



AGENDA
Greer Recreation Association, Inc. Board of Trustees

April 30, 2026

Meeting Location: Greer City Hall. 301 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651

6:15 PM
Regular Meeting

Call to Order

Vincent Anderson, Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

Lance Owens, Vice-Chairperson

Invocation

Jason Bridwell, Trustee

Public Forum

1. Public Forum

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Vincent Anderson. Chairperson

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes dated January 22, 2026 (Action Required)
 - A. Meeting Minutes January 22, 2026

Committee Reports

1. Committee Reports

Department Update

1. Department Updates by Parks, Recreation & Tourism Staff
2. January 2026 Monthly Written Report
3. February 2026 Monthly Written Report
4. March 2026 Monthly Written Report

Financial Reports

1. Financial Report — Red Watson, Assistant Director, Parks, Recreation &

Tourism

Director's Report

1. Director's Report — Ann Cunningham, Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism

New Business

1. Nominations of Adhoc Representatives (Action Required)
2. An Upcoming List of City Events is attached.
3. Remaining 2026 Meeting Dates

Adjournment

Vincent Anderson, Chairperson

Notice Under the Americans with Disabilities Act

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, activity or public meeting of the City of Greer should contact Keith Choate, ADA Coordinator at (864) 848-5386 as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

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Cualquier persona que requiera ayuda o servicio auxiliar para una comunicación efectiva o una modificación de políticas o procedimientos para participar en un programa, servicio, actividad o reunión pública de la Ciudad de Greer debe comunicarse con Keith Choate, Coordinador de ADA al (864) 848-5386 lo antes posible, pero no más tarde de 48 horas antes del evento programado.

Greer Recreation Association Board Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2026

Location: Greer City Hall, Hall A

The following members of the Board of Trustees attended:

Attended: Lance Owens, Vincent Anderson, Amanda Hopper, Trevor Hoffman, and Jason Bridwell

Absent: Melissa Padgett-Smith and Michael Wright

Others Present:

Ann Cunningham (Director), Red Watson (Assistant Director), Robbie Davis (Events Supervisor), Cory Holtzclaw (Athletics Supervisor), Justin Miller (Recreation Supervisor), Robin Byouk (Cultural Arts Supervisor), Lindsey Shaffer (Tourism Specialist), Sam Merrell (Greer Golf Asst. General Manager), Reverend Rob Robinson (DAV Adhoc Representative), Mary Reimer & Bob Reimer (SOAR Adhoc Representatives), and Jamie Karvellas (Administrative Assistant).

Call to Order :

Jason Bridwell, Chairperson, 6:16 p.m.

Election of Officers

Jason Bridwell, 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.

Action: Nominations were made 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. Vincent Anderson was elected Chairperson of the Greer Recreation Association for 2026, and Lance Owens was elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Greer Recreation Association for 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vincent Anderson, Chairperson

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No one was present to speak.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Actions: Vincent Anderson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated July 24, 2025. Jason Bridwell seconded the motion.

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

Committee Reports

Athletics – Cory Holtzclaw, Athletic Supervisor

- There are no additional items or issues to report.

Greer Cultural Arts Council (GCAC) – Robin Byouk, Cultural Arts Supervisor, on behalf of Mandy Hambrook, GCAC Adhoc Representative

- On November 2, at the Day of the Dead Festival, GCAC provided 33 volunteers to help set up and take down tents, tables, and signs, as well as manage the six craft tables.
- The Greer Children’s Theatre presented Beetlejuice Jr. at the Cannon Center from October 17 to 26, 2025. We believe the attendance was lower for this show because the theme did not appeal to our target audience of children and grandparents.
- The Greer Children’s Theatre held auditions for The Lion King Jr. in December. Eighty children auditioned, and forty-seven were cast. Rehearsals began on January 5, taking place on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
- Lion King Jr. tickets go on sale on Monday, February 6, 2026, at noon. Performances are March 6-8 & 13-15, 2026 at the Cannon Centre.
- Auditions for Junie B. Jones, the Musical, are on April 4, 2026.

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

- There are no issues to report.

Greer Golf – Sam Merrell on behalf of Bill Harrill, Ad hoc Representative

There are no issues to report. He did relay to me that he was happy with the increased number of tournaments being played at the course.

SOAR, Tennis & Pickleball - Justin Miller, Recreation Supervisor

- There are no issues to report

Departmental Updates

Athletics Division – Cory Holtzclaw, Athletics Supervisor

- Our Tomahawk Youth Wrestling programming continues at maximum capacity and operates from the Cannon Centre.
 - The annual Tomahawk Invitational wrestling tournament is half full, which registers 200 wrestlers. This tournament is the largest recreational wrestling tournament in the state. The tournament is scheduled for February 7, 2026, and is held at Greer High School.
- The Fall Youth Cheer season ended with their performance at the Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, NC. This is an event the girls look forward to each year.
- Spring registration has concluded for: Foothills Soccer Club, Greer Baseball Club, and Greer Softball. Assisted with the City of Greer committees
- Attended the SCRPA (South Carolina Recreation & Parks Association) Sports Management Institute at Coastal Carolina University.
- Hosted a communication meeting to bolster baseball and softball umpire numbers. Currently, we are in a nationwide shortage of baseball/softball umpires. The indoor sports (basketball/volleyball) tend to recruit the best baseball/softball umpires.
- The First full year of in-house concession sales was a success! These funds will help offset the costs of high-maintenance athletic programs (for example, athletic programs requiring athletic trainers).

Cultural Arts Division – Robin Byouk, Cultural Arts Supervisor

- The Cultural Arts Division held its second *Day of the Dead* Festival on Saturday, November 2, 2025. The festival went smoothly and was very well attended. We don't have an official attendance figure, but it seemed at least as busy as last year, when it had 1,300 attendees. Since this year's event was 3 hours longer than last year (1-9 pm instead of 2-7 pm), we had closer to 2,000 throughout the day. The Day of the Dead Festival featured live entertainment such as musicians and dancers, stilt walkers dressed in monarch butterfly-inspired costumes, a DJ playing music in the amphitheater, artist vendor tents, free craft tents outside, monarch butterfly education, a larger-than-life Catrina sculpture and ofrenda, both symbols of the festival's meaning, face painting, balloon art, food trucks, and more.
- On Tuesday, November 4, Edwin Hutchinson, along with assistance from Seth Williams of the grounds division, installed the five outdoor displays and the large Mosaic Butterfly wings for the Butterfly Project in the park at the Center for the Arts. A dedication will be scheduled after the winter holidays.
- The *Holiday Arts Fair* was held on Saturday, November 22, at the Center for the Arts. We had 29 vendors inside the building, and the crowds seemed larger than we had previously had for this event. We also had the *Empty Bowls Project* going on during the event, and the 67 bowls sold raised approximately \$1,340 for *Greer Community Ministries*. The Empty Bowls project is an international project where ceramists and clay artists create and donate bowls to be sold, with the proceeds donated to various charities.

- On Dec 9, we held our *Gingerbread Jamboree and Student Art Exhibition reception*. The *Carolina Bronze* performed in a packed room, and our Gingerbread houses were on display. We had over 200 visitors that evening. The Student Art Exhibition included 8 schools, 3 homeschools, and 112 pieces of art, which was our largest participation to date. Over the 2 weeks of display, we had 300 visitors through our Gingerbread Houses display.
- The *Santa Central* multicultural event took place on Saturday, December 6, at the Center for the Arts. The event featured three Santas representing different ethnicities. Crafts were available for children, and gingerbread houses were on display for viewing. Approximately 50 people attended the event.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Juried Art Exhibition Reception February 10
 - W. Bing Davis Art at the Center for the Arts Gallery April-June

Events Division – Robbie Davis, Events Supervisor

The Events Division hosted the following events:

Events

- October 24 – Greer Farmers Market & Greer Alive
- November 14 – Greer Farmers Market & Greer Alive – Chili Cook-off
- December 5 – Greer Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 6 – Breakfast with Santa
- December 6 – 7 – Greer Farmers Market Christmas Festival
- January 19 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Upcoming Events

- January 25 – Greer Farmers Market Sunday Brunch
- February 15 - Greer Farmers’ Market Sunday Brunch
- March 21 – Easter Egg-tastic
- April 17 – Greer Alive
- April 19 - Greer Farmers Market Sunday Brunch
- April 25 - International Festival
- April 26 – October 4 – Greer Farmers Market
- May 22 – Greer Alive

October 23 – January 22, the Events Division has hosted

- 84 – Internal Events
- 67 – Rentals
- 12 – Special Events
- 14 – Weddings

*A Total of 177 events that brought in over 22,000 people to Greer City Park.

