



# April 2016 Monthly Performance Report

## Mark These Dates on the Calendar!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
5-21-16	Paddlefest	Lake Blalock
6-11-16	Paddle the Pacolet	Clifton Beach to Town of Pacolet
6-18-16	Take a Kid Fishing Day	Cleveland Park
6-26-16	Stump Jump	Croft State Park

### Holston Creek Opening Baseball Game



Councilman Bob Walker threw out the first pitch on the new fields at Holston Creek Park on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Dr. Ron Garner attended on behalf of Spartanburg School District One.

### Holston Creek Disc Golf Course Grand Opening



On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 104 players gathered for the ribbon cutting and disc golf tournament at Holston Creek Park. The Parks Department's maintenance division built the course after it was designed by Innova Disc Golf. The course is 27 holes and is challenging for all players. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies were given in 6 divisions for the tournament that followed the ribbon cutting. County Council representatives Bob Walker and Jane Hall addressed the participants before the start of the event. At the end of the tournament, discussions were taking place about holding state and national tournaments on the course!

## Special Olympics Softball Team Plays at 295

On Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Area 12 Special Olympics Softball Team competed against Greenville at 295 Park. The players had a great day while spectators cheered these talented athletes. These players embody true sportsmanship and represent the most important aspect of athletics.... FUN.



## Converse College Ends First Season



On Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Converse College played their final home game of the season at Tyger River Park against Brevard College. Converse's usage of the stadium field has proven to be a draw for the community with local fans coming out in support. Christy Johnson, Head Coach for the Converse Lady Valkyries spoke of her experience this season; "It was a pleasure utilizing the stadium. It provided Converse Softball with a great game-day facility and a true college atmosphere. I appreciate the staff's attention to details and last minute requests. The Parks staff and the facility helped make our inaugural year as smooth as possible."

## Under Construction

### SPATS Update on Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail Wayfinding Signs

Spartanburg Area Transportation Study (SPATS), in coordination with the County Parks Department, Crossroads of the Carolinas group, Chesnee Planning Commission and Chesnee City Council is working to implement the first portion of the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail (OVNHT) Master Plan. In 2014, the OVNHT Master Plan was endorsed by the SPATS Policy Committee and Spartanburg County Council and adopted by Chesnee City Council. Thanks to the Parks Department's Signage Plan, the new OVNHT Wayfinding Signs will be located in and around the City of Chesnee to educate citizens and visitors of the significance of the OVNHT.

### VaDuMar Park Walking Trail



The ½ mile loop will open once the trail construction is complete.

# Volunteers

## Pacolet River Sweep



The 2016 Pacolet River Sweep was a great success! Fifty-five participants worked to clean the banks of the Pacolet River. Over 50 bags of trash and debris were collected. The purpose of this event was to help clean up the blueways system by removing trash & debris to help make the water system cleaner for all to enjoy. Big thanks to all of volunteers and the following Parks Department partners: SJWD Water District, Clemson Extension and the Environmental Enforcement Officers with Spartanburg County Litter Control.



## MS Walk at Cleveland Park



On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Cleveland Park hosted the 2016 MS Walk. Perfect weather brought out 150 participants walking laps around the trails at Cleveland Park to raise money and awareness for MS. Bojangles provided breakfast and music was enjoyed by all!

## Chesnee Community Center Provides Activities for ALL Ages



Beryl Cox knows the secret to staying young...that secret is to stay active. Beryl is (102 years of age) the oldest active member at the Chesnee Community Center. Beryl makes the senior wellness initiative worth it. She is an outstanding example of staying engaged, active and in charge.