Phase II of the Ridgewood Park improvements began this year. The Richland County Recreation Commission was granted $60,000 from CDBG funds to further improve Ridgewood Park. The funding was granted to improve lighting, add irrigation and a water fountain as well as to develop an area for a vegetable garden. Phase I included the installation of a state of the art 1/4 mile recycled rubberized walking trail and the addition of four exercise stations for upper and lower extremities. In addition, Richland County Council approved a bond referendum for the Commission which included $500,000 to construct a community center in Ridgewood Park for meetings, training and special events.