charge of getting signage regarding the crosswalk? Ann responded to contact Steve Grant and also the police department, and she commented she would be glad to pass that information along as well.

Marc asked if we have owned the parcel of land on the river for a while. Ann commented that we have owned the Country Club side for a while, and we knew one day we would do a trail system but have waited for the right opportunity. She commented that we hope for canoe and kayak launches and hope to be able to observe nature and Marc asked if it would be a Conneestee or Swamp Rabbit Trail feel. Ann commented it would be more of a Conneestee feel. We would like to have some educational programs which Justin Miller has already started venturing into, and this would also be a great opportunity for school programs.

Ann thanked her staff members for all they do each day and also Justin Raney from the Public Services department for being at the meeting and for all they do.

Amanda Hopper, Board Trustee, commented how as a business owner she hears from visitors all the time how that they came for a festival and then stay and walk around Greer and stay at the hotel. She is amazed at how much Greer has changed from 2020 to now. She talks to visitors and hears about them coming from all over. She said there was a gentleman who wanted to come from the UK to experience the Fourth of July in America, and somehow he found Greer's Freedom Blast on YouTube. He came and loved the event and also came into Abbott's every day he was here and loved it.

- **Old Business**

- **2022 Meeting Dates**

- October 27, 2022
 - Trevor Hoffman commented he will be out of the country for the Oct. 27th meeting.

- **New Business**

- Cory Holtzclaw nominated Allison Plumley for Adhoc Committee Representative for Cheer For Greer. Board members voted unanimously to approve Ms. Plumley.
 - Cory Holtzclaw nominated Todd Stafford for Adhoc Committee Representative for Football. Board members voted unanimously to approve Mr. Stafford.
 - Cory Holtzclaw asked Ann if she wanted to talk about the project at Century Park that was currently taking place. She explained there is a large pipe that runs under Century Park Field 1, and it was eroding, and water was going around it, and it was only a matter of time before we had a collapse in the outfield. The pipe has been replaced. There currently is no grass, but the grass will be installed on August 15-17. Travis Durham, Justin Raney, and John Goughneour, all worked very hard to get this replaced. It was a huge project, and we are very grateful for all of their help getting this project done.

- **Adjournment**

- Trevor Hoffman, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 7:16pm.

- **Next Meeting**

- Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 6:15pm.

Minutes submitted by: Denise Swearington, Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department Administrative Clerk

Category Number: V.
Item Number: B.



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GREER RECREATION ASSOCIATION
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Approval of October 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Applicant:

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Greer Recreation Association Board Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2022

Location: Greer City Hall, Hall A

Call to Order

Amanda Hopper, Vice-Chairperson 6:17pm

The following members of the Board of Trustees attended:

Attended: Amanda Hopper, Lance Owens, and Jason Bridwell

Absent: Melissa Padgett Smith, Christine Stroble, Marc Metcalf and Trevor Hoffman

Others Present:

Ann Cunningham (Director), Red Watson (Asst. Director), Robin Byouk (Cultural Arts Supervisor), Robbie Davis (Events Supervisor), Justin Raney (Grounds Superintendent), Cory Holtzclaw (Athletics Supervisor), Justin Miller (Recreation Supervisor), Sam Merrell (Asst. General Manager, Greer Golf), Lindsey Shaffer (Tourism Specialist), Jamie Karvellas (Administrative Assistant), Denise Swearington (Administrative Clerk), Katie Joner (Vice President, GCAC), Bob and Mary Reimer (Greer Senior Citizens Club), Bill Harrill (Golf Committee Adhoc Representative) and Reverend Rob Robinson (DAV)

Pledge of Allegiance

Amanda Hopper, Vice-Chairperson

Invocation

Jason Bridwell, Trustee

Personnel

Ann Cunningham introduced new Administrative Assistant Jamie Karvellas. We are delighted to welcome Jamie Karvellas as the newly hired Administrative Assistant with the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department. Jamie joins our team with lots of experience and knowledge and fits in well with our team.

Public Forum

No one was present to speak.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from July 28, 2022, meeting, were not approved as there was not a quorum present.

Committee Reports

Athletics – Cory Holtzclaw, Athletics Supervisor

- Announcement of a new tackle football program called All-Star Tackle Football. An event to kick-off the new program will be held at Dooley Field on Monday, November 7. Cory will discuss in further detail when presenting his division update.

Greer Golf – Bill Harrill, Golf Committee Adhoc Representative

- The golf course is in great condition and the new grass has grown-in, and there's a lot of excitement around the improvements. Jim, Sam and Steve do a great job and I want to thank them for all they do.

Tennis & Pickleball - Justin Miller, Recreation Supervisor

- No issues to report. Justin will be presenting updates on senior events later in the meeting.

Cultural Arts – Katie Joner, Vice President, Greer Cultural Arts Council

- The first week in August was the last week of Camp ARK.
- Peter Pan, Jr., was cast in the beginning of August with 39 cast members. Rehearsals were held Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Performances are being held at the Cannon Centre October 21-30.

- A Harry Potter Trivia night was held on July 30. We sold out 3 times after adding seats. We made \$2,500. This will be the last weekend of Peter Pan, Jr, at the Cannon Centre
- Lion King, Jr. auditions will be held on November 14-15. Performances will be held February 24-26 and March 3-5.
- The Princess Breakfast has been rescheduled for the spring due to illnesses.

Disabled American Veterans – Reverend Rob Robinson, DAV Chapter 39 Representative

- We are gearing-up for Thanksgiving & Christmas with a program partnering with Chapter 1 providing a food giveaway for the Veterans. Thank you and bless you for all the work you are doing.

