

AGENDA

GREER RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Public Hearing and Business Meeting

April 17, 2025 @ 6:15 AM

Greer City Hall, Hall A, 301 E Poinsett St, Greer, SC 29651

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. CALL TO ORDER Jason Bridwell, Chairperson

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Amanda Hopper, Trustee

III. INVOCATION

- A. INVOCATION Vincent Anderson, Trustee

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

- ### A. PUBLIC FORUM

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of January 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes Jason Bridwell, Chairperson

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VII. DEPARTMENT UPDATE

- A. DEPARTMENT UPDATE
- B. January 2025 Monthly Report
- C. February 2025 Monthly Report
- D. March 2025 Monthly Report

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. FINANCIAL REPORT
- Red Watson, Assistant Dir., Parks, Recreation & Tourism

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2025 Upcoming Events Ann Cunningham, Dir., Parks, Recreation & Tourism

B. 2025 Remaining Meeting Dates

Ann Cunningham Director, Parks, Recreation &
Tourism

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A. ADJOURNEMENT

Jason Bridwell, Chairperson

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Amanda Hopper, Trustee

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Vincent Anderson, Trustee

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Greer Recreation Association Board Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2025

Location: Greer City Hall, Hall A

Call to Order

Jason Bridwell – Vice-Chairperson - 6:15 pm.

The following members of the Board of Trustees attended:

Attended: Lance Owens, Vincent Anderson, Amanda Hopper, Melissa Padgett-Smith, and Jason Bridwell

Absent: Trevor Hoffman and Michael Wright

Others Present:

Ann Cunningham (Director), Red Watson (Assistant Director), Cory Holtzclaw (Athletics Supervisor), Sara Odom (Cultural Arts Coordinator), Robbie Davis (Events Supervisor), Justin Miller (Recreation Supervisor), Lindsey Shaffer, (Tourism Specialist),), Bob & Mary Reimer (SOAR Adhoc Representative), Sam Merrell (Assistant General Manager, Greer Golf, Jamie Karvellas (Administrative Assistant).

Election of Officers

Jason Bridwell – Vice-Chairperson

Action: Nominations were opened for the position of Chairperson for the Greer Recreation Association Board.

- Amanda Hopper nominated Jason Bridwell for Chairperson
- Lance Owens seconded the nomination. No other names were submitted for the position.

Nominations were closed.

Vote: All Trustees were polled individually, and the decision was unanimous. Jason Bridwell was elected Chairperson of the Greer Recreation Association for 2025.

Action: Nominations were opened for Vice-Chairperson for the Greer Recreation Association Board.

- Amanda Hopper nominated Lance Owens for Vice-Chairperson
- Jason Bridwell seconded the nomination. No other names were submitted for the position.

Nominations were closed.

Vote: All Trustees were polled individually, and the decision was unanimous. Lance Owens has been elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Greer Recreation Association for 2025.

Pledge of Allegiance

Jason Bridwell, Chairperson

Invocation

Jason Bridwell, Chairperson

Public Forum

No one was present to speak.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Action: Jason Bridwell moved to approve the October 29, 2024, meeting minutes. Melissa Padget-Smith 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) – Sara Odom, Cultural Arts Supervisor, on *behalf of Mandy Holbrook, Cultural Arts Adhoc Representative*.

- The Greer Children’s Theatre presented *The Wizard of Oz* at the Cannon Centre during the last two weekends in October. The last weekend of the show was very well attended, and the last show was sold out.
- The Greer Children’s Theater rehearsals for Rodgers and Hammerstein’s *Cinderella* (Youth Edition) began in January. The performances for *Cinderella* will be from February 28 through March 9 at the Cannon Centre.

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 for SOAR, Tennis, or Pickleball Committees.

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

- No issues to report for the Golf Committee.

Departmental Updates

Athletics Division – Cory Holtzclaw, Athletics Supervisor

- Athletics has concluded the youth tackle football and cheerleading fall 2024 seasons. Cheerleading teams once again performed in front of a packed Bank of America Stadium for the Clemson vs. SMU ACC Championship. Tackle football all-star teams competed in the postseason but ultimately fell short of a district championship.
- The Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy Division is currently up and running. Our academy program started practicing last week. The 2024 state tournament was in mid-December. That gives you an idea of what our soccer schedule looks like every year. Soccer literally never stops.
- Completed the Greer Christmas 7s Rugby Tournament December 6- 8th at Country Club Park. This season, our tournament had a good representation from the state of Indiana. 4 teams from that state came to Greer to compete. It's the first year since the inception of our tournament not to have rain.
- Completed the CYR Rugby Festival this past weekend at Country Club Park. Youth rugby teams from North Carolina visited Greer for our first-ever junior rugby tournament.
- This upcoming weekend Greer 76ers Varsity and Junior Varsity teams will compete in our high school rugby festival event at Country Club Park. We will have teams from all over the state coming to Greer. Mostly the coast and, Mt. Pleasant area. This will mark back to back to back weekends of rugby tournaments at Country Club Park, as we also have a rugby event the following weekend.
- Facilitated Tomahawk youth wrestling practices at the Cannon Center. Tomahawk Youth Wrestling is one of the largest youth recreational clubs in South Carolina. Team members compete in duals and tournaments at the Cannon Center, various high schools, and convention centers across the state. The Tomahawk Invitational tournament, one of the largest recreational wrestling tournaments in the state, is scheduled for Saturday, February 1st, at Greer High School.
- Worked with Greer High School and Head Coach Devin Liferidge to create a basketball camp that focuses on teaching the fundamentals. This upcoming Sunday is our last session at Greer High School. The program has been a great opportunity for kids to grow as basketball players.
- Started 2025 Spring Registration for Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Recreation Division, Greer Baseball Club, and Greer Softball Club
 - Between Greer Baseball and Softball Club participants, we will have right at 510 kids playing a diamond sport this spring in our league programs. All age groups outside of our 4U and 15U divisions are at maximum capacity. We have seen growth in our softball program.
 - Foothills Soccer Club of Greer is currently on a waiting list in every age division. We desperately need volunteer soccer coaches. Soccer is one of the easiest sports to fill up, but the hardest to recruit help for.

