



AGENDA
GREER RECREATION ASSOCIATION
Public Hearing and Business Meeting
January 23, 2025 @ 6:15 PM
301 E. Poinsett, Greer City Hall, Hall A

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Newly Elected Chairperson

III. INVOCATION

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IV. PUBLIC FORUM

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Newly Elected Chairperson

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. COMMITTEE REPORTS Recreation Association Adhoc Representatives

VII. DEPARTMENT UPDATE

- A. October 2024 Monthly Report
- B. November 2024 Monthly Report
- C. December 2024 Monthly Report

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. FINANCIAL REPORTS Red Watson, Assistant Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. DIRECTOR'S REPORT Ann Cunningham, Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. TRUSTEES TERM RENEWAL Ann Cunningham, Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism

B. 2025 MEETING DATES

Ann Cunningham, Director/Parks, Recreation &
Tourism

C. 2025 List of Events

Ann Cunningham, Director, Parks, Recreation &
Tourism

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Summary:

Approval of October 29, 2024 Minutes

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Newly Elected Chairperson

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Greer Recreation Association Board Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2024

Location: Greer City Hall, Hall A

Call to Order

Trevor Hoffman – Chairperson - 6:30 pm.

The following members of the Board of Trustees attended:

Attended: Lance Owens, Amanda Hopper, Trevor Hoffman, Jason Bridwell, Michael Wright and Melissa Padgett-Smith

Absent: Vincent Anderson

Others Present:

Ann Cunningham (Director), Red Watson (Assistant Director), Robin Byouk (Cultural Arts Supervisor), Robbie Davis (Events Supervisor), Cory Holtzclaw (Athletics Supervisor), Justin Miller (Recreation Supervisor), Lindsey Shaffer, (Tourism Specialist), Reverend Robinson (DAV), Jamie Karvellas (Administrative Assistant).

Pledge of Allegiance

Jason Bridwell, Vice-Chairperson

Invocation

Trevor Hoffman, Chairperson

Public Forum

No one was present to speak.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Action: Amanda Hopper moved to approve the July 25, 2024, meeting minutes. Jason Bridwell seconded the motion.

Vote: The Trustees were polled individually and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

Athletics – Cory Holtzclaw, Athletic Supervisor

- No issues to report.

Greer Cultural Arts Council (GCAC) – Robin Byouk, Cultural Arts Supervisor on *behalf of Mandy Holbrook*

- The Greer Children’s Theatre continued rehearsals for "The Wizard of Oz." Although nine rehearsals were canceled due to the hurricane, the play opened on schedule. They moved into the Cannon Centre on Sunday, October 13. The performances were October 18 – 20 and 25 – 27. Throughout the two weekends of the show, the cast performed for nearly 1,300 people.

Disabled American Veterans – Reverend Robinson, DAV

- There are no issues to report.

SOAR, Tennis & Pickleball - Justin Miller, Recreation Supervisor

- There are no issues to report

Golf Committee – Red Watson on behalf of Bill Harrill, Greer Golf Adhoc Representative

- The adhoc committee met in August and got caught up to speed on the renovation, projects, budget information, etc.

Departmental Updates

Athletics Division – Cory Holtzclaw, Athletics Supervisor

Since our last meeting

Hurricane Helene

- Before I get started on my programs report, I wanted to commend my part-time and full-time staff for the work they put in post-Hurricane Helene. We were one of the first PRT departments to come back online. Our division hosted state-wide soccer games and a rugby event the weekend following Hurricane Helene. This would not have been possible without the support of my part-time and full-time staff cleaning up our parks.

Greer Baseball Club

- As you can imagine, this season was tough with weather events. The 2024 fall regular season for all 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U divisions at Century Park and Country Club Park concluded. Fall season playoffs are currently underway.
- 2025 spring meetings will begin shortly with volunteer coaches for both baseball and softball. Registration for spring begins in December

Greer Softball Club

- We officially opened Turner Park, the new home of the Greer PRT Girls Softball Program, which transitioned from Victor Park this fall. The opening night was a huge success, and we want to extend a big thank you to our council, mayor, and recreation board members who were able to attend. Your support means a lot to the girls and our softball program as a whole.

Greer Tackle and Flag Football

- The 2024 Greer PRT Tackle Football regular season has concluded. This season we did have many new players come into the mix after graduating out a lot of players to the local middle schools. We are set to host the first round of districts at Greer City Stadium on November 9.
- 2024 Greer PRT NFL Flag Football season concluded. We are fortunate to have a great league with a lot of players. Unfortunately, this league creates a lot of wear and tear on our fields. Now, our public services division will begin their maintenance schedule to try and repair that site for our Rugby season

Greer 76ers Junior and High School Rugby

- Greer 76ers Varsity Boys rugby is now in season. Our Varsity Boys just finished up the Fall 7s season finishing a respectable 7-2-1 on the season. They will now move into preparation for the upcoming Greer Christmas 7s regional tournament hosted by Greer PRT at Country Club Park. After that tournament concludes they will move into the South Carolina High School Rugby Union season from January-March.

Cheer For Greer

- Cheer for Greer's season is completed, and our squads are preparing for the ACC Championship Game. We are grateful to have Allison Plumley leading the way with this group. She pours her heart into this program.

Foothills Soccer Club of Greer

- The 2024 Fall Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Recreation division league is complete.
- The 2024 Fall Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy division will finish up in late November. This division of play never really stops, and if they do it is tryout season. Year-round soccer program.

