



**Recreation & Parks
Department Report
October 2024**

- Eleven groups used the Hughes Center during the month of September for a total of 146 hours. Events included a Russellville Fire Department promotion ceremony, a Christmas parade meeting and the annual tax delinquent sale by the Arkansas Commissioner of State Lands.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in September. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The Department had 11 pavilion rentals in the city parks and 23 practice field reservations for Shiloh Park and Pleasant View Park in September.
- In safety matters, the department performed safety inspections on all fire extinguishers, eyewash stations, AEDs, and park buildings in September.
- Pleasant View Park was the host site for three tournaments in September. The tournaments brought 72 teams to Russellville. M.J. Hickey Park was the host site for two tournaments in September with 50 teams participating. There are three softball tournaments scheduled for Pleasant View Park in October.
- The River Valley Boys and Girls Club began their flag football season in September. There are fourteen teams participating this year. Games are played at Vick Field on Monday and Tuesday nights and Saturdays.
- The City Park splash pad closed for the season in September. It will reopen in May of next year.
- A playground for Washburn Park has been ordered and should arrive in October. It will be installed in late October or early November.
- The light installation project on Field 8 at the Russellville Soccer Complex has been completed. The LED lights are available for AVSA soccer teams that wish to practice later in the day.
- The Russellville City Council approved the construction of six pickleball courts during their September meeting. The pickleball courts will be located at the Russellville Soccer Complex. The project is expected to be completed in early spring of 2025.
- Planning for the Russellville Christmas parade has kicked off in high gear. Rules and regulations for this year's parade were finalized during meetings with various city officials. Registration for the upcoming parade is now open at <https://secure.rec1.com/AR/russellville-recreation-parks/catalog>. If you need assistance with the online registration, please call our office at 479-968-1272 and we will be glad to assist you.