



CITY OF GREENVILLE WEEK IN REVIEW

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OPEN SPACE

BREAKING GROUND AND BREAKING BARRIERS WITH INCLUSIVE PLAY

The City broke ground this week on the first fully inclusive playground inside Cleveland Park. Brooks' Playground will include elements designed for children of all abilities ages six months to 13+ years. In addition to a playground, the project includes enhanced handicapped parking, pathways for wheelchairs and additional restrooms.

Named in honor of Brooks Foster, the Foster family led the effort to raise \$1.3 million in private donations to create a place where all children can play. Combined with \$2.3 million in City funding, the 10,640-square-foot space will be 85% shaded and offer a "just-right" level of challenge along with opportunities for children to succeed. The playground will open in the spring of 2025.



BY THE NUMBERS

85
VOLUNTEERS

Participated in an autumn version of United Way of Greenville County's "Hands on Greenville" Day to assist with cleanup of storm debris in our parks.

30,000
TICKETS

Sold for Prisma Health Boo in the Zoo, a new record for this event.

150+
TREES

Given away at the Earle Street Baptist Church Trunk-or-Treat event.

NEIGHBORHOODS

GREENVILLE HUMANE SOCIETY ANNOUNCES MAJOR EXPANSION

The cat's out of the bag! Big changes are coming to the Greenville Humane Society!

The animal rescue non-profit announced plans to add space for 100 additional animals. The expansion along the Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail will include a state-of-the-art public Spay and Neuter Clinic and a multipurpose community space to offer public dog training classes, education programs and birthday party venues.



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HIGHLIGHTS



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1. We can't be-LEAF it's the last market of the season! The crisp air and vibrant colors made it the perfect day to shop with over 50 vendors at the TD Saturday Market Autumn Harvest.
2. Downtown turned into "Halloween-VILLE" for the annual Trick-or-Treat on Main Street. More than 35 local merchants participated in the festivities!
3. Welcome Irina! Due to our history of successfully breeding Amur leopards, the Greenville Zoo received two-year-old Irina from the St. Louis Zoo. Her mate, a one-year-old male, will arrive from Colorado in a few months.

NEWS & NOTES

Open Space

Walking Club began at Unity Park this week. Participants enjoyed a nice walk around the park and logged two miles on the first day.

The Daniel-Mickel Foundation hosted a ribbon cutting for a "Path to Progress," a series of informational panels at Unity Park that provide history of Southernside, West Greenville and the segregated parks that once existed on that land.

Neighborhoods

TRICK or TREES! The City gave away trees at neighborhood Halloween events. The FREE trees are the first of many targeted giveaways to help our

community replant after Hurricane Helene. The City is unable to work on private property, so our best approach is to TREAT our residents.

Recreation

Roper Mountain Science Center came to David Hellams Community Center to present on coastal critters. The program was very engaging and fun for the afterschool children.

Age six-and-under soccer wrapped up the 2024 season. Commemorative medallions were given to each player.

It was a thriller of a night for the final Moonlight Movie

presented by Champion Comfort Experts. Movie-goers watched the horror comedy Haunted Mansion and enjoyed popcorn and candy.

Economic Development

Clemson University MBA Programs hosted an open house. Located in downtown Greenville since 2010, the program has grown from an enrollment of 240 students to as many as 600 in recent years.

A new "Startup Community" hopes to attract 20 new tech-enabled companies in the next three years and 80 over the next decade. Furman University, Flywheel and Founderville are partnering

with Crescent One to offer workspace, a network, training and a \$100,000 investment to founders who relocate for at least one year.

Honors and Awards

The Furman Men's Basketball Team honored City employees for their efforts during Hurricane Helene at a charity exhibition game. Proceeds benefitted the Friends of Cleveland Park and restoration projects in other city parks.

The City's Poet Laureate, Glenis Redmond, hosted "Poetry in the Park" at Falls Park. Glenis and other poets read original poems inspired by our local parks.