



Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
January 2023

- Twelve groups used the Hughes Center during the month of December for a total of 187 hours. Events included award ceremonies for the Russellville Police Department and the Russellville Fire Department, the annual Ducks Unlimited Banquet, an Entergy Christmas party, four birthday parties and a baby shower.
- For the month of December the Russellville Aquatic Center had twenty regular parties and five private parties for a total of 55 hours. Shallow Water Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics, and Try Scuba classes were held for a total of 16 hours. A dive-in movie night was held on December 9. The movie Elf was shown to around 50 guests.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in December. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://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 1. Winners of this year's parade were City Corporation (Grand Prize), Bost, Inc., Marine Corps League/Toy for Tots and St. John Catholic Church (Non-Profit) and Dance with Joy, Russellville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and ABC Children's Academy (Profit). The Department wishes to thank the Russellville Police Department, 4H – Sequoyah Kids, Jr. Auxiliary Crown Club, Pope County District Court, 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 3 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 130 participants attended the event. Maurice Jackson and Clint Coleman from Arkansas Game and Fish did a great job educating the public on trout fishing. The pond will be restocked periodically through the cold months for area residents to continue to catch trout.
- Construction on the City Park splash pad has been completed. The splash pad includes many water features, a large water dumping bucket, trash cans, shaded picnic tables and benches.
- Maintenance staff has been updating the M.J. Hickey Pool bathhouse. New lighting has been installed, office counters were replaced, a fresh coat of paint was applied throughout the building, mirrors were replaced and new signage was put in place.
- Construction on the Pine Knob Bike Park at Confederate Mothers Memorial Park continued during December. Several rock features have been constructed and the central hub where the pavilion will be located has been finished. Construction on the trails will start soon.