



AGENDA
Greer Recreation Association, Inc. Board of Trustees

July 23, 2026

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

6:15 PM
Regular Meeting

Call to Order

Vincent Anderson, Chairperson

Introduction of New Trustee

1. Introduction of New Trustee (Jason Galloway) - Ann Cunningham

Pledge of Allegiance

Vincent Anderson, Chairperson

Invocation

Jason Bridwell, Trustee

Public Forum

Jamie Karvellas, Secretary

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Vincent Anderson, Chairperson

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes dated January 22, 2026 (Action Required)
2. Approval of Non-Quorum Meeting Minutes dated April 30, 2026 (Action Required)

Committee Reports

1. Committee Reports

Department Update

1. Department Updates from Parks, Recreation & Tourism Staff
2. April 2026 Monthly Written Report
3. May 2026 Monthly Written Report
4. June 2026 Monthly Written Report

Financial Reports

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

Director's Report

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

Old Business

1. Nominations of Adhoc Representatives (Action Required)

New Business

1. 2026 Upcoming Events, included in the packet
2. Next Meeting Date: October 29, 2026

Adjournment

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.

Aviso según la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades

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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).

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

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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

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- 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*

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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*

Greer Recreation Association Board Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2026

Location: Greer City Hall, Hall A

The following members of the Board of Trustees attended:

Attended: Vincent Anderson, Amanda Hopper, and Jason Bridwell

Absent: Lance Owens, Trevor Hoffman, Melissa Padgett-Smith (Resigned 4-29-26), and Michael Wright

Others Present:

Ann Cunningham (Director), Red Watson (Assistant Director), Michele Turner (Events Coordinator), Cory Holtzclaw (Athletics Supervisor), Robin Byouk (Cultural Arts Supervisor), Lindsey Shaffer (Tourism Specialist), Bill Harrill (Golf Adhoc Representative), Reverend Rob Robinson (DAV Adhoc Representative), and Jamie Karvellas (Administrative Assistant).

Call to Order :

Vincent Anderson, Chairperson, 6:16 p.m.

Chairperson Vincent Anderson called the meeting to order at **6:16 p.m.**

Adjournment:

Because a quorum was not present, no official business was conducted. Chairperson Vincent Anderson adjourned the official meeting at 6:17 p.m. The Board then continued with informational departmental updates.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOTES – NO QUORUM

Pledge of Allegiance

Amanda Hopper, Trustee

Invocation

Vincent Anderson, Chairperson

Public Forum

No one was present to speak.

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.

- Greer Community Theatre (GCT) performed *Finding Nemo Jr.* at the Cannon Centre on March 1–3 and March 8–10. GCT was the first community theater in the area to present this production. Ticket sales were very strong.
- GCAC hosted a Princess Meet & Mingle on April 6. The event was well attended, providing many young girls the opportunity to meet their favorite princesses. At the International Festival, GCAC provided 24 volunteers to assist with the children's craft area.

Upcoming

- Summer Camp- 3 weeks at the Center for the Arts.
- Auditions for the *Wizard of Oz* will be held in July. **There will be no late spring or summer show this year.*

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

- There are no issues to report.

Greer Golf – Bill Harrill, Ad hoc Representative

There are no issues to report.

SOAR, Tennis & Pickleball - Justin Miller, Recreation Supervisor

- There are no issues to report

Departmental Updates

Athletics Division – Cory Holtzclaw, Athletics Supervisor

Since our last meeting, the athletics division...

- Completed the 2026 Greer Baseball and Softball Club Opening Day weekend
 - Additionally, over 40 games were played in one day at every available diamond in Greer for the Greer Diamond Classic tournament.
- The Home Run Derby, held Friday evening at two parks, was also a tremendous success.
- Successfully completed the Tomahawk Invitational Youth Wrestling tournament
- Approximately 200 wrestlers participated in the tournament, which was held in partnership with the Greer High School Wrestling Program. Greer High School wrestlers officiated every match.

- Completed 2025-2026 Tomahawk Youth Wrestling season
- Completed the Rugby South Carolina Jamboree at Country Club Park
 - Rugby programs from across South Carolina participated in the event, with many teams traveling from the Wando/Mount Pleasant area.
- Facilitated Greer Baseball and Softball Club regular-season league play at Turner Park, Country Club Park, and Century Park. Play will begin at Stevens Field once the wall project is completed.
- Facilitated 2025-2026 Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Academy division practices and games at Greer City Stadium.
- Facilitated 2026 Foothills Soccer Club of Greer Recreation Division practices and games at Suber Park. Opening night was Monday, March 30
- Registration for Cheer for Greer began on Monday, April 6th, which typically reaches capacity within one week.
- Completed plans and finalized the agreement for the 2026 Spring G-Vegas Adult Volleyball season at Country Club Park. This follows the successful inaugural season held last fall at Suber Park.
- Completed preseason American Legion baseball meeting with the post. Greer Post is set to hold a Junior and Senior program this upcoming late spring and summer at Stevens Field.
- Facilitated Greer 76ers Rugby programming
- Continued facilitating Greer 76ers Rugby programming.
 - The junior program concluded the season with semifinal appearances in three age divisions within the Charlotte Youth Rugby Union.
 - Registration for the summer flag rugby program is currently underway.
 - The high school season remains in progress, including participation in the end-of-season all-star program. Greer 76ers varsity players have competed in multiple tournaments across the East Coast as they pursue qualification for the National Championships in Indiana.
- The Athletics division is set to host Rugby programs from all around the southeast this weekend at Country Club Park for the SCRC Rugby 7s tournament.
 - Participating teams include Clemson University, the University of Tennessee, the University of Georgia, the University of Kentucky, the University of Alabama, the University of South Carolina, and several other institutions.
 - Concession operations are fully operational for the season.
 - Athletics staff are currently operating concession stands at Country Club Park and Century Park three to five days per week, depending on the event schedule.
- Completed FY2025-2026 Budget Item projects
 - Items such as restroom timers at athletic fields allow patrons to use the restrooms outside the normal 4:00 PM – 9:30 PM time slots. We typically see a lot of play at Century Park outside those hours, and access to these restrooms is crucial for disc golf and open community play.