Cultural Arts Division – Sara Odom, Cultural Arts Coordinator

- We hosted our inaugural Day of the Dead Festival on November 2 at the Center for the Arts. We anticipated around 300 attendees, but the turnout reached between 600 and 1,000 people during the six-hour event. The festival featured live entertainment on the auditorium stage all day, with nine artist vendors and four food trucks in the park. Three of the food trucks sold out of food before the event ended. We also offered seven free craft activities – we prepared for 200 children, and most of the crafts ran out early.
- In December, we hosted the Gingerbread House Competition, which attracted a record 26 entries—the highest number of participants in the five years we've held this event. Over 100 visitors came to the Center for the Arts to admire the gingerbread houses on display..
- In January, the staff hung the artwork by the Tryon Painters and Sculptors in the gallery. In exchange, the resident artists at the Center for the Arts will showcase their work at the Tryon Painters and Sculptors Gallery later this year.
- Ceramics classes resumed in January following a brief winter break. Studio #6, which was previously a resident artist studio, has been converted into an auxiliary ceramics studio. This additional space enables us to increase the capacity of ceramics classes to 12 students per class. Currently, 10 different clay classes are running at the Center for the Arts throughout the week, every day except Friday and Sunday.

Events Division – Robbie Davis, Events Supervisor

The Events Division hosted the following events:

Events

November 19 – Greer Farmers Market Fall Market Chili Cook-off

December 6 – Greer Christmas Tree Lighting

December 7 – Breakfast with Santa

December 7 – 8 – Greer Farmers Market

January 12 – Greer Farmers Market – Sunday Brunch Market

January 20 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Upcoming Events

March 28 – Greer Alive

April 12 – Easter Eggastic

April 26 - International Festival

May 23 – Greer Alive

October 29 - January 23, the Events Division has hosted

- 89 – Internal Events
- 49 – Rentals
- 7 – Special Events
- 12 – Weddings

A total of 157 events brought about 16,700 people to Greer City Park

- 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.
- 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 Greer Christmas 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.
- The Greer Farmers Market Sunday Brunch took place on Sunday, January 12, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Greer City Park. Guests enjoyed live music and had the chance to explore offerings from over 40 vendors.
- The 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Luncheon, held at The Event Halls at Greer City Hall on January 20, 2025, brought the Greer community together to honor Dr. King's enduring legacy. The 11:30 am event featured inspiring performances by local entertainers who shared their talents through music and spoken word, while community leaders joined in demonstrating their commitment to Dr. King's vision. Keynote speaker Dorris "Dee Dee" Wright delivered a powerful address that resonated with attendees, and the luncheon also celebrated the Samaritan Award winners, recognizing individuals who have made significant positive impacts within the community. The event served as both a reflection on Dr. King's work and a call to action for continued progress toward a more just and equitable society.

Ambassadors

The Greer Station Shuttles continued to support our local restaurants, shops, and businesses in downtown Greer Station by picking up over 9,500 people throughout the year.

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

- Our grounds staff has rebuilt and repaired the water cooler stations on the course.
- Jonathan Ingle, our new Groundskeeper, 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.
- The pro shop staff worked on the spring inventory order.

- White Wine & Butter is now open in a limited capacity. They hosted a private opening on December 19, and we are working with them to plan a Grand Re-Opening in February.
- Despite extended periods of colder-than-usual temperatures, play has been steady. Revenue has been a little bit down, but nothing drastic.
- Grounds maintenance staff “iced our putting greens” to protect them from the frigid temperatures. This is a practice where we run irrigation on the putting greens and allow the water to freeze and form a sheet of ice over the green. The ice creates a barrier that prevents the cold air from damaging the grass.
- Lastly, 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 Division – Justin Miller, Recreation Supervisor

- GCRA grants- Bi-annual reports are complete, 25-26 Applications are due the first of February, with a training our staff will be attending next week
- Veterans Park – An American flag receptacle bin has been installed in the park by Scout Will Ehlich as part of his Eagle Project. We have received a lot of positive feedback about this great addition to our community.
- Disc Golf: We have hosted seven (7) tournaments in 2024 and have already hosted two (2) this month. We have started a glow-in-the-dark Space Race League on Tuesday nights from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM, running through March 11.
- Tryon Park Pickleball courts- Shade structure, landscaping, and ADA sidewalks have been completed. It looks beautiful.
- Mentor program starting next week- Free program, meets twice a month through May
- 2024 Rentals: Needmore & Tryon Recreation Center - 97, Kids Planet Shelter Rentals - 822

Tourism Division – Lindsey Shaffer, Tourism Specialist

- 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.
- The Holiday Passport Program took place from November 29 through December 15. A total of 43 downtown businesses participated in the program. We received a great response from the community and gave away gift card packages to three randomly selected passport participants.
- Eleven special event permit applications and one filming permit were approved in 2024.
- Discover Greer had 20,321 website visits, more than double the previous year. The visitor guide was viewed 1,473 times, and we have approximately 22,000 social media followers..
- We received \$11,000.00 in grant funding for tourism marketing for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Grounds Report

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

Grounds Athletics Maintenance

- Applied liquid fertilizer to ryegrass on athletic fields using the In-House Turf Grass Program
- Grounds Spray Tech sprayed pigment paint on the soccer fields at Country Club for the Christmas 7 tournament on December 7, 2024
- Grounds Staff mowed and painted soccer fields at Suber Soccer and Country Club for the President Cup and state soccer games.

