



**Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
November 2022**

- Fourteen groups used the Hughes Center during the month of October for a total of 240 hours. Events included a Siemens Energy safety training, the Collegiate Bass Fishing Series tournament registration, the Republican Party of Pope County Mayor Candidate Forum, a United Way community fun fair, a Pottsville High School after prom fundraiser and the Arkansas Razorback Chapter 62 MKOA clock convention.
- For the month of October the Russellville Aquatic Center had 23 regular parties and 8 private parties for a total of 70 hours. Learn to Swim lessons were held for a total of 16 hours. Shallow Water Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics and Try Scuba classes were held for a total of 18 hours. The Kids Triathlon was also held in October.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in October. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org).
- The department had sixteen park pavilion rentals in October.
- In safety matters, the department performed inspections on all fire extinguishers, vehicles, offices and all park buildings. A fire drill was conducted at the Hughes Center.
- Pleasant View Park was the host site for three softball tournaments in October. The tournaments brought 99 teams to compete in Russellville
- The RRPD softball league wrapped up play in October at Pleasant View Park. We appreciate the teams that play in our league every year.
- The annual Kidsfest was held on October 29 at the Downtown Fall Fest. Special thanks to ATU Recreation and Programming Class, CSI, the U.S. Forest Service, B.A.C.A., Special Olympics, Friendship Community Care, Pope County Library, Wayne Sanderson Farms, Pope County 4-H, and the Arkansas Alliance of Bloodhound Search Specialists for committing to the event, however the rain put a damper on it. The Department would like to give a big shout out to Junior Auxiliary for donating candy for the event.
- Online registration for the annual Christmas parade began in October. The parade will be held downtown at 6:30 p.m. on December 1. All entries can register online at <https://secure.recl.com/AR/russellville-recreation-parks/catalog>.
- The Friends of the Latimore Tourist Home and all of their volunteers did a great job of getting the Latimore house moved to its temporary location at James School Park. Once the foundation is built, the house will be moved to its permanent location at the corner of South Houston Avenue and West 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Pine Knob Bike Park construction is moving quickly. Trails have been marked, property surveyed and the parking lot was enlarged. The OORC has hired Affordable Trail Solutions to build the trails. Trail construction should start soon.
- Construction continues at M.J. Hickey Pool and the City Park splash pad. The City Park bathroom remodeling is finished. The bathrooms have new paint, partitions, fixtures, flushers, and a bottle filling water fountain.