Departmental Updates

Athletics Division – Cory Holtzclaw, Athletics Supervisor

- Tomahawk Youth Wrestling Program - Since our last meeting we completed our youth wrestling registration for the 22-23 season. This program is currently on a waiting list. A program that usually fills up in 8-10 days once registration opens. Beginning this year, we will be moving to the Cannon Centre for all practices to accommodate both parents and wrestlers. Our Youth Wrestling is not as large as other programs due to restrictions on the number of kids we can hold, but it does continue to be a program that fills up very fast.
- Greer PRT Youth Basketball - We have recently completed our youth basketball program registration for 22-23 season. Youth basketball is also on a very lengthy waiting list of roughly 60 players. For the entirety of the 22-23 season including regular season and post season games, our one court will be home to over 250 players. Youth basketball continues to be a sport that The City of Greer fully supports and wants to be a part of.
- Greer PRT NFL Flag 7 v 7 Football - All 3 of our Flag Football leagues has concluded their 2022 fall season. Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights were packed with league play at Country Club Park. This program continues to operate at a high level. We were on a lengthy waiting list in all 3 age divisions. I believe that the growth of 7 v 7 play at the High School level is the reason the youth level continues to grow.
- Greer Jr. Jackets Tackle Football - The 2022 fall regular season has wrapped up. We had a huge play every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesdays at City Stadium. In total we had over 320 kids playing in our football program, compared to 75 total a few years ago. The 2022 postseason and All-Star play began this past Monday. While this program did not hold a massive waiting list like the 7 v 7 version, it did show growth for the 2nd consecutive year. We now have one of the largest football programs in the state of South Carolina for the first time since I have been with the City of Greer. Also, we have kick-started an All-Star program for our youth tackle players. Teams will compete in a statewide tournament, and their road to a championship begins Monday, November 7th at Dooley Field.
- Foothills Soccer Club of Greer - Our 2022 Fall Recreation season concluded this past Monday and our 2022 Fall Academy season concludes in mid-December, after the South Carolina State Cup. This program is carrying an extensive waiting list in 3 out of the 4 age brackets. This year's total enrollment for both programs was roughly 450 participants.
- Greer 76ers Rugby - We are currently registering participants for Boys, Girls, and Junior Flag Rugby squads. Participant counts are trending upward for our Boys team, but trending downward for our Girls team. Our Junior Program was kick started up this past summer, and this fall our Junior Sixers will head to Atlanta to compete in official flag matches. Our staff recruited teams for the past two months for the annual Christmas 7s Tournament. Currently we have 13 out of the 20 spots filled for the event. Teams from Indiana, Tennessee, Georgia, SC, and NC have committed so far. Christmas 7s tournament will be a 2-day event at Country Club Park.
- Rentals - Our division has hosted rentals 3 out of the past 6 weekends with our last rental coming up this weekend at Country Club Park. After that rental is complete we will let sites rest so that our winter grass will have a chance to root in.

- Greer Baseball Club - Completed our Greer Baseball Club 2022 Fall Season at Century Park. Four different age groups competed this fall at Century Park. Fall baseball is a program built more on development and instruction. Spring Greer Baseball Club Registration will begin in late December.
- Facilitated Greer Baseball Club Academy Division Practices at Century Park and Little Turner Field. Teams compete in tournaments around the state of South Carolina. Season will conclude the weekend of November 6.
- Greer Girls Softball - Our 2022 fall season is winding down, and will complete this week. A big item to note is that this will be our final season in the Spartanburg County League, next spring we will be joining a municipal league with local P&R Agencies.
- Beginning next year, we will kick start an official all star program through South Carolina Athletic Planners organization (similar to the format of baseball, but not through Dixie Youth). Spring Registration will begin in late December.
- Cheer For Greer - Our season is winding down and we are beginning to plan for the ACC Championship Game in Charlotte. Squads begin practices on 11/8, learning dance routines and cheers to prepare for their upcoming performance in front of almost 80,000 fans at the ACC Championship Game.
- Our team David Holtzclaw, Phil Hembree and I, are currently in charge of 1,550 participants. I would like to thank Travis (Durham) and Justin (Raney) in Public Services for preparing the fields.

Cultural Arts Division – Robin Byouk, Cultural Arts Supervisor

- The last Tunes in the Park were held on August 27 and September 17 at Greer City Hall. Greer Idol Finals were held on September 17. Matthew Molina won Greer Idol, Jr, and Brian Garner won Greer Idol.
- The Get Your Art on! Arts Fair was held on September 17 at the Center for the Arts.
- We put out a request for Renaissance Art to hang at City Hall Gallery during the Renaissance Festival.
- The Hispanic and Latino Heritage Arts Show Reception was held on October 4, 2022. The Mayor read a Proclamation and 2 dance groups performed. There were approximately 150 people in attendance.
- The Foothills Philharmonic performed at the Center for the Arts on October 14 and the Greenspan Big band performed on October 8. Both concerts had about 50 people in attendance.
- Fall classes continue: Clay classes on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Candle Making Classes will be held on Saturdays.
- Our Holiday Arts Faire is scheduled for December 10.
- Greenville Open Studios is scheduled for November 12-13, with 5 of our 7 in-studio artists will be participating in the event.

Events Division – Robbie Davis, Events Supervisor

The Events Division hosted the following events:

Events

Every Tuesday- Greer Farmers Market Greer Farmers Market - Fall Markets

August 4 - Moonlight Movies

August 18 - Food Truck Rollout

September 24 - Railfest

October 20 - Food Truck Rollout

October 22 - Artisan Makers Market

July 28-October 27 - Events Hosted

68 - Internal Events 58 Rentals

15 – Special Events

35 - Weddings

Total of 176 events that brought 32,538 people to Greer City Park

- The Greer Farmers Market continued its weekly markets through August on Tuesdays from 4:30pm-7:30pm. They averaged between 25-40 vendors. The market will continue the third Tuesday of the month, through November.
- The Moonlight Movie Series wrapped up the summer series of 8 films on August 4. Free entertainment, crafts, inflatables, and a raffle of gift cards from local businesses begins at 7pm with the movie beginning around 9pm.
- The Upstate Renaissance Faire took place on September 10. The festival we treat as a rental, so staff is on-site. This is a profitable event for the city, and it went off without a hitch despite over an inch of rain on Saturday morning. With over 125 vendors from different states, guests were able to travel back in time to experience life in medieval time, mud included. We wouldn't have been able to do this without the help of Public Services. It was estimated that over 3,000 people were in attendance, despite the horrible weather.
- Railfest took place on Saturday, September 24 from 10am-2pm at Greer City Park. Children of all ages had the opportunity to visit 8 different local train vendors. These included national model train associations, train museums, and safety information from Operation Lifesaver and Norfolk Southern. Fun activities included free trackless train rides, face painting, balloon twisting and balloon twisting classes, caricatures, animals from Greenville Wildlife Rehab, and magical performances. Karl Lauber played over 40 different train songs throughout the day. Fan favorites Cannonball Paul and Bookworm Bonnie returned after a two-year hiatus to provide train entertainment and stories about Hobos. Food trucks and dessert vendors provided lunch throughout the festival. There were approximately 3,000 people in attendance.
- The Artisan Makers Market was held on October 22 in Greer City Park. Guitarist and singer, Matthew Phillips, provided live music during the event. We had 54 vendors one of the largest turnouts, showcasing a wide variety of crafts, artwork, food and drinks to a sizeable crowd. Attendees and artisans alike enjoyed the day.
- Ambassadors - The Greer Station Shuttles continued to provide support to our local restaurants, shops, and businesses in downtown Greer Station by picking up over 7,500 people for the year.

