



**Recreation & Parks
Department Report
March 2024**

- Fifteen groups used the Hughes Center during the month of February for a total of 210 hours. Events included Chocopalooza, Vongprakdy Sweet Sixteen birthday party, Delta Waterfowl Banquet, AR RV Gun Club party and Department of Defense Training.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in February. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association began registration for their 2024 season. Their online registration will end on March 4 with an anticipated 375 participants signing up for the season.
- Arkansas Valley Soccer Association held registration in February for their spring season. League play begins on March 9 and will end on May 18. There are 558 participants for the season.
- The Russellville Cyclones baseball and softball teams are practicing for their upcoming seasons on Field 1 and Field 6 at M.J. Hickey Park. The first home game for baseball is scheduled for March 5, and the first home game for softball will be played on March 1.
- M.J. Hickey Park was the host site for the first tournament on the new turf. It was a two-day tournament that brought in fourteen teams from all over Arkansas. The first tournament on the new turf at Pleasant View Park will be on March 2.
- The maintenance staff has been very busy getting Pleasant View Park ready for the season. Sod has been laid where the new turf meets the outfield. The concession and dugouts received a new coat of paint. New netting has been installed on the backstops, and new temporary fencing has been installed in the outfield.
- Matt Gray and the maintenance staff have over seeded all the outfields at Pleasant View Park and M.J. Hickey Park. Over seeding was also done on all of the soccer fields at the Russellville Soccer Complex.
- Parks department staff, along with City Grant Administrator Kellie Dinkel, is working on an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission grant. This grant will hopefully give us the funding to replace the boat dock and overlay the parking lot at the Ouita boat launch. The grant is a 75/25 matching grant.
- A pre-construction meeting was held on the Pleasant View Park parking lot resurfacing project. A bid opening was held at 10:30am on February 27.