

- Ten groups used the Hughes Center during the month of November for a total of 208 hours. Events included a Marine Corps Celebration, Fit Girlz workouts and the annual PACA Christmas Gala.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in November. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org).
- The Department had eight pavilion rentals in the city parks and two practice field reservations for Shiloh Park and Pleasant View Park in November.
- Softball and baseball seasons ended on a high note with a total of 519 softball teams and 251 baseball teams visiting Russellville this year. There were 19 softball tournaments and 7 baseball tournaments held at Pleasant View Park and M.J. Hickey Park. Next year is looking great with 20 tournaments already scheduled.
- As part of the Department's safety plan, all AEDs and eyewash stations were inspected during the month of November. The Department continually works to provide a safe environment for all employees.
- The annual inspection of the Department's fire extinguishers was conducted by Universal Fire. All of the extinguishers were tested, tagged and replaced as needed.
- The annual PACA arts and crafts show was held on November 22 and November 23 and was well attended. The event is a great place to meet local craftsman. If you are a fan of craft fairs, this one should be put on your annual list.
- The Department conducted a meeting in November to organize the annual Russellville Christmas parade. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. on December 5. The event will take place through downtown Russellville in celebration of the winter season and the arrival of Santa Claus.
- A new playground unit was installed at Washburn Park and is now open to the public. It replaced a 28 year-old playground unit. Washburn Park is located at 1185 Lakefront Drive. Bathrooms and a pavilion that can be rented for birthday parties, baby showers or family reunions are also available at the park.
- The maintenance staff have been busy preparing the parks and bathrooms for winter. Staff decorated downtown, the Hughes Community Center and