Greer Adult Baseball

- Greer Adult Baseball Season is set to conclude Monday, November 11 at Stevens Field. This league began back in August, but due to Hurricane Helene's damage, our season was postponed until we could make the site safe and playable.

Rentals

- Since our last meeting our division has hosted multiple rentals including private business functions, rugby events, and youth baseball tournaments. Our staff finished up the past weekend working at the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) baseball tournament. During that tournament, our athletics staff worked close to 50 hours over two days at Country Club Park.

Cultural Arts Division – Robin Byouk, Cultural Arts Supervisor

- Staff hung the Hispanic & Latino Heritage Art exhibition at the Center for the Arts. Because of Hurricane Helene, the art reception was moved from October 1 to October 22. The rescheduled reception was well attended; several of the artists were present, and about 60 people were in attendance throughout the evening.
- Staff worked on logistics for the Greer Children’s Theatre production of The Wizard of Oz, the Day of the Dead Festival, and the Hispanic & Latino Art reception.
- Clay and after-school art classes continued, with clay classes programming 5 days a week including Saturdays. Two new clay instructors, Zy Sawyer and Kristina Peay, will start new courses in November.
- The Foothills Philharmonic held a solos recital concert at the Center for the Arts on Saturday, October 12. There were 40 people in attendance.
- Sara Montero Buria, artist and member of the Hispanic Alliance, set up an 8ft tall Catrina figure and an offering in the art gallery for the Day of the Dead Festival which will be held on November 2.
- Staff changed out the artwork in the Wall Gallery at City Hall. They removed the paintings by Ron Boddie and hung photographs for a show by T. Mack Loftis.

Events Division – Robbie Davis, Events Supervisor

The Events Division hosted the following events:

- Greer Farmer’s Market – July 30 – August 27
- September 6 and 7 – Upstate Renaissance Faire
- September 20 – Food Truck Rollout and Greer Farmer’s Market
- September 28 – Railfest (canceled due to Hurricane Helene)
- October 15 – Greer Farmer’s Market
- October 18 – Food Truck Rollout
- October 19 – Artisan Makers Market

Upcoming Event

- November 4 – Breakfast with Santa Ticket Sale
- November 19 – Greer Farmer’s Market
- December 6 – Greer Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 7 – Breakfast with Santa
- December 7 & 8 – Greer Christmas Festival

From July 25 to October 29, the Events Division hosted:

- 105 Internal Events
 - 83 Rentals
 - 21 Special Events
 - 24 Weddings
- *This brings a total of 233 events, attracting approximately 38,300 people to City Park.*

- The Greer Farmers Market's summer season concluded on Tuesday, August 27, after hosting 17 consecutive Tuesdays throughout the summer. The Greer Farmers Market provides citizens access to fresh fruits and vegetables from locally sourced farmers, along with opportunities to purchase items from over 40 different local artisans.
- The Upstate Renaissance Faire took place on Friday, September 6, and Saturday, September 7, with another increase in attendance. Throughout this two-day event, it's estimated that 25,000 people attended (final numbers are pending confirmation). This festival offered an immersive experience with more than 200 vendors, entertainers, live performances, and interactive quests.
- The Food Truck Rollout, held in partnership with the Greer Farmers Market on Friday, September 20, at Greer City Park, featured seven food trucks and two food vendors, with adult beverages available from Greer Relief. Over 700 guests enjoyed live music by Amongst the Trees while exploring over 40 market vendors.
- The Artisan Makers Market took place at Greer City Park on October 19. Guitarist and singer Matthew Phillips provided live music. The event featured over 60 vendors offering various crafts, artwork, food, and drinks. Over 1,000 people attended.

Ambassadors

- The Greer Station Shuttles continued to support local restaurants, shops, and businesses in downtown Greer Station, transporting over 6,300 people throughout the year.

Greer Golf – Red Watson, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism on behalf of Jim Young General Manager, Greer Golf.

- On July 26, 27, and 28, one hundred forty-four (144) of Greenville County's best golfers competed in this event. We received mostly rave reviews of our facilities and the course, although some golfers expressed a desire for new grass on our putting greens.
- Ground staff received and installed a power module at our irrigation pump station to resolve an issue that shuts our irrigation pumps down at night. We are working on solutions to prevent the issues experienced this summer with the irrigation pond from the drought. We will attempt to dig out some of the silt in the intake area, bring in fish to eat the vegetation, and possibly install bubblers.
- Greer Golf was closed from September 27 through October 4 due to Hurricane Helene. All staff worked on the course to remove debris and get the course back to a playable condition. Approximately 40 trees fell that had to be removed. We are still working on debris removal and our Grounds Superintendent is sorting through expenditures and coding those appropriate for FEMA.
- We are in the hiring process of filling the vacant Groundskeeper 1 position. We expect the new employee to start on November 11.
- White Wine & Butter has fulfilled all City obligations to occupy the dining room and kitchen. We are waiting to get an updated opening date from them.
- On Monday, September 23, we hosted the annual Greer Relief fundraiser golf tournament. 24 teams (96 players) participated in the tournament and it was a success. We received numerous compliments on the recent improvements and condition of our course.
- Staff is starting to work on typical winter projects, such as replacing tee markers, painting the outdoor restroom building on hole #14, ordering uniforms, etc.

