



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
May 2024

- Twelve groups used the Hughes Center during the month of April for a total of 201 hours. Events included the National Bass Anglers Association tournament registration, the Shopalooza Arts & Crafts fundraiser for Toys for Tots, and ANO outage training by Siemens Energy.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in April. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The department had twenty pavilion rentals in the city parks and forty-seven practice field reservations for Shiloh Park, Pleasant View Park and Vick Field in April.
- In safety matters, the department performed inspections on all fire extinguishers, vehicles, offices and all park buildings. A fire drill was conducted at the Hughes Center.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association hosted one tournament at M.J. Hickey Park with forty-five teams participating.
- Tournaments at Pleasant View Park included two softball tournaments with fifty-nine teams participating. With the tournaments here and at M.J. Hickey Park, a total of 104 teams visited Russellville in the month of April.
- The 2024 total eclipse brought thousands of visitors to our city and our parks. The soccer complex was the host site for a mass wedding, hot air balloons, music, food trucks and a NASA presentation. Other parks including Shiloh, City, Washburn and Illinois Bayou were full of excited onlookers here to view the eclipse.
- Maintenance staff was hard at work to prepare for the eclipse. Parks were mowed and cleaned, trash boxes were put in place, temporary fences were placed downtown, and trash was picked up daily. All of their hard work was to ensure our visitors had a great experience while in Russellville.
- The Russellville Recreation and Parks Department would like to welcome Olivia Gaspard to the maintenance staff and Rhonda Loveall to the aquatic center staff.
- The Parks Commission is seeking a new commissioner to complete the term of Joshua Holmes. If you are interested in serving on the commission board, please drop off a resume at the Hughes Community Center.
- The annual third grade kickball tournament for London Elementary, Crawford Elementary and Center Valley Elementary was held on April 19 at Pleasant View Park.