Cultural Arts Division – Robin Byouk, Cultural Arts Supervisor

- The *Created by Black Artists* exhibition was held at the Center for the Arts, with an opening reception on February 6. The reception included a program featuring local poets and remarks from elected officials.
- The Annual City of Greer Juried Art Show was held during March and April at the Center for the Arts. Award recipients were recognized at the Greer City Council meeting on April 9, 2026
- Greer Idol auditions were held on April 9. Finalists will be announced next week.
- Clay classes continue to experience strong enrollment, and a third instructor has been added to accommodate increased demand.
- The Foothills Philharmonic continued its monthly performances at the Center for the Arts.
- The Southern Breeze Tree Sculpture carving has been completed at the Center for the Arts. The sculpture is scheduled to be stained within the next month.
- Robin Byouk attended the South and Appalachian Creative Placemaking Summit in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 6–8, 2026.
- Robin Byouk and Justin Miller hosted Junior Leadership Greer at the Center for the Arts on March 12.
- The Cultural Arts Division programmed three stages for the International Festival on April 20. Staff created all the children's craft activities and managed the craft area with assistance from volunteers from the Greer Cultural Arts Council.
- Robin Byouk attended the SC Arts Commission Rural Arts Canvas Forum on April 22 in Belton, SC.

Upcoming

- The AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islander) Art Exhibition will be held at the Center for the Arts in May, with a reception scheduled for May 14.
- The Friends of Lake Robinson Annual Art Show will be on display at Greer City Hall during May and June.
- Tunes in the Park will begin on May 18, featuring Mac Arnold and Plate Full O' Blues.

Events Division – Michele Turner, Events Coordinator on behalf of Robbie Davis, Events Supervisor

Events Hosted

January 25 – Greer Farmers Market Sunday Brunch

February 15 - Greer Farmers Market Sunday Brunch

March 13 - Greer Alive

March 15 - Greer Farmers Market Sunday Brunch

March 21 – Easter Eggastic

Upcoming Events

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

June 4 – August 6 – Moonlight Movies

January 22 – April 16 Totals

- 81 Internal Events
- 59 Rentals
- 5 Special Events
- 7 Weddings

Total: 152 events, attracting more than 16,500 visitors to Greer City Park.

- Several facility improvement projects were completed, including upgrades at the Cannon Centre. The floors were professionally stained to enhance durability and improve the facility's overall appearance. In addition, the chairs were reupholstered for a second time, extending their lifespan while providing a more modern appearance.
- Greer Alive took place on March 13, 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 took place on Sunday, March 15, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Greer City Park. The event featured more than 50 vendors offering fresh local foods and goods, live Celtic Music by Dr. Don, and food offerings such as 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 that provided vouchers for fresh food items.
- The City of Greer's Easter Eggstastic event held Saturday, March 21, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Greer City Park, drew more than 3,000 attendees. Guests enjoyed 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.

Ambassadors

- The Greer Station Shuttles continued to support local restaurants, shops, and businesses throughout downtown Greer Station by providing transportation for more than 700 passengers during the year.

Greer Golf – Red Watson, for Sam Merrell, Assistant General Manager, Greer Golf

- Greer Golf was closed for 14 days (January 23–February 5) due to inclement weather and sub-freezing temperatures. During this time, the newly purchased green covers were deployed and performed exceptionally well in protecting the greens.
- Tournaments hosted:
 - The Tyger River Shiver Tournament was held February 21–22, with 54 two-person teams participating. The tournament was a great success, and numerous compliments were received regarding the excellent course conditions and overall player experience.
 - The City Club of Greenville Tournament was held on Monday, March 30, with 104 participants.
 - The Amateur Players Tour event was held on Saturday, March 21, featuring 104 golfers from Upstate South Carolina and Western North Carolina.
 - The Piedmont Seniors tournament hosted 44 participants.
 - The Gap Creek Club tournament, held on Saturday, April 4, hosted 68 participants.
 - The 48th Greater Greer Open was held April 25–26 and featured a field of 96 players—the largest field since the city purchased the golf course. Connor Moore won the Championship Flight with a two-day total of six-under-par, while Duff Wagner won the Senior Division with a two-day total of two-under-par.
 - Greer Golf is currently hosting matches for Greer High School, Greer Middle School, Greer Middle College, Mitchell Road Christian Academy, and Eastside High School.
- Grounds Maintenance staff have been preparing the course for the peak golf season. Staff also partnered with the Projects Division to complete the Hole No. 12 bridge installation by placing riprap and gravel at both bridge approaches and installing landscaping before the Greater Greer Open.
- Steven Thompson and Tyler Pearce attended STI Equipment Technician training covering electrical systems, reel grinding, and sprayer calibration.
- Grounds Maintenance staff installed a new drainage system at Hole No. 14 tee box and added irrigation to the pollinator garden adjacent to the driving range.
- The irrigation pond at Hole No. 2 received the first of two scheduled treatments to eliminate lily pads.
- The driving range remains closed due to mechanical issues with the range cart. A replacement cart, originally requested in next fiscal year's budget, will require approximately six weeks for delivery. In the interim, the Public Services Department adapted a surplus Gator utility vehicle to operate the ball picker, allowing range maintenance to continue. Greer Golf greatly appreciates Public Services' assistance and support. That was a huge help to us, and we sincerely appreciate the help!
- Year-to-date revenue for the fiscal year totals **\$1,208,913.79**, with expenditures of **\$1,162,732.17**, resulting in a year-to-date operating profit of **\$46,181.62**. This total includes **\$87,674** in capital equipment purchases for green covers, irrigation pump station repairs, and a new greens roller. Excluding these capital purchases, operational profit totals **\$133,855.62**, which is consistent with the same period last fiscal year.

Recreation – Red Watson, on behalf of Justin Miller, Recreation Supervisor

- We welcomed Heather Freeborn as our new full-time Recreation Coordinator. Heather brings extensive experience in recreation programming and facility rental operations.
- Hosted four-disc golf tournaments, two pickleball tournaments, and one archery tournament. During May, the division will host one disc golf tournament, two pickleball tournaments, and two additional archery tournaments.
- Summer Camp preparations are underway. Staff are currently hiring 10 seasonal employees and planning both staff and parent orientation sessions.