Recreation Division – Justin Miller, Recreation Supervisor

- Programming is going great at our two Recreation Centers. Victor Park programs were removed from our inventory for the last month. We moved the Creative Advancement program to Tryon Recreation Center for the school year.
- Hosted two additional disc golf tournaments at Century Park, bringing the total to five this year, with one more scheduled.
- Hosted two Pickleball tournament fundraisers for local schools this year (6 total). Two tournaments were canceled due to Hurricane Helene.
- In September, we inadvertently added a new Monarch Butterfly educational program when we were invited to speak about Monarch Butterflies and the city's conservation efforts. Over the month, we spoke to three different organizations, a preschool, the Mountain Laurel Garden Club in Travelers Rest, and the Lions Club. Following our second engagement, we created an engaging educational slideshow component for our presentation, with assistance from the Cultural Arts division, showcasing Monarch caterpillars and butterflies, at each event.
- The Day of the Dead Festival will also feature the Monarch Butterfly program. We credit Mayor Danner for the reason we initiated these programs since he is responsible for the City of Greer's designation of "Monarch City USA."
- One item of note looking ahead, we will be hosting the Trade Precinct on Election Day at Tryon Recreation. We will be there at 5:30 am for set up and well past 9:30 pm for programming but the polls will be open from 7 am-7 pm.
- Recreation Center rentals since the last time we met: 12, Total for the year: 78, Kids Planet shelter rentals since we last met: 209, Total shelter rentals this year: 702

Tourism Division – Lindsey Shaffer, Tourism Specialist

- Staff completed the 2025 South Carolina Vacation Guide advertisement, highlighting 5 popular locations in Greer. The ad is primarily funded through the Accommodations Tax Grant.
- Special Event Permits were approved for the Police Department's Trunk or Treat on Trade on October 31 and the Greer Christmas Parade held on December 8.
- The Tourism Division and The Scout Guide Greenville conducted a photoshoot downtown on Friday, October 18 for an advertisement in the Volume 9 edition of The Scout Guide Greenville (launching April 2025). The ad will reach a 50+ mile radius and follow a couple through a date night full of shopping and dining downtown.
- The Tourism Division represented our department at Lake Robinson Day on October 19 and the Greer Arts & Eats Festival on October 26.
- The Holiday Passport Program will take place from November 29 – December 15 to encourage shopping locally this holiday season. We have approximately 30 businesses participating. Upon receiving 5 stamps, the passport can be turned in for a chance to win gift cards to downtown businesses.
- For Discover Greer, we have had 4,855 website visits and 483 visitor guide views from July – September.

Urban Parks Division

Grounds Maintenance - Red Watson, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism *on behalf of Public Services.*

- Staff prepared City Park for Greer Farmer's Market on Tuesdays (4 employees – 48 hours)
- Staff prepared the amphitheater and delivered the event trailer for Moonlight Movies (4 employees- 16 hours)
- Staff prepped the upper park area for FTRO on Friday, October 18. Total staff time was two (2) @ 3 hours each for a total of 6 hours.
- Staff prepped the upper park areas for the Artisan Market on Saturday, October 19. Two staff members for a total of 2 hours each for 4 hours.
- Staff prepped the Amphitheater for a church rental on Sunday, October 20. Total time was 2 staff at 3 hours each. 6 hours total.
- Staff prepared City Park for Upstate Renaissance Faire on Saturday, September 7 (5 employees – 150 hours).
- Staff worked Upstate Renaissance Faire on Saturday, September 7 (26 employees – 256 hours)
- Staff prepared athletic fields for practice and games for the 2024 fall season.
- Staff continued to maintain all athletic fields, athletic common areas, City Park, Downtown, Center for the Arts, neighborhood parks, and recreation centers.
- Staff installed four [4] ADA picnic tables at City Stadium.
- Staff installed new park benches at Victor Heights
- Staff over seeded athletic fields at City Stadium, Country Club Rd Park, South Suber Road Park
- Staff changed seasonal banners at Greer City Park and Veterans Park.
- City Park fountain lights changed to teal for September to bring awareness to Ovarian Cancer.
- Staff began the cleanup process during, and following, the arrival of Hurricane Helene. Staff continues this operation into October. For the dates of September 27- October 25, 40 staff members worked a total of 4,159 labor hours.

Greer Golf Financial Reports – Red Watson, Assistant Director – Parks, Recreation and Tourism

- Program Funds- Starting the fiscal year off very well. No surprises or unexpected costs so far. We should be in good shape, even without the programs at Victor Gym.
- PARD Funds- In the process of completing an application for PARD to be used to expand the putting green at the golf course. We will have money left over after that project, so we are working with staff to identify other potential projects for those funds. Also- Ann and I attended a workshop in Cayce for an upcoming RTP (recreational trails program) grant cycle. By attending, we are eligible to apply for funds in the upcoming grant cycle for one of our trails.

Director's Report – Ann Cunningham, Director of Parks Recreation & Tourism

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Victor Park

- The sale of the property closed on September 26, 2024. The property is being cleared and prepared for redevelopment.

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- Keck + Wood continues to monitor all construction administration efforts to complete this project for the remaining portion of the park.
- They are evaluating grading around the playground and slopes within the playground to ensure it was completed according to plan. Playground Guardian, the playground equipment Inspection Company, will be inspecting Turner Park playground in the latter part of this week.
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New Business

Director Parks, Recreation & Tourism

- 2024 Upcoming List of Events (attached list)
- Next Meeting date.