- Greer Alive and the Greer Farmers Market partnered to kick off Halloween on Friday, October 24, at Greer City Park. Guests were encouraged to dress in their best Halloween costumes and visit more than 40 vendors who distributed candy throughout the event. The evening featured live music by Chris Wayne, over nine food trucks, free face painting, and interactive activities provided by The Children’s Museum of the Upstate.
- Our first Sensory Santa was held on November 22. We hosted over 19 families from the upstate area who participated in this event, which gave children 15 minutes of one-on-one time with Santa and Mrs. Claus for children who get overstimulated easily. This allows for a quieter, less stressful environment. We are looking forward to expanding this program next year.
- The Greer Christmas Tree Lighting took place on Friday, December 5, at Greer City Park, welcoming over 2,000 attendees. Guests gathered to celebrate the annual lighting of the Greer Christmas Tree and enjoyed a festive evening filled with free crafts, train rides, live dance performances, an ice carving demonstration, and inflatables. Greer Relief was on-site, selling marshmallows for roasting and serving hot chocolate, while the American Legion and Boot Print were inside raising awareness for veterans. The most magical moment of the night came with the announcement of Greer’s 150th celebration, delivered by Mayor Danner, his granddaughter Ruby, and David Lovegrove from the Greer Heritage Museum.
- The 2025 Supper with Santa welcomed over 225 City of Greer employees and their families on Friday, December 5, for a festive evening filled with a delicious breakfast for dinner provided by Laurenda’s Family Restaurant & Catering, visits and photos with Santa, and free Christmas crafts for all ages, while also raising \$950 to donate to the Greer Police Department’s Cops for Tots program.
- The 2025 Breakfast with Santa event featured three sold-out sessions on Saturday, December 6, where guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast from Laurenda’s Family Restaurant & Catering, free holiday crafts, and memorable photos with Santa.
- The Greer Farmers Market Christmas Festival took place on Saturday, December 6, and Sunday, December 7, welcoming thousands of guests for a festive weekend filled with Christmas shopping from over 65 local vendors, live holiday music, and delicious food from local food trucks.
- The 24th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, held January 19 at The Event Halls at Greer City Hall, united the Greer community to honor Dr. King’s lasting legacy. The event featured inspiring music and spoken word performances, along with a powerful keynote address by Woodrow Dantzler. Outstanding community members were recognized, including Singleton Gilmore with the Samaritan Award and Judge Henry J. Mims with the Rev. R.B. Sullivan Award. A Special Key to the City was also presented to former Harlem Globetrotter Kris Bruton for his leadership and positive impact on youth. The celebration honored Dr. King’s vision while encouraging continued progress toward justice, equality, and community empowerment.

Ambassadors

- The Greer Station Shuttles continued to support our local restaurants, shops, and businesses in downtown Greer Station by picking up over 6,000 people throughout the year.

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

Grounds Maintenance

- All tees were over-seeded with rye grass and top-dressed for the fall and winter.
- Ground staff patched some of the few remaining bad spots on our putting greens with diamond zoysia grass back in October, and they painted all our putting greens for the winter last week.
- We installed new irrigation software and hardware, and they are now fully operational. We also received our new greens roller this week.
- The Grounds Maintenance staff removed the old cart path at hole #12 bridge and have also been cleaning up limbs, fallen trees, etc. that they were not able to get to last year (from Hurricane Helene). They also assisted with the installation of the Recreation Division's pollinator garden next to the driving range.

Clubhouse - Pro Shop

- Tournaments hosted:
 - The Greer Community Ministries Annual Meals on Wheels Tournament on October 10, 2025. The tournament had nearly 160 players and is our biggest of the year.
 - The High School Girls Regional tournament for local high schools is on October 13.
 - Club Championship, which was open to all members and city of Greer residents. We had 40 participants.
 - Gap Creek Club Black Friday Two-Man Tournament on November 28 and the GCC (Gap Creek Club) Cup on January 11, 2026.
 - Through December 31 (6 months of Fiscal Year operation), we collected \$842,905.69 in revenue. This is 63% of our annual budget, and \$204,794.57 more in revenue than we had through December of last year.
- Greer Golf was featured in a digital ad on **GreerNews.com** for October.
- A tree dedication ceremony honoring the life and service of Cody Norris was held on Tuesday, November 25. Cody was a former employee and avid golfer who tragically passed away on November 22, 2024. The dedication included an opportunity for colleagues and friends to share memories. The 6-inch caliper Live Oak tree is placed on the left side of the cart path leading to hole #10 and features a plaque in Cody's honor.
- **Upcoming:**
 - Greer Golf is hosting Greer High School and Greer Middle School golf teams.
 - 2026 has been a little colder than recent years so far. We've had several days where frost delays have pushed our first tee time of the day to 10:30, and we are looking at potentially covering our greens and closing the course this weekend due to the severe weather.
 - We are planning our first Member-Guest tournament since being acquired by the city. We hope to have the tournament in March.

Recreation – Justin Miller, Recreation Supervisor

- Recreation Department End of the 2025 Year Programs & Rentals.
 - Department Programs: 45
 - Recreation Center Rentals (Tryon & Needmore Recreational Centers): 88
 - Kids Planet Rentals: 803
 - Neighborhood Parks & Private Rentals: 10
 - We recently completed the bi-annual and annual reports for the Senior Yoga and Summer Camp programs, required for receiving grants. Additionally, we have submitted our reimbursement request for the Senior Yoga program, which concluded this past fall.
- Recreation has completed a new basketball program at Stevens Park Basketball Courts, our newest facility. Eighteen (18) participants attended a community basketball clinic, followed by a four-week training session with twenty-two (22) participants.

Tourism – Lindsey Shaffer, Tourism Specialist

- **Greer150 PowerPoint Presentation, highlights of the year-long events planned:**

2026 will be a year-long celebration that brings together our diverse community, honors the past, and inspires a shared vision for the next 150 years of Greer.

 - We are partnering with the Greer Heritage Museum to bring monthly events, Greer150 merchandise, and much more.
 - Throughout the year, we will tell the story of Greer through interviews, art, storytelling, events, and engaging and educational social media content.
 - For the Greer150 branding, we decided to invite our community to take part in a special way. We made a call for branding submissions, formed a selection committee, and ultimately selected Scott Prather, who is a Greer resident. Scott's passion for this project was inspiring, and the designs connect Greer's rich history to the present day.
 - Our communications department made a webpage within the city website that will serve as the hub for Greer150 events and information.
 - We invite the community to get involved through volunteering and sharing stories of living in Greer. There is also a Business Prep Guide on the website showing how businesses and organizations can be part of the celebration.
 - Greer150 merchandise is available through the museum and can be purchased online at select events, and at the museum.

Grounds Maintenance and Urban Parks Division – Red Watson, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, *on behalf of Public Services & Grounds Department.*

Grounds - Athletics

- Public Service staff members assisted with several events, which included: the Christmas Tree Lighting, the Christmas Parade, and Arts and Eats, an annual event hosted by the Chamber.
- Staff prepared Country Club Fields for the Christmas 7s rugby tournament on December 7.
- Staff applied rye grass and fertilizer to City Stadium, Country Club Soccer Fields 1 and 2, Suber Soccer Fields 1 and 2, using our in-house turf program.

Grounds – Urban Parks

- Four staff members attended the Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS) conference in Louisville, KY, in October, and brought home the National Grand Award for City Park/Downtown and the National Honor Award for Center for the Arts Park. These are very prestigious awards, and they went through a very competitive process and were recognized by Council for this accomplishment.
- Staff delivered six (6) Big Belly trash compactor units to City Park. These replaced the old units, which lined the promenade and around the fountain/amphitheater area.
- The Greentown Park entrance gate was installed on Friday, November 21
- Staff re-painted the Tube Dude statue at the Center for the Arts with the City color royal-gloss blue.
- We have had 4.4” of rain

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

- Our program funds look good operationally. Supervisors continue to do a great job each season. All these programs are self-sustaining.
- Our Parks & Recreation Development (PARD) Grants. This grant was used by the golf course to extend the putting green, and we plan to apply for two (2) additional PARD grants in the Spring and possibly use the funds for improving the cart paths. PARD grants are broken up by counties, so we apply to the two counties in which the City of Greer is located. On the Spartanburg County side of the course and on the Greenville County side, we are thinking about using the funds to replace the range ball machine and making some cosmetic changes to the building it’s housed in to use for additional storage.

Action Item:

- We are asking for your support to allocate a portion of the Fund Balance in our Recreation Programs Fund to upgrade the lighting system at Stevens Field for these reasons:

Sports field lighting technology has progressed rapidly over recent years. LED lighting is now the standard, and if you've been to Big Turner since we completed construction, you'll definitely see the difference between the LED lights there and the old lights (metal halide) at Little Turner. We've also heard from our local installers that metal halide bulbs will eventually become obsolete, and they are already becoming difficult to find. Very few manufacturers make ballasts for metal halide lights any longer, and most of those available are "aftermarket."

Knowing this, we have held high-level budget discussions over the past couple of years to develop a plan to upgrade all of our field lights. Stevens Field is home to our 15–19-year-old League, American Legion, Adult Baseball, and many high schools and academy teams use this facility throughout the year. This is a high-level playing field. Stevens Field is currently under construction to rebuild the outfield wall that was damaged in Hurricane Helene. This presented a perfect opportunity to upgrade the lighting system to LED and make this facility a safe, efficient, and unique baseball stadium for our community.

