



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
February 2023

- Eleven groups used the Hughes Center during the month of January for a total of 173 hours. Events included an Arkansas Blood Institute blood drive, a Main Street Mission health fair and the 33rd annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.
- For the month of January the Russellville Aquatic Center had 25 regular parties and 8 private parties for a total of 90 hours. Classes for Shallow Water Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics, Try Scuba and swim lessons were held for a total of 38 hours. A high school swim meet was held on January 12 that included six different swim teams.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in January. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at 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.
- The Department's office staff, building attendants and three maintenance workers were Red Cross certified in adult, child and infant CPR and the use of an AED. Department employees Melissa Beatty and Rachel Villines did a wonderful job of teaching the class.
- Maintenance staff removed and stored all of the downtown Christmas lights. The lights add a holiday atmosphere to the downtown area of Russellville during the winter season.
- M.J. Hickey Pool renovations continue. Return water lines were installed around the perimeter of the pool. Fiberglass was removed and stainless steel gutters were cleaned. The inside of the bathhouse was painted and new LED lights were installed.
- The Department partnered with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to secure funding for an A.D.A. accessible fishing dock and pavilion at the community fishing pond located at Pleasant View Park.
- Trail work continues at Pine Knob Bike Park. The strider trail was completed and trails were marked and cleared for final dirt work. Brush was cleared and the rock work continues. A 20 x 20 pavilion was ordered and will function as the main hub of the park.
- Maintenance staff is hard at work getting the parks ready for spring. They have been painting, mulching leaves, replacing lighting, trimming trees and getting equipment ready for the upcoming season.