

- Five groups used the Hughes Center during April for a total of 150 hours. Events included a church service, Girl Scout meetings and a Main Street Mission Covid-19 vaccination clinic.
- For the month of April, the Russellville Aquatic Center had five private parties and five regular parties for a total of 25 hours. Aquatic classes held were Silver Fins, Water Aerobics, Aqua HIIT and Deep Water Aerobics for a total of 19 hours. The aquatic center did not hold any special events in April.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in April. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org
- The department had 18 pavilion rentals and 13 practice field reservations for Shiloh Park and Pleasant View Park in April.
- In safety matters, the department performed inspections on all fire extinguishers, vehicles, offices and all park buildings. A fire drill was conducted at the Hughes Center. Maintenance staff continued their weekly safety talks in April.
- Work began on cleaning and preparing M.J. Hickey Pool to open for the summer season.
- The staff from the aquatic center will take over the day to day operations of M.J. Hickey Pool this summer. Reservations for pool parties and swim lessons will be available on the City's website.
- The construction project at M.J. Hickey Park has been completed. The new backstops and score booths are already being used by the Russellville Youth Baseball Association.
- The old James School Park bathroom and pavilion have been demolished and removed. The construction of the new bathrooms and pavilion has begun. This project when completed will provide James School Park patrons with new bathrooms, a pavilion, picnic tables, a grill and sitting areas.
- The Hughes Community Center and the Russellville Aquatic Center have returned to normal use for parties, events, classes and pool parties.
- Balloons over Russellville was a big success bringing in very large crowds. There were twenty hot air balloons, bands, bump and jumps, six concession wagons and twenty-five chainsaw wood carvers from all over the United States at the event. The carvers competed for three days carving out some amazing masterpieces.