



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
June 2021

- Ten groups used the Hughes Center during May for a total of 158 hours. Events included a community blood drive, a church service, lifeguard training, birthday parties and a baby shower.
- For the month of May, the Russellville Aquatic Center had 6 private parties and 9 regular parties for a total of 45 hours. Aquatic classes held were Silver Fins, Water Aerobics and Deep Water Aerobics for a total of 22 hours.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in May. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org
- The department had 23 pavilion rentals and 20 practice field reservations for Shiloh Park and Pleasant View Park in May.
- In safety matters, all fire extinguishers in all vehicles, heavy equipment and park buildings were inspected. Self-inspection office forms were completed for the month of May. Maintenance staff continued their weekly safety talks in May.
- An Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) grant application was prepared and submitted on May 28. The application is for Phase II (b) of the Schoolhouse Trail that will connect three schools and five parks.
- Maintenance staff spent numerous hours preparing M.J. Hickey Pool for the 2021 season. The pool was painted, patched and cleaned. The pool was opened to the public on Saturday, May 29. The pool is open daily from 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Pleasant View Park and Shiloh Park were the host sites for four softball tournaments in May. There were 82 teams from around the state that participated in the tournaments.
- The Schoolhouse Trail Phase I was bid out and awarded to Western Millwright Services. Construction on this portion of the trail is scheduled to begin in late June.
- The Veterans Coalition added two new benches, several dogwood and crepe myrtle trees to the landscape of Veterans Memorial Park.
- A ceremony to remember and respect those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country was held on Memorial Day at Veterans Memorial Park. The guest speaker Rex Darling, retired U.S. Navy Chaplain, gave a heartfelt speech to the many spectators in attendance.