We arranged to have the light levels measured at Stevens Field by a local manufacturer, and they recommended upgrading all our lighting systems to LED. No surprise there. One thing that stood out in the study was that Stevens Field has abnormally low lighting levels. The levels are low enough to warrant immediate action, and we are planning to move forward with creating and advertising a request for proposals to upgrade our lighting system to LED. This will keep us on track to complete the project in April, before the American Legion season starts in the summer.

Benefits of converting: Significant energy savings, lower maintenance costs due to extreme longevity, superior light quality (brighter, less glare, better color), instant on/off with dimming/customization. This improvement will enhance player safety, performance, and fan experience.

- Red opened the floor for questions from the Board of Trustees:
 - Q.** Lance Owens: What is the approximate cost for the upgrade?
A: *Approximately - \$175k - \$225k*
 - Q.** Lance Owens: And we have that money in our account?
A: *Yes, as of 6/31/26, we have a balance upwards of \$500K (\$519,310)*
 - Q.** Jason Bridwell: Are these halogen lights?
A. *That's what I would call them. They refer to them as Metal Halide lights.*

***Comment:** Amanda Hopper: For many years, citizens have requested that the lights be replaced out there, and if these lights are becoming obsolete and we will need to replace them in the near future, it may be beneficial to purchase them sooner rather than later to receive better pricing.*

Action: A vote of confidence to support upgrading the lighting system at Stevens Field with a portion of the Recreation Programs Funds.

- Vincent Anderson made a motion to take a vote.
- Second: Lance Armstrong

Vote: All Trustees were polled individually, and the decision was unanimous in support of upgrading the lighting system at Stevens Field with a portion of the Recreation Programs Fund.

Director’s Report Ann Cunningham, Director
ADMINISTRATION:

Capital Projects

- **Stevens Field Wall Replacement:** Construction of the outfield wall section that was damaged during Hurricane Helene was awarded to Foothills Construction Company. This project began in January. Money to reconstruct the wall is provided through FEMA. A new scoreboard will be installed and mounted on the new concrete field wall.
- **South Tyger River Greenway:** Foothills Construction Company began construction of the South Tyger River Greenway in the third week of November. They are working diligently and have accomplished all the tree removal before the December 15 deadline. This was to avoid interfering with the endangered Tri-Colored Bat’s mating season. Grading of the trail has begun with the removal of debris.
- **Wards Creek Trail System:** SCDOT is reviewing the new path outlined by CPW.
- **Century Park:** Bids to repair/renovate the lower entrance to Century Park and address several areas throughout Kids Planet were presented to City Council on Tuesday, January 13. The project was awarded to McMurria Grading. The project will address stormwater erosion issues in Kids Planet and the lower entrance, as well as repave the road up to the bridge, leading to the ball fields.
- **Greer Golf:** Construction on the new bridge at Hole #12 leading to the tee box began in September 2025. Remaining construction consists of installing the handrails on the bridge and pouring the concrete cart path to the tee box.
- **Cannon Centre Retaining Wall:** A 35 ft. section of the retaining wall is peeling loose from the embankment. Our Capital Projects Management team is currently reviewing engineering plans to determine the best course of action.

Other Updates

- The City of Greer and all departments are preparing for the incoming winter storm. The City's website and social media outlets will communicate any operation closures and updates.
- We have Ad-Hoc Committee Representatives whose terms have expired, and we are actively seeking replacements for those positions. These will be presented to the Board and voted on at our next meeting.

New Business

Ann Cunningham, Director Parks, Recreation & Tourism

- Remaining 2026 Meeting Dates: April 16, July 23, & October 29
- 2026 Events – January – March, included in the Agenda Packet

Adjournment

- Vincent Anderson, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Next Meeting

- Thursday, April 16, 2026 – 6:15 pm

**This Meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, April 30, 2026*



PLAY
EXPLORE
DISCOVER

MONTHLY REPORT

JANUARY 2026



GREER Parks,
 Recreation
 & Tourism

ADMINISTRATION

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- **Cannon Centre Retaining Wall:** A 35 ft. section of the retaining wall is peeling loose from the embankment. Our Capital Projects Management team collaborated with the adjacent property owner and construction/repair is scheduled to begin soon.
- January 23 – 27, 2026 the City of Greer and all departments prepared for Winter Storm Fern. The City's website and social media outlets communicated all operation closures and updates.
- The Greer Recreation Association has Ad-Hoc Committee Representatives whose terms have expired, and we are actively seeking replacements for those positions. These will be presented to the Board and voted on at the next meeting in April.



Ward's Creek Trail 5



South Tyger River 5

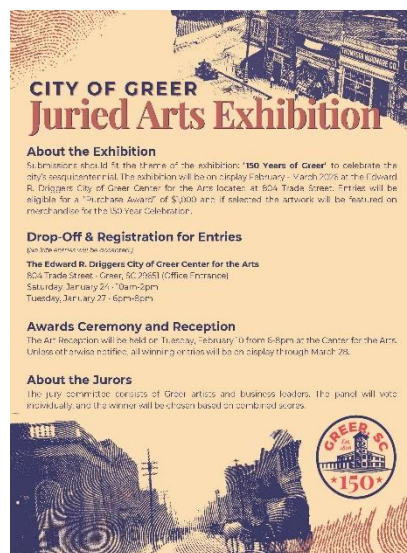
ATHLETICS



- **Junior and High School Rugby Programming:** The South Carolina High School League began January 17. Junior teams (U14 and below) competed in the CYR League in Charlotte, NC, while squads trained throughout the week at Country Club Park. The Junior and High School Rugby Programming also hosted multiple Rugby South Carolina officials training sessions at the park, and the first youth rugby tournament was held there on January 17.
- **Youth Wrestling Programming:** Greer Athletics facilitated the Tomahawk Youth Wrestling Program, with athletes competing in local tournaments across Spartanburg and Greenville Counties and training throughout the week at the Cannon Center. The program once again reached maximum capacity for the Winter 2025–2026 season, and the Tomahawk Invitational—the largest recreational wrestling tournament in South Carolina—was scheduled for February 7 at Greer High School.
- **Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy:** Practice was facilitated at Greer City Stadium and South Suber Road Park throughout the week
- **Greer Baseball Club Spring 2026:** Registration opened for Greer Baseball Club Spring 2026 participants, with divisions from 4U through 15U filling quickly as the season approached. Volunteer coaches and umpires were recruited for the upcoming season, and the Athletics Coordinator collaborated with the Communications Division to develop a marketing plan to support umpire recruitment efforts amid a nationwide shortage of sports officials. The Opening Day tournament was scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at all Greer PRT diamonds.
- **Greer Softball Club Spring 2026:** Registration opened for Greer Softball Club Spring 2026 participants, with the 8U, 10U, and 12U divisions trending upward toward one of the largest leagues to date. The Opening Day tournament was scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at all Greer PRT diamonds.
- **Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Spring 2026:** Registration opened for the Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Spring 2026 participants, with U6, U8, U10, and U12 divisions expected to reach full capacity by January 16. While participant interest remained strong, recruiting volunteer coaches continued to be more challenging.
- **Greer Christmas 7s Accommodations Grant:** The final Greer Christmas 7s Accommodations Grant packet was submitted to Finance. Due to rising costs for officials, sanctioning, equipment, and trainers, an increase in grant funding will be needed for 2027.
- **Southern Conference Rugby Tournament:** Plans were finalized for the Southern Conference Rugby Tournament scheduled for the upcoming spring. Collegiate programs from across the Southeast and Midwest were set to compete in Greer at Country Club Park on April 11. Collegiate programs from all over the southeast and Midwest will head to Greer (Country Club Park) April 11, 2026.
- Youth baseball tournament schedules were finalized for the upcoming spring season.
- Mandatory city-wide training sent by HR, IT, and Risk Management was completed.

CULTURAL ARTS

- Over the holiday lull in activity, staff worked on cleaning the facility to reset it for the new year. With the help of the clay instructors, the clay classroom and the glaze room were completely rearranged and reorganized. Staff also cleaned out the back storage rooms and closets.
- The first weeks of the year kicked off with new sessions in all nine clay classes, and so far, 950 pounds of clay have been sold.
- Three new crochet classes started during the first week of January: two adult classes and one student class.
- The *Lion King Jr.* parent meeting was held on January 8, and rehearsals have been held every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Performances will take place on the first two weekends in March.
- Three Artist in Residence applications were scored, and one new Artist in Residence moved into Studio 2 on January 10. Our newest Artist in Residence, Savannah Ralph, is a painter.
- The severe winter weather two weekends in a row lead to staff cancelling and rescheduling several classes and programs. The deadline for the Juried Arts Exhibition was extended, and drop-off times were added to accommodate artists who were unable to drop off their work while the City was closed. Class sessions were extended to make up for missed classes.
- Robin presented a public art proposal at City Council on Tuesday, January 27th and Council voted on and approved the design of their choice.
- The City of Greer Juried Arts Exhibition takes place each spring and is open to student artists and professional artists. The theme for the 2026 Juried Art Show is "150 Years of Greer." The drop-off and registration dates for this show were Saturday, January 24 from 10 am - 2 pm and Tuesday, January 27 from 6pm - 8pm. Winning entries will be on display through the month of March.