Tourism – Lindsey Shaffer, Tourism Specialist

- The Greer Heritage Museum's Greer150 February event took place on Saturday, February 14. Two sessions were held due to high demand. Tourism staff will participate in as many of these events as possible and provide activity and event information for guests.
- Discover Greer is partnering with two local content creators through June 2026 to feature a dining series and highlight unique local attractions throughout Greer. To date, three restaurants have been featured, and the videos have generated strong audience engagement.
- Staff continue working with the BMW Charity Pro-Am on the ParTee on Trade event to ensure planning efforts remain on schedule. The event will be held in downtown Greer on Sunday, May 31, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- The Greer Heritage Museum's **Greer150: The Founding of Greer** event was held on Saturday, March 21, at the Historic Greer Depot and attracted more than 200 attendees.
- The city celebrated the official 150th Anniversary on Wednesday, March 25, with a reception honoring Greer's past, present, and future.
- Also on March 25, the museum coordinated a pop-up scavenger hunt downtown to celebrate the Greer150. Once participants found one of three locations, they could claim their prize (a free Greer150 shirt) at the museum.
- The Greer150 Big Bash was held on Saturday, March 28, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in downtown Greer. Several thousand people attended the celebration, and staff received overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees and vendors regarding the event, the 1980s tribute band, and the laser light show.

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

- Departmental program funds remain in a strong financial position. The department is on track to finish the fiscal year with positive results and expects to increase the fund balance for future capital and operational projects. Appreciation was expressed to the division supervisors for their effective financial management and continued efforts to reduce program costs through grants, sponsorships, and other funding opportunities.

Director's Report Ann Cunningham, Director **ADMINISTRATION:**

Capital Projects

Wards Creek Trail System

- The South Carolina Department of Transportation is reviewing the new path outlined by CPW. The trail is intended to serve as an alternative transportation route connecting residents to community resources.

South Tyger River Greenway

- Foothills Construction Company has completed several concrete sections of the South Tyger River Greenway and removed dozens of trees along the project corridor. Crews are currently placing stones along the concrete edges and will soon begin installing the trail's boardwalk sections. The project remains on schedule, with an anticipated completion date of mid- to late summer.
- Foothills Construction Company began construction of the South Tyger River Greenway during the week of November 17.

Century Park

- Construction of the lower entrance was completed during the week of March 23. The project addressed stormwater erosion issues in the Kids Planet area and at the lower entrance, while also repaving the roadway leading to the ball fields.
- Irrigation work in Kids Planet began this week, along with the installation of handrails on the new staircases added to the park. Landscaping and sod installation will follow and complete the project.

Greer Golf

- All bridge construction has been completed on the new bridge leading to Hole No. 12 tee box.
- Jim Young, our General Manager at Greer Golf, will be retiring in July. Jim has done an excellent job for the city, and we wish him well.

- **Stevens Field Wall Replacement** Construction and painting of the new wall is now complete. The remaining items are the installation of the scoreboard, placement of the foul poles, and painting of the existing wall.
- **Stevens Field LED Light Conversion**
This project was temporarily canceled and will be readvertised in the near future, with a revised construction start date of August 1, 2026.

Meeting Concluded at 6:54 p.m.

Next Meeting

- Thursday, July 23, 2026 – 6:15 pm



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MONTHLY REPORT

APRIL 2026



GREER Parks,
Recreation
& Tourism

ADMINISTRATION

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

- **Stevens Field:**
 - Wall Replacement: Construction and painting of the new wall is now complete. Remaining items are 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. 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:** All bridge construction is complete. Handrails were installed on April 24, along with grading, sodding, and landscaping. The bridge reopened on April 25, just in time for the Greater Greer Open. Construction on the new bridge at Hole #12 leading to the tee box began in September 2025.
- **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 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

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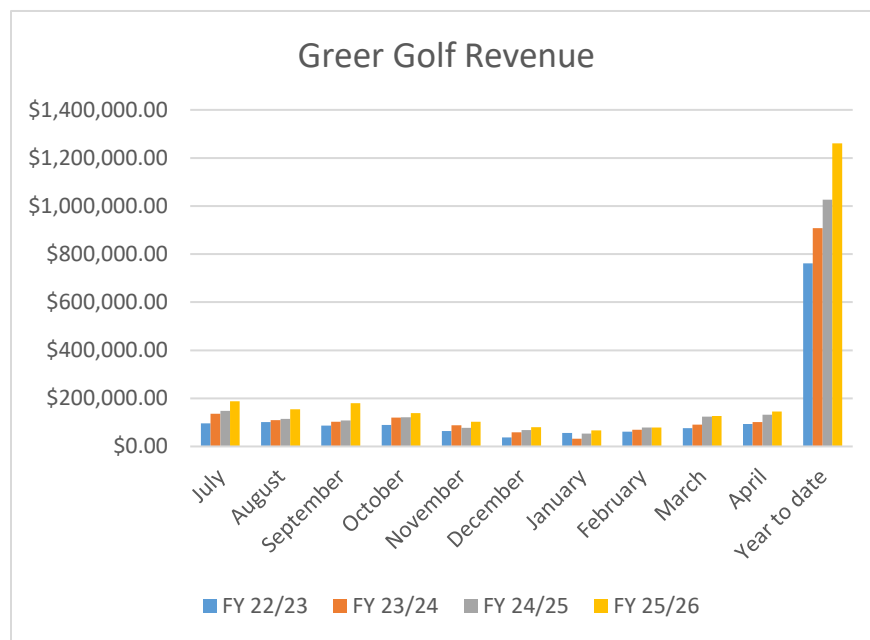
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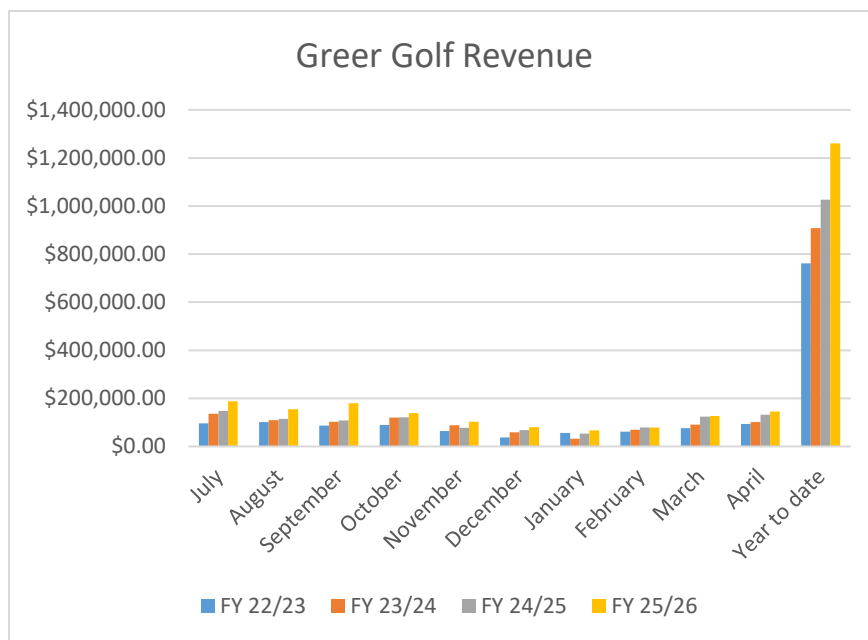
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Bing Davis, whose artwork is currently on display in the center for the arts gallery, visited May 3-6. Bing Davis was born in Greer in 1937, but moved to Dayton, Ohio shortly after and has lived there most of his life. An art reception was held on Tuesday evening, May 5th.