Greer Golf – Sam Merrell, Assistant General Manager, Greer Golf

- We hosted several tournaments this summer, including the SCTMA Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament, the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office 2022 Chaplain's Benevolent Fund tournament, the 43rd Greater Greer Open, and the Greer Community Ministries Annual fundraiser tournament. All of these tournaments allowed us to showcase our course to hundreds of golfers that don't regularly play at Greer Golf. We received countless compliments on the condition of the course, and many say that it's in the best shape ever.
- We are hosting a Homeschool Class on Mondays through First Tee Upstate. There are eight children participating. I also ran an instructional class on Tuesdays called The Players Class.
- Ordered equipment upgrades for both our range golf ball picker and our large broadcast spreader.
- Awarded a Palmetto Pride Tree Grant, providing us trees which will be planted along holes 2, 10 and 11. In total, we received 27 trees (3 Dogwoods and 24 Red Maples).
- Cart path repairs were completed on holes 11, 12 and 14 in August.
- We are in the process of hiring part-time employees for a golf cart and a pro-shop attendant, If you know anyone that is interested, please have them check our website.
- In 2020, 1st quarter revenue (July – September) was \$121,000 and in 2021 it was \$134,000. We are pleased to report that revenue for the 1st quarter this fiscal year was \$283,729, a 111% increase from last year.

Grounds Maintenance Division – Justin Raney, Grounds Supervisor

- Installed 192 yards of mulch at Tryon tennis center, City Stadium, Kids Planet, QC in September Overseeding, and topdressing to City Stadium, Suber fields 1&2, County Club Fields 1&2 in September
- Changed the fountain lights at City Park to Pink for Breast Cancer for the month of October Installed drip line irrigation to Butterfly Garden at Kid's Planet
- Maintained athletics fields with our in-house turf program by fertilizing and applying pre-emergent treatments.
- Suber soccer complex detention pond was cleaned out by Timbertech.
- Painted to the Rugby fields at Country Club for games and upcoming tournaments.

- Routine maintenance to the neighborhood parks, sports complexes, and facilities
- Dreamscape landscaping installed all new landscaping around the 2-5 and 5-12 playground at Kid's Planet along with 3600 sq./ft. of sod, 32 plants and 60 yards of mulch and added river rock and drip-lines around the plants by the entrances.
- We will be adding black ornamental fencing that will wrap the playgrounds.
- In the past 3 months we have had 10 inches of rain fall. The day of the Renaissance Faire we had 4.67" of rain.

Recreation Division – Justin Miller, Recreation Supervisor

- Concluded our summer camps at Needmore Rec Center and Victor Park & Gymnasium.
- Hosted a Pickleball tourney at Tryon Adaptive Pickleball (3rd tournament since opening in May) raised over 25k for program with a last minute donation of \$10k. All proceeds will benefit our program.
- GCRA Adult/Senior grants – One for the youth for our summer camps and another for our seniors to provide Pickleball clinics. There were 31 on the waiting list after one-day of released. We are providing 40 spots for people to take a free beginner Pickleball Clinic on Tuesday and have two clinics more planned.
- Butterfly experience - Raised Monarchs from eggs found and released 14 for migration. Partnered with the garden clubs. We helped raise butterflies and raised them from 1 out 100 eggs make it out from the wild. Live butterfly exhibit at our office and did a release and tagged and released. From the egg stage to adults and released them
- Skateboarding classes – 33 more students through fall classes. Added Level 3 classes for Fall
- Upcoming programs/events:
- Added a Senior Gentle Yoga Class
- Senior Train Trip- Great Smokey Mtn. Railroad on 11/4, Bryson City, NC-1st class, Dillsboro, NC for shopping.
- Teen Moms Anonymous Group – Dr. Stroble will be leading this program.

Question from Jason Bridwell, Board of Trustee Member – How do you tag the butterfly? Justin explained how they place a barcoded sticker on the butterfly not a GPS. Once the butterfly dies and is located they are then tracked by that barcode.

Tourism Division – Lindsey Shaffer, Tourism Specialist

- Red Watson and I coordinated with JC Films Greenville and Dovelight Photography for an upcoming film they are producing, which will feature Dean Cain of Superman fame. Greer Golf will serve as a location in the film.
- Worked closely with the Communications Department to develop the Discover Greer brand, which serves as the tourism entity for the city.
- Held a press conference on Tuesday, September 27 to announce Discover Greer, the website, and social media channels.
- [SHOW WEBSITE ON SCREEN]
- Upcoming Events:
- Greer Arts & Eats this Saturday, October 29 from 10am-6pm. We will have our Department tent set up to provide event and program information and an activity for kids.

Question from Lance Owens, Board of Trustee Member - Was Dine on Trade cancelled? Lindsey, said the Greer Station made that decision to cancel their upcoming events.

Financial Reports – Red Watson, Assistant Director

- We have started the year very strong financially for our Enterprise fund Recreation Programs. Programs such as youth tackle football, Pickleball and youth basketball continue to grow and provide more revenue. We are super proud of what Jim Young, Sam Merrill have done out there,
- We have contracted with Jeff Lawrence, Golf Course Designer and Architect, to design and manage the construction of a new practice green at Greer Golf. This will complete our final outstanding PARD

Amanda Hopper, Board Vice-Chairperson asked – Any Committee over the plans moving into the future? She knows someone who may want to get involved? Red Watson said it would be Mr. Harrill’s golf committee.

Lance Owens, asked – What is the timetable for the renovation? Red answered that Ann Cunningham will be updating the Board on this and other project in her presentation.

Director’s Report – Ann Cunningham, Director

Current/Ongoing Projects

Greer Golf

- We continue to work towards finalizing designs for the Greer Golf Renovation Project. A majority of the project has been determined, except for the fire suppression system and ADA accessibility. Once these two items are finalized, our contractor will provide updated pricing and we will finalize the scope of work to be completed. We anticipate construction will begin before the end of the year.

South Tyger Greenway

- We have 90% Permit Drawings for the South Tyger River Greenway completed. Red and I met with Justin Ludley, Principal, Greer HS, and Jamie Benton, Director of Construction Services for Greenville County School District, last month to review details with the connection into the school’s property. After several revisions, we resubmitted plans for review and are awaiting staff approval.
- If staff approves, we will submit plans to the Greenville County School District for their approval. It could take 30-45 days.

Wards Creek

- Our architects with Keck+Wood, who are designing the trails, have finalized a proposed alignment of a trail system along Wards Creek from Bible Brook Road to Wards Creek Park to City Park. Letters have been mailed to over 200 property owners effected by the proposed trail and have been invited to attend a Community Meeting at City Hall on Wednesday, November 9, to review and answer questions. This meeting will determine whether we change/alter the path or whether there is continued interest in pursuing the trail. This trail is more difficult and time consuming to design due to obtaining easements from private property owners to make connections.

Turner Park

- Finalizing construction details for a new softball/baseball field at Turner Park. This field will be located in the large grassed area at the lower portion of the park, commonly referred to as “Big Turner Ball Field”. This project includes a restroom facility and a new parking lot. We should receive an estimated cost breakdown next week.

Christmas Decorations

- The City of Greer purchased fifty (50) additional pole decorations for the upcoming Holiday season. They are 8ft. Christmas trees that will be installed on electrical poles leading into the city that will alternate with the shooting stars that were purchased last year.

