

- Eleven groups used the Hughes Center during March for a total of 158 hours. Events included the Arkansas Commissioner of State Lands Tax Delinquent Land Auction, River Valley Long Beards NWTF Banquet, Cub Scout Pack 182 Pinewood Derby and the Pope County Library Civil Air Patrol Training.
- For the month of March, the Russellville Aquatic Center had twenty regular parties and five private parties for a total of 55 hours. Classes held in March included Water Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics and swim lessons for a total of 38 hours. The Special Olympics held a swim meet on March 26 with twenty-five swimmers from Russellville, Little Rock, Pottsville, Dover, Conway, Greenbrier, Clarksville, and Mena participating.
- The Parks Commission met on March 10. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org).
- The Department's fire extinguishers, eyewash stations and AEDs were inspected in March.
- The Department registered teams for the summer softball league at Pleasant View Park. This year there are thirteen teams participating and games will be played on Wednesday and Thursday nights.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association began practicing at M.J. Hickey Park for this year's summer baseball league. The league will begin in mid-April with 330 players participating in five different age divisions. The majority of the games for the 29 teams registered are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. RYBA purchased pitcher protection screens to be used on the fields during play.
- The Department installed pitcher protection screens in the batting cages at Pleasant View Park and M.J. Hickey Park. Distance signs were installed on the M.J. Hickey Park fields.
- All park restrooms and pavilions are open for the season. The cost for a pavilion rental is \$35 for half days or \$50 for all day. You may reserve at the Hughes Community Center or online at <https://secure.recl.com/AR/russellville-recreation-parks/catalog>.
- The new playground for Sequoyah Park has been delivered and installation has begun. The installation should be finished by mid-April and the park will be reopened to the public.
- New park signs were installed at City Park and Russellville Soccer Complex. The signs identify the parks as city operated parks, with the city logo and park address.
- New drinking fountains with bottle fillers have been installed at Pleasant View Park, M.J. Hickey Park and the Russellville Soccer Complex. The fountains were installed on the concession stand buildings in each park.
- Three fast pitch youth softball tournaments were played in the month of March at Pleasant View Park and Shiloh Park. The tournaments had thirty-four teams participating.