Staff took Mr. Davis to several schools in Greer on May 4-5 to give artist talks and do a small art project with each class. He was very well received, and we got lots of great feedback from the students and teachers. Students from the Fine Arts Center took a field trip to the Center for the Arts on May 6 to see the gallery and hear Mr. Davis speak. To finish out the visit, staff took Mr. Davis to the Greer Heritage Museum and received a tour from David Lovegrove. Clay classes continued five days a week. Crochet classes were held on Tuesdays for adults and children.

- ✍ Belly dance class continued Wednesday evenings and ended on May 20.
- ✍ The Center for the Arts hosted two private rentals: one graduation party and one business event.
- ✍ The first Tunes in the Park of 2026 was held on Saturday, May 16th in City Park. The Night Affair Band performed to a massive crowd. The amphitheater was packed, plus people sitting on both sides of the stage in the grassy areas. The first round of Greer Idol and Greer Idol Jr were held as well.
- ✍ Staff worked on the PRT Department year end budget presentation, a new program called Stories and Adventures, advertising new kids clay classes starting in June, graphics/signage for other divisions within the department, and upcoming public art projects.
- ✍ Ice Age Sculptures carved a new tree sculpture in the park from a tree that died last year. The sculpture is called Monarch Migration. They also temporarily removed the Emerging tree sculpture, first carved in 2020, for some maintenance. It will be reinstalled on a concrete base in its original location after the rotten stump is removed.
- ✍ The addition of a new full time staff member has allowed for us to establish some additional public gallery hours at the Center for the Arts. The gallery is now open to the public Tuesdays 12-8pm, Wednesdays 12-4pm, Thursdays 12-4pm, Fridays 10am - 2pm, and Saturdays 10am - 2pm. We held our first Stories and Adventures, A new series inspired by our original Tall Tale Tuesday's program on June 2. Beekeeper Mark Sweatman shared a presentation about honeybees; read some bee related stories and shared some bee related crafts. The event was extremely successful, bringing in at least 150 attendees, which is max capacity for the space.

EVENTS

✚ **Total events held in May: 91** (*Internal: 26, Rentals: 43, Special Events: 7, Weddings: 15*)

- ✚ The Events Division is currently working on finalizing plans for Freedom Blast which include requesting checks for all performers and rental companies, making sure the map is up to date, purchasing supplies, and emailing all vendors with the map and details to help during set up.
- ✚ The first Moonlight Movies event of the season will be held on Thursday, June 4 at Greer City Park. The film that features will be Zootopia 2. Attendees will enjoy complimentary face painting provided by Joyset Entertainment, two food vendors, a free children's craft activity, and a raffle featuring a variety of prizes donated by local businesses.
- ✚ The Greer Farmers Market was held every Sunday in May from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Greer City Park, featuring over 60 farmers, makers, and bakers, including 16 farms offering a wide variety of fresh local products. Attendees enjoyed live music and a diverse lineup of food vendors. The market will continue through September 27.

The market also supported the community through SNAP benefits with Healthy Bucks incentives and a Healthy Kids program that provided vouchers for fresh food items.

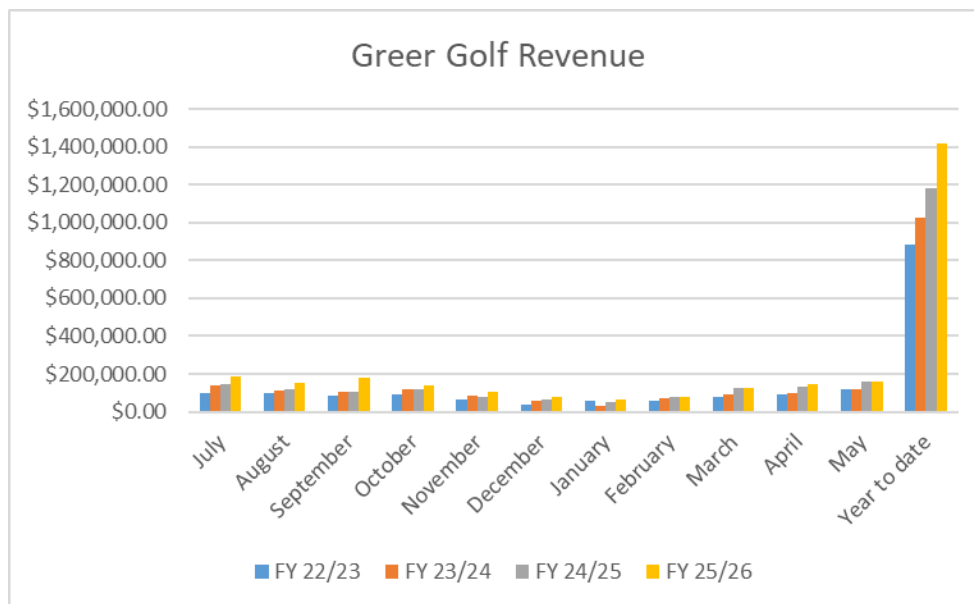
On May 31, the market collaborated with Partee on Trade for the BMW Pro Am Golf Tournament Kick-off. Citizens were able to enjoy Downtown Greer from City Park to Trade Street. Market hours were extended to 11am – 3pm and offered a plant swap to attendees.