EVENTS

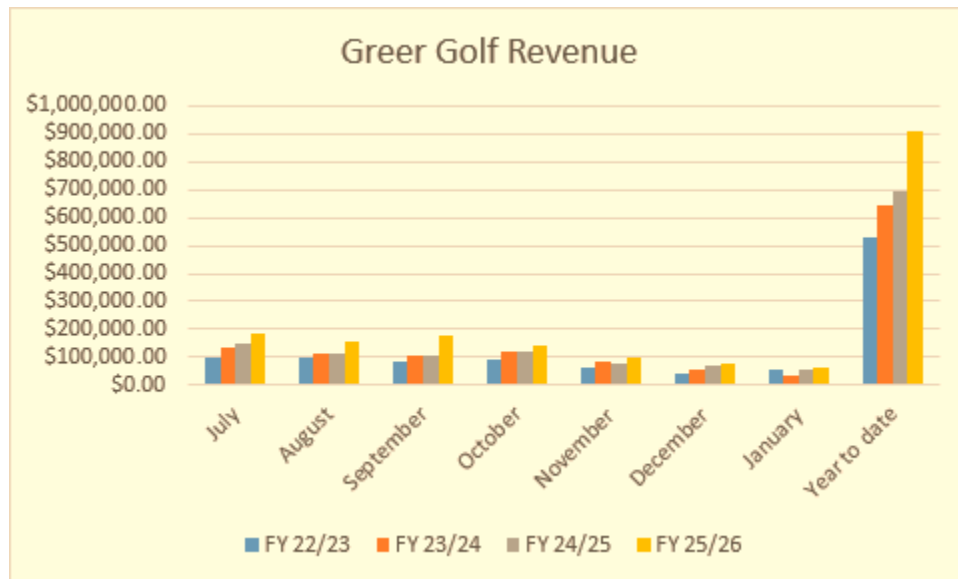
- **Total events held in January: 16** (*Internal: 12, Rentals: 4, Special Events: 0, Weddings: 0*)
- Two facility improvement projects were recently completed. New carpet was installed over the holiday break to correct issues with the original installation. Additionally, the ceilings were painted to improve the overall appearance of the space.
- The Events Division hosted a sold-out MLK Jr. event, on Monday, January 19, at Greer City Hall.
- In 2025, the Events Division hosted 791 events, including 382 internal events, 286 rentals, 54 special events, and 69 weddings.
- The Events Division is currently planning upcoming events, including Eggstastic Easter, the International Festival, and Freedom Blast.
- Additionally, the division has two upcoming projects scheduled between February 16–27. Upgrades include staining the Cannon Centre floors and reupholstering the Cannon Centre chairs.
- During the month of January, the Ambassadors transported more than 350 passengers.



GREER GOLF



- Revenue for the month of January was \$66,154.09. This is \$13,000 more than in the month of January last year. Year-to-date, we have collected \$909,059.78 in revenue. This is 68% of our annual budget, and \$217,853.54 more in revenue than we had at this time last year. Revenue for the month of January
- Grounds Maintenance painted greens on January 8.
- Grounds Maintenance staff removed the old cart path at the Hole 12 bridge and have also been cleaning up limbs, fallen trees, and other debris that they were unable to address last year following Hurricane Helene.
- Greer Golf was closed 14 days (January 23 – February 5) due to inclement weather and sub-freezing temperatures. We applied our new green covers, and they worked great!
- Grounds Maintenance staff worked on removing storm debris and completing other projects inside the maintenance shop.



RECREATION

- **Rentals:** Recreation Center rentals - 3, Kids Planet - 4
- Recreation Updates:
 - ❖ The bi-annual report for the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority grant for the youth summer camp has been completed and submitted, along with the annual report for the senior yoga program.
 - ❖ On January 28, Justin Miller attended the Kaboom Awards hosted by Kidding Around Greenville at the Children's Little Theater in Greenville, SC. Justin received the award for Best Playground in the Upstate for Kids Planet on behalf of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. We were also a finalist for Best Family Event in Freedom Blast.
 - ❖ Justin Miller attended the Park Hop Committee meeting on January 8 at Bridgeway Station with other area departments to plan the upcoming Summer Program.
- Recreation Programs:
 - ❖ SOAR
 - Hand and Foot card game: January 7, 21 and 28 with 24 participants.
 - Line Dancing sessions: January 7 and 21 with 57 in attendance at the Cannon Centre.
 - Bingo: January 15 and 29 with 33 seniors attending.
 - Trip to Dray Bar & Grill on January 22 with 11 seniors attending
 - ❖ The Creative Advancement afterschool program continued at the Tryon Recreation Center.
 - ❖ The Needmore Recreation Afterschool program continued at the Needmore Recreation Center.
- Community Partner Programs:
 - ❖ The South Carolina Artifacts and Treasure Association met on January 5 at the Tryon Recreation Center for their annual banquet and January 29 for their monthly meeting.
 - ❖ The Palmetto Cutlery Club met on January 6 at the Tryon Recreation Center for their monthly meeting.
 - ❖ Never Alone, Narcotics Anonymous continued on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
 - ❖ Senior Action continued to meet at the Needmore Community Center. They meet daily from 800am-100pm.
 - ❖ Completed our new basketball program at Stevens Courts with Academy Basketball and our 4-week training sessions with 22 participants.
 - ❖ On January 28 Recreation hosted a Little Explorers, Little Sprouts and Homeschool Learning Pad nature group program in partnership with Adventure Brew with 13 participants.
 - ❖ The 2026 MLK Day Flex Disc Golf Tournament was held at Century Park on January 19 with Play it Again Sports.
 - ❖ Joe & Rob Disc Golf hosted the 2026 Century Freeze Disc Golf Tournament at Century Park with 26 participants.



TOURISM

- The Tourism Division participated in the Greer150 Kickoff event at the Greer Heritage Museum on Saturday, January 3 and provided Greer150 information, giveaways, and event support.
- Staff met with the Greer Heritage Museum on Tuesday, January 6 to prepare for Greer150 February/March events.
- Staff met with John Montgomery, with Benson Automotive, on Wednesday, January 7 to discuss participation in the Greer 150: The Big Bash event on March 28.
- Lindsey Shaffer met with Lieutenant Forrester on Thursday, January 8 to review 2026 events and road closures.
- Lindsey Shaffer provided Greer150 updates at the Greer Chamber's First Friday Luncheon on January 9.
- The Discover Greer Newsletter was published on Thursday, January 29 and featured Greer150 info, events, and a plug for spending time and shopping local in Greer this Valentine's Day.
- The Tourism Division, along with the Greer Heritage Museum, hosted VisitGreenvilleSC's Destination Experiences team on Friday, January 30. They provided an update on tourism and led a tour of the new museum exhibits and downtown area. The group also visited Greer Golf and enjoyed lunch at White Wine & Butter.



Left to Right: Ann Cunningham, Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, Lindsey Shaffer, Tourism Specialist, Jeannette Francisco-Gumula, Tourism Leader at the Greer Heritage Museum's Greer150 Kickoff event.

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FEBRUARY 2026



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ADMINISTRATION

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

- **Stevens Field:**
 - **Wall Replacement:** Construction of the outfield wall section that was damaged during Hurricane Helene began in January and is nearing completion. A new scoreboard will be installed and mounted into the new concrete field wall.
 - **LED Light Conversion:** A Request for Proposals to replace the current light fixtures with LED light fixtures at Steven's Field was advertised on February 1, 2026. Proposals were due on February 19 and are currently under review.
- **Wards Creek Trail System:** The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is reviewing the new path outlined by CPW.
- **Century Park:** Construction has begun to repair/renovate the lower entrance to Century Park. The project will address stormwater erosion issues in Kids Planet and the lower entrance, as well as repave the road leading to the ball fields.
- **Greer Golf:** Construction on the new bridge at Hole #12 leading to the tee box began in September 2025. Remaining construction consists of installing the handrails on the bridge and pouring the concrete cart path to the tee box. Greer Golf Grounds Maintenance staff finished preparing the bridge approach on hole #12 for the concrete to be poured, which should occur the week of March 9.
- **Cannon Centre Retaining Wall:** A 35 ft. section of the retaining wall is peeling loose from the embankment. Our Capital Projects Management team collaborated with the adjacent property owner and construction/repair is scheduled to begin soon.