Suber Road Soccer Complex

- The Parks and Recreation Department is participating in a Construction Management at Risk Project to enhance the Suber Road Soccer Complex Master Plan. Other departments involved include the Police and Fire Departments.

Needmore Pickleball Courts

- There is no update from the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA) on the renovation of the tennis courts into Pickleball courts at Needmore Park.

New Business

- 2023 Meeting Dates – Unable to vote at this time since we did not have a quorum present.

Adjournment

- Amanda Hopper, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

Next Meeting

- Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:15pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jamie Karvellas, Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department Administrative Assistant



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DEPARTMENT UPDATE

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Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department Staff



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Current/Ongoing Projects

Wards Creek Trail System & South Tyger River Greenway

- Architects with Keck + Wood, Inc. are continuing the process of designing the Wards Creek Greenway trail system and have proposed their recommendation for the new trail location.
 - Letters were mailed out to property owners on October 21, who live along the proposed Wards Creek Trail, inviting them to attend a community meeting on November 9 at City Hall.
- The construction documents for the South Tyger River Greenway are being finalized. Next step in the process will be a plan review.

Turner Park

- Finalizing construction details with Keck + Wood for the new softball/baseball complex at Turner Park and awaiting an estimated cost breakdown.

Greer Golf

- SGA Architecture and P+F Construction are working towards finalizing the design plans for fire suppression and ADA accessibility, in both the clubhouse and pool area.
- Staff participated in the review of the MEP (Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing) preliminary designs for the renovation and finalized the pool area fireplace design.

Needmore Recreation Center-Pickleball Courts

- There is no update from GCRA on the bids for renovation. The project is still “On Hold” due to difficulty in getting contractors.

Cannon Centre Deck Renovation

- The project remains on-going with an expected completion date in November.

Suber Road Park

- The Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department’s portion of this project has been delayed. It will resume with the completion of the Fire and Police Departments plans.

Department Highlights

- Our annual department staff retreat was held on October 19 at Center for the Arts and Top Golf.
- The Greer Recreation Association Board of Trustees meeting was held on Thursday, October 27, at Greer City Hall.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- Registration for Greer 76ers was completed on October 21. Junior Rugby practices were held at Turner Field every Sunday. Greer 76ers Varsity Boys and Girls practices are being held at Country Club Park on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Marketing efforts began for Christmas 7s tournament and we discussed the new requirements from SERS officials union in order for them to work (comp rooms, barriers, additional trainers). Our program is required to comp rooms to our SERS (officials). Lindsay Schaffer met with the Hampton Inn in downtown Greer, but they did not agree to provide any complimentary rooms.
- The fall season of Greer Baseball was completed at Century Park and Country Club, with spring registrations scheduled to begin in December.
- Greer Tackle Football games and practices have begun at Greer City Stadium and Country Club Park. Hosted a night to honor women battling breast cancer which drew a huge crowd.

- Flag Football teams competed on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings at Country Club Road Park. Season concluded with playoffs in our Termite, JV, and Varsity divisions.
- Cheer for Greer league nights at Greer City Stadium and Country Club Park have completed their season. Planning is under way for our Cheer for Greer ACC Championship Game program, which allows girls ages 9-12, in our program to perform on the field at the ACC Championship Game at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte.
- Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Recreational and Academy league games and practices were held at Suber Park and Country Club Park.
- Our Rugby program is required to comp rooms to our SERS (officials). Lindsay met with downtown hotel, but they denied any comp rooms requested
- Registration has concluded for youth basketball with nearly 40 kids on the waiting list. Practices are set to begin on November 14. Youth basketball league continues to be the fastest rising sport in our catalog with 7 v 7 flag football, the second fastest.
- Registration for Tomahawk Youth Wrestling has ended for the 2022-23 season. The program is currently on a waiting list, and was half-way full after the first seven days of registration.
- Hosted Greenville Griffins Rugby – Carolinas Rugby Union Matches at Country Club Park. The last home date for the season is October 29th at Country Club Park (due to usage at Country Club Park and all multipurpose fields we will not be taking anymore rentals at this time).

Cultural Arts

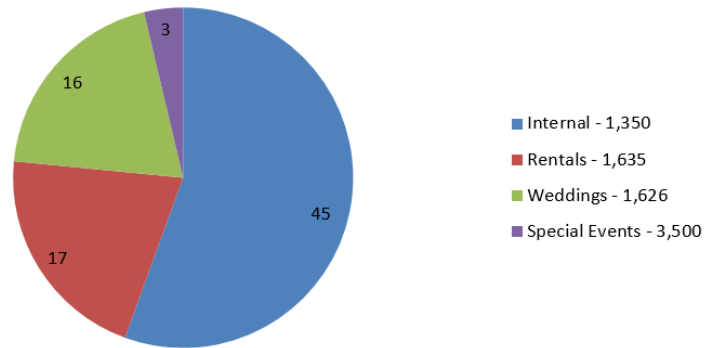
- Fall clay classes continue to meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Candle making classes are meeting on Saturdays, throughout the month.
- Staff conducted interviews with possible instructors to teach Zumba classes and an additional ceramics, painting and/or drawing class.
- The Hispanic and Latino Heritage month Art Reception was held at the Center for the Arts on October 4. There were over 100 attendees and an additional 30 dancers and parents who participated event and Mayor Danner read a proclamation. Balloon artist, Lisandro Mena worked on her balloon installation for 4 days for the Art Reception and Joel and Ayla produced a video documenting the process.
- The Green Span Big Band performed for free at the Center for the Arts on October 8 with 31 guests in attendance.
- GCAC held their fall production of *Peter Pan Jr* at the Cannon Centre on Oct. 21-23 & 28-30. There were 8 performances with 41 cast members, 20-30 adult volunteers for each show and 100-180 guests for each show. Thanks to a scholarship from the Knights of Columbus, GCAC was able to bring 22 guests of Dan Dudley's Creative Advancement afterschool program to the second Friday night show for free.

Events

- Jacob Motter and Emma Mann attended a marketing training course hosted by Greer Development for Greer Station Association members, held on October 5.
- The *Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk* took place in Greer City Park with over 300 participants on Saturday, October 8. Attendees were able to enjoy food trucks, inflatables, and live music.
- The Greer Farmers Market pop-up event took place October 18 with the *Pumpkins and Costumes* market. Attendees enjoyed over 30 vendors and yoga in the park.
- The last Food Truck Rollout took place on October 20. During the chilly night, attendees enjoyed 5 local food trucks and 2 dessert trucks. Music was provided by Chasing Vixens and the series was sponsored by Greer CPW, which has been the sponsor since 2016.

- The Artisan Makers Market was held on October 22 in Greer City Park. Guitarist and singer, Matthew Phillips, provided live music during the event. Over 50 vendors showcased a wide variety of crafts, artwork, food and drinks to a sizeable crowd.
- The Ambassadors have continued to provide excellent customer service to over 1,300 passengers in downtown Greer Station for the month of October.