- ✚ The Events Division hosted the Greenville County Election Commission at the Event Halls to train volunteers for the upcoming election.
- ✚ Over the month of May, the Ambassadors transported more than 500 passengers.



GREER GOLF

- 🚩 We hosted tournaments for the Gap Creek Club on May 9th (72 players) and Legacy Early College on May 4th (60 players).
- 🚩 We hosted the Greenville County Two-Man Amateur Championship May 16 and 17. Registration was full with 54 teams (108 players). The event went well, and we received countless compliments on the course.
- 🚩 Staff worked on completing annual performance evaluations.
- 🚩 Grounds Maintenance moved an irrigation power breaker box behind 9 tee box and resolved several irrigation issues throughout the course.
- 🚩 Grounds Maintenance sprayed putting greens with fungicides and top dressed the driving range tees.
- 🚩 We had four days of rain over a five-day period (May 22 – May 26). This resulted in the course being shut down for two and a half days.
- 🚩 Revenue for the month of May was \$156,820.61, which is on par with revenue from May of last year. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, we have collected \$1,416,976.69 as of May 31, representing 106% of the total revenue budgeted for the year. Consequently, as of May 31, after expenditures, we currently have excess revenue of \$133,146.05.



RECREATION

 **Rentals:** Recreation Center rentals - 6, Kids Planet – 134, Bus 1

 Recreation Updates:

- Summer Counselor interviews. We will be hiring for ten seasonal positions.
- Justin Miller began the evaluations process for nine division staff.

 Recreation Programs:

- SOAR
 - Hand and Foot card games were held on May 6, 13, and 27 with 34 participants.
 - Line dancing sessions were held on May 6, 13, 20, and 27 with 125 participants at the Cannon Centre.
 - Book Club meeting was held on May 19 at the Center for the Arts with 11 participants.
 - Bingo Day was held on May 7 with 35 seniors in attendance.
 - Movie Day was held at City Hall on May 11 with 15 seniors in attendance.
 - Seniors took a trip to Strawberry Hill for breakfast and shopping on 5/15 with 22 in attendance.
- The Needmore Recreation and the Creative Advancement afterschool programs concluded for school year 25-26.

 Community Partner Programs:

- The South Carolina Artifacts and Treasure Association met on May 26 at the Needmore Recreation Center for their monthly meeting.
- The Disabled American Veterans local chapter 39 met at the Tryon Recreation Center on May 26.
- Never Alone, Narcotics Anonymous continued on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- Palmetto Cutlery met on May 5 at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- Senior Action moved to the Tryon Recreation Center and began meeting there daily Monday – Friday.
- The Upstate Archery Academy held Archery classes on Wednesdays at City Stadium and held an Archery Tournament on May 30 at City Stadium. They had 26 participants.
- The Upstate Pen Pickleball Tourney was held at Tryon Park May 15-17 with 186 players.
- The annual Cody Norris Disc Golf Tournament was hosted at Century Park on May 16 with 48 players.
- Heather Freeborn attended the Park Hop Committee meeting on May 14 with all Upstate SC PRT agencies.
- The USA Archery Outdoor Tournament was held at City Stadium on May 16 with 57 participants.
- We began a 4-week basketball training session on May 11 with Academy Basketball every Saturday with 28 participants aged 4-14.

TOURISM

- ✈ Lindsey Shaffer was elected Treasurer of the SFEA Board of Directors. Her term will conclude February 2027.
- ✈ Tourism staff along with Planning & Development met with a consulting firm on Thursday, May 7 to discuss potential placemaking initiatives in the downtown area.
- ✈ Staff met with the Greer Heritage Museum on Monday, May 11 for Greer150 July event planning. The event will feature a behind the scenes look at historic homes and businesses in the downtown area.
- ✈ Planning is underway for the Greer150 August event called “Greer Station Groove,” which will take place on Saturday, August 29 in downtown on Randall Street. The event will feature live music, food trucks, and activities.
- ✈ The Greer150 History Drive took place on Saturday, May 16. The museum received approximately 40 items that will be preserved and added to the museum’s collection.
- ✈ Staff attended SCPRT’s Welcome Center Brochure Swap on Wednesday, May 20. This event gives tourism partners an opportunity to provide brochures/info to representatives from the nine welcome centers at one location.
- ✈ Staff met with the Greer Farmers Market on Thursday, May 21 to discuss event promotions and plans for the popular “Peach Cook-Off” scheduled for July.
- ✈ The June Discover Greer Newsletter was published on Tuesday, May 26 and featured Freedom Blast, upcoming events, and downtown activities.
- ✈ Staff attended the ribbon cutting for the grand opening of The Slice on Thursday, May 28.
- ✈ ParTee on Trade took place on Sunday, May 31 with approximately 2,000-3,000 people in attendance.

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MONTHLY REPORT

JUNE 2026



GREER Parks,
Recreation
& Tourism

ADMINISTRATION

➤ **Freedom Blast:**

Freedom Blast 2026 was a tremendous success, and we couldn't have done it without our incredible staff, dedicated volunteers, and outstanding vendors. Their hard work, generosity, commitment, and teamwork made this year's Freedom Blast a memorable event for our community.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

➤ **Stevens Field:**

LED Light Conversion Project: The project was temporarily deferred and is scheduled for readvertisement. New construction remains on track to begin in late fall 2026.

➤ **Wards Creek:**

The plans for SCDOT Review/Coordination for construction of the Wards Creek Trail is currently taking place. We are expecting comments/plan approval from SCDOT in early August and SCDOT will release for bidding once approved. Construction of the trail is expected to begin mid-November 2026 and be completed by mid-August 2027. Wards Creek Park Conceptual Planning has been completed. We will work towards completing the engineering and design Masterplan in FY 26-27.