Ward's Creek Trail 5



South Tyger River 5

ATHLETICS

- ✚ **Junior and High School Rugby Programming:** Greer 76ers competed in South Carolina Rugby all-star play beginning with Ruggernaut. Our athletes competed in the highest division offered and finished third in the pool. The next tournament is the Friendship Cup in Nashville, Tennessee, followed by the Tropical 7s in Tampa, Florida. All Junior Rugby programming has concluded.
- ✚ **Greer Baseball Club:** All Greer Baseball Club 2026 spring participants are now practicing. Currently, Century Park, Country Club Park, Riverside Middle School, and Turner Park are being utilized for practices 7 days a week. Stevens Field will come online in rotation once the lighting and wall projects are completed. Opening Day is scheduled for the weekend of Saturday, March 28th. On Friday, March 27th, Athletics staff will host the Greer Baseball and Softball Club Homerun Derby at Country Club Park. The Greer Diamond Dirt Classic tournament will begin around 10 AM and conclude around 10 PM that night. Athletics staff is currently obtaining sponsorships for all youth baseball teams in our program.
- ✚ **Accommodations Tax Grant:** The Greer PRT Athletics division put in multiple applications for this grant cycle. One application was for our annual Greer Christmas 7s Rugby Tournament, and the second application was for the “Greer Diamond Invitational at Stevens Field”. This new tournament (if grant is accepted) will allow the City of Greer to showcase Stevens Field to numerous high school baseball programs from around the state and out of state. Preseason baseball tournaments for high school programs are important in the state of South Carolina and neighboring states. We are hopeful both grants will be accepted.
- ✚ **Foothills Soccer Club of Greer:** Recreational league practices are now underway at South Suber Road Park. Academy league practices are currently running at Greer City Stadium and South Suber Road Park. Academy league matches are currently underway at Greer City Stadium and other various fields around the state. Recreational league matches are set to start in the coming weeks at South Suber Road Park.
- ✚ **Greer Softball Club:** Greer Softball Club 2026 spring participants are now practicing. Teams are utilizing Turner Park and Riverside Middle School. Greer Softball Club Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th at Turner Park. Girls' softball participants will also compete in our annual home run derby on Friday, March 27th. Athletics staff is currently obtaining sponsorships for all youth softball teams in our program.
- ✚ **Lighting Audits:** Staff is currently completing lighting audits at all fields of play. This is typical for every preseason.
- ✚ **Completing 2025-2026 Budgets:** Athletics staff is currently completing the bathroom automatic timer lock project at 3 different sites. Country Club Park, Century Park, and South Suber Road Park will all be on timer locks. New refrigeration units have been ordered for Century Park and Country Club Park units. This will help our concessions staff out tremendously.
- ✚ **Compiling 2026-2027 Budgets:** Athletics staff is currently putting together budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year.
- ✚ **Rentals:** Athletics staff completed facility rentals.

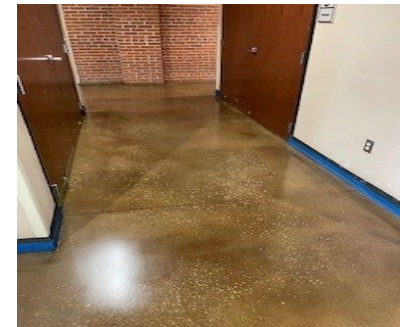
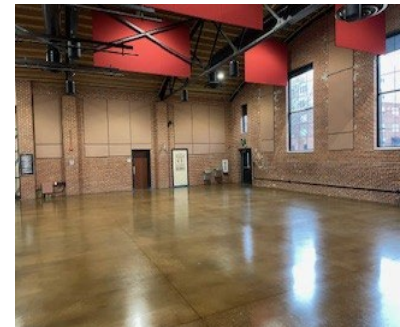
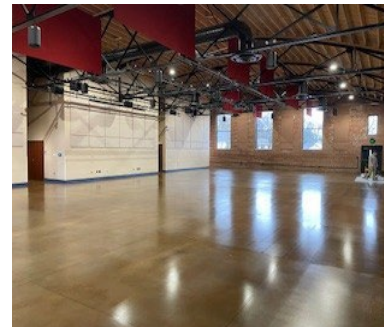
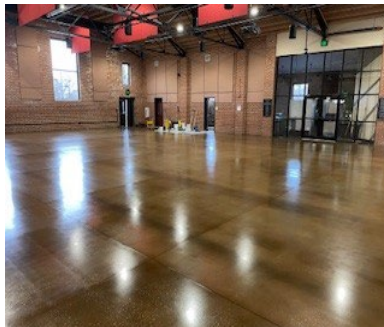
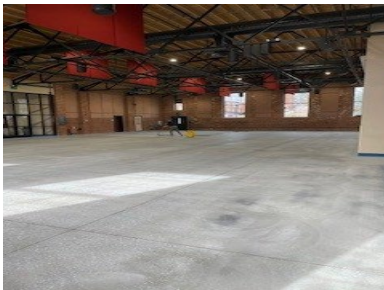
CULTURAL ARTS

- The severe winter weather two weekends in a row led to staff cancelling and rescheduling several classes and programs. The deadline for the Juried Arts Exhibition was extended, and drop-off times were added to accommodate artists who were unable to drop off their work while the City was closed. Class sessions were extended to make up for missed classes.
- Aside from the days that the City was closed due to weather, clay and crochet classes continued on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Sign-ups for the next round of clay classes were posted on February 6, and a few of the classes were already full.
- A new program, the Greer Fiber Arts Collective, a free-to-the-public group, began meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at the Center for the Arts.
- Greer Children's Theater's (GCT) The Lion King Jr. rehearsals continued at the Center for the Arts and the Tryon Recreation Center. Tickets for this production went on sale on February 6.
- Staff worked on graphic design projects for other departments and administration, logistics for the upcoming 150th mural, and purchases from the budget, including clay classroom supplies.
- In addition, staff worked on preparations for the Juried Art Show, including having the artwork judged and making title cards for the 50+ entries. Robin and Sara began hanging the Juried Arts Show entries in the Center for the Arts Gallery and continued to finesse the exhibition until the opening reception. The reception for this show was held on Tuesday evening, February 10, from 6–8 p.m.
- The art reception for the Annual Juried Art Show was held on Tuesday, February 10. There were over 120 guests. There were 54 entries, which were twice as many as last year.
- The Health Care Coalition rented the Auditorium at the Center for the Arts on Thursday, February 12.
- GCT brought two Broadway performers to work with and teach the Lion King Jr. cast on Saturday, February 14; the students learned a great deal and were thrilled.
- The Foothills Philharmonic performed a free Brass Selections concert at the Center for the Arts on Saturday, February 21. There were 106 guests, plus performers.
- The Center for the Arts hosted the City of Matthews, NC, retreat on Friday, February 26.
- Robin submitted grant applications for the Accommodations Tax Grant on behalf of the arts division and GCAC.



EVENTS

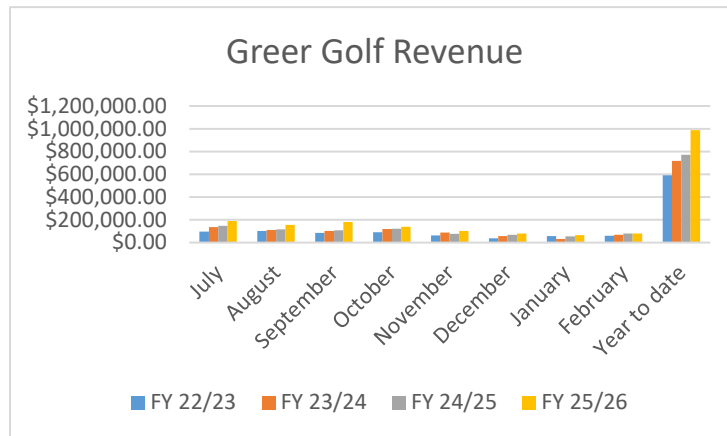
- **Total events held in February: 37** (*Internal: 21, Rentals: 13, Special Events: 1, Weddings: 2*)
- The Events Division planned upcoming events, including Eggstastic Easter, the International Festival, and Freedom Blast. Planning efforts included finalizing vendors, securing contracts, and purchasing necessary items for each event.
- Additionally, the division had two projects underway. Upgrades included staining the Cannon Centre floors and reupholstering the Cannon Centre chairs. Both projects started on time and were scheduled to be completed by Friday, February 27.
- Emily Larsen attended the SCRPA Programming Summit to gain insight into current trends, best practices, and innovative programming strategies within parks and recreation.
- Emma Mann and Michele Turner attended the SFEA Conference in Tupelo, MS, where they participated in educational sessions and networking opportunities related to festival and event management.
- During the month of February, the Ambassadors transported more than 400 passengers.



GREER GOLF



- February revenue totaled \$78,672.94, despite the facility being closed during the first week of the month. This amount aligns with last year’s February revenue, and year-to-date collections are \$217,696.36 higher than at the same point last year. Overall, year-to-date revenues exceed expenditures by \$25,449.78, even after accounting for \$87,769.96 in equipment purchases that were requested to be expended from the previous fiscal year’s budget.
- Greer Golf was closed 14 days (January 23 – February 5) due to inclement weather and sub-freezing temperatures. We applied our new green covers, and they worked great!
- Grounds Maintenance staff worked on removing storm debris and completing other projects inside the maintenance shop.
- We hosted the Tyger River Shiver Tournament on February 21 & 22. There were 54 two-man teams, and the tournament was a success! We received numerous compliments on the course condition, and everyone seemed to enjoy their time at Greer Golf.
- Grounds Maintenance staff constructed and installed two water coolers on the course. They also collaborated with the Projects Division to complete the Hole #12 bridge installation by placing riprap and gravel at both bridge entrances. Due to heavy usage at the driving range, the tees were top-dressed and re-seeded with ryegrass. In addition, staff performed winter pruning of pampas grass throughout the course and removed eight tree stumps.
- We are currently hosting golf matches for Greer High School, Greer Middle College, and Mitchell Rd. Christian Academy and Eastside High School. It should be noted that for the first time in school history, Greer High School has a Junior Varsity team. The team is composed mainly of Greer Middle School students, and most of them have participated in the First Tee Program at Greer Golf or have memberships at Greer Golf. Their Coach, Tracy Miller, attributes this additional youth participation to the City of Greer purchasing the course, making improvements to the course, and investing in our community and youth golf.
- Steven Thompson and Tyler Pearce attended the STI Equipment Technician training for Electrical Systems, Reel Grinding, and Sprayer Calibration.