Rentals

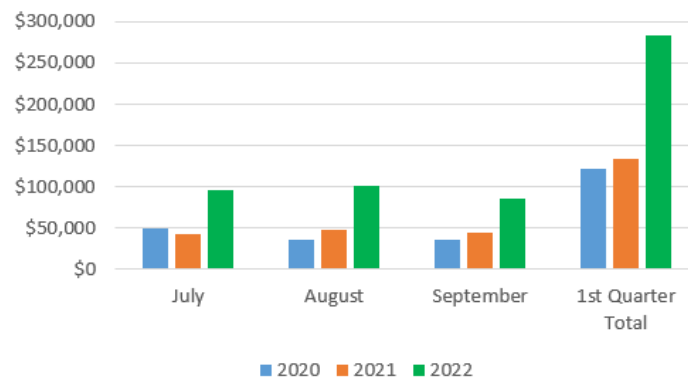


Golf

- The Greer Community Ministries tournament was held on October 14, with 80 teams of golfers, concluding any tournaments for the calendar year.
- Greer Golf opened-up bids for the annual “Early Order Program” to purchase chemicals for the course on October 25. There were 3 submissions that the staff are evaluating.
- Revenue for the first quarter of the fiscal year was \$283,729. This is a 111% increase from 2021.

	July	August	September	1st Quarter Total
2020	\$49,386	\$36,403	\$35,255	\$121,045
2021	\$42,502	\$47,673	\$43,886	\$134,062
2022	\$96,553	\$100,977	\$86,199	\$283,730

Greer Golf- Revenue



Recreation

- **Rentals: Kids Planet Shelters-75, Recreation Centers-14; Buses- 1**
- Senior Action continued to meet at Needmore Recreation Center Monday-Fridays for the indoor activities, where hot lunches were served daily to 20-25 seniors.

- Never Alone continued to meet on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- Skateboarding classes continued to be held at Victor Park outdoor courts, on Tuesday nights and Saturdays. Beginner, level 2, and level 3 classes are offered with a total of 33 participants.
- SOAR hosted Line Dancing classes which were held at Cannon Centre on October 5 & 19 which averaged 31 senior participants, per session
- SOAR hosted Gentle Yoga, a new class offered to our seniors, met at City Park on October 11, 18 and 25. This class was tailored to seniors and individuals with limited range of motion and averaged 6 senior participants, per session.
- SOAR hosted BINGO on October 6 & 20 at City Hall and average of 22 seniors in attendance, per session
- SOAR hosted a Walking Club which met at Greer City Park on October 11 and October 25 and averaged 5 seniors in attendance, per session.
- SOAR to a trip to Stewart Farms on October 13. The day included lunch, a fall hayride, and an educational lesson about pumpkins and the growing process. Everyone had a great time and there were 26 seniors in attendance.
- A Round Robin Rumble Pickleball Tournament was held at Tryon Recreational Center on October 12-15 with 147 participants. The department will net \$758 (10% of participant's entry fee). The proceeds of the tourney fully support our adaptive Pickleball program.

Tourism

- Lindsey Shaffer was interviewed on Access Carolina on Wednesday, October 12 at the Greer Heritage Museum. The show promoted Food Truck Rollout, Artisan Makers Market, Greer Ghost Tours, and the Greer Farmers Market.
- Lindsey Shaffer and Steve Owens completed the digital and print advertisements for the 2023 Upcountry SC Visitors Guide.
- Lindsey Shaffer and Red Watson coordinated with JC Films Greenville and Dovelight Photography for an upcoming film featuring Dean Cain. Greer Golf will serve as a location in the film.
- The Chamber's Greer Arts & Eats Festival took place on Saturday, October 29 in downtown Greer with an estimated 4,000-5,000 people in attendance.

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Current Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smokey Mountain Railroad Trip (SOAR) Nov 11 • Open Studios (Center for the Arts) Nov 12 and Nov 13, • Lion Ling Auditions (Center for the Arts) Nov 14 and 15. • Upcountry Fiber Artists Reception (Center for the Arts) Nov 29 • Tree Lighting Ceremony, (City Park) - Dec 2 • Breakfast with Santa (Cannon Centre) - Dec. 3 • Greer Farmers Market – Holiday Market (City Park) Dec 3 & 4 • Greer Christmas Parade – (Downtown) Dec 4 • Gingerbread Jamboree, (Center for the Arts) Dec 6 • Holiday Arts Fair (Center for the Arts) Dec 10 • Cops for Tots (Cannon Centre) Dec 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannon Centre Deck Renovation • Greer Golf Redesign Clubhouse & Pool Area • H.R. Turner Park Renovation • South Tyger River Greenway • Suber Road Park • Wards Creek Trail System

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Current/Ongoing Projects

Wards Creek Trail System & South Tyger River Greenway

- Architects with Keck + Wood, Inc. are continuing the process of designing the Wards Creek Greenway trail system and have proposed their recommendation for the new trail location.
 - Property owners effected by the Wards Creek Trail system were invited to a Community Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, at Greer City Hall to review and discuss the proposed alignment. Input gathered from this meeting will be consolidated and reviewed.
- The construction documents are being finalized for the South Tyger River Greenway. Next step in the process will be a plan review.
 - The proposed Easement Exhibits and Agreement for the South Tyger River Trail have been submitted to the Greenville County School District for review and consideration. If approved by their General Counsel, it will come to our Council for approval, and then back to the Greenville County School Board for final approval. This spur off of the main Greenway Trail will provide a link to the sidewalk currently on Gap Creek Road.

Turner Park

- Keck + Wood are finalizing the construction details and cost breakdown for the new softball/baseball complex at Turner Park.

Golf Course

- SGA Architecture and P+F Construction are working towards completing the design plans for the fire suppression system and ADA accessibility in both the clubhouse and pool area.
- Staff continued participating in the bi-weekly review of the MEP (Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing) designs for the renovation and have finalized the pool area fireplace design.

Needmore Recreation Center-Pickleball Courts

- There is no update from GCRA on the bids for renovation. The project is still “On Hold” due to difficulty in getting contractors.

Cannon Centre Deck Renovation

- The project remains on-going, with an expected completion date in early December.

Suber Road Park

- The Parks, Recreation & Tourism Departments’ portion of this project has been delayed. It will resume with the completion of the Fire and Police Departments plans.

