



Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
December 2021

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- Twelve groups used the Hughes Center during November for a total of 120 hours. Events included the annual PACA Christmas Gala, a quinceanera and a Trout Day fishing clinic.
- For the month of November, the Russellville Aquatic Center had 6 private parties and 16 regular parties for a total of 50 hours. Classes held in November included Deep Water Aerobics, Silver Fins and Try Scuba for a total of 21 hours. The center was the host site for two high school swim meets held on November 8 and November 18. The center was closed on November 25 for Thanksgiving Day.
- The Parks Commission met on November 18. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org)
- The annual inspection of the Department's fire extinguishers was conducted by Universal Fire. All of the extinguishers were tested, tagged and replaced as needed.
- The Department conducted a meeting in November to organize the annual Christmas Parade. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. on December 2. The event will take place through downtown Russellville in celebration of the winter season and the arrival of Santa Claus.
- The Department's maintenance crew decorated the Russellville downtown area for the holidays. The snowflakes were placed on the light poles and light displays were installed in the area. We invite the public to come downtown and enjoy the holiday atmosphere
- The annual PACA arts and crafts show was held on November 5 & 6 and was well attended. The event is great place to purchase gifts for the holiday season.
- The basketball goals were installed at James School Park. The new LED lighting system also arrived and will be installed in the near future.
- New park signs have been ordered for City Park and the soccer complex. The signs will be placed at the entrance of each park to welcome all park users.
- Two new air condition units were installed in both main bathrooms at the aquatic center. A new sidewalk that connects the west side to the north side of the center was installed. Glass doors for the main bathroom entrance have been ordered.
- The City has been granted a second ArDOT grant in the amount of \$250,000 to be used on Phase II of the Schoolhouse Trail. This project will begin in the spring of 2022.