

- Thirteen groups used the Hughes Center during the month of April for a total of 193 hours. Events included the AR Total Care Health Fair, ANO outage training by GE Electric, the annual AR River Valley Gun Club party, the Chi Alpha Campus Ministries end of the year party and a community ward meeting.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in April. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The department had 11 pavilion rentals in the city parks and 33 practice field reservations for Shiloh Park, Pleasant View Park and Vick Field in April.
- 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 one fast pitch softball tournament and one baseball tournament in April. The tournaments brought 49 teams from across the state to Russellville.
- M.J. Hickey Park was the host site for two baseball tournaments in April. The tournaments brought 72 teams to Russellville. Recreation and Parks staff and RYBA volunteers hosted a 61 team tournament that was displaced by the recent tornado that hit Burns Park in North Little Rock. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers that helped to make this two day tournament a success.
- Construction continues on the City Park all-inclusive playground. The play unit and all of the components are installed. The poured-in-place rubber fall zone will be installed soon. The playground is scheduled to open in late May.
- The maintenance staff was busy this month preparing the parks for sport leagues, tournaments and pavilion rentals. Staff also cleaned up fallen trees and limbs after the last wind storm.
- The City Park splash pad is finished with the exception of installing sod around the unit. The splash pad is scheduled to open on May 19.
- Renovations on M.J. Hickey Pool continued in April. The liner is installed, the concrete deck is finished and the pump and filter has been installed on the competition pool. The pool house has been painted and the epoxy floors will be installed soon. The pool is expected to open on Memorial Day weekend. Lifeguard applications are now being taken for M.J. Hickey Pool and the aquatic center.