- Grounds Staff prep for the adult baseball season and playoffs at Stevens Field
- Public Service staff installed and removed all Christmas decorations throughout the City employees with 17 employees working 244 total hours
- Public Service Staff had 32 employees working 160 hours total, with the cleaning of the roads and parking for the Christmas Parade
- Public Service Staff had 19 employees working the Christmas Tree Lighting
- Grounds Athletics division repaired fencing at Kids Planet, irrigation pump station at Country Club, removed fallen trees at parks, and helped the streets division of Public Service remove trees from roads that accrued from Hurricane Helene

Urban Parks:

- Staff prepped the downtown Urban Park for the Greer Arts & Eats Festival held on October 26..
- Urban Parks was presented the Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS) National Merit Award for Greer City Park on Thursday, October 16, in Louisville, KY.
- Three staff members worked and cleaned up after the Trunk or Treat event on Trade Street
- Urban Park staff have been working diligently to replace plants throughout City Park and the downtown area. We suffered damage from the hurricane winds, rain, and the drought of the summer when City Park had no irrigation. Approximately \$2,000 was spent on beautifying the urban park by replacing and upgrading plants that needed to be changed, requiring 192 man-hours to install.
- Staff members prepared the grounds at The Center for the Arts for the Day of the Dead event on November 2, 2024.
- Our Park staff hung Christmas decorations from November 4-8. For a total of 320 hours.
- Staff removed three (3) overgrown holly bushes at Tryon in preparation for new landscaping around the lower pickleball courts.
 - Landscaping in the front of the lower pickleball courts at Tryon was completed on Thursday, December 19. 8 tons of river rock, 16 yards of mulch, and landscape edging were installed around the new concrete pad area.
- Two staff planted 14 Autumn Bonfire Azaleas in the rectangular rock bed just outside the Fire/Police front offices facing Poinsett Street. This will give the front entrance a deep-red color in Spring & Fall and replace sporadic liriopse and old Crepe Myrtle trees in this bed.
- Two staff members pressure-washed the brick road sign at Veterans Park Road and Highway 101, then cleaned the brick wall sign at Tryon. Greatly improving its appearance.
- Rain total since the last time we all met there has been 9.81 inches as of January 13, 2025

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

- Our Program Funds are very healthy. Fall sports finished their seasons on a good note, winter wrestling is going very well, and spring sports are off to a fast start with registration.
 - PARD Funds—We are pleased to announce that our application for PARD grant funds to expand the putting green at the golf course was approved. We will begin the project in late spring. As previously mentioned, we have money left over for PARD, so we are working with staff to identify other potential projects for those funds.
 - We are currently submitting a Recreation Trails Program grant to fund the South Tyger River Greenway project. The application is due next month..

Director's Report –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 continue 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 (\$20,000) from the City of Greer.
- City staff are in the process of creating a Request for Qualifications (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 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. We are in the planning phase.

ForGreer

- If the public has any questions or seeks information regarding the four projects included in ForGreer, they can visit the City of Greer's website, navigate to the ForGreer section, and access the ForGreer Questions form. This form allows users to submit questions not covered on the website or to make recommendations for future programming.

New Business

Ann Cunningham, Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism

- 2025 Upcoming List of Events
- Meeting Dates for 2025

Adjournment

- Jason Bridwell, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.
- **Next Meeting Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 6:15 pm.**

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DEPARTMENT UPDATE

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January 2025 Monthly Report

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Parks, Recreation & Tourism

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South Tyger River Greenway

- The PRT Department held a Community Meeting on Thursday, January 23, at 5:00 pm, in Hall A, City Hall. Twenty-eight (28) people attended, including staff. Many thanks to Mayor Danner and Mark Hopper for attending. Amanda Hopper and Lance Owens from the Recreation Association Board were also in attendance.
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Greer Golf – Clubhouse/Pool Area Renovation and Bridge Replacement

- White Wine & Butter is planning a Grand Opening for February 20, 2025.
- Staff has decided to have the Grand Opening event for Greer Golf on April 5 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. We will have music, games, and informational tents on the turf space at the Cabana and mini-clinics for “quick tips” every 15 minutes on the putting green and at the driving range.
- Department staff are working with the Capital Projects Division in the replacement of the bridge on hole #12.

Stevens Field Outdoor Basketball Courts

- Department staff are working with the Capital Projects Division in the design and build of the outdoor basketball courts at Stevens Field.

DIVISIONS:

Athletics

- Spring 2025 registration has been completed for the 4U, 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U Greer Baseball Club Leagues; 8U, 10U, and 12U Greer Softball Club Leagues; and the U6, U8, U10, and U12 Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Leagues. These programs are currently on waiting lists.

- Our girls' softball program is back on track with the completion of Turner Park. Softball families are excited to have a new home and are looking forward to the upcoming spring season.
- The Middle School and High School Leagues, including 14U Softball and 15U Baseball, are still registering and will not close until all local middle schools and high schools finalize their cuts.
- The Rugby South Carolina and Charlotte Youth Rugby Tournaments were hosted at Country Club Park. Country Club Park hosted four straight weekends of rugby (youth, high school, and men's rugby).
- The Tomahawk wrestlers competed in South Carolina Youth Wrestling Association events around the state and placed in multiple events. They also participated in wrestling duals at the Cannon Center. The duals provided participants with skill-based matchmaking opportunities. Registration for the Tomahawk Invitational Wrestling Tournament was completed, and all divisions and weight classes are now full, with the tournament on a waiting list.
- Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy practices at Greer City Stadium. The program alternates between Suber Park and Greer City Stadium, depending on the season.
- Athletics staff attended a training workshop with the National Alliance for Youth Sports.
- The athletics division is hopeful that Country Club Park and Century Park will have operational stands run by Greer PRT Athletics Division employees by Opening Day (Saturday, March 29). We have collaborated with the Finance and IT departments to implement paperless concession sales at the parks this season. All stands will be inventoried by the Athletics Supervisor each week during the season, and at the end of the season, we will evaluate our concessions program.
- All facility rentals have been completed.
- We concluded the youth basketball camp in partnership with the Greer High School coaching staff. Participants trained for 90-minute sessions at Greer High School with the head coach of the women's and men's high school basketball teams for three months. This camp certainly did not replace our program, but it provided value to our basketball community.

Cultural Arts

- Due to the classroom move, we have increased the clay class size from 8 to 12 students. We now have four instructors, and most classes are full. Clay classes are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Monday classes did not meet on MLK Day.
- Staff worked on preparing summer camp information and advertising for posting. Registration for Arts in Action Summer Camp is now open online through the GCAC website.
- Staff also worked on the 2025 Juried Art Show information, graphics for future events, and facilitating an upcoming rental.
- On Tuesday, January 21, we held a free painting session for community members to come in and paint rocks in memory of their pets for the Rainbow Bridge Rock Garden at the Center for the Arts. Due to inclement weather that night, we ended the painting session an hour early. While the majority of those who had signed up were not able to attend, we were still able to have six rocks painted for the rock garden. We plan to reschedule a make-up rock painting session in the near future.
- New artwork was received on Saturday, January 3. This exhibition is a trade with the Tryon Painters and Sculptors of Tryon, NC. Their gallery is under construction during January and February, so our artists in residence will display their work in their gallery in May. The artwork will be on display at the Center for the Arts through mid-February. Staff hung the show urgently to ensure it was in place before visitors from the City of Goose Creek arrived. The art reception for the Tryon Painters and Sculptors Art Exhibition was held at the Center for the Arts on Tuesday, January 14, with approximately 45 people in attendance.

