

- Eleven groups used the Hughes Center during the month of March for a total of 171 hours. Events included the annual Cub Scout Pack 182 Pinewood Derby, a National Wildlife Turkey Federation banquet and an Arkansas Valley Soccer Association coaches meeting.
- The Parks Commission met on March 9. 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 twelve teams participating with games being played on Wednesday nights.
- 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.rec1.com/AR/russellville-recreation-parks/catalog>.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association began practicing at M.J. Hickey Park for this year's summer baseball league. The league will begin April 3 with 345 players participating in six different age divisions. The league has had a large increase in the number of players since last year. The majority of the games for the 34 teams registered are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association hosted a sixty-one team tournament at M.J. Hickey Park and Pleasant View Park on April 1 and April 2. The tournament was relocated from North Little Rock due to damage from the recent tornado. RYBA, Athletic Director Matt Gray and many volunteers did an amazing job putting this together at the last minute.
- M.J. Hickey Pool construction work continued in March. The pool liner and all concrete work has been completed. The outside of the pool house has been painted with a fresh new color. The pool is scheduled to open on Memorial Day weekend.
- Maintenance staff has been busy getting all the parks ready for spring activities. All the bathrooms are open, water fountains turned on, leaves mulched and pavilions cleaned.
- Construction on Phase III of the Schoolhouse Trail included the installation of three pedestrian bridges along the side of the trail and the trail lights. A contractor continues to lay asphalt and install crosswalks and crossing signals.
- The all-inclusive playground at City Park is being installed. It is scheduled to open in late May.