



**Recreation & Parks
Department Report
April 2024**

- Fourteen groups used the Hughes Center during the month of March for a total of 197 hours. Events included the annual Pack 182 Pinewood Derby, a River Valley Long Beards NWTf Chapter fundraiser and a Patel baby shower.
- The Parks Commission met on March 14. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The Department's fire extinguishers, eyewash stations and AEDs were inspected in March.
- The Department registered teams for the summer softball league at Pleasant View Park. This year there are thirteen teams participating with games being played on Wednesday nights.
- All park restrooms and pavilions are open for the season. The cost for a pavilion rental is \$35 for half days or \$50 for all day. You may reserve at the Hughes Community Center or online at <https://secure.recl.com/AR/russellville-recreation-parks/catalog>.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association hosted a forty-nine team tournament at M.J. Hickey Park and Pleasant View Park on April 16 and April 17.
- Tournaments at Pleasant View Park included three softball tournaments and accommodated nineteen teams from the 2D Sports baseball tournament. A total of seventy-one teams utilized the newly turfed fields at Pleasant View Park in the month of March.
- The merry-go-round on the all-inclusive playground at City Park will be replaced once the weather cooperates. It has to be a certain temperature for the poured-in-place fall zone material.
- Installation of a new pavilion at M.J. Hickey Park began in March. The 20 x 44 pavilion is located near the new playground. The pavilion should be completed by the end of April.
- The "Welcome to Russellville" signs at Washburn Park and Exit 84 on I-40 have been renovated. The signs have been updated with a fresh coat of paint, new letters and a new acrylic logo.
- Park maintenance staff has been busy getting ready for the 2024 eclipse. Parks, bathrooms and parking lots are being cleaned and will be ready for visitors to our city. The Depot Park flower beds have been cleaned and new mulch was added. Dog waste stations were installed in various parks. Temporary fences have been repaired, picnic tables were added at soccer, portable toilets were delivered to the parks, and supplies were purchased, all in an effort for visitors to have a great experience while visiting Russellville.
- The River Valley Disc Golf Association hosted the Russellville Three Person Disc Golf Scramble at the Russellville Disc Golf Course and the other local disc golf courses. The event had more than 100 competitors.