Ann Cunningham,

Adjournment

- Trevor Hoffman, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Next Meeting

- Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 6:15 pm.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Recreation Association Adhoc Representatives

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ForGreer

- The Advisory Committee for the new Sports and Events Center met on Thursday, September 26, with our architectural firm to begin reviewing recreation programs and facility needs for community programs/activities, in addition to events that will promote tourism in the Greer area.
- The ForGreer Executive Committee is planning to interview and select a General Contractor for this project the latter part of this year. The GC will be an integral part of the design, working with the architects and Advisory Committee towards the construction of the facility.
- If the public has any questions or would like information regarding the 4 projects that are included in ForGreer, they may visit the City of Greer's website, go to ForGreer, and there is a ForGreer Questions form that is available for questions not addressed on the website or for submitting recommendations for future programming.

DIVISIONS:

Athletics

- Facilitated Fall 2024 Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy Division matches at Suber Road Park, and completed the recreational league matches for the Foothills Soccer Club of Greer at the same location.
- Wrapped up the regular season of Greer Adult Baseball at Stevens Field, with postseason tournament play scheduled to conclude in mid-November.
- Completed the regular season for Greer PRT Tackle Football at Greer City Stadium, with postseason tournament play now underway. Greer City Stadium will serve as the host site for the first round of the postseason.
- Kicked off the first night of Tomahawk Youth Wrestling practice at the Cannon Center, with separate beginner and advanced sessions held every Tuesday and Thursday.
- Hosted a USSSA regional baseball tournament at Country Club Park on October 26 & 27.
- Finished league play for the Fall 2024 Greer NFL Flag Football League at Country Club Park.
- Facilitated Greer Baseball Club league play at Century Park, Country Club Park, and Turner Park.
- Held Greer PRT Girls Softball games throughout the week at the newly renovated Turner Park.
- Coordinated the first night of Greer 76ers Junior and Varsity boys' tackle rugby practices at Century Park and Country Club Park.
- Completed required city and program-specific training.
- Assisted rugby programs from the Southeast and Northeast regions with registration for the Greer Christmas 7s Rugby Tournament and helped secure hotel accommodations for participants.

Cultural Arts

- The Greer Children's Theatre presented The Wizard of Oz. The last weekend of the show was well attended with the last show sold out. All sets and costumes were removed from the Cannon Centre on Sunday, October 27, 2024.
- The City of Greer hosted its inaugural Day of the Dead festival at the Center for the Arts on November 2, 2024, from 2 PM to 8 PM. We anticipated around 300 attendees, but the turnout was between 600 and 1,000 people. The event featured entertainment on stage throughout the day, with 9 artist vendors and 4 food trucks. Three of the food trucks sold out of food early in the event. We also provided over 200 of each of the 7 free craft activities, all of which were very popular. Overall, it was a highly successful day.
- Artist in Residence, Shay Black vacated her studio.
- A new clay teacher, Kristina Peavy started teaching on Saturdays.
- Staff hung T. Mack Loftis's photographs in the Wall Gallery at City Hall, took down the Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month art exhibit at the Center for the Arts, and created artwork for upcoming events.
- Staff worked on the TATT Utility box grant proposal.

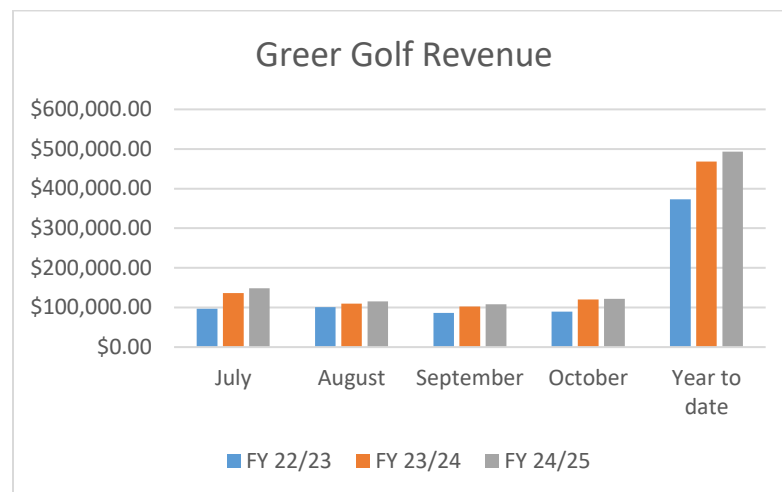
Events

- 42 total events- Internal: 22, Rental: 16, Special Events: 0, Wedding Events: 4
- Upcoming events include the Greer Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, December 6, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7.
- Ticket sales for Breakfast with Santa took place on Monday, November 4, at 7:00 PM. In total, 67 tables were sold in less than one hour, setting the stage for another incredible day of celebration.
- The Events Division is currently working with the Upstate Renaissance Faire to bring the festival back to Greer City Park in 2025.

- Throughout October, the Ambassadors provided excellent customer service, assisting over 800 passengers in downtown Greer Station.