RECREATION

- **Rentals:** Recreation Center rentals - 1, Bus Rentals – 2, Kids Planet - 20
- Recreation Updates:
 - ❖ Completed the final round and last in-person interviews for the Recreation Coordinator position. There were six interviews for the Recreation Coordinator position as part of the first round of in-person interviews. Over 50 individuals applied for this position; the applicant pool was reduced to 28 for the questionnaire round and then to 8 for the first round of in-person interviews.
 - ❖ Hudson Hopper, our department intern, concluded his term. He started with the Recreation Division and reported Tuesday–Thursday from 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Meredith Anzur attended the 2026 Programming Summit in Newberry, SC, February 19–20.
 - ❖ The FY 26-27 Greenville County Redevelopment Authority grants for Senior Yoga and Camp Greer Summer camp have been successfully submitted.
 - ❖ We began Summer Counselor interviews. We will be hiring for 10 seasonal positions.
- Recreation Programs:
 - ❖ The Mobile Recreation Unit was set up at Turner Park on Friday, February 6, for the Trees Upstate giveaway and at Kids Planet playground on Thursday, February 19, and had 70 participants.
 - ❖ SOAR
 - Hand and Foot card games were held on February 4, 11, 18, and 25 with 34 participants.
 - Line dancing sessions were held on February 4, 11, and 25, with 66 in attendance at the Cannon Centre and the Tryon Center.
 - Book Club meeting was held on February 17 with 8 seniors participating.
 - Bingo Days were held on February 5 and 19, with 45 seniors in attendance at City Hall.
 - Movie Day was held at City Hall on February 23 with 3 seniors.
 - Trip to Southern Manners for Bruch and Downtown Landrum for Shopping had 25 Seniors.
 - Vendors were accepted for our Senior Spring Craft Fair to be held on March 20 at the Center for the Arts. 20 Vendors were selected to participate, and the event will run from 10 am-2 pm.
 - The Needmore Recreation Afterschool program continued at the Needmore Recreation Center, and the Creative Advancement afterschool program continued at the Tryon Recreation Center (*minus 5 days respectively due to inclement weather*)
- Community Partner Programs:
 - ❖ Justin Miller attended the Park Hop committee meeting on February 12 in Greenville, SC, with area agencies. He attended the 2026 Kaboom Awards at The Children’s Little Theater in Greenville, SC, hosted by Kidding Around Greenville. On behalf of the department, Justin collected the award for Best Playground in the Upstate for Kids Planet and a finalist award for Best Family Event in Freedom Blast.
 - ❖ The South Carolina Artifacts and Treasure Association met on February 23 at the Tryon Recreation Center for their monthly meeting.
 - ❖ The Disabled American Veterans local chapter 39 met at the Tryon Recreation Center on 2/24.
 - ❖ Never Alone, Narcotics Anonymous continued meeting on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
 - ❖ Senior Action continued meeting at the Needmore Community Center. They met daily from 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Held an Interest class for Little Explorers, Little Sprouts, and a new Homeschool class for our Nature-based program in partnership with Adventure Brew. There were a total of 13 participants. In February, we will start a 12-week session in all three classes at Tryon Recreation Center on Wednesday mornings.

TOURISM

- Staff met with Adam Forringer and Robin Byouk on Tuesday, February 3, to discuss designing artwork for the new Sports and Events Center.
- Food Vendor Applications for the Greer150: The Big Bash event was due on Friday, February 6. Staff reviewed all submissions and are in the process of notifying and accepting vendors.
- A collaboration Instagram reel with The Scout Guide Greenville and ClassandSunshine, a local content creator, was published on Sunday, February 8. The video promoted spending Valentine's Day in Downtown Greer and featured local businesses.
- Lindsey Shaffer attended the SC Governor's Conference on Tourism & Travel on February 9 - 11 in Myrtle Beach.
- Staff led a logistics meeting on Thursday, February 12, for the Greer150: The Big Bash, which included multiple departments to discuss logistics for leading up to the event. Plans are well underway, and staff are rolling out event announcements over the next few weeks.
- The Greer Heritage Museum's Greer150 February event took place on Saturday, February 14. Two sessions were held due to high demand. Tourism staff were in attendance and provided Greer150 information.
- Staff met on Thursday, February 26, for a planning session for the Greer150 formal ceremony, which will be held on Wednesday, March 25.
- Discover Greer is currently partnering with two local content creators through June 2026 to feature a dining series and local finds around Greer. The Discover Greer Newsletter was published on Thursday, February 29, and featured Greer150 info, events, and a plug for spending time and shopping local in Greer this Valentine's Day.
- Staff is actively working on all aspects of the upcoming Greer150 Formal Ceremony on March 25 and the Big Bash on March 28.
- A digital billboard ad (near Target on Wade Hampton Blvd.) ran from February 22 to March 23 promoting the Greer150 Big Bash.



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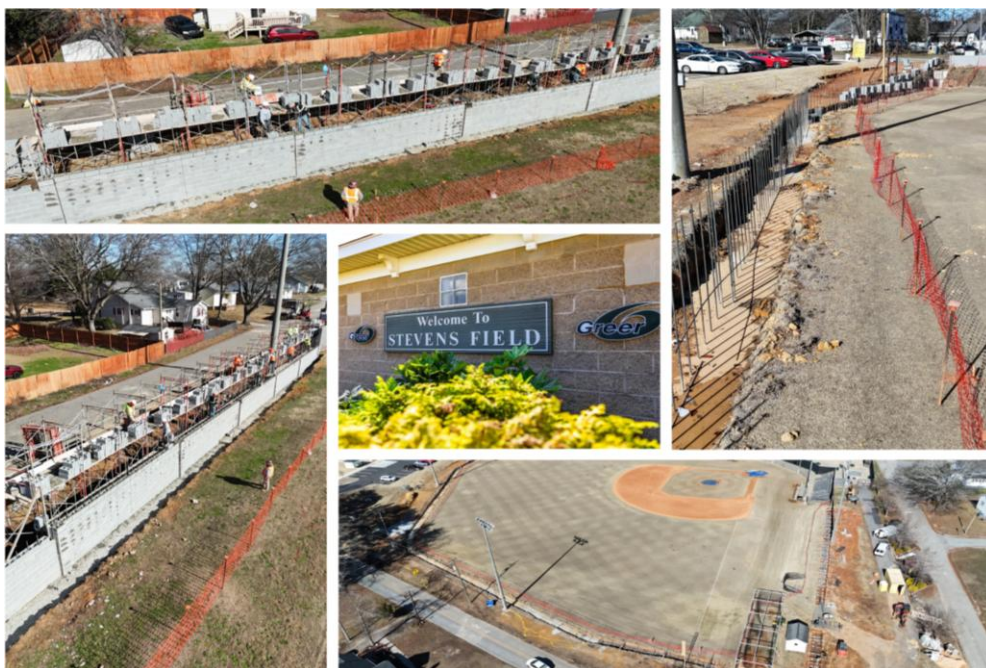


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ADMINISTRATION

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

- **Stevens Field:**
 - Wall Replacement: Construction and painting of the new wall is underway. The remaining items are the installation of the scoreboard, placement of the foul poles, and painting of the existing wall.
 - LED Light Conversion: This project was temporarily cancelled and scheduled for re-advertisement with a new construction start date of August 1, 2026.
- **Wards Creek Trail System:** The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is reviewing the new path outlined by CPW.
- **Century Park:** Lower entrance construction was completed the week of March 23.
- **Greer Golf:** All bridge construction is complete, except for installing the handrails. This should be completed in the week of April 20, along with final grading and grass sodding in the surrounding disturbed areas.
- **Cannon Centre Retaining Wall:** A 35 ft. section of the retaining wall is peeling loose from the embankment. Our Capital Projects Management team collaborated with the adjacent property owner, and construction/repair is scheduled to begin soon.
- **South Tyger River Greenway:** Foothills Construction Company has started pouring concrete sections of the trail and removed dozens of trees from the South Tyger River. Once all the concrete sections have been poured, they will move on to installing the boardwalk sections of the trail. Foothills Construction Company began construction of the South Tyger River Greenway during the week of November 17.



