



**Recreation & Parks
Department Report
November 2024**

- Nine groups used the Hughes Center during the month of October for a total of 153 hours. Events included the Collegiate Bass Fishing Series and Arkansas Bass Nation tournament registrations, U.S. Navy training and the annual city employee party.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in October. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The Department had ten pavilion rentals in the city parks and ten practice field reservations for Shiloh Park and Pleasant View Park in October.
- As part of the Department's safety plan, department offices, all park buildings, AEDs, vehicles, heavy equipment and fire extinguishers were inspected during the month of October. A fire drill was held at the Hughes Community Center.
- Pleasant View Park was the host site for three tournaments in October. The tournaments brought 134 teams to Russellville.
- The RRPD softball league wrapped up play in October at Pleasant View Park. We appreciate the teams that play in our league every year.
- Online registration for the annual Christmas parade began in October. The parade will be held downtown at 6:30 p.m. on December 5. All entries can register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/AR/russellville-recreation-parks/catalog>.
- The annual Kidsfest was held on October 26 at the Downtown Fall Fest. After being rained out the last two years, the event finally had great weather. Games and entertainment were provided by Smokey the Bear and helper Lillian Green, RHS Women in STEM, RHS FBLA, ATU Events & Activity Programming class, Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA), River Valley Food 4 Kids, Special Olympics, Pope County Library, River Valley Art Center and the Russellville Aquatic Center. Since the event was moved to Downtown Fall Fest, more kids are able to enjoy it and the event has space to grow.
- The maintenance staff have been busy with several projects this month. Soccer sprinklers were repaired and soccer and baseball fields were top dressed with sand and rye grass seed was spread. They have been mulching leaves and trimming trees in various parks. The splash pad was winterized and benches and picnic tables were installed along the Schoolhouse Trail. A picnic table, a bench and a trash can were placed by the fishing dock at Pleasant View pond.
- The Hughes Community Center, City Park and the River Valley Art Center parking lots were seal coated and restriped. This gave the parking lots a new look and will increase the lifespan of them.