Golf

- On Friday, October 11 we hosted the annual Greer Community Ministries fundraiser golf tournament. 38 teams (152 players) participated in the tournament and it was a success. We received numerous compliments on the recent improvements and condition of our course.
- Grounds Maintenance staff is working on collecting quotes for our annual Early Order Program that includes fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides, etc. for treating our turf throughout the year.
- Pro Shop staff is working with potential clients to populate our tournament/outing calendar for 2025.
- Revenue for the month of October was \$121,672. Because we were closed the first week of October due to Hurricane Helene, this is only slightly above revenue for last year in October.



Recreation

- National Night Out (NNO) was held at the Needmore Center in partnership with the City of Greer Police Department.
- Rentals: 47 for Kids Planet, 7 for the Recreation Center, and 4 for the Pickleball Courts.
- The Never Alone and Narcotics Anonymous meetings continued every Tuesday at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- SOAR hosted three Line Dancing sessions at the Cannon Centre with 83 in participants.
- SOAR had 13 seniors attend one movie day.
- SOAR held three Bingo Days with 77 seniors.
- SOAR hosted a monthly Book Club meeting at the Center for the Arts, with 8 seniors attending.
- SOAR hosted two Hand & Foot games were held at the Cannon Centre, with 15 participants.
- SOAR organized two trips in October, with 27 participants.
- Open-play Pickleball sessions were offered at Tryon Park.
- The afterschool program at the Needmore Recreation Center continued, serving 10 children.
- The Creative Advancement Afterschool program continued at the Tryon Recreation Center, with 45 children attending.
- The monthly Artifacts Club meeting was held at Tryon Recreation.
- Justin Miller presented at the Greer Recreation Association Board meeting.
- The monthly Cutlery Club meeting took place at Tryon Recreation.
- Justin Miller and Clara O’Neal hosted a tent at the Day of the Dead Festival, educating attendees about the Monarch Butterfly and its significance to the community.
- The Trade Precinct was hosted on Election Day at Tryon Recreation, with 732 voters.

Tourism

- The Chamber's Greer Arts & Eats Festival took place on Saturday, October 26 downtown after being postponed due to Hurricane Helene. The event was well attended and many downtown merchants reported record sales.
- Lindsey Shaffer attended *VisitGreenville's HappyNet* Training to ensure the City's information, venue profiles, and events are up to date.
- The November Discover Greer Newsletter was published on Tuesday, October 29, and featured upcoming events, Greer Station updates, and announced the Holiday Passport Program.
- The Greer Police Department's Trunk or Treat on Trade took place on Thursday, October 31, and was a huge success. PRT staff participated and decorated a trunk to promote the Day of the Dead Festival, which took place on November 1.
- A special event permit application was approved for Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA's) Fairview Townhomes Grand Opening scheduled for Thursday, November 7.

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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- An Environmental Study of the property affected by the trail may be conducted next year. The purpose of this study is to analyze and understand the relationship between humans and the natural environment, aiming to identify potential environmental impacts of a proposed project or activity, assess the current state of an ecosystem, and ultimately inform decision-making to mitigate negative impacts and promote sustainability.

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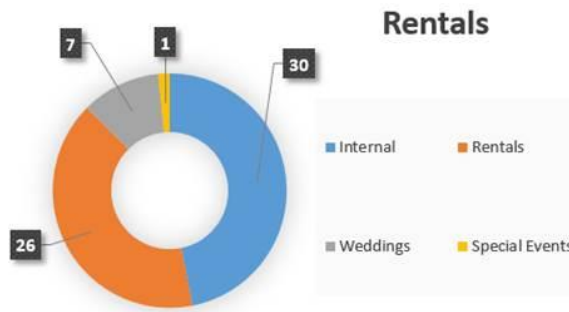
- Facilitated Greer 76ers Varsity and Juniors Tackle Rugby practices at Country Club Park. Greer PRT is set to host our first Junior tackle rugby tournament this season.
- Facilitated Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy SCYSA matches and practices at Suber Park.
- Hosted Tomahawk Youth Wrestlers at Cannon Center. Participants practice every Tuesday and Thursday night. The first warm-up tournament is tonight at Dorman High School.
- Registered for the Greer Christmas 7s tournament. Teams from across the Southeast and Midwest will participate at Country Club Park from December 6-8 for the regional rugby tournament.
- Completed the first two sessions of the Greer High basketball training program in conjunction with Greer High School. Greer High coaches train participants on Sunday afternoons at Greer High.
- Athletics supervisor completed Civics Academy presentation.
- The athletics staff has completed the citywide training courses.

Cultural Arts

- Staff worked on preparations for the Holiday Arts Fair, the Gingerbread House Competition, the Christmas Tree Lighting, and auditions for Cinderella.
- Ceramics classes and Robin's after-school art class are continuing.
- The Center for the Arts hosted the Civics Academy on November 14, and the PRT Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 20-21.
- The Foothills Philharmonic String Quartet performed on Saturday, November 16. There were approximately 65 people in attendance.

