



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
April 2021

- Six groups used the Hughes Center during March for a total of 153 hours. Events included the Cub Scout Pack 182 Pinewood Derby races and Russellville Police Department training.
- For the month of March, the Russellville Aquatic Center held two private parties for a total of six hours. Aquatic classes held were Silver Fins, Water Aerobics, and Deep Water Aerobics for a total of 30 hours. The center hosted the Boy Scout Troop 214 swim tests to prepare for their summer events on March 6 and Arkansas Tech University ROTC training on March 10.
- The Parks Commission met on March 11. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org
- The fire extinguishers in all department buildings and vehicles were inspected. Employee safety is a priority for the Department.
- The Department registered teams for the summer softball league at Pleasant View Park. This year there are 12 teams participating and games will be played on Wednesday nights.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association began practicing at M.J. Hickey Park and Vick Field for this year's summer baseball league. The league will begin in mid-April with 322 players participating in seven different age divisions. The majority of the games for the 29 teams registered are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights.
- All park restrooms and pavilions are open for the season. The cost for a pavilion rental is \$35 for half days or \$50 for all day and may be booked online at <https://secure.recl.com/AR/russellville-recreation-parks/catalog> or at the Hughes Community Center.
- The Department received a \$1,000 donation from Denali Water to be used on the James School Park basketball project.
- The backstops and score booths on Fields 2, 3 and 4 at M.J. Hickey Park have been completed. The fields are now ready for the upcoming baseball season.
- Construction will start the first week of April on the James School Park bathroom and pavilion. This project is long overdue and will greatly improve the park.
- Henry Hankins, a thirty-five year employee of the City of Russellville, will retire in April. We wish him a happy retirement and thank him for his service to the Russellville Recreation and Parks Department.
- The maintenance department is working hard mowing, edging, painting, repairing and replacing lights, cleaning the parks and making needed repairs in the parks for the upcoming spring season.