



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
August 2024

- Eight groups used the Hughes Center during the month of July for a total of 190 hours. Events included two baby showers, a Pope County Library PBS storytime and a weekend meeting for the RCC Diocese of Little Rock.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in July. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The department had twenty-two pavilion rentals in the city parks and twenty-four practice field reservations for Shiloh Park, Pleasant View Park and Vick Field in July.
- In safety matters, the department performed safety inspections on all fire extinguishers, eyewash stations, vehicles, AEDs, and park buildings in July.
- The ballfields at Pleasant View Park and M.J. Hickey Park took a break from tournaments in the month of July. Currently there are eight tournaments scheduled in the months of September and October.
- Registration for the Russellville Youth Baseball Association's fall league is currently underway for kids ages 3 to 12. Information about registering can be found at www.rybabaseball.com/fall.
- Registration is also underway for the Arkansas Valley Soccer Association's fall league for kids whose birth years are from 2006 to 2021. Parents can register their kids online at arvalleysoccer.com.
- The City of Russellville, in partnership with Main Street Russellville, hosted the fourth annual Independence Day celebration downtown on July 4. Numerous food trucks gave those attending the event many choices for food and drinks. The event concluded with a great fireworks display presented by Interstate Fireworks. Thanks to the many volunteers from Public Works, Russellville Police Department, Russellville Fire Department and the Parks Department that helped with the event.
- Registration was held for the department's adult fall softball league from July 1 through July 12, and twenty teams signed up for the season. The league will begin in August and run through October with games being played on Tuesday nights at Pleasant View Park.
- Animal Control Department Head Mike Vernon conducted an orientation and qualification event for this year's Urban Deer Hunt at the Sheppard Drive soccer fields in July. He was assisted by Arkansas Game and Fish and the Arkansas Bowhunters Association. Twenty-six participants qualified for this season that will run from September 1 to February 28.