Department Trainings

- Department Directors and Supervisors attended the 2022 Annual SCRPA Conference in Hilton Head, SC., on November 13-16.
- Steven Thompson attended the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association Conference November 14-16 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- Lindsey Shaffer attended Leadership Greer on Tuesday, November 1 (Public Safety Day).
- Staff continues with the Risk Management - MASC on-line training

Department Highlight:

- Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, Cory Holtzclaw and Justin Miller visited the Rock Hill Sport and Event Center on November 10 along with the Mayor, Mr. Merriman and other Administration staff from City Hall.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- Tackle football and our cheerleading program have completed their regular and post season playoff schedule. We hosted the South Carolina Athletic Planners All-Star District Tournament at Dooley Field and Greer City Stadium. Our All-Star tackle season with the 10U district finishing in 1st in the district and our 12U Team finished in 4th place. This was our first district All-Star Championship under the SCAP (*South Carolina Athletics Program*) governing body.
- Our staff facilitated Greer 76ers Rugby practices at Century Park on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. This season we have officially doubled the number Varsity Boy participants from last year.
- Tomahawk Wrestling Club practices held at Cannon Center continue to be facilitated by our staff on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.
- The Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy practiced and played their tournaments and games at Suber Park exclusively, allowing the County Club Road Park fields to remain in good shape, in preparation for the upcoming Greer Christmas 7s Rugby Tournament, scheduled for December.
- Cheer for Greer ACC Championship Game practices were held at Victor Gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our Cheer for Greer program will perform at the ACC pregame Championship at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, on December 3.
- Youth Basketball practices were facilitated by our staff and held at Victor Park, Tuesday through Sunday. We also rented the gym from New Jerusalem Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays to accommodate the participants registered in the program.
- Recruited teams for The Greer Christmas 7s Rugby Tournament, from the lower and upper region of the state of South Carolina, Georgia, Indiana, Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. We also procured athletic trainers, officials and lodging for the two-day event.

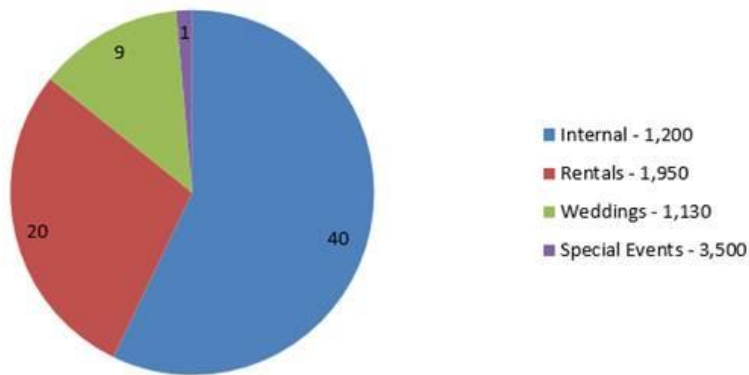
Cultural Arts

- Robin and Sara met on November 10 with Evan Duke of the Foothills Philharmonic and Reno Deaton of the Greer Development Corporation about possible future collaborations.
- Robin Byouk had a Zoom meeting on November 11 with the Greenville Jewish Federation about the about lessons from the Holocaust and their Butterfly Project; which gives area children and schools an opportunity to paint ceramic butterflies, for free, as a symbol of resilience & hope.
- Greenville Open Studios were held on Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14, and 5 of our 7 resident artists participated in the event.
- Auditions and casting were held for the Lion King, Jr. production with performances will be held on February 24-26 and March 4-6 at the Cannon Centre.
- Staff cleaned and organized costumes at Tryon Recreation Center, and put away costumes, props and set pieces from Peter Pan, Jr. production which was held on Wednesday, November 16.
- The Foothills Philharmonic Brass Quintet performed at the Center for the Arts on Saturday, November 18, with 57 people in attendance.
- The Center for the Arts continued classes in November for their after-school program which included clay and candle-making classes.
- Preparations were made for the Upcountry Fiber Artists Exhibition at the Center for the Arts. There were so many pieces of art to display, it took 4-days to complete the installation. The Exhibition was held on November 29.

Events

- Our Events Division hosted an interdepartmental meeting to finalize details for the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting on December 2.
- The Greer Farmers Market Gather- Fall Market, originally scheduled on November 15, was rescheduled for November 22 (due to inclement weather). The Thanksgiving themed market included over 40 vendors.
- Our Ambassadors continued providing excellent customer service to over 1,000 passengers in downtown Greer Station in the month of November.

Rentals



Golf

- Revenue for the month of November was \$63,545, an increase of \$10,000 from 2021.
- The part-time cart attendant position advertisement has been closed, with 7 applications submitted.
- We are currently advertising for a part time Pro Shop Attendant.
- A new range-ball picker was purchased for the golf course's driving range on 11/15.

Recreation

- Senior Action met at Needmore Recreation Center Monday-Fridays for activities and lunch (20-25 seniors daily).
- Archery classes for both youth and adults were held at Victor Gym on Monday nights and City Stadium on Wednesday nights.
- Never Alone, The Artifacts Club and the Disabled American Veterans met at Tryon Recreation Center.
- Disabled American Veterans met at the Tryon Recreation Center on Tuesday 11/15.
- SOAR hosted events:
 - Line Dancing with 30 in attendance at the Cannon Centre.
 - Bingo Day with 15 participants at City Hall.
 - Movie Day with 20 in attendance at City Hall.
 - Book Club meeting with 9 in attendance.
 - Walking club with 3 in attendance.
- Pickleball Clinics and Open Play sessions were held at Victor Gym and Tryon Park. Our department also hosted GCRA grant funded Pickleball clinics at Victor Gym.
- Open-Play Basketball was held at Victor Gym.
- The Afterschool Program continued at Needmore Community Center.
- Creative Advancement Afterschool Program began at Victor Gymnasium.

- Tryon Recreation Center served as an early voting location which served over 6,500 Greenville County residents as well as a polling location on Election Day, where 585 residents voted.
- The Artifacts Club met at Tryon Recreation Center on 11/28
- Rentals:
 - Recreation Center Rentals- 9
 - Kids Planet Rentals- 55
 - Buses – 2

Tourism

- Lindsey participated in CPW's Lake Robinson Day on Saturday, November 5, and provided the PRT's program and event information and a fun activity for the attendees.
- Lindsey Shaffer and Ayla Fitzpatrick met with Michelle Willis, Marketing Director at GDC, on Wednesday, November 9, to discuss collaboration and partnership opportunities.
- Lindsey Shaffer attended the SFEA Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 16.
- Lindsey Shaffer met virtually with BMW on Thursday, November 17, to set up a Discover Greer visit to the BMW Performance Center and Zentrum Museum.
- Lindsey Shaffer attended the Inland Port Greer Expansion Celebration on Friday, November 18.

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Wards Creek Trail System

- Input gathered from the Community Meeting held in November are being reviewed and evaluated.

South Tyger River Greenway

- Construction documents have been submitted to the City of Greer and SCDOT for review. We expect comments to be received in the month of January. Once received, we will work with architects from Keck+Wood to update the plans as needed to address potential comments.
- PRT staff are working on revisions to the Easement Exhibits and Agreement that was submitted to Greenville County School District. They have requested several changes in regards to the portion of the trail that will effect Greer High School property.
- PRT staff has also asked the President of the HOA for Cypress Landing residential development on Gap Creek Road for consideration in allowing the City to construct a spur off of the main trail that would connect to their development. This request will be presented to the HOA Board in January. If agreed, an Easement Agreement will be entered into and signed by both parties.