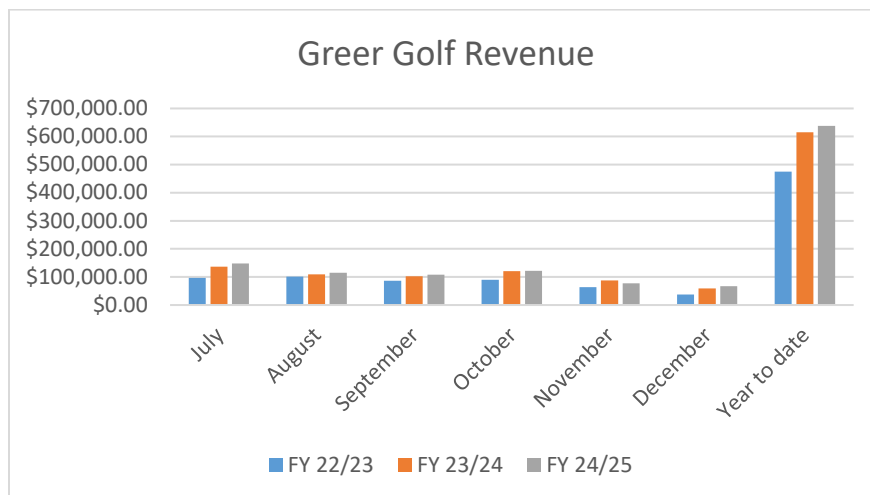
- On January 9, City of Goose Creek staff visited the Center for the Arts as they are building an art gallery. The Goose Creek staff were given a tour, introduced to our department, and met the Artists in Residence while sharing lunch with staff.
- GCT's production of Cinderella began rehearsals on January 6 at the Center for the Arts. A parent/cast meeting was held on January 6, with over 80 people in attendance.

Events

- 50 Total Events: Internal – 35, Rentals – 9, Special Events – 2, Wedding Events – 4. A total of 3,245 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- The Greer Farmers Market Sunday Brunch took place on Sunday, January 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Greer City Park. Guests enjoyed live music and had the chance to explore offerings from over 40 vendors.
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- A big thank you to our Public Service Department for their efforts in ensuring that our parks and facilities were clear and safe for all weekend rentals and special events!

Golf

- Grounds Maintenance staff worked to move putting greens covers around the course in anticipation of upcoming cold weather.
- Staff is planning a meeting to discuss the Grand Re-Opening of Greer Golf and White Wine and Butter.
- White Wine and Butter hosted a private tasting dinner on Thursday, December 19, at 6 p.m. They presented a curated menu for the occasion and have been open Thursday through Sunday for reservations.
- Revenue for the month of December was \$67,728.62. Despite wetter and colder conditions than usual, this represented an increase of approximately \$11,000 compared to last year's December revenue. Year-to-date, we have collected \$638,111.12, which is about \$24,000 more than last year at this time.



Recreation

- Rentals: Recreation Center rentals- 3, Kids Planet- 0
- Never Alone, Narcotics Anonymous continued on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- South Carolina Treasure and Artifacts Club hosted their annual banquet on January 6 at Tryon Recreation.
- SOAR:
 - Hosted four Line Dancing sessions at the Cannon Centre with 30 in attendance; a Hand and Foot card game session (January 8) at the Cannon Centre with eleven seniors; two Bingo game days (January 16 & 30) at City Hall with 64 seniors; Book Club (January 21) with 8 seniors; a Movie Day (January 27) with 22 seniors in attendance.
 - Took a trip to the Market at the Mill in Pickens, SC, with 20 seniors participating.
- Hosted Pickleball open-play sessions at Tryon Park.
- The afterschool program continued on January 6 at the Needmore Recreation Center with 10 kids.
- Creative Advancement Afterschool continued on January 6 at the Tryon Recreation Center with 45 kids.
- DAV met at Tryon Recreation Center for their monthly meeting on January 7.
- Justin Miller and Meredith Anzur concluded interviewing for the Recreation Leader Rentals position within the Recreation Division.
- South Carolina Treasure and Artifacts Club held their monthly meeting on January 27, at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- The Recreation Division attended Greenville County Redevelopment CDBG Grant Funds training at the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA) offices on January 28.
- Continued the Disc Golf Space Race league on Tuesday nights at Century Park from 6:30 pm-8 pm.
- Began the iShape Me mentoring program on select Wednesdays at Needmore Recreation Center. This program will run through May.

Tourism

- The monthly Discover Greer Newsletter was published on Tuesday, January 28, and featured the new GSPlay area, upcoming events, and celebrating Valentine's Day in Greer Station.
- Staff met with the BMW Charity Pro-Am on Monday, February 3, to discuss a tournament kick-off event that will take place downtown on Saturday, May 31.
- Staff dropped off 400 additional Discover Greer brochures at the SC Welcome Center in Blacksburg on Tuesday, February 4.
- Lindsey Shaffer met with the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, February 6, to discuss this year's Greer Arts & Eats festival.

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February 2025 Monthly Report

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Parks, Recreation & Tourism

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ADMINISTRATION:

Wards Creek Trail System

- The City of Greer's attorney has completed the process of acquiring the right-of-way for a trail extending from Biblebrook Drive to Greenleaf Drive. We have resumed moving forward with the development of this phase with SCDOT.

South Tyger River Greenway

- Staff submitted the application for the Recreation Trails Grant through the SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for Phase 1A of the South Tyger River Greenway on Friday, February 7. We are asking for a \$100,000 grant with a 20% match (\$25,000) from the City of Greer. Award notifications should be received by May/June of this year.
- 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 was conducted and the City of Greer has been cleared to move forward with little to no impact to this area.

