



Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
July 2024

- Twelve groups used the Hughes Center during the month of June for a total of 226 hours. Events included three quinceaneras, a wedding reception, the annual Boots and Badges blood drive and an AVSA meeting.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in June. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org).
- The department had 37 pavilion rentals in the city parks and 50 practice field reservations for Shiloh Park, Pleasant View Park and Vick Field in June.
- In safety matters, all AEDS, eyewash stations and the fire extinguishers in all vehicles, heavy equipment and park buildings were inspected in June.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association hosted two tournaments at M.J. Hickey Park with 45 teams participating.
- Tournaments at Pleasant View Park and Shiloh Park included three softball tournaments with 120 teams participating. A total of 165 ball teams visited our parks in the month of June.
- The splash pad at City Park was the place to be during the hot month of June. The splash pad and the all-inclusive playground have been great additions to City Park. The use of City Park has doubled, since they were added. The City Park pavilion was rented twenty-five times during this time.
- The annual children's fishing derby held on June 8 was a great success this year with 105 participants that weighed in 115 fish. There were more than 500 catfish stocked in the pond for the kids to catch. Congratulations to Jackson Keeling, Ryker Bagwell, Jameison Works, Evelyn Chiolino, Hudson Price, Robert Ratliff, Brian Irwin, Jensen Freeman, Harper Price, Koleton Farmer, Larson Ritter and Conner Wilson for winning in their age groups.
- With temperatures soaring, M.J. Hickey Pool has been a great place for people to cool off. The pool has been very busy with swim lessons, private parties, Boys and Girls Club swim team practices and open swim for the public. The pool is open daily from 12:30pm to 6:00pm.
- This has been a very busy month for our maintenance staff. They have worked very hard preparing our parks for several events and five different tournaments. Most days in June were spent mowing, cleaning bathrooms, picking up trash and making sure our parks were ready for hundreds of visitors each day.