Turner Ball Park

- Construction documents were submitted for City Review this past Friday.

Greer Golf - Clubhouse and Pool Area Renovation

- Staff continued participating in the bi-weekly construction meetings for the renovation at Greer Golf. The contractor met with sub-contractors onsite and we expect to have the GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) in January.

Benson Automotive Kids Planet - Century Park

- A plan and cost estimates to correct storm water and high traffic volume issues in the lower portion of Kids Planet were received and are under review by city staff. Staff will be focusing on priorities that need to be addressed first. This portion of the park reflects the area of Kids Planet that was never developed or used by the public until the renovation and reopening of the new park in 2021. Accessible sidewalks were added to this area as well as the hillside slides at the lower entrance.
- The Greer Cultural Arts Council and city staff members are finalizing designs for the “picket” art project. These pickets are from the original Kids Planet that was built and opened in 1999 that lists all of the sponsors/partners that participated in the park’s creation.

Needmore Recreation Center - Pickleball Courts

- The Pickleball court project is still “On Hold” due to difficulty in getting contractors.

Suber Road Park

- The Suber Road project has been delayed. It will resume with the completion of the Fire and Police Departments plans.

Cannon Centre Deck Renovation

- The project remains on-going, with an expected completion date in January.

Division Highlights

Athletics

- The Christmas 7s Regional Rugby Tournament hosted 20 high school teams from seven states, to compete at Country Club Park, on December 10-11. This 2-day event had 750-1,000 spectators in total attendance with our Varsity Boys finishing in 3rd Place with a record of 3-1-1.
- The Junior Sixers Rugby program officially kicked off the junior program season in Atlanta on December 10-11 with a 34-0 win.
- The All-Star Tackle Football Programs completed their seasons, with our 10U All-Stars finishing in 3rd place and 12U defeated in the second round of the playoffs.
- Our Youth Basketball Leagues are beginning their regular season games played Tuesday through Saturday at Victor Gym.
- Youth wrestling practices were held at the Cannon Centre. Also participants competed in regional wrestling tournaments around the state, claiming multiple champions in different weight classes in the first round of tournaments. We are currently planning for the upcoming Tomahawk Invitational Tournament at Greer High School, on January 28.

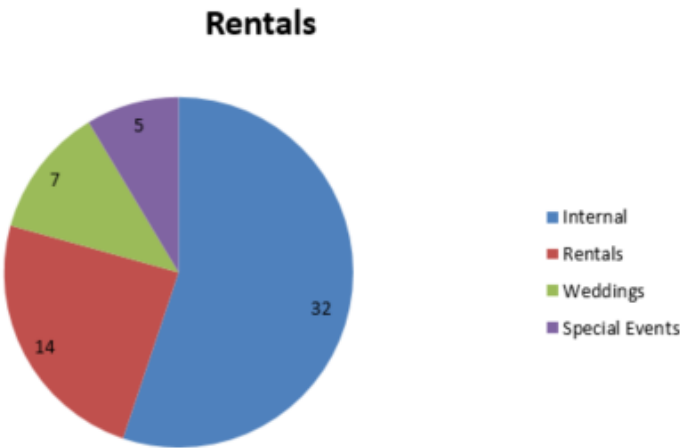
Cultural Arts

- Robin Byouk and Sara Odom met with Edwin Hutchison of Crescent Carvers about creating an art piece using the original fence pickets from Benson Automotive's Kids Planet.
- The Greenspan Big Band performed at the Center for the Arts on December 3 for 40 guests.
- The Gingerbread House Competition began on December 6 at the Center for the Arts with 14 entries that were on public display December 9, 10 & 13.
- The City of Greer Holiday Arts Fair on December 10 included 26 artisan participants, 2 food trucks and hosted 280 guests. This is an increase from last year's attendance of 180 guests.
- Classes and programs offered at the Center for the Arts included Candle Making, Cookie Decorating, Pottery and Creative Art Adventures, which is an afterschool program introducing art to kids.
- Robin Byouk attended the Greenville Jewish Federation presentation on December 15, in preparation of our Butterfly Project. Staff worked with Ayla Fitzpatrick in our Communications Department, to record video interviews and post on social media. It has been featured on WYFF and Fox Carolina. The public was invited to the Center for the Arts to paint and glaze a ceramic butterfly in honor of a child that died during the Holocaust. Working together with the Greenville Jewish Federation the City of Greer will create a lasting memorial in the park at the Center for the Arts. Over the course of 2 days, over 300 people painted butterflies.

Events

- Supper with Santa took place on Friday, December 2. Over 220 City of Greer employees and their families were provided an opportunity to share a meal together, have their pictures taken with Santa and enjoy free kid's crafts. This event raised \$1,816 dollars which was donated to the City of Greer Police Department Cops for Tots.
- Mayor Danner and Santa helped celebrate The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at City Park on December 2, with live musical performances, 5 free craft stations, Christmas train rides, marshmallow roasting, and an ice carving demonstration. Over 3,500 people attended.
- Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus took place on Saturday, December 3 with over 500 people in attendance. Breakfast was provided by Laurenda's Family Restaurant. Free activities included an opportunity to talk with Santa, free crafts, and letter writing to Santa.
- The Greer Farmers Market Holiday Fair took place on Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4, with over 80 vendors offering holiday themed crafts and gift options.
- Our Ambassadors continued to provide excellent customer service to over 750 passengers in downtown Greer Station in the month of December and with 11,344 passengers for 2022.

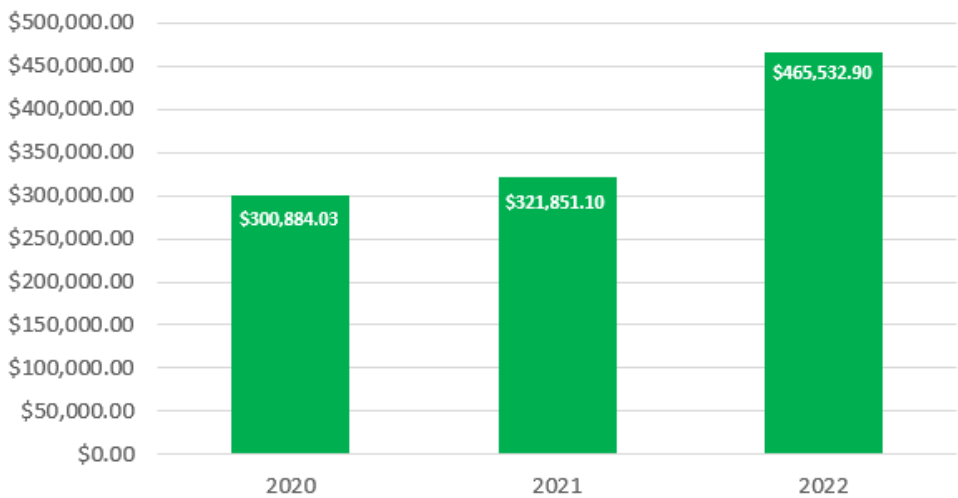
The Events Division hosted 58 total events – Internal: 32, Rentals: 14, Special Events: 7, Wedding Events. A total of 8,545 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.