Turner Ball Park

- Outstanding items include repairing and recovering the floors in the restrooms at Big Turner Field, resolving the low water pressure in the single restroom building at Little Turner Field and repairing the Pour-In-Place surfacing in the playground area.

Greer Golf - Clubhouse and Pool Area Renovation

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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

- The 2025 Spring Registration was concluded for 4U, 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U Greer Baseball Club; 8U, 10U, and 12U Greer Softball Club; and U6, U8, U10, and U12 Foothills Soccer Club of Greer.
- All programs above are on waiting lists. Our Girls softball program is excited to be back at Turner Park, where it was pre Victor demolition.
- Greer Baseball Club practices are held throughout the week and weekend at Century Park, Country Club Park, Turner Park, Stevens Field, and Riverside Middle School.

- The Foothills Soccer Club of Greer practices and games are facilitated throughout the week and weekend at Greer City Stadium, Suber Park, and Country Club Park.
- Greer Softball Club practices throughout the week and weekend at Turner Park.
- The 2024-2025 Greer Junior 76ers Tackle Season was completed. U10s won the CYR Cup with a terrific 10-1-2 record throughout the season. U12s learned to compete on the regulation size field playing 11 a side, players will have a head start now heading towards high school teams.
- Competed in the final Rugby South Carolina Festival at Spring Hill High School Saturday, February 8. Greer 76ers Varsity Boys are currently undefeated in Rugby SC play. State Championship is set for Saturday, February 22.
- Completed all Greer Baseball Club Evaluations at Century Park and Country Club Park Saturday, February 8.
- Facilitated Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy practices at Greer City Stadium.
- Attended zoom training workshop with National Alliance for Youth Sports.
- Athletics staff spoke at First Friday Luncheon on Friday, February 7th in regards to who we are, what we do, and to highlight our wrestling tournament.
- Worked with Finance and IT departments on paperless concession sales at parks this season. We are hopeful that Country Club Park and Century Park will have operational stands ran by Greer PRT Athletics Division Employees by Opening Day (Saturday, March 29).
- Athletics staff completed all facility rentals.
- The Greer Diamond Dirt Classic Tournament and Opening Day Homerun Derby schedules were completed. The Diamond Dirt Classic Tournament is a huge event where 40 games are completed in one day at all of our diamonds.
- The South Carolina Youth Soccer Association PMSL matches were hosted at Greer City Stadium and Country Club Park.
- The 2024-2025 Tomahawk Youth Wrestling program completed the 2025 Tomahawk Invitational Tournament at Greer High School. In total over 200 wrestlers from around the upstate of South Carolina competed in the annual event which is designed for rookie level wrestles. Teams come from youth programs and local high schools (Byrnes, Dorman, Chesnee, Hillcrest, Mauldin, etc....). They claimed two state championships and club members also competed in the Cavalier Mat Classic.
- South Carolina Youth Wrestling Association matches were held on Saturday, February 8, with Tomahawk Wrestlers (non-rookies). The wrestlers claimed 2 gold medals, and 5 wrestlers medaled. overall competed at the state finals tournament.
- The Middle School Invitational was completed at Stevens Field.
- Greer Middle College Soccer Event was hosted at Greer City Stadium.
- The Southeastern Conference Rugby Tournament Rental was finalized. The date is set for April 12, at Country Club Park. The host is Clemson University Rugby. Members of the Southeastern Rugby Conference are: the University of Georgia, Clemson University, the University of Tennessee, the University of Alabama, Auburn University, Kennesaw State University, the University of Kentucky, Louisiana State University, and the University of South Carolina.
- Maintenance was completed on the lights at Stevens Field and Suber Park by The Lighting Company. They are scheduled to return this month to complete maintenance at Century Park.
- The Rugby South Carolina All Star Program was created. The Athletics Supervisor worked with the president and vice president of Rugby South Carolina to create a postseason program for top level players from around the state. The team will compete in various tournaments around the southeast in the months of March and April. The Rugby SC All Star program promotes communication and good will

towards all of the clubs in South Carolina. Most of this unit is Greer 76ers players who have received college offers. One current player is set to compete at Life University.

- The Greer 76ers Varsity Boys and Junior Varsity Boys practices are held at Country Club Park. Both teams compete in Atlanta February 20, 2025. The Greer 76ers Rugby is currently back to back South Carolina Rugby State Champions.
- The concession stands were cleaned and the equipment in stands were upgraded.
- Staff completed the city mandated budget and IT training.

Cultural Arts

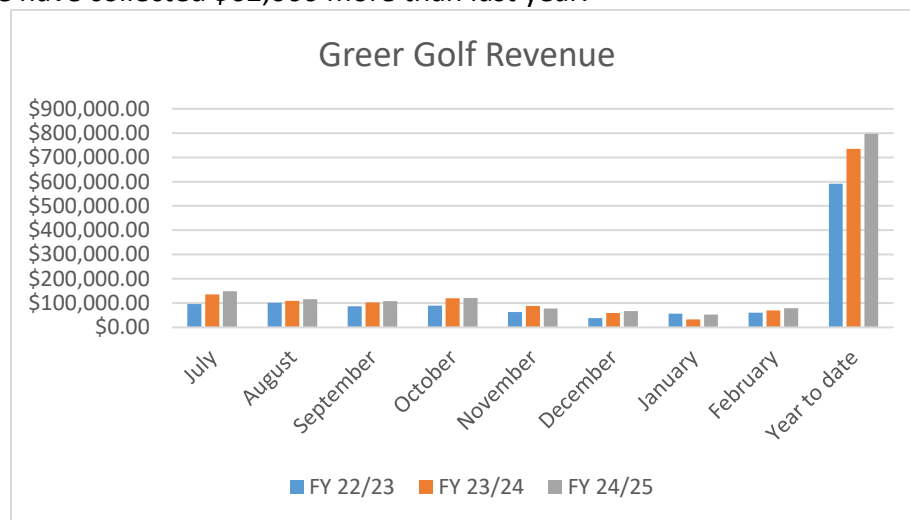
- Tech Week and Performances for Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella (Youth Edition) were February 23 – March 9 at the Cannon Centre.
- Clay classes continued on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at the Center for the Arts.
- A Valentine's themed cookie decorating class, taught by Regan, The Frosting Fairy, was held on Saturday, February 8th at the Center for the Arts.
- On February 3, staff met with Greer City Councilman Karuam Booker, and Alfred and Porscha Davis regarding an event rental at the Center for the Arts planned for June.
- Maintenance was performed on the two kilns in the ceramics classroom on February 4-5, resolving some firing issues that were occurring due to some elements that needed to be replaced.
- Auditions for *Clue: High School* Edition were held on Sunday, February 9 at the Center for the Arts. Approximately 30 students auditioned for an available 8 roles.
- The Center for the Arts hosted the Athletics Division's wrestling program in the auditorium.
- Cultural Arts staff received and hung artwork by artist Leslie Lakes in the Center for the Arts Gallery and in the Wall Gallery at City Hall. Lakes is a mixed media/assemblage artist who combines antique and vintage photos, print materials, and small found objects into whimsical and nostalgic pieces of artwork.
- Robin and Sara attended the Easter Eggstastic and International Festival meetings to prepare for those events, and attended OpenGov training for budgets.