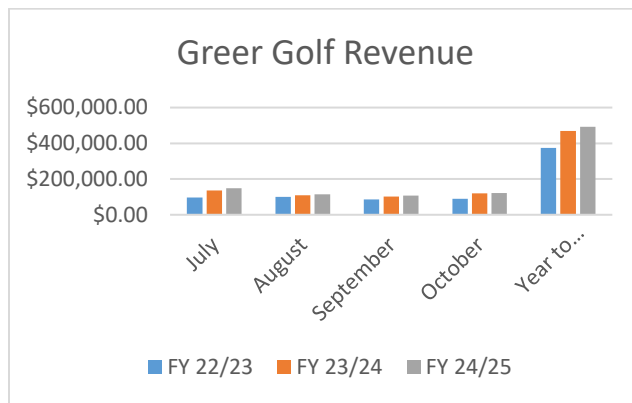
Events

- There were a total of 65 events: 30 internal events, 26 rentals, 1 special event, and 7 wedding events. A total of 7,800 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- Upcoming events include the Greer Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, December 6, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7, and the Greer Christmas Festival on Saturday, December 7, and Sunday, December 8 from 10 am-2 pm.
- The Events Division is currently working with the Upstate Renaissance Faire to bring the festival back to Greer City Park in 2025.
- The Greer Farmers Market Fall Market took place on Tuesday, November 19, with the Chili Cook-Off. Over 12 teams participated in the event, and despite the rain, more than 400 people attended.
- Throughout November, the Ambassadors provided excellent customer service, assisting over 850 passengers in downtown Greer Station.



Golf

- Our grounds staff rebuilt and repaired the water cooler stations on the course.
- Jonathan Ingle, our new Groundskeeper 1, started working on November 11.
- Steven Thompson attended the 2024 Carolinas GCSA Conference and Trade Show in Myrtle Beach, S.C. on November 17 – 20.
- On November 16, Cody Norris tragically lost his life in a senseless act of violence. Cody has been with Greer Golf/Greer Country Club since 2015 and will be greatly missed.



Recreation

- Rentals: Kids Planet- 30, Recreation Center rentals- 2
- Never Alone Narcotics Anonymous continued on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- SOAR hosted two Line Dancing sessions with 55 in attendance at the Cannon Centre, a movie day on 11/11 with 16 seniors in attendance at City Hall, a Bingo Day on 11/7 at City Hall with 34 seniors, a Card Game Day with 7 seniors in attendance at the Cannon Centre, a Friendsgiving Thanksgiving party with 26 in attendance at City Hall, and a Book Club meeting with 6 in attendance at the Center for the Arts.
- The afterschool program continued at the Needmore Recreation Center with 10 kids. Also, the Creative Advancement Afterschool program continued their program at the Tryon Recreation Center with 45 kids.
- Justin Miller presented at the Civics Academy event at the Center for the Arts and to classes during the Skyland Elementary Career Day.
- Tryon Recreation Center played host to Pickleball open play sessions, our monthly Artifacts Club meeting and Cheer for Greer practices on Monday and Thursdays.

Tourism

- The staff met with the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce on Monday, November 18 for a Greer Arts & Eats Festival recap and to discuss plans for 2025.

- Staff held a meeting on the Greer Christmas Parade with City departments and Greer Relief on Monday, November 18.
- Lindsey Shaffer presented at the TATT Celebrating Upstate Successes event on Tuesday, November 19 as a finalist for the Elevate Upstate Grant.
- The Tourism Division organized a Greer Station Holiday Passport Program to encourage supporting local shops and restaurants. Staff distributed passports and program information to businesses on Thursday, November 21. The program will run from November 29 - December 15.

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December 2024 Monthly Report

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Parks, Recreation & Tourism

December 2024 Monthly Report

ADMINISTRATION:

Wards Creek Trail System

- The City of Greer's attorney is continuing to work on acquiring the right-of-way for a trail extending from Biblebrook Drive to Greenleaf Drive. Once this is resolved, we will resume moving forward with the development of this phase.

South Tyger River Greenway

- PRT staff continues to work on the completion of a Recreation Trails Grant application through the SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for Phase 1A of the South Tyger River Greenway. The applications are due in February of 2025 and award notifications should be received by May/June of next year. We are asking for a \$100,000 grant with a 20% match (\$25,000) from the City of Greer.
- City staff is in the process of creating an RFQ to advertise for qualified contractors in early 2025.
- An Environmental Study of the property affected by the trail will be conducted next year. The purpose of this study is to analyze and understand the relationship between humans and the natural environment, identify potential environmental impacts of the proposed project or activity, assess the current state of the ecosystem, and inform decision-making to mitigate negative impacts and promote sustainability.

Turner Ball Park

- Keck + Wood and the City of Greer staff are evaluating the grading around the playground and the slopes within the playground to ensure they were completed according to plan. Both the General Contractor for the renovation of the park and the playground equipment contractor are a part of this process.
- Outstanding items include repairing and recovering the floor in the restroom at Big Turner.

Greer Golf - Clubhouse and Pool Area Renovation

- We anticipate a Grand Opening in February 2025 in partnership with White Wine and Butter. Planning will begin in early January.

ForGreer

- If the public has any questions or would like information regarding the four projects included in ForGreer, they may visit the City of Greer's website, go to the ForGreer section, and access the ForGreer Questions form. This form is available for submitting questions not addressed on the website or for making recommendations for future programming.

