

## Why We Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day, celebrated on March 17th, honors St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Born in the 5th century, Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland and is famously said to have used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity.

Today, St. Patrick's Day has grown into a celebration of Irish culture and heritage. People around the world honor the day with parades, wearing green, festive foods, and plenty of fun. It's a time to celebrate community, joy, and a little bit of luck—whether you're Irish or just Irish at heart!

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with some tasty traditions and festive treats! Try classic dishes like corned beef and cabbage or hearty Irish stew, and don't forget Shepherd's Pie. For a sweet twist, make a batch of green cupcakes, mint chocolate brownies, or Lucky Charms treats. Whatever you choose, add a little green, a little fun, and a lot of flavor to your day!

### Lucky Charms Rice Krispie Treats

- 6 cups Rice Krispies cereal
- 2 cups Lucky Charms cereal
- 1 (10 oz) bag mini marshmallows
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt



\*Lightly grease a 9x13-inch pan or line it with parchment paper.

\*In a large pot over low heat, melt the butter. Add the mini marshmallows and stir until completely smooth. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla and salt if using.

\*Gently fold in the Rice Krispies and Lucky Charms until evenly coated. Work quickly—this stuff sets fast!

\*Transfer the mixture to your prepared pan. Lightly press it down using a greased spatula or wax paper (don't smash it too hard or they'll be dense).

\*Let cool for about 30 minutes, then cut into squares.



## MARCH 2026 City Meetings and Events

### March 6

Art Walk  
Depot Park  
6:00 p.m.

### March 7

Possum Palooza  
Depot Park  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### March 7 - 8

AVSA Soccer Tournament  
Russellville Soccer Complex

### March 10

Agenda Prep Meeting  
City Hall, Council Chamber  
5:30 p.m.

### March 14

Great American Cleanup  
Lake Dardanelle Visitor Center  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### March 19

City Council Meeting  
City Hall, Council Chamber  
5:30 p.m.

### March 31

Morning With the Mayor  
Russellville Chamber of Commerce  
708 W. Main Street  
9:00 a.m.



## JOIN US FOR THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP AT LAKE DARDANELLE STATE PARK

Interested in giving back or earning volunteer service hours? The City has partnered with Lake Dardanelle State Park on Saturday, March 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to help remove invasive privet and protect native habitats.

All tools will be provided. Please bring water and sunscreen, wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes, and bring work gloves if you have them. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For more information, contact the Lake Dardanelle State Park Visitor Center at 479-967-5516.



## SPRINGING Into Action: Public Works Prepares for the Season Ahead

As warmer weather approaches, our Public Works team will be hard at work getting Russellville ready for spring. In the coming weeks, you'll see our crews out mowing City properties, sweeping streets, trimming trees, and clearing ditches to help keep drainage flowing properly during spring rains.

Our Traffic Division will also be performing regular preventative maintenance on traffic control boxes to ensure signals continue operating safely and efficiently.

We're proud of the work our team does behind the scenes to keep our community clean, safe, and running smoothly as we head into a new season. If you see our crews out and about, be sure to give them a wave!



### Meet Hannah Andrews, Russellville Aquatics Manager

We sat down with Hannah to get her take on some of her favorite water activities.

#### **Beach Day or Pool Day**

Beach

#### **Morning Swim or Night Swim**

Morning

#### **Indoor Pool or Outdoor Pool**

Outdoor

#### **Sitting in the sun or in the shade**

Sitting in the sun

#### **Flip Flops, Chacos or Water Shoes**

Chacos

#### **Lap Swim or Open Swim**

Open Swim

#### **Swim Lessons or Water Aerobics**

Water Aerobics

#### **Favorite Class to Teach**

Shallow Water Aerobics

#### **Favorite Sunscreen**

No brand fave, but definitely lotion. You get better coverage.

#### **Favorite Beach Day Activity**

Reading in the sun

Follow Russellville Aquatic Center on Facebook and @rsvlaquaticcenter on Instagram to keep up with all the monthly activities and events. Stay tuned; Hannah and her team have plenty of exciting new things coming your way soon!