ATHLETICS

- † **Junior and High School Rugby Programming:** The Greer 76ers competed in South Carolina Rugby all-star play beginning with Ruggerfest, where athletes competed in the highest division offered and finished third in their pool. The team later competed in an additional all-star event in Clemson, South Carolina, on March 21 against the USA Eagles, with Clemson coaches in attendance for scouting. The next scheduled events were the Friendship Cup in Nashville, Tennessee, and the Tropical 7s in Tampa, Florida. All junior rugby programming concluded, and the team trained at Country Club Park.
- † **Greer Baseball Club:** All 2026 spring participants began practicing, utilizing Century Park, Country Club Park, Riverside Middle School, and Turner Park seven days a week. Stevens Field was scheduled to be added to the rotation upon completion of the lighting and wall projects. Opening Day was scheduled for March 28, with staff hosting the Greer Baseball and Softball Club Home Run Derby on Friday, March 27, at Country Club Park. The Greer Diamond Dirt Classic tournament was held from approximately 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., concluding with championship games. Athletics staff obtained sponsorships for all youth baseball teams.
- † **Accommodations Tax Grant:** The Greer PRT Athletics Division submitted multiple applications during the grant cycle, including one for the annual Greer Christmas 7s Rugby Tournament and for the Greer Diamond Invitational at Stevens Field. The proposed tournaments aimed to showcase Stevens Field to high school baseball programs from across South Carolina and other states, recognizing the importance of preseason tournaments in the region. The division is awaiting approval of grant applications.
- † **Foothills Soccer Club of Greer:** Recreational league practices began at Suber Park, while academy league practices were held at Greer City Stadium and Suber Park. Academy matches were underway at Greer City Stadium and other fields throughout the state, and recreational league matches began on March 30.
- † **Greer PRT Easter Eggstastic & Greer150 celebration:** All full-time staff worked the Easter Eggstastic event held at Greer City Park on March 21. The full-time staff not working the Diamond Dirt Classic assisted with the Greer150 celebration.
- † **Greer Softball Club:** Spring 2026 participants began practicing at Turner Park and Riverside Middle School. Opening Day was scheduled for March 28 at Turner Park, and participants competed in the annual Home Run Derby on March 27. Athletics staff obtained sponsorships for all youth softball teams. This marked the first season in which baseball and softball were held at separate sites, allowing softball participants to compete at their designated facility and improving event scheduling. Youth Night at Greer High School was completed on March 16.
- † **Lighting Audits/Repairs:** Staff completed preseason lighting audits at all fields and coordinated with the lighting company for routine spring maintenance. Repairs were completed at Century Park Field 1 and Country Club Park Multipurpose Field 1, and crews worked around weather conditions to replace nonfunctioning lamps.
- † **2025-2026 Budgets:** Athletics staff completed the restroom automatic timer lock project at Country Club Park, Century Park, and Suber Park. Purchase orders for new refrigeration units at Century Park and Country Club Park were submitted, with staff awaiting delivery to install the units at the concession stands.
- † **Compiling 2026-2027 Budgets:** Athletics staff are currently putting together budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year.
- † **Safety Committee:** Athletics supervisor attended the monthly safety meeting at Greer City Hall
- † **Concessions:** Athletics supervisor performed preseason cleaning of concession stands, and stocking will begin this week.
- † **Rentals:** Athletics staff completed facility rentals.

CULTURAL ARTS

- ✍ The new Cultural Arts Coordinator, Colin Hambrook, started work at the beginning of March. He has been training and assisting with current projects.
- ✍ Clay classes continued five days a week on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Crochet classes continued on Tuesdays.
- ✍ The Greer Fiber Arts Collective had its second meeting on March 11th. This group meets once each month on the second Wednesday.
- ✍ The Greer Children's Theatre wrapped the closing weekend of The Lion King Jr on March 15. The second weekend was effectively sold out, and the production was a huge success. Following the final performance, all the tech equipment was returned to the Center for the Arts, and all the sets, props, and costumes were moved back to the Tryon Recreation Center.
- ✍ Staff worked on budgets, upcoming clay classes, and summer camp. Robin worked on the Greer150 event and entertainment for the International Festival.
- ✍ The Center for the Arts hosted the SOAR Senior Craft Fair on Friday, March 20th. The SOAR book club and SOAR cards club also met at the Center for the Arts. The book club meets monthly, and the cards club meets weekly through the end of March.
- ✍ Staff worked the Eggstastic Easter Event on Saturday, March 21. Staff worked on logistics for the Big Bash, International Festival, and other upcoming events.
- ✍ The 2026 Juried Art Show winners were recognized at City Council on March 24.
- ✍ Robin Byouk judged the 2026 Congressional Art Show at William Timmons' office on March 24. The winning piece will hang in the Congressional hallways in Washington, D.C. for a year.
- ✍ The Dance Collaborative held its Gala fundraiser at the Center for the Arts on Thursday, March 26. This was a full-day rental.
- ✍ Staff hung an exhibit of Christina Laurel's cocoons in the front lobby at the Center for the Arts. This exhibit hangs from the ceiling.
- ✍ Staff met with Yuri Tsuzuki, a metal sculptor, about creating a piece for Greer.
- ✍ Studio 5 was repurposed back into an office that Robin and Sara now share, while Colin and the part-time staff are working in the front office.
- ✍ GCAC sold Beer/Wine at the Greer150 Big Bash on March 28.



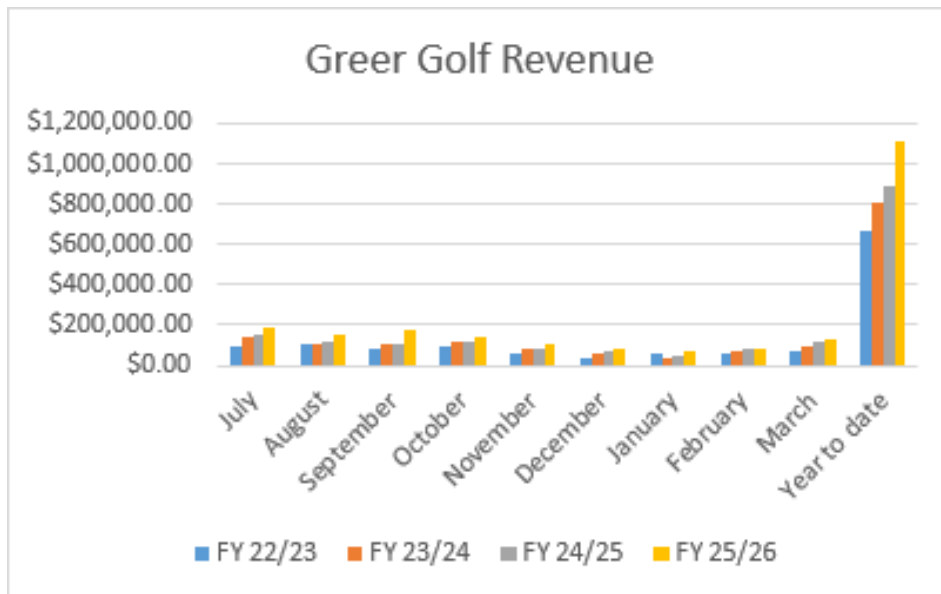
EVENTS

- ❖ **Total events held in March: 71** (*Internal: 35, Rentals: 29, Special Events: 3, Weddings: 4*)
- ❖ The Events Division planned for an Eggstastic Easter, the International Festival, Moonlight Movies, Greer Alive, and Freedom Blast. Planning efforts included finalizing vendors, securing contracts, and purchasing necessary items for each event.
- ❖ Additionally, the division completed several upgrades and maintenance projects at the Cannon Centre. Upgrades included reupholstering the Cannon Centre chairs and staining the Cannon Centre floors. The chair reupholstery was completed, and the floor staining was finished on March 11. Other maintenance items included replacing the projectors in the Event Halls and completing the annual maintenance on the partition walls.
- ❖ Greer Alive took place on March 13, 2026, at Greer City Park and was a successful event with strong attendance. Remedy 58 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 the event to provide adult beverages.
- ❖ The Greer Farmers Market (Celtic Market) took place on Sunday, March 15, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Greer City Park. The event featured over 50 vendors offering fresh local foods and goods, along with live Celtic music by Dr. Don and food offerings including baked potatoes from Larios. Chanticleer Blooms provided seasonal tulips and specialty flowers. The market also offered SNAP benefits, including Healthy Bucks incentives, and a Healthy Kids program providing vouchers for fresh food items.
- ❖ The City of Greer's Easter Eggstastic event, held on Saturday, March 21, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Greer City Park, welcomed over 3,000 attendees. Guests enjoyed a variety of activities, including face painting, balloon artists, caricatures, craft stations, inflatables, putt-putt golf, a petting zoo, and a DJ playing kid-friendly music that maintained high energy throughout the event. Roaming entertainers included JJ's Magic, juggler Alex Jeffers, and princess characters Tiana and Belle.
- ❖ During the month of March, the Ambassadors transported more than 400 passengers.