DIVISIONS:

Athletics

- Athletics participated in the 2024 Greer Christmas 7s Rugby Tournament at Country Club Park from December 6 to December 8.
 - Teams from the Southeast and Midwest traveled to Greer for the annual event.
 - For the first time in the event's history two teams from Georgia won both boy's sides. Rebels Rugby (GA) won the boy's gold division, Red Top Lions (GA) won the boy's silver division, and Raleigh Cobras (NC) won the girl's division.
- Greer 76ers Varsity Boys Rugby program sides competed in the Greer Christmas 7s Tournament
 - Greer 76ers Varsity Boys competed well, but funded two teams which split talent up too thin. Next year, athletic staff will re-evaluate what division for placement.
 - This event concludes our Rugby 7s season. The program will now focus on the South Carolina High School League 15s season.
 - Greer will host multiple Rugby South Carolina festivals at Country Club Park this spring.
- Greer 76ers U10 and U12 Junior rugby tackle teams competed in their first round of the 2024-2025 winter league.
 - U10s won their first-ever match 50-30, and our U12s were defeated 21-7.
 - U10s play a 7s side while U12s play 12 a side. This program will ultimately produce more rugby players for our high school program in years to come.
 - Greer PRT will host the first junior youth tackle rugby tournament at Country Club Park on the 3rd weekend of January. Both teams will compete in this event.
- The Tomahawk Youth Wrestling started practices at the Cannon Centre.
 - Participants train every Tuesday and Thursday.
 - Tomahawk wrestlers will compete in a round of duals and tournaments this upcoming season.
- Cheer For Greer performed at the ACC Championship Games at Bank of America Stadium on December 7.
 - The annual trip to Charlotte started 6 years ago.
 - At the end of every Cheer For Greer season, Greer PRT cheerleaders who are age-eligible perform on the field in front of thousands of fans. This event is a huge draw for our program.
- Youth basketball training sessions with Greer High staff were completed at Greer High School.
 - Former Greer PRT youth basketball participants continue to train with Coach Devin Liferidge on Sundays at Greer High School.
 - The program is designed to coach participants using drills that high school athletes also run during their practices.
 - The Athletics Supervisor will continue discussions with Coach Liferidge in the future about a potential re-start of the league at Greer High (if it is possible within schedule).
- Assisted the events division with Christmas programming.

Cultural Arts

- The Cultural Arts Staff and the clay instructors cleaned out the clay classroom. A thorough cleaning was executed. Staff moved the glazes, tools, and storage for individuals across the hall to Studio 6 as an extension of the clay room.
- On December 3, the Center for the Arts hosted the 5th Annual Gingerbread Jamboree and Art reception. Santa was also present. We had over 100 guests for the student art and 70 for Santa and the Gingerbread houses.
- We received 26 beautiful Gingerbread houses. Awards were given in each of 3 categories: adult, student, and team. The houses were on display through December 15.
- The second Through the Eyes of a Child Art Exhibit was displayed at the Center for the Arts until December 15. We received over 70 entries.
- Staff helped with entertainment for the Tree Lighting ceremony on December 6. GCAC provided carolers and elves.

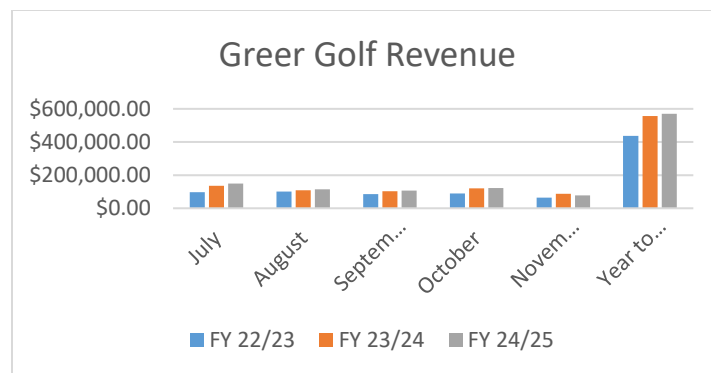
- On Saturday, December 7, the Holiday Arts fair was held at the Center for the Arts with the Empty Bowls project benefitting Greer Relief. \$2,200 was raised for Greer Relief. There were 25 vendors in attendance. The event is held inside the building. All the vendors were pleased with their sales.
- Robin Byouk was asked to be on the Board for the Greenville County Schools Bonds Career Center graphics department.

Events

- 26 total events- Internal: 16, Rental: 6, Special Events: 4, Wedding Events: 0
- The Ambassadors have continued to provide excellent customer service to over 800 passengers in downtown Greer Station during the month of December.
- The Supper with Santa event delighted attendees on Friday, December 6, bringing together over 290 City of Greer employees and their families. The festive evening featured photos with Santa, craft stations, and a delicious dinner. The event successfully raised \$1,240 to support the City of Greer Police Department's Cops for Tots program.
- Mayor Danner and Santa teamed up to light up Greer City Park during the Tree Lighting on December 6. A cheerful crowd enjoyed live musical performances, complimentary craft stations, Christmas train rides, marshmallow roasting, children’s activities, food vendors, roaming carolers, and a captivating ice carving demonstration.
- On Saturday, December 7, Breakfast with Santa drew a sold-out crowd of more than 500 families and friends. Laurenda's Family Restaurant & Catering provided a delightful breakfast, while attendees enjoyed meeting Santa, participating in free crafts, and writing heartfelt letters to Santa.
- The Greer Farmers Market Christmas Festival took place on Saturday, December 7, and Sunday, December 8, showcasing over 50 vendors offering a wide range of holiday-themed crafts and gift options.