Events

- 30 total events: Internal: 17, Rental: 11, Special Events: 0, Wedding Event: 2
- The Greer Farmers Market Sunday Brunch Market took place on Sunday, February 9, with a Valentine's Day theme. Over 1,000 people in attendance enjoyed more than 40 vendors and food trucks, with live music by Bob Boatwright.
- The Events Division is currently planning and finalizing spring and summer festivals and events such as Easter Eggstastic, International Festival, Greer Alive, and Moonlight Movies.
- Events Coordinator Michele Turner attended the Southeast Festival and Event Association annual conference, held February 23-26 in Chattanooga, TN.
- The Ambassadors provided excellent customer service, assisting over 8,000 passengers in downtown Greer Station.

Golf

- Greer Golf hosted the Tyger River Shiver Winter Wing Ding on February 1 and 2. The tournament is run by the Greenville County Golf Association and features 43 two-man teams. We had great weather and received positive reviews on the course and White Wine & Butter's Cabana food service.
- We are in the process of filling our vacant Groundskeeper 1 position.
- We partnered with Trees Upstate and Schneider's Tree Care to plant 21 trees on February 26. The tree planting was part of Clemson University's TDs for Trees Program, an initiative where Clemson University's football team donates trees to Schneider Tree Care for every touchdown scored. The Greer Centennial Lions Club and the Gap Creek Club golf group provided volunteers to plant the trees at the entrance, driving range, and between holes #18 & #1 and #10 & #17.
- We hosted The Gap Creek Club on March 1st. The group had 85 players and their event was a success.
- We are in the process of hiring for two new part-time cart attendant positions.
- Revenue for the month of February was \$78,830. This is \$9,000 more than February of last year. Fiscal-year-to-date, we have collected \$62,000 more than last year.



Recreation

- Rentals: Recreation Center rentals- 6, Kids Planet- 20
- Never Alone, Narcotics Anonymous continued on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- SOAR hosted a movie day on February 10, at City Hall with 10 seniors; a lunch outing at Dave and Busters on February 25, with 11 seniors; four Wednesday Line Dancing sessions with 86 in attendance at the Tryon Recreation Center; two Hand and Foot card game day on February 12 & 25, at the Tryon Recreation Center with 10 seniors in attendance; Book Club meeting on February 18 with 9 seniors in attendance; and Bingo game days on February 6 & 20 with 75 in attendance.
- Pickleball open play sessions were held at Tryon Park.
- The Needmore and Creative Advancement afterschool programs continued at the Needmore Recreation Center and Tryon Recreation Center respectively.
- South Carolina Treasure and Artifacts Club held their monthly meeting on February 24, at Tryon Recreation.
- The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) monthly meeting was held on February 25, at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- The Disc Golf Space Race League is on Tuesday nights at Century Park from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

- The iShape ME mentoring program for middle school aged girls is held every other Wednesday night at Needmore Recreation Center.
- Staff finalized and submitted the FY 2026 Greenville County Redevelopment Authority CDBG Block Grant Applications.

Tourism

- Lindsey Shaffer attended the Southeast Festivals & Events Annual Conference in Chattanooga, TN on Sunday, February 23 through Wednesday, February 26. Lindsey completed her term as Chair of the Board of Directors at the end of the conference. She will continue to serve on the board until February 2027.
- The March Discover Greer Newsletter was published on Tuesday, February 25 and featured the opening of White Wine & Butter at Greer Golf, South Tyger River Greenway, and upcoming events.
- Staff met with the BMW Charity Pro-Am on Monday, February 3 to discuss a tournament kick-off event that will take place in downtown on Saturday, May 31.
- Staff dropped off 400 additional Discover Greer brochures at the SC Welcome Center in Blacksburg on Tuesday, February 4.
- Lindsey Shaffer met with the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, February 6 to discuss the 2025 Greer Arts & Eats festival.
- Lindsey Shaffer attended the SC Governor's Tourism Conference in Spartanburg on February 10 – February 12. Education sessions included topics on sports tourism, the benefits of working with film organizations in your community, an update from the SC PRT Department, and more.
- Lindsey Shaffer led a presentation on Attracting and Promoting Restaurants and Entertainment in Downtown Greer for the Urban Land Institute on Thursday, February 13.
- The Tourism Division and Communications Department coordinated a social media campaign with Move Upstate SC, to promote living, playing, working, visiting, and staying in Greer. The campaign includes a play and stay package for lodging, dining, shopping, and other activities. The campaign ran February 17-23.
- Lindsey Shaffer met with Mayor Danner and Michelle Willis on Wednesday, February 19 to discuss initial plans for the City's upcoming Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) in 2026.
- Staff attended White Wine & Butter's Ribbon Cutting, hosted by the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce, on Thursday, February 20 to celebrate the opening of their restaurant at Greer Golf.
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ADMINISTRATION:

Wards Creek Trail System

PRT staff members participated in a site visit with consultants from GMC on March 21st to review the trailheads and finalize recommendations for the trail path.