➤ **Century Park Infrastructure Updates:**

- Stormwater and repaving: Construction at the lower entrance concluded the week of March 23. This phase successfully mitigated severe stormwater erosion issues within Kids Planet and the lower entrance while repaving the primary access road to the ball fields.
- Kids Planet upgrades: Irrigation work and the installation of safety handrails on the new park staircases commenced in the week of April 27.
- Project completion: Final landscaping and sod installation followed these upgrades, bringing the entire park project to successful completion in late June.

➤ **Greentown Park:** We are working with the Capital Projects team and Blue Water Civil Engineering to complete the design and engineering plans for the renovation of Greentown Park in FY 26-27.

➤ **South Tyger River Greenway:** Foothills Construction Company has completed pouring concrete sections of the trail and removed dozens of trees from the South Tyger River. They have added stone along the edges of the concrete and have begun installing the boardwalk sections of the trail. The estimated date of completion is mid-to-late fall.

We are working with the Capital Projects team and Keck and Wood to complete trail signage design/construction, an additional entrance/exit gate to provide parking for trail users during the daytime and engineered drawings for the deck overlook, near the entrance to the trailhead off the parking lot. PRT plans to use PARD funds with a match from the City to construct the deck overlook during FY 26-27.

ATHLETICS

-  **Registrations:** Athletics registration continues to remain strong for our Fall 2026 programming. Current registrations include Greer 76ers Summer Flag & Touch Rugby, Greer Baseball Club, Greer Softball Club, Greer PRT NFL Flag Football, Greer PRT Tackle Football, Foothills Soccer Club of Greer, Greer Adult Baseball, and Cheer for Greer. Cheer for Greer registration is now complete, sizing sessions have concluded, and the preseason camp schedule has been finalized.
-  **American Legion Baseball:** Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball games continued throughout the month of June at Stevens Field. Legion playoffs are set to begin in mid-July.
-  **Adult Volleyball:** Spring-Summer 2026 Adult Volleyball season concluded on June 17 at Country Club Park. Next season will be in the Fall of 2026 at Suber Road Park.
-  **Rentals:** The athletics division completed youth baseball tournament rentals at Country Club Park. Youth baseball teams from all over the Upstate and Western North Carolina competed.
-  **Greer 76ers Summer Flag and Touch Rugby:** Greer 76ers Summer Flag and Touch Rugby training sessions started at Country Club Park.
-  **Maintenance/Repairs:** Athletics staff is currently overseeing Country Club Batting Cage project as well as a lighting maintenance project at Country Club Park that requires the replacement of underground wiring to poles.
-  **Concessions:** Athletics staff successfully managed concession operations throughout the month of June for league and tournament play.
-  **Greer Baseball Club:** Greer Baseball Club All-Star teams continue to represent the program well in tournaments across South Carolina.
 - **6U:** Greer Baseball Club 6U all-stars qualified for the South Carolina State Tournament, Competed in the South Carolina Diamond Youth Baseball State Tournament June 26 through June 30.
 - **8U White:** Greer Baseball Club 8U White competed well at the MB6 Tournament in Mauldin, SC and South Carolina Diamond Youth Baseball District 1 Tournament. Team was unfortunately eliminated in district play.
 - **8U Navy:** Greer Baseball Club 8U Navy captured the district 1 Championship, finished district undefeated. Competed in the South Carolina Diamond Youth Baseball State Tournament June 26 through June 30.
 - **10U White and 10U Navy:** Both 10U Greer Baseball Club summer tournament teams competed well throughout the summer in various tournaments but eventually were eliminated in district play.
 - **12U:** Greer Baseball Club 12U all-stars claimed the SC DYB District 1 Championship, MB6 Championship, and finished 3rd at the SC DYB State Tournament
 - **15U:** Greer Baseball Club 15U all-stars concluded its summer season with a runner-up finish at the MB6 Tournament in Mauldin.
-  **Greer Softball Club:** Greer Softball All-Star teams continue to compete successfully throughout the state.
 - Greer Softball Club 8Us claimed the 2026 South Carolina State Championship on June 23 in North Augusta. Greer Softball Club 8U All Stars finish the summer as 2026 MB6 tournament runner ups, 2026 District runner ups, and 2026 SCAP State Champions. This is our first softball state title since 2009. This group of girls climbed the mountain top through a summer of hard work and dedication.

- 8U: 8U All Stars finished as runner-up at the MB6 Invitational Tournament in Mauldin, finished as runner up in districts, but claimed a South Carolina Athletic Programs (SCAP) state title over the summer. This is our program's first title in well over a decade. Greer PRT staff and the City of Greer are scheduled to honor them at a city council meeting this Fall. This is a tremendous accomplishment for our local softball program.
- 10U: 10U All Stars competed well but were eliminated in the third round of district tournament play.



8U 2026 South Carolina State Champions

CULTURAL ARTS

- ✍ We successfully launched Stories and Adventures, a new program for young children inspired by our former "Tall Tale Tuesdays" series. The six-week program runs every Tuesday morning from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (June 2 – July 14). Each session features a guest speaker presentation, themed story readings, and matching crafts. The initiative has been an overwhelming success, reaching maximum capacity each week with an average of 120–150 attendees.
- ✍ June weekly recap:
 - June 2: Beekeeper Mark Sweatman shared insights on honeybees and showcased a live observation hive.
 - June 9: The Greer Children's Theatre cast of Junie B. Jones The Musical Jr. performed for attendees.
 - June 16: Local author Kathryn Rountree hosted a live reading of her book.
 - June 23: Costumed Star Wars characters read galaxy-themed stories to the children.
 - June 30: Justin Miller delivered a presentation on monarch butterflies
- ✍ Visitors are still attending the Center for the Arts to see the Bing Davis exhibition, which will be ending on June 30.
- ✍ Edwin Hutchinson, Ice Age Sculptures, has finished carving the 4th tree sculpture at the Center for the Arts called Butterfly Migration. The first tree sculpture carved at the Center for the Arts called Emerging, was decaying at the base. It was cut off the base and transported to Edwin Hutchinson's workshop to be repaired. Public services poured a concrete base for it, and it was returned on Tuesday, June 23.
- ✍ Painting began on the mural on the side of the Davenport building. It was created by Adam Schimmer of Blank Canvas Mural Company.
- ✍ Ceramics and clay programming continued five days a week at the Center for the Arts, running daily except for Fridays and Sundays. Additionally, the center hosted two Tuesday crochet classes tailored for both adults and children.
- ✍ Staff worked on graphic designs for upcoming events and upcoming summer and fall programming. We also worked on logistics for upcoming programs, including the Holiday Arts Fair, the Day of the Dead Festival, Santa Central, etc.
- ✍ The 2nd Tunes in the Park for 2026 was held on June 20 with the Jaime Wright band performing. Crowds were not as high as the first month, but the city amphitheater was full, and the weather was beautiful, and the Greer Idol competition continues. Staff worked on preparations for Tunes in the Park and Greer Idol, including an information meeting with the Greer Idol contestants.
- ✍ The Upstate healthcare coalition held their second rental in three weeks at the Center for the Arts.

