



Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
December 2023

- Nine groups used the Hughes Center during the month of November for a total of 174 hours. Events included the annual PACA arts & crafts show, a Christmas parade meeting and the Kiwanis Festival of Trees.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in November. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org).
- As part of the Department's safety plan, department offices, AEDs, and eyewash stations were inspected during the month of November.
- The annual inspection of the Department's fire extinguishers was conducted by Universal Fire. All of the extinguishers were tested, tagged and replaced as needed.
- The Department conducted a meeting in November to organize the annual Christmas Parade. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. on December 7. The event will take place through downtown Russellville in celebration of the winter season and the arrival of Santa Claus.
- The annual PACA arts and crafts show was held on November 3 and November 4 and was well attended. The event is a great place to meet local artists and craftsman and to pick out a gift for the holiday season.
- The large room at the Hughes Community Center is a great place to host birthday parties, scout meetings and baby or wedding showers. The room was reserved ten times in November.
- Shiloh Park, Hickey Park Phase III, all water fountains and sprinkler systems were winterized for the season.
- Maintenance staff decorated downtown for the Christmas season. You can visit the Train Depot and Depot Park to enjoy the Christmas lights.
- A new playground was constructed at M.J. Hickey Park. The pavilion should arrive soon and installation will begin. The area will be opened to the public once the pavilion is installed.
- Construction of the turf project has begun at Pleasant View Park. Dirt work and concrete work is finished and the turf is being installed. The project is expected to be completed in late December.