South Tyger River Greenway

PRT staff is awaiting the status of their application for the Recreation Trails Grant through the SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for Phase 1A of the South Tyger River Greenway. The application request is for a \$100,000 grant with a 20% match (\$25,000) from the City of Greer. Award notifications should be received by May/June of this year. City staff is in the process of creating a RFQ to advertise for qualified contractors in summer 2025.

Turner Ball Park

Timers were installed on the restroom locks at Big Turner Field and the low water pressure in the single restroom at Little Turner Field has been resolved. Outstanding items include repairing and recovering the floors in the restrooms at Big Turner Field and repairing the Pour-In-Place surfacing in the playground area.

Greer Golf – Clubhouse/Pool Area Renovation and Bridge Replacement

Staff have been busy preparing for The Grand Opening event for Greer Golf scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 3:00pm to 6:00pm. We will have music, games and informational tents on the turf space at the Cabana and mini clinics for “quick tips” every 15 minutes on the putting green and at the driving range. Beginning at 6:00pm, we will be hosting auditions for Greer Idol and Greer Idol Junior in the Cabana area.

Stevens Field Outdoor Basketball Courts

- A storm drain pipe was installed in the outfield in Stevens Ball Field.
- Debris grinding, clearing and hauling off of materials occurred.
- Rough grading began for the pond and parking lot.
- Fine grading began on the site for the basketball courts.

DIVISIONS:

Athletics

- Athletics completed Opening Day “Greer Diamond Classic” youth baseball and softball tournaments at Century Park, Country Club Park, Stevens Field, and Turner Park.
 - In one day, close to 40 games were completed at 4 different parks.
 - Diego Gomez and his athletic field crew teammates at Century Park, Stevens Field, Turner Park, and Country Club Park are doing a tremendous job.
- Greer Softball and Baseball Club Opening Weekend Home Run Derby event were completed at Country Club Park.
 - Participants in every age division competed against each other for the Greer Baseball and Greer Softball Club HR Derby championship.
- The first week of concession sales went well.
 - \$2,798.50 is the total sales for week 1 of the season at Country Club Park and Century Park.

- The paperless transaction system has been working perfectly at both sites for one week.
- Part-time staff members are doing a tremendous job at their sites.
- The Athletic Supervisor completes stand checks daily and stocks inventory.
- Athletics completed the Greer 76ers High School Rugby Season.
 - Greer 76ers Rugby participants finished as state champions, Ruggerfest champions, and finalists at the Friendship Cup.
 - Greer 76ers Varsity Rugby program had 6 seniors to graduate, but will return a solid core group in 2025-2026.
- Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Recreation facilitated practices and games at Suber Road Park.
- Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy practices at Greer City Stadium.
- Greer Baseball Club practices and games are facilitated at Century Park, Country Club Park, Stevens Field, and Riverside Middle School.
- All Greer Softball Club games and practices are held at Turner Park and Riverside Middle School.
- Athletics held budget meetings with department staff and directors. Staff is looking at major needs such as park lighting, upgraded concession equipment, restroom timers, etc.
- All facility rentals were completed.

Cultural Arts

- Tech Week and Performances for Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella (Youth Edition) were February 23 – March 9 at the Cannon Centre. Most shows were sold out, and the final performance on Sunday, March 9, was oversold, with as many additional seats added as we could find. After the final performance, the cast, crew, and Cultural Arts took down all the sets, lights, and equipment and packed up all the props, costumes, and makeup/wigs and returned them to the Center for the Arts and the Tryon Recreation Center.
- Rehearsals for Clue: High School Edition officially began on Tuesday, March 11. Rehearsals are every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at either the Center for the Arts or the Tryon Recreation Center. The first set build for Clue was held on Saturday, March 22. Painting, costumes, prop-making are on Saturdays as well.
- Robin, Sara, and some members of the Clue creative team put away costumes and props from Cinderella.
- Staff worked on cleaning the Center for the Arts after major events in the previous weeks.
- Robin worked on the International Festival entertainment schedule, confirming with the 30 different groups currently booked for the festival.
- The Center for the Arts hosted Junior Leadership Greer on Tuesday, March 11. Robin Byouk and Justin Miller gave a presentation on the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department and gave a tour of the Center for the Arts.
- Clay classes continued at the Center for the Arts on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
- The Communications Division interviewed artist Leslie Lakes (currently on display at the Center for the Arts and City Hall galleries) for Greer View.
- The Foothills Philharmonic performed a free concert on Saturday, March 15th at the Center for the Arts. The Art Reception for Leslie Lakes was held during the same time in the art gallery. The concurrent events both benefitted from being held at the same time. There were approximately 100 people in attendance.
- Robin and Sara attended the Supervisor Training on March 20.
- Southern Dance Connection rented the Center for the Arts on Sunday, March 23, for their Spring Dance Recital.

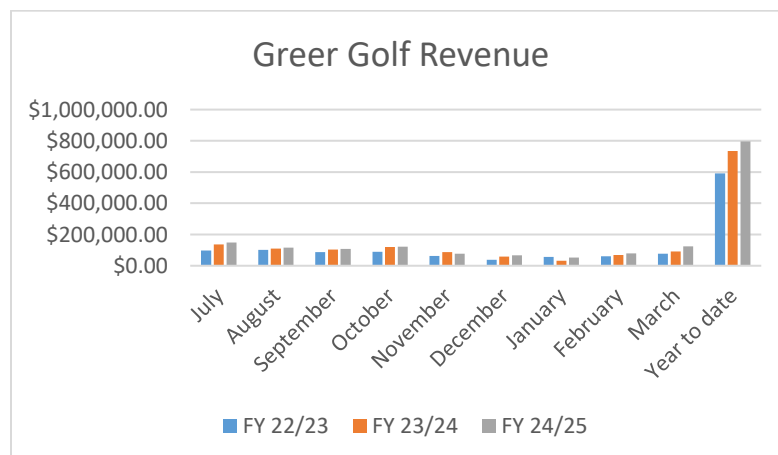
- On Tuesday, March 25, Robin, Sara, and Fairis spent the day in Charlotte, NC, visiting the Mint Museum. They visited both museum facilities (the downtown and the Randolph Rd. locations) and saw a wide variety of artwork, from ancient works to modern, and even an exhibition of high school student work for Youth Art Month.
- Robin's after-school kids' art class started on Wednesday afternoons.
- Staff worked on budgets for the upcoming year, as well as preparations for the International Festival, Tunes in the Park, Clue, and summer camp.