EVENTS

✚ **Total events held in June: 53** (*Internal: 21, Rentals: 14, Special Events: 9, Weddings: 9*)

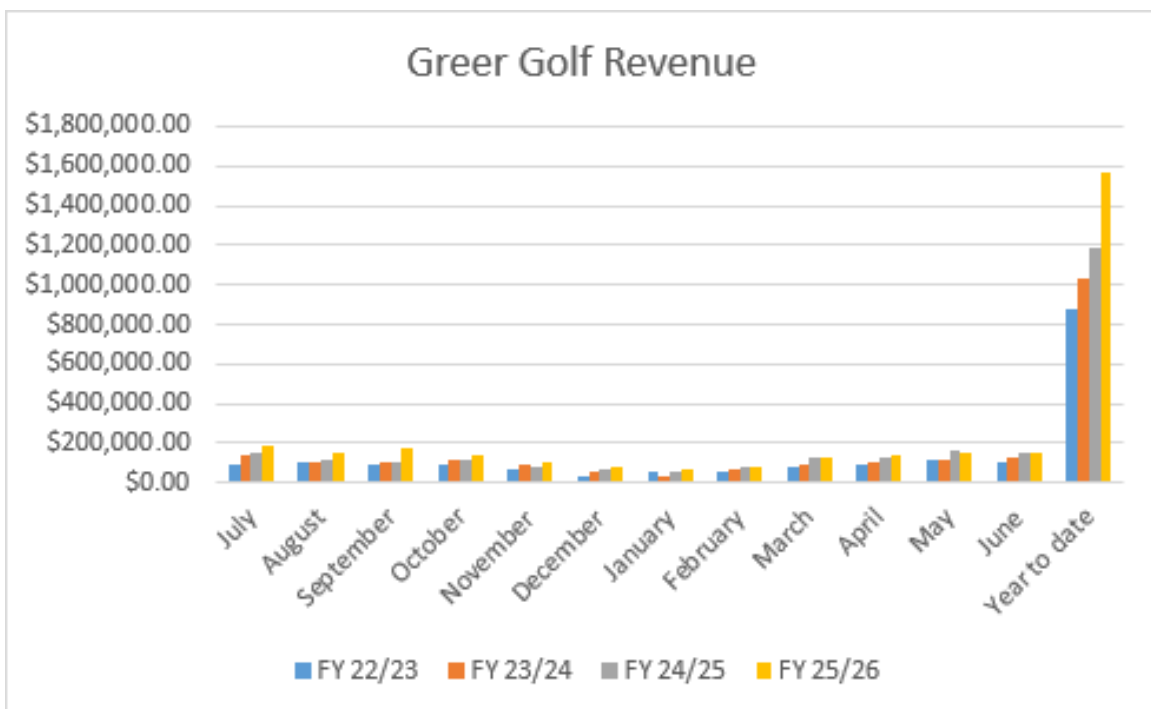
- ✚ Freedom Blast welcomed more than 20,000 attendees as the City of Greer celebrated America's 250th anniversary. As one of Greer's premier events and a signature military and veteran-focused celebration, Freedom Blast featured participation from 15 local military and veteran organizations. Several enhancements were made this year, including the expansion of food vendors into the Tribe 513 parking lot, additional roaming performers throughout the event site, and a laser show projected onto Greer City Hall. The event also returned to a traditional fireworks display, which lasted more than 25 minutes and received positive feedback from attendees. The success of Freedom Blast requires the support of more than 250 staff members and volunteers who assist with event operations, safety, logistics, and guest services throughout the day.
- ✚ The first Moonlight Movies event of the season was held on Thursday, June 4 at Greer City Park and was a great success, drawing a large crowd. The featured film was Zootopia 2. Attendees enjoyed complimentary face painting provided by Joyset Entertainment, two food vendors, a free children's craft activity, and a raffle featuring a variety of prizes donated by local businesses. Since transitioning to a mobile LED screen last season, which allows movies to begin earlier than in previous years, attendance has continued to increase. We have also noticed more attendees staying for the entire movie. A photo of the crowd is attached for reference.
- ✚ The Greer Farmers Market was held each Sunday in June and continued to serve as a popular community gathering space, with weekly attendance averaging more than 1,000 visitors. The June 7 market featured a kid-themed event with balloon animals, face painting, bounce houses, live children's music, and a variety of activities and games. The Father's Day Market on June 21 featured more than 60 farmers, makers, and bakers, including 16 local farms offering fresh, locally grown products, along with live music, food vendors, and family-friendly activities. The market also continued its commitment to improving access to fresh food through SNAP benefits, Healthy Bucks incentives, the Healthy Kids program, and participation in the POP Club program. Through these initiatives, children and families received vouchers that could be used to purchase fresh produce and other healthy food options from participating vendors.
- ✚ The Ambassadors transported more than 500 passengers during the month of June.



Moonlight Movies Fun

GREER GOLF

-  **Hosted events:** Welcomed 160 total tournament players across two major June events: Piedmont Boys annual tournament (June 6): 88 players and the Gap Creek Club event (June 13): 72 players
-  **Retail stock:** The Pro Shop received and displayed its new summer inventory and apparel lines.
-  **Grounds maintenance Greens optimization:**
 - Completed essential turf healthcare, including aerification, top-dressing, rolling, and brushing across all putting greens.
 - Fertilization: Applied specialized granular fertilizer to all putting greens on two separate occasions to maintain optimal turf health.
 - System repairs: Addressed and resolved an irrigation power malfunction impacting Hole #9.
-  **Revenue targets:** As of June 22, recorded revenues reached \$1,489,065.28, exceeding the budgeted projection by \$153,565.28.
 - Net profit: Total expenses were held to \$1,378,145.25, resulting in a net profit of \$110,920.03.