Golf

- The pro shop staff worked on the spring inventory order for the pro shop.
- White Wine & Butter has passed all of its inspections and will be finalizing its menu and hiring staff through January. They hosted a private opening on Decemer 19, and city staff will be working with them to plan a Grand Re-Opening in February.
- Our Grounds Superintendent placed the order for all Early Order Program (EOP) materials for the upcoming year. Ordering early provides us with significant discounts.
- Revenue for November was \$77,692. December brought much colder temperatures than previous years. Yet, year-to-date, we have collected \$570,682. This is about \$14,000 more than last year at this time.
- Grounds maintenance staff worked to move putting greens covers around the course in anticipation of upcoming cold weather.



Recreation

- Rentals: Kids Planet- 15, Recreation Center rentals - 3
- Never Alone, Narcotics Anonymous continued on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- SOAR hosted 3 Line Dancing sessions with 37 in attendance at the Cannon Centre on Wednesdays; a movie day on December 9, with 9 seniors in attendance at City Hall; 2 Bingo Days at City Hall with 66 seniors in attendance, 1 card game day with 6 seniors participating; and a book club meeting with 8 seniors.
- The Bluebird Society of South Carolina installed a bluebird box at Country Club Park after a community member donated the finances to obtain the box.
- SOAR took a trip to the Holiday Fair in Greenville SC with 14 participating and hosted the Upstate Senior Band on December 12 at the Center for the Arts with 20 participants.
- Hosted Pickleball open-play sessions at Tryon Recreation Park.
- The afterschool program continued at the Needmore Recreation Center with 10 kids in attendance.
- Creative Advancement Afterschool continued their program at the Tryon Recreation Center with 45 kids.
- Hosted the monthly Artifacts Club meeting at Tryon Recreation on December 23, 2024.
- Palmetto Cutlery Club met at the Tryon Recreation Center on December 3 for their monthly meeting.
- Justin Miller and Meredith Anzur began interviewing for the Recreation Leader Rentals position within the Recreation Division.
- Recreation Division staff members worked the Tree Lighting event and Supper with Santa Event on Friday, December 6.
- The Recreation Division completed their letters to Santa program with 150 boys and girls participating.

Tourism

- The December Discover Greer Newsletter was published on Tuesday, November 26, and promoted the upcoming Christmas events and Greer Station Holiday Passport.
- Lindsey Shaffer was interviewed by Fox Carolina on Tuesday, November 26 to promote the Holiday Passport ahead of Small Business Saturday.
- Lindsey Shaffer was interviewed on Access Carolina on Friday, December 6 to promote the Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Passport.
- Staff distributed Holiday Passports to downtown visitors on Saturday, December 7 at the Greer Farmers Market.
- The January Discover Greer newsletter was published on Monday, December 30, and featured highlights from 2024, upcoming events, and venues for hosting special events in 2025 (December)

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

Applicant:

Red Watson, Assistant Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism

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DIRECTORS'S REPORT

Applicant:

Ann Cunningham, Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism

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TRUSTEES TERM RENEWAL

Summary:

District 2 - Vincent Anderson, District 4 - Trevor Hoffman, and District 6 - Jason Bridwell have terms that expired on December 31, 2024. They have all agreed to serve again, and their reappointment has been approved by the council members representing their respective districts.

Applicant:

Ann Cunningham, Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism

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2025 MEETING DATES

Applicant:

Ann Cunningham, Director/Parks, Recreation & Tourism

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2025 MEETING DATES

January 23, 2025

April 17, 2025

July 24, 2025

October 23, 2025

School Spring Break

Greenville County - March 17-21, 2025

Spartanburg County - April 7-11, 2025

2025-2026 School Year: Greenville Co.

August 11, 2025 – Start Day

May 22, 2026 – End of years

2025-2026 School Year: Spartanburg

Not yet published

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2025 List of Events

Applicant:

Ann Cunningham, Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism

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2025 City of Greer Events

JANUARY

12- Sunday Brunch Farmers Market
20- MLK Jr. Celebration Luncheon

FEBRUARY

9- Sunday Brunch Farmers Market
28- GCAC Cinderella

MARCH

1 & 2- GCAC Cinderella

APRIL

12- Easter Eggstastic
13- Sunday Brunch Farmers Market
26- Greer Goes Global: International Festival

MAY

Sundays- Greer Farmers Market
17- Tunes in the Park
23- Greer Alive!

JUNE

Sundays- Greer Farmers Market
5- Moonlight Movies
19- Moonlight Movies
21- Tunes in the Park
28- Freedom Blast

JULY

Sundays- Greer Farmers Market
10- Moonlight Movies
19- Tunes in the Park
24- Moonlight Movies

AUGUST

Sundays- Greer Farmers Market
7- Moonlight Movies
16- Tunes in the Park
7-9- GCAC Cinderella
9- Sunday Brunch Farmers Market
28- Greer Alive!

SEPTEMBER

TBA- Upstate Renaissance Faire
20- Tunes in the Park
26- Greer Alive! Greer Farmers Market
27- Railfest

OCTOBER

TBA- Greer Arts & Eats Festival
18- Artisan Makers Market
Greer Farmers Market
24- Greer Alive!

NOVEMBER

TBA- Day of the Dead Festival & Artist Market
14- Greer Alive!
Greer Farmers Market

DECEMBER

TBA- Gingerbread Jamboree
5- Greer Christmas Tree Lighting
6- Breakfast with Santa (ticket required)
TBA- Holiday Arts Fair
6 & 7- Greer Farmers Market Christmas Festival
7- Greer Christmas Parade