Events

- 33 total events- Internal: 9, Rental: 20, Special Events: 1, Wedding Event: 3
- The Greer Farmers' Market was held in City Park on Sunday, March 9, with approximately 500 people in attendance.
- The Events Division is currently planning and finalizing spring and summer festivals and events, such as Easter Eggstastic, International Festival, Greer Alive, and Moonlight Movies.
- From March 25-27, teachers and administrators from seven local elementary schools attended a three-day Leader in Me Conference at the Cannon Centre and Event Halls.
- Greer Alive (Food Truck Rollout) took place on March 28, 2025, in Greer City Park and was a successful event, attracting a great turnout. The Brooks Dixon Band provided live music, and six food trucks offered a variety of food options. Eight local vendors were also on-site showcasing their products. Greer Relief partnered with us to provide adult beverages, and guests enjoyed putt-putt golf provided by a new vendor, Rolling Greens, during the event.
- The Events Division hosted the Rogers Group for another training, with over 300 people in attendance at the Cannon Centre on Monday, March 31.
- In March, the Ambassadors provided excellent customer service, assisting just under 750 passengers in downtown Greer Station.

Golf

- The Upstate SC Amateur Players Tour was held on March 15 at Greer Golf.
- Greer Golf hosted to the JAASC (Japan American Association of South Carolina) Charity Tournament on March 28 with 100 players. The tournament went well and we received numerous compliments on the upgrades to the course.
- We recorded \$123,564.51 in revenue during the month of March. This was \$45k more than last month and \$33k more than last year's total for March.



Recreation

- Rentals: Recreation Center-7; Kids Planet- 87
- Never Alone, Narcotics Anonymous, continued on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- SOAR hosted four Wednesday Line Dancing sessions with 89 in attendance at the Tryon Recreation Center; a Hand and Foot card game day on March 12 and March 26 at the Tryon Recreation Center with 15 seniors; a book club meeting on March 18 with 8 participants at the Center for the Arts; a movie Day on March 10 at City Hall with 10 seniors; a stroke prevention luncheon on March 4 at City Hall with 12 seniors; and two Bingo Days at City Hall on March 6 and March 20 with 52 seniors in attendance.
- SOAR took a Lunch Bunch trip to Tryon, NC, and ate at Side Street Pizza and shopped downtown with 30 participants.
- The Palmetto Cutlery Club monthly meeting was held on March 4 at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- Pickleball open-play sessions, Adaptive Pickleball sessions, and one Pickleball Tournament were hosted at Tryon Recreation Center.
- Hosted a Disc Golf Tourney on March 1 at Century Park with 77 participants.
- The Needmore Afterschool program and Creative Advancement program continued at the Needmore Recreation Center and Tryon Recreation Center, respectively.
- The South Carolina Treasure and Artifacts Club held its monthly meeting on March 24 at Tryon Recreation.
- Hosted the Disabled American Veterans Group for their monthly meeting on March 25 at Tryon Recreation.
- On March 6, Kidokinetics started a new program at Tryon Recreation Center that will meet every Thursday at 9:30am. Kidokinetics is for ages 1-5 that will introduce a number of sports to toddlers and educate them on the muscles they are using. It will also help them engage socially with other kids. Kidokinetics had approximately 15 kids in attendance throughout March.
- Continued with the iShape ME mentoring program for Middle School aged girls at Needmore Recreation Center (held every other Wednesday night).
- The Outdoor Archery Program continued with spring classes every Wednesday night at City Stadium.

Tourism

- Staff met with Michelle Willis regarding the 150th Anniversary Planning on Tuesday, March 4.
- Lindsey Shaffer attended One Spartanburg's Outlook Spartanburg 2025 Conference on Friday, March 7. Topics included an economic forecast, a panel discussion with municipalities and local developers on building on momentum, and Spartanburg's latest marketing campaign.
- Staff conducted an initial phone meeting on Tuesday, March 11 with a South Carolina content creator to discuss a potential marketing campaign to take place in late summer or fall. The campaign will feature lodging, dining, and entertainment in Greer.
- Lindsey Shaffer met with the BMW Charity Pro-Am on Wednesday, March 12, to confirm plans for their tournament kickoff event taking place downtown on Sunday, June 1.
- Staff completed a budget and event proposal for the City of Greer's upcoming 150th Anniversary (March 2026).
- Lindsey Shaffer met with Mandy Jo of Creative Slingers of Ink on Thursday, March 20, to discuss an upcoming book festival taking place at the Historic Greer Depot in October. The event will feature around 30 authors of multiple genres. A special event permit is required to have food trucks in the parking lot.

- Staff attended TATT's Upstate Connect on Friday, March 21, and toured the new Spartanburger's Fifth Third Park.
- The April Discover Greer Newsletter was published on Tuesday, March 25, and featured the Greer Golf Grand Reopening Event, downtown shuttle information, the reopening of Harvest Kitchen, upcoming events, and more.
- Discover Greer advertisement designs for the GSP International Airport and the Greer Chamber's Greer Map were finalized on Monday, March 31. The designs feature Greer Station, dining, and Greer Golf.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Applicant:

Ann Cunningham, Dir., Parks, Recreation & Tourism

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2025 Upcoming Events

Applicant:

Ann Cunningham, Dir., Parks, Recreation & Tourism

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2025 Event Schedule

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
7-9 GCAC Cinderella
9 – Sunday Brunch Farmers Market
28 – Greer Alive!

APRIL

5 - Greer Golf Grand Reopening
12- Easter Eggastic
13- Sunday Brunch Farmers Market
25-27- Greer Cultural Center presents Clue
(High School Edition)
26- Greer Goes Global: International Festival

MAY

Sundays- Greer Farmers Market
2-4 - Greer Cultural Center presents Clue
(High School Edition)
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

SEPTEMBER

20 - Tunes in the Park
26 - Greer Alive!
26 - Greer Farmers Market
27- Railfest

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

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2025 Remaining Meeting Dates

Applicant:

Ann Cunningham Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism

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2025 MEETING DATES

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

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ADJOURNEMENT

Applicant:

Jason Bridwell, Chairperson