



**Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
February 2022**

- Nine groups used the Hughes Center during January for a total of 164 hours. Events included an Arkansas Blood Institute/Pope County Sheriff's Office blood drive, the annual River Valley Gun Club party, a baby shower and a birthday party.
- For the month of January, the Russellville Aquatic Center had 18 regular parties and 3 private parties for a total of 45 hours. Classes held in January included Deep Water Aerobics, Silver Fins, Aqua Zumba and Try Scuba for a total of 28 hours. The Morrilton scuba school held two training sessions at the aquatic center. Two high school swim meets were in January. The first on January 6 and had eight swim teams participating and the second meet was on January 24 with eleven teams.
- The Parks Commission met on January 13. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org)
- Quarterly safety inspections were conducted by the department. All fire extinguishers, emergency lights and exit lights were inspected to ensure that they work properly. An unannounced fire drill was held at the Hughes Community Center in January and no problems were encountered. The City strives to have the safest work environment as possible
- Maintenance staff removed and stored all of the downtown Christmas lights until next year. The lights add a holiday atmosphere to the downtown area of Russellville during the winter season.
- The Sequoyah Park playground was removed from the park by our maintenance department. Two large gumball trees were also removed to make way for a new playground unit. The unit has been ordered and is on its way.
- The automatic sliding door was installed at the aquatic center. This door will help control the temperature and the humidity in the bathrooms. An emergency light converter was also installed. The converter ensures that the lights will continue to come on during power outages.
- The M.J. Hickey Pool renovation bid book and drawings were completed and the project was sent out to bid. The bid opening will be at City Hall at 2:00pm on February 22.