



Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
August 2021 *11*

- Nine groups used the Hughes Center during July for a total of 134 hours. Events included an Arkansas Land Commissioner tax sale, Russellville police training and scout meetings.
- For the month of July, the Russellville Aquatic Center had 7 private parties and 8 regular parties for a total of 37 hours. The aquatic center gave 109 hours of swim lessons. Special events included a swim meet for the Boys and Girls Club swim team. Five teams with 200 swimmers competed in the meet.
- For the month of July, M.J. Hickey Pool had 13 private parties for a total of 30 hours and held 22 hours of swim lessons.
- The Parks Commission met on July 8. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org)
- The department had seven park pavilion rentals in July.
- Signups were held for the department's adult fall softball league from July 12 through July 23. We had eighteen teams sign up for the fall season. The league will begin in August and run through October with games being played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at Pleasant View Park.
- The annual community fireworks display was held downtown on July 4. The display was well attended and many commented that it was the best show they had ever seen.
- In safety matters, the department performed inspections in July on all fire extinguishers, vehicles, offices and all park buildings.
- The Arkansas Valley Soccer Association hosted a 3 V 3 Under the Lights soccer tournament on July 24 at the Russellville Soccer Complex. The tournament brought 40 teams to the Russellville area. The association reported approximately 1,000 people attended the event. The tournament was such a success that they plan to host it again next year.
- Construction on the Schoolhouse Trail Phase I began in July. This section of the trail begins at the end of South Muskogee Avenue and travels north through the Hickory Hollow disc golf course to the Russellville Middle School and will end at West 4<sup>th</sup> Place.
- Renovations began on the basketball courts at James School Park. The basketball goals and fencing has been removed to allow for a new surface to be installed. In addition to the new surface, new goals, new fencing and LED lighting will be included in the project.
- The Recreation and Parks Department has one maintenance position open. Interested parties can apply online at <http://ar-russellville.civicplus.com/Jobs.aspx> or in person at Russellville City Hall.