



**Recreation & Parks
Department Report
March 2023**

- Fifteen groups used the Hughes Center during the month of February for a total of 204 hours. Events included Chocopalooza, Beef Cattle Conference, Delta Waterfowl Banquet and a 60th birthday celebration for Phyllis Walls.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in January. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association held registration for the 2023 season. Their online registration ended on February 21 with 331 participants signed up for the season.
- Arkansas Valley Soccer Association held registration in February for their spring season. League play begins on March 4 and will end on April 29. There are 640 participants for the season.
- The Russellville Cyclones baseball and softball teams began practices on Field 1 and Field 6 at M.J. Hickey Park. The first home game for baseball is scheduled for March 6, and the first home game for softball was held on February 24.
- The Pine Knob Bike Park at Confederate Mothers Memorial Park continues to grow. The strider course is finished, and a large amount of brush has been removed. Intermediate trails are being constructed with rock features, dirt rollers and berms. Large flat rocks to be used as steps have arrived and were donated by the Rainbow Stone Company.
- The all-inclusive playground has been delivered. Installation of the unit will begin the second week of March and should last six to eight weeks.
- M.J. Hickey Pool construction continues. The deck drains have been installed, finish concrete work continues, the vinyl liner is being installed, all underground piping is about 90% finished, and main drains have been installed in both pools.
- Construction continues on Phase III of the Schoolhouse Trail. The base layer of the trail is complete and will be asphalted in the coming weeks. The electrical work for the trail lighting has been completed, and the walk bridges should arrive mid-March. Phase II of the project is waiting for ArDot's final approval to go to bid.
- The Arkansas Game & Fish Commission has awarded the City of Russellville a \$98,000.00 A.D.A. fishing pier project. The fishing piers will be placed on the community fishing pond at Pleasant View Park. The project will include floating piers, A.D.A. access, a pavilion and A.D.A. parking spaces.