

- Nine groups used the Hughes Center during the month of September for a total of 198 hours. Events included a Rockline company party, Fit Girlz workouts, an AVSA coaches meeting and pickleball games.
- The Parks Commission met on September 14. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The Department had twenty-seven pavilion rentals in the city parks and eight practice field reservations for Shiloh Park, Pleasant View Park and Vick Field in September.
- As part of the Department's safety plan, department offices, AEDs and fire extinguishers were inspected during the month of September.
- Pleasant View Park was the host site for one tournament in September. The tournament brought twenty-five teams to Russellville.
- The River Valley Boys and Girls Club began their flag football season on September 18. There are fourteen teams participating this year. Games are played at Vick Field on Monday and Tuesday nights and Saturdays.
- Hughes Community Center rentals have increased for the fall and into next year. Eight events have already booked for 2024. Information on available dates and cost may be obtained by calling 479-968-1272.
- The Department welcomes Janna Martin as the new director for the Russellville Aquatic Center. Her skills and expertise will be invaluable as she leads the aquatic staff. We also want to congratulate Brandon Warner for his recent promotion to Assistant Director. Brandon began his career at the aquatic center as a lifeguard and has advanced quickly due to his hard work and dedication. And sadly, we say goodbye to Jacob Fruechting. Jacob has been there since the beginning and he will be greatly missed.
- Pine Knob Mountain Bike Park won the Natural Trail of the Year award from the Arkansas Recreation and Parks Association at their annual conference. Congratulations to Blake Slater, the River Valley Ozark Off-Road Cyclists and the numerous volunteers who helped.
- The M.J. Hickey Park turf project continues. Construction is ahead of schedule and the fields should be finished by late October. The crews will then move to Pleasant View Park to install turf on all four fields.
- The pavilion and playground at M.J. Hickey Park have been removed by the maintenance staff in anticipation of the new pavilion and playground that will be arriving soon.
- The playground resurfacing at Shiloh Park has been completed. The old rubber tiles have been replaced with padded turf. This gives the playground a new look and makes it safer to use.