RECREATION

 **Rentals:** Recreation Center rentals - 8, Kids Planet – 134, Bus 1

 Recreation Updates:

- Justin Miller presented our 2025 Department presentations and fielded questions at the Lions Club meeting held at Larenda's Restaurant on June 2 along with Lindsey Shaffer.
- Hosted a Staff and Parent Orientation on June 4 in preparation of the Summer Camp program.
- Justin Miller attended Supervisor training at City Hall on June 10.
- Justin Miller planted 8,000 Zienna Seeds around our parks in the pollinator and Butterfly gardens.
- Received a \$5,000 grant from Greenville County for a Pollinator Garden and Sign at the phase 1 trailhead on the South Tyger Greenway.
- Staff provide the mobile rec for Freedom Blast 2026.

 Recreation Programs:

- SOAR
 - Hand and Foot card games were held on June 10, 17 and 24 with 23 participants.
 - Line dancing sessions were held on June 10 17, and 24 with 65 in attendance at the Cannon Centre.
 - Book Club meeting was held on June 16 with 8 seniors.
 - Bingo Day was held on June 4 and 18 at City Hall with 50 seniors.
 - Movie Day was held at City Hall on June 22 with 4 seniors in attendance.
 - On June 25, SOAR had a luncheon at Josey's Chuckwagon with 17 in attendance.
- Summer Camp began at the Needmore Recreation Center on June 8 at 7:30am. This program will run M-F through July 31 with 75 participants.

 Community Partner Programs:

- The South Carolina Artifacts and Treasure Association met on June 22 at the Needmore Recreation Center for their monthly meeting.
- The Disabled American Veterans local chapter 39 met at the Tryon Recreation Center on June 23.
- Never Alone, Narcotics Anonymous continued on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- Palmetto Cutlery met on June 2 at the Tryon Recreation Center for their monthly meeting.
- Senior Action moved to the Tryon Recreation Center and began meeting there daily Monday – Friday.
- The Upstate Archery Academy held Archery classes on Wednesdays at City Stadium.
- The Disc Golf Club began a 7-week Disc Golf league to be played on Wednesday nights at 6pm at Century Park. There were 18 players in the first week.
- Hosted a Disc Golf Tourney with Rob and Joe Disc Golf at Century Park on June 6.
- Upstate Pickleball hosted pickleball clinics at Tryon Park 3 days a week for paying participants.
- Partnered with local garden clubs during National Garden Week to complete community beautification and conservation projects, including butterfly garden plantings at City Park and the Center for the Arts by the Primrose Garden Club, installation of six bluebird boxes at Century Park and the South Tyger Greenway by the Azalea Garden Club, and support for a new pollinator garden and educational signage at the South Tyger Greenway Phase I trailhead by the Camellia Garden Club.
- Continued a 4-week basketball training session with Academy Basketball every Saturday with 16 participants ages 8-14.
- We served as polling location for the Greenville County Elections on June 9 and 23 with 324 voters.
- Held the SCRPA on June 24 at the Tryon Recreation Center Justin Miller sat on the panel and provided a lecture on our Pickleball program.

TOURISM

- ✈ Lindsey Shaffer and Justin Miller represented the PRT Department at the Lions Club meeting on Tuesday, June 2, and provided a department presentation with updates and event/program information.
- ✈ Staff represented Discover Greer and PRT at the BMW Charity Pro-Am on Thursday, June 4 – Sunday, June 7. Staff provided event/activity information and promotional giveaways.
- ✈ Lindsey Shaffer attended the Supervisor Training Part 1 on Wednesday, June 10.
- ✈ The Greer150: Boom to Bust event took place on Saturday, June 13 and had approximately 60-75 people in each of the three sessions.
- ✈ Staff finalized the updated and expanded Greer Visitor Guide. Printed copies will be available via funding from the Accommodations Tax Grant. A digital version will be available on the Discover Greer website.
- ✈ An approved film project took place in the last two weeks of June. Trade Street, the Jason Street Parking Garage, and other areas of downtown served as a backdrop in several scenes. The South Carolina Film Commission provides incentives and rebates for projects filmed in SC.
- ✈ Three Special Event Permits were approved for Neighborhood Block Parties taking place in June and July 2026.
- ✈ In June, we wrapped up two social media campaigns with two local content creators. The 13 videos featured downtown/surrounding restaurants, events, and things to do in Greer. The posts received high levels of engagement and positive feedback, with many commentors noting the series helped them discover new restaurants and events in Greer.
- ✈ Staff attended the Travel and Tourism Research Association's Annual Conference on Thursday, June 25 in Greenville, SC. Session topics included an economic outlook that explored consumer confidence/purchasing power and how it is shaping travel, strengthening destination advocacy through data driven storytelling, and more.
- ✈ Staff completed updates to the Greer Visitor Guide, which includes a new design and 28 pages packed with information and inspiration. The guide is available at multiple partner locations, Greer City Hall, and a digital version is available on the Discover Greer website. Funding the printed version was made possible through the Accommodations Tax Grant.
- ✈ Lindsey Shaffer and Alex Cahill met with Maria Hooper of Emrose Projects on Monday, June 29 to discuss downtown placemaking opportunities to foster better connectivity and increase foot traffic.

Staff met with the Greer Heritage Museum on Tuesday, June 30 for July event planning. The Greer150: Greer Uncovered event will take place on Saturday, July 18.

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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 (July – September)

Greer Alive! Greer Farmers Market

GREER CITY PARK

SUNDAYS, JULY 5 - OCTOBER 4

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Greer150: Uncovered

JASON ST. PARKING GARAGE

JULY 18

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Moonlight Movies

GREER CITY PARK

JULY 9 • JULY 23 • AUG 6

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Tunes in the Park

GREER CITY PARK

JULY 18 • AUG 15 • SEP 19

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Arts In Action Summer Camp:

Mythical Creatures

AGES 5 - 11

GREER CITY PARK

JULY 20 – JULY 30

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Greer150 – Greer Station Groove

GREER STATION

AUGUST 29

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Railfest

CITY PARK/CITY HALL

SEPTMEBER 27

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM