



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
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- Twelve groups used the Hughes Center during December for a total of 197 hours. Events included a trout fishing clinic, Ducks Unlimited Banquet, Regulators Toy Drive and several Christmas parties.
- For the month of December, the Russellville Aquatic Center had six private parties and ten regular parties for a total of 38 hours. Classes held in November included Water Aerobics and Silver Fins for a total of 20 hours. New mini split air conditioners and a new door were installed to help control the climate and temperature in the main restrooms.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in December. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org
- Park maintenance staff, along with public works, provided road closures for the Russellville Christmas parade.
- The annual Christmas Parade was held on December 2. Winners of this year's parade were City Corporation (Grand Prize), Pope County OEM Search and Rescue (Santa's Choice), Main Street Mission, Friendship Pediatric Services and Grace Chapel Church (Non-Profit) and Rockline Industries, Wilcox Companies L.L.C., Chambers Bank (Profit). The Department wishes to thank the Russellville Police Department, Leadership Russellville, ATU student volunteers, 4H – Sequoyah Kids, Russellville Public Works and the Russellville Fire Department for all of their help. The parade was successful due to citywide help and support.
- Our department along with the Caddis Fly Fishing Club and Arkansas Game and Fish hosted the annual Trout Day fishing event on December 4 at Pleasant View Park pond. The Caddis Fly Fishing Club turned out in full force to help give local youth the opportunity to trout fish in the River Valley. This year 105 participants attended the event. Maurice Jackson, Chelsea Tucker, Jamie Jackson, Mark Dyer and Clint Coleman from Arkansas Game and Fish did a great job educating the public on trout fishing. Special thanks to the Russellville Fire Department and Mayor Harris for giving their support at the event. The pond will be restocked periodically through the cold months for area residents to continue to catch trout.
- James School Park construction continued on the basketball courts. The electric has been installed along with the new LED lights. The first coat of sealer has been applied to the court.
- The City was awarded a \$180,000 grant from the Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism for an all-inclusive playground to be placed in City Park. The City will match the grant for a total cost of \$360,000 for the project. Construction should start in early 2022.
- Two new picnic shelters were installed at Waco Basin Park. The park is located at 1410 Whippoorwill Lane.