

- Eleven groups used the Hughes Center during the month of August for a total of 184 hours. Events included an Americold company party, a Dollar General regional meeting, a Pacific NW National Laboratory focus group meeting and the Thao wedding reception.
- The Parks Commission met on August 8. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org).
- The Department had 18 pavilion rentals in the city parks and 28 practice field reservations for Shiloh Park and Pleasant View Park in August. The total number of pavilion rentals up to this date was 141 compared to 104 for last summer.
- In safety matters, the department performed safety inspections on all fire extinguishers, eyewash stations, AEDs, and park buildings in August. A fire drill was conducted at the Hughes Community Center.
- Pleasant View Park was the host site for one tournament in August. The tournament brought twenty-four teams to Russellville. September and October look to be busy months for tournaments with six scheduled at Pleasant View Park and two scheduled at M.J. Hickey Park.
- Arkansas Valley Soccer Association registered for their fall league in August. The season will begin in September and run through the first week of November. Practices will be held during the week and games will be played on Saturdays. AVSA has 610 youth participants registered for the season. The adult soccer division has more than 500 participants on a weekly basis. AVSA would like to thank Councilman Chris Olson and Parks Director Terry Thomas for the City's help and cooperation for the new lights at the complex. More space under lights for their expanding program will help alleviate scheduling and parking issues during the season.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association held registration in August for the 2024 fall season. The season will have 126 participants, and games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights in September and October. Special shout out to Best Donuts of Russellville who is purchasing jerseys for all participants.
- The Pleasant View Park pond access road and ADA parking lot is nearing completion. The road and ADA parking will give easier access to the pond and dock for people with disabilities. Construction should be completed in early September.
- Construction on the new LED lights on Field Eight at the soccer complex is finished. The lights will allow for longer practice times and will attract soccer tournaments to our area.
- The Russellville Recreation and Parks Department received a grant to update the Ouita boat launch area from the Arkansas Game & Fish. The grant will be used to replace the forty year old boat dock, rip rap for the bank around the ramps and parking lot improvements.
- Maintenance staff have been busy getting parks ready for the fall season. They have cleaned storm damage, painted dugouts, repaired walking bridges and sprinkler systems, spread sand on the soccer fields and mowed.