Greer Golf

- Revenue for the first half of the fiscal year was \$465,532.90. This is an increase of \$143,681.80 from last year’s revenue for the same period.
- Grounds staff came in on December 23 (City Holiday) and endured 20-degree weather with 25 mph winds, for nearly 10 hours, to re-secure tarps to the greens preventing permanent damage due to the extreme cold temperatures.
- Staff scheduled a meeting in January with Kari Snyder of the BMW Charity Pro-Am to discuss Greer Golf hosting youth golf clinics to promote their tournament.
- Steven Thompson has been working with Travis Durham on Cartegraph, entering equipment and materials into inventory and learning more about work orders tasks and features of the software.

Greer Golf Revenue- July through December



Recreation

- Never Alone continued meeting on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center along with the Cutlery Club on December 6 and the Artifacts Club monthly meetings.
- Archery Club met two times a week at both Victor Gym and City Stadium. This year's annual banquet was held at Victor Gym on December 10th.
- Pickleball activities for the month included Clinics, Open Play sessions, Veterans Play, and Adaptive Pickleball at Victor Gym and Tryon Recreation Park.
- Our Afterschool programs continued at Needmore Recreation Center and Victor Park Monday through Friday from 2:45 to 6 p.m.
- Senior Action met Monday-Fridays at Needmore Recreation Center for planned activities and lunch which served 20-25 seniors daily.
- SOAR hosted two Line Dancing classes with 22 on average in attendance at the Cannon Centre, Bingo Days with 50 participants at City Hall, and a Gentle Yoga classes with an average of 8 participants at City Hall and Book Club meeting with 9 in attendance.
- Rentals:
 - Recreation Center Rentals - 5
 - Kids Planet Shelter Rental - 6

Tourism

- SC Biz News published an article on December 29 highlighting Downtown Greer as a wedding destination with the latest addition of Fabulous Frocks, a bridal boutique.
- The Upstate Renaissance Faire will return to Greer City Park with a two-day festival on September 8 and 9, 2023.
- International Festival, Freedom Blast, and Railfest were approved to be included in Discover South Carolina's 2023 event schedule, at no cost.
- Lindsey Shaffer coordinated with the Greer Station Association for musicians to play throughout the downtown on Saturday, December 3, during the other planned holiday events.
- Lindsey Shaffer assisted in promoting the Greer Christmas Parade which took place on Sunday, December 4 with over 90 entries.
- Lindsey Shaffer participated in Leadership Greer- Human Services Day on Tuesday, December 6.

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Current Projects</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Butterfly Project – January 6-7, Drop In: 10am-4pm (Center for the Arts)• MLK Jr. Celebration Luncheon – January 16, (City Hall)• Greer Farmers Market Sunday Brunch – February 12, March 12, and April 2 (City Hall)• Lion King, Jr. – February 24-26 & March 3-5, 7:00pm (Cannon Center)• City of Greer Juried Arts Exhibition – March 2023 (Center for the Arts)• Food Truck Rollout – March 2 - August 29, Tuesdays (Greer City Park)• International Festival – April 29 11:00am - 4:00pm (Greer City Park)• Greer Farmers Market – Tuesdays, May 3 - Aug. 30, (Greer City Park) September 20, October 18 & Nov. 15 (City Park)• Tunes in the Park – May 20, June 10, July 22 & August 19 (Greer City Park)• Moonlight Movies – June 8 – August 5, Thursdays 6:00PM (Greer City Park)• Freedom Blast – June 24 - 6:00pm-10:30pm (Greer City Park)• Food Truck Rollout – August 18, September 22 & October 20 (Greer City Park)• Upstate Renaissance Faire – Round Table Comm. – September 8-9 (Greer City Park)• Railfest – September 30 @ 10:00am - 2:00pm (Greer City Park)• Greer Arts & Eats – Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce, October 6-7 (Greer City Park)• Artisan Makers Market – October 21, 9am-2:00pm (Greer City Park)• Greer Christmas Tree Lighting – December 1, 5:00pm – 8:00pm (Greer City Park)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bensons Automotive Kids Planet• Cannon Centre Deck Renovation• Greer Golf Redesign Clubhouse & Pool Area• H.R. Turner Park Renovation• South Tyger River Greenway• Suber Road Park• Wards Creek Trail System

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.

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GREER RECREATION ASSOCIATION
2023 MEETING DATES

April 27, 2023

July 27, 2023

October 26, 2023

School Spring Break

Greenville County - March 20 - 24, 2023

Spartanburg County - April 3 - 7, 2023

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2023 Events

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Upcoming Events 2023

- Tomahawk Invitational – January 28 (Greer High School)
- SC Rugby Festival – January 28 (Country Club Park)
- Women of Distinction Art Reception – February 4 (Center for the Arts)
- Greer Farmers Market Sunday Brunch – February 12, March 12, and April 2 (City Park)
- Foothills Philharmonic Performance – February 18 (Center for the Arts)
- Lion King, Jr. – February 24 - 26 and March 3 - 5 (Cannon Centre)
- SC Rugby State Tournament – February 26 (Country Club Park)
- City of Greer Juried Arts Exhibition – March 2023 (Center for the Arts)
- Annual Juried Art Show Reception – March 2 (Center for the Arts)
- Food Truck Rollout – March 10, April 7, May 12, August 18, September 22, and October 20 (City Park)
- Summer Camp Registration Opens – March 13 (City of Greer residents) and March 20 (Non-City residents)
- Foothills Philharmonic Performance – March 18 (Center for the Arts)
- Opening Day – April 1 (Century Park, Country Club Park, and Victor Park)
- Eggstastic Easter Event – April 1 (City Park)
- Foothills Philharmonic Performance – April 15 (Center for the Arts)
- Dedication of the Butterfly Project and showing of “Beloved” – April 18 (Center for the Arts)
- International Festival – April 29 (City Park)
- Greer Farmers Market – Tuesdays May 2 - August 29; September 19, October 17, and November 14 (City Park)
- The Mighty Kicks at Tunes In The Park – May 20 (City Park)
- Tunes In The Park – May 20, June 10, July 22 and August 19 (City Park)
- Moonlight Movies – Thursdays June 8 – 29 and July 13 – August 3 (City Park)
- Freedom Blast – June 24 (City Park)