GREER GOLF

- We hosted golf matches for Greer High School, Greer Middle College, Mitchell Road Christian Academy, and Eastside High School. It should be noted that, for the first time in school history, Greer High School had a Junior Varsity team. The team was composed mainly of Greer Middle School students, and most of them had participated in the First Tee Program at Greer Golf or had memberships at Greer Golf. Their coach, Tracy Miller, attributed this additional youth participation to the City of Greer purchasing the course, making improvements, and investing in the community and youth golf.
- Steven Thompson and Tyler Pearce attended STI Equipment Technician training for Electrical Systems, Reel Grinding, and Sprayer Calibration.
- We hosted the Amateur Players Tour on Saturday, March 21. The event featured 104 players who live in Upstate South Carolina and Western North Carolina. We also hosted the Piedmont Seniors group, which had 44 players.
- We prepared for the 47th Annual Greater Greer Open, which was held on April 25 and 26. The tournament featured a Championship Division and a Senior Division.
- Concrete approaches were poured for the railing on the #12 bridge. The handrails were expected to be installed later that week, and the bridge was scheduled to reopen.



RECREATION

🚲 **Rentals:** Recreation Center rentals - 6, Kids Planet – 73

🚲 Recreation Updates:

- Our department intern, Hudson Hopper, finished up his time with our division.
- We began Summer Counselor interviews. We will be hiring for 10 seasonal positions
- Finalized and input all Recreation Division funds and budget request into Open Gov.
- Division staff worked and supported the Eggstastic Easter Event on April 21 and The Big Bash on April 28.

🚲 Recreation Programs:

- SOAR
 - Hand and Foot card games were held on March 4, 11, 18, and 25 with 16 participants.
 - Line dancing sessions were held on March 4, 11, and 25, with 40 in attendance at the Cannon Centre and the Tryon Center.
 - Book Club meeting was held on March 17.
 - Bingo Days were held on March 5 and 19, with 30 seniors in attendance at City Hall.
 - Movie Day was held at City Hall on March 30.
 - Afternoon Tea at Grand Holland Estate on March 26.
 - Senior Spring Craft Fair was held on March 20 at the Center for the Arts. 20 Vendors were selected to participate, and the event will run from 10 am-2 pm.
- The Needmore Recreation Afterschool program continued at the Needmore Recreation Center, and the Creative Advancement afterschool program continued at the Tryon Recreation Center (*minus 5 days respectively due to inclement weather*)

🚲 Community Partner Programs:

- Justin Miller attended the Park Hop committee meeting on March 5 in Greenville, SC, with area agencies.
- The South Carolina Artifacts and Treasure Association met on March 23 at the Tryon Recreation Center for their monthly meeting.
- The Disabled American Veterans local chapter 39 met at the Tryon Recreation Center on March 24.
- Never Alone, Narcotics Anonymous continued meeting on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- The Palmetto Cutlery Club met on March 3 for its monthly meeting at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- Senior Action continued meeting at the Needmore Community Center. They met daily from 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- The Little Explorers, Little Sprouts, and our new Homeschool program for our Nature-based program in partnership with Adventure Brew continued. Classes are held at Tryon Recreation Center on Wednesday mornings.
- Held a March Madness Basketball Clinic with Academy Basketball at Stevens Courts on Saturday March 14. We had 17 participants and plan to hold a 4-week training session starting April 11.

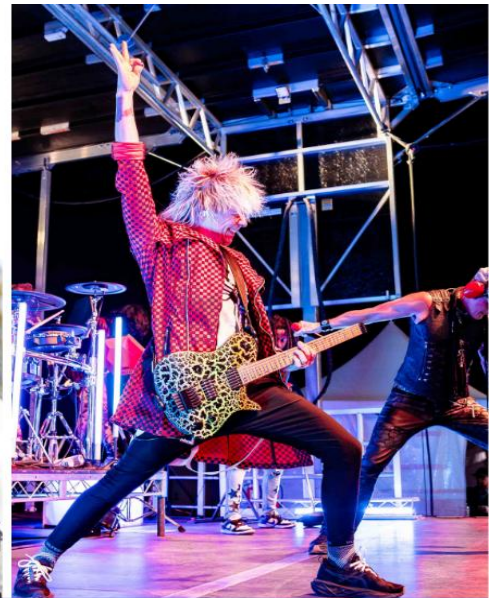
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- ✦ Staff met on Monday, March 9, to discuss logistics for March Greer150 events (Formal Ceremony and Big Bash).
- ✦ The SC Department of Commerce's 36th Annual Rural Summit was held at the Event Halls on March 12-13. Approximately 150 people attended from across the state and stayed and dined downtown. The Tourism Division provided attendees with welcome bags with Greer promotional items and information.
- ✦ Staff coordinated with all Big Bash vendors and provided the event map, load-in/out procedures, event details, and more. The event includes 40+ vendors/performers.
- ✦ Staff coordinated with the Greer Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association to provide 12 volunteers for vendor load-in during the morning of the Big Bash.
- ✦ The Tourism Division led a final logistics meeting for the Big Bash on Monday, March 16, to ensure City departments are prepared for the event.
- ✦ A special event permit application was approved for the Merle State 5k Hunger Run/Walk for April 11, 2026.
- ✦ Staff participated in the museum's Greer150: The Founding of Greer event on Saturday, March 21, at the Historic Greer Depot. We provided information about things to do in Greer and upcoming events. The event had more than 200 people in attendance. The last week of March consisted of Greer150 Big Bash final preparations to ensure staff, vendors, and volunteers were ready for the event, and all aspects of planning had been completed.
- ✦ The Discover Greer April Newsletter was published on Tuesday, March 24, and featured the Big Bash, Greer150 information, and upcoming events.
- ✦ The City of Greer celebrated its 150th Anniversary on Wednesday, March 25, with a reception honoring Greer's past, present, and future. Tourism staff, along with Michelle Willis and Debbie Myles, assisted with planning and oversight of the event.
- ✦ The Greer Heritage Museum coordinated a scavenger hunt downtown to celebrate the Greer150 on Wednesday, March 25. Once participants found one of three locations, they could claim their prize (a free Greer150 shirt) at the museum.
- ✦ On Wednesday, March 25, Lindsey Shaffer promoted the Big Bash on Fox Carolina's Access Carolina segment.
- ✦ The Tourism Division finalized 2026 - 2027 budget requests on Thursday, March 26.
- ✦ On Friday, March 27, Lindsey Shaffer promoted the Big Bash on WSPA 7News' Your Carolina segment.
- ✦ The Greer150 Big Bash took place on Saturday, March 28, from 4 pm-9 pm downtown. There were several thousand people in attendance, with staff receiving positive feedback from attendees and vendors for the overall event, the 80s cover band, and the laser light show.
- ✦ Staff met with the event organizers for the Merle State 5k Hunger Run/Walk (permitted event) on Monday, March 30, to review event logistics. The event will take place on April 11.

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.



GREER Parks,
Recreation
& Tourism



Live Music • Time Travel •
Laser Light Show

Saturday, March 28
4 PM - 9PM
Downtown Greer





GREER RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC

ADHOC REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS/RENEWALS – VOTE FOR EACH REPRESENTATIVE

New Representatives

1. Football Adhoc Representative – Travis Ware
2. Girls Softball Adhoc Representative – Anthony Lopez
3. Seniors Out and Around (SOAR) – Adhoc Representative – Cheryl Samenko

Re-Appointment - Vote

4. Baseball Adhoc Representative – Heath Pittman
5. Cheerleading Adhoc Representative - Allison Plumley
6. Greer Cultural Arts – Mandy Hambrook
7. Greer Golf – Bill Harrill



2026 Events Schedule (April – June)

Greer Goes Global: International Festival

GREER CITY PARK
APRIL 25 • 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Greer150: The Textile Era

GREER MILL
APRIL 25 • 1:00 PM

Greer Farmers Market

GREER CITY PARK
SUNDAYS, APRIL 26 - OCTOBER 4
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Tunes in the Park

GREER CITY PARK
MAY 16 • JUNE 20 • JULY 18 • AUG 15 • SEP 19
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Greer150: The History Drive

GREER HERITAGE MUSEUM
MAY 16 • 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Moonlight Movies

GREER CITY PARK
JUNE 4 • JUNE 18 • JULY 9 • JULY 23 • AUG 6
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Greer Children's Theatre: Junie B. Jones Jr.

CENTER FOR THE ARTS
JUNE 5 - 7 • JUNE 12 - 15

Greer150 Boom to Bust

GREER HERITAGE MUSEUM
JUNE 13 • 1:00 PM

Freedom Blast

GREER CITY PARK
JUNE 27 • 6:00 PM - 10:30 PM



GREER RECREATION ASSOCIATION

2026 PROPOSED REMAINING MEETING DATES

July 23, 2026

October 29, 2026

School Spring Break

Greenville County - March 28 – April 5, 2026

Spartanburg County – April 6-10, 2026

2026-2027 School Year: Greenville Co.

August 11, 2026 – Start Day

May 27, 2027 – End of year

2026- 2027 School Year: Spartanburg

August 11, 2026 – Start Day

March 22, 2027 – End of Year