



Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
February 2021 *M*

- Five groups used the Hughes Center during January for a total of 85 hours. Events included the Fit Girlz exercise group, Girl Scout meetings and a Cub Scout meeting.
- The Russellville Aquatic Center hosted two Russellville High School swim meets in January for a total of 11 hours. January classes included Water Aerobics, Silver Fins and Deep Water Aerobics for a total of 18 hours. The Russellville High School swim team practiced at the aquatic center for a total of 40 hours and the Racers' swim team practiced for a total of 40 hours. Day passes continued to be available on Saturday from 12:00-5:00 and Sunday from 2:30-5:00, and resumed during the week Monday through Friday 11:00-3:00 and 5:30-8:00.
- The Parks Commission met on January 14. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org)
- Quarterly safety inspections were conducted by the department. All fire extinguishers, emergency lights and exit lights were inspected to ensure that they work properly. An unannounced fire drill was held at the Hughes Community Center in January and no problems were encountered. The Department strives to have the safest work environment as possible.
- Maintenance staff removed and stored all of the downtown Christmas lights until next year. The lights always bring a warm glow to the downtown area of Russellville during the holiday season.
- Maintenance has been hard at work getting ready for the summer months. Trees are being trimmed, flower beds are being cleaned up and the mowers are being serviced.
- Construction continued on the backstops and score booths at M.J. Hickey Park. The project is expected to be completed by mid-February.
- Bids were opened for the James School Park pavilion/bathroom project. Construction should begin in mid-February and is projected to be completed by late March.
- A bike rack was installed in front of the aquatic center. The rack will be beneficial for bike riders that also swim at the aquatic center.
- Concrete work was finished at Veterans Memorial Park. Sidewalk connectors were poured that connected the sidewalks to the existing trails. Monument bases to be used in the future were poured at the same time.
- A ten by ten concrete pad was poured at the mountain bike trailhead located in Illinois Bayou Park. A bench, bike rack and a bike workstation with an air pump were installed on the pad.
- Work began on the Inglewood soft surface trail. Affordable Trail Solutions was contracted and funded by Jackalope Cycling. The project is expected to be completed in April.