



**Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
July 2023**

- Nine groups used the Hughes Center during the month of June for a total of 186 hours. Events included the annual Boots & Badges blood drive, a communion and several birthday parties.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in June. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org).
- The Department had 27 pavilion rentals in the city parks and 16 practice field reservations for Shiloh Park, Pleasant View Park and Vick Field in June.
- In safety matters, all fire extinguishers in all vehicles, heavy equipment and park buildings were inspected. Self-inspection office forms were completed for the month of June.
- Pleasant View Park was the host site for three fast pitch softball tournament in June. The tournaments brought 48 teams from across the state to Russellville.
- M.J. Hickey Park was the host site for one baseball tournament in June. The tournament brought 16 teams to Russellville.
- The annual children's fishing derby was held on June 10 with 64 participants that caught a lot of fish. Congratulations to Waylon Ketchum, Ethan Crews, Nolan Mills, Easton Bratton and Bruin Middleton for winning in their age groups.
- The grand opening of the Pine Knob Bike Park was held on June 10 with approximately 100 people in attendance. The Recreation and Parks Department would like to thank Blake Slater and the River Valley Off-Road Cyclists for all the hard work and numerous volunteer hours they dedicated to this great park. Several benches were also installed in the park and a new 20' x 20' pavilion was built on the top of the hill overlooking the park.
- A Juneteenth celebration organized by the James School Park Committee was held at James School Park on June 17 and June 18. The event included local dignitaries, food, prizes, a 3 on 3 basketball tournament and live entertainment.
- New floating A.D.A. fishing piers with a pavilion were installed at the community fishing pond in Pleasant View Park. The piers are open to the public and A.D.A. van access is available.
- The Recreation and Parks Department had widespread damage due to the recent storms and wind. Several fences, one backstop and two sets of bleachers were damaged. Park staff has been working hard to cleanup downed trees, large limbs and storm debris in all of the Department's parks and along the city trails.
- The maintenance staff was busy this month cleaning and preparing parks for several events and tournaments that occurred in the month of June. They repaired water leaks at the soccer complex, M.J. Hickey Park and Pleasant View Park. Maintenance also installed new park signs at the entrance of Confederate Mothers Memorial Park and on the corner of West 19<sup>th</sup> Street and South Glenwood Avenue that welcomes bikers to Pine Knob Bike Park.