

- Nine groups used the Hughes Center during June for a total of 158 hours. Events included the Arkansas Blood Institute Boots vs. Badges blood drive, a church service, Russellville Police Department training and a public meeting to discuss the needs for an all-inclusive playground.
- For the month of June, the Russellville Aquatic Center had 7 private parties and 5 regular parties for a total of 31 hours. The aquatic center gave 21 swim lesson classes for a total of 36 hours. Special events included a Special Olympics swim meet on June 5 and a Sharks swim meet on June 18.
- For the month of June, M.J. Hickey Pool had 6 private parties for a total of 14 hours and 9 swim lessons for a total of 36 hours. An inflatable obstacle course day was held on June 23, and it brought in many more patrons.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in June. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org)
- The department had 19 park pavilion rentals and 10 practice field reservations for Shiloh Park and Pleasant View Park in June.
- 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 June. Maintenance staff continued their weekly safety talks in June.
- Two state tournaments and one district tournament were held at Pleasant View Park. The tournaments brought 90 teams to Russellville.
- A Juneteenth celebration was held at James School Park on June 19. The event included games, food, horse rides, face painting, snow cones and entertainment that included local singers. Other booths were provided by the Pope County Library Bookmobile, Russellville High School head football coach David Wheeler and a voter registration booth was available to sign up new voters. A committee was present to discuss the importance of preserving the Latimore House. The event was organized by the James Park Committee.
- The annual children's fishing derby was held on June 12 with 75 participants that caught a record number of 96 fish. Congratulations to winners of the heaviest stringers in their age groups. First place winners were Hudson Price, Harper Price and Brayden Patterson. Second place winners were Ryder Higgs, Annabella Grace and Rebecca Millsap. Brayden Patterson also had the overall heaviest stringer. Our department was thrilled to host the event again after being unable to have it last year. It was great to see all the smiles on their faces when they caught a fish.
- M.J. Hickey Park was the host site for the 9AA USSSA State Tournament. The tournament brought 32 teams to Russellville for three days.
- New fall zone protection turf was installed on the soccer complex playground.
- The City Park splash pad opened for the season in June. It is free to the public and is open every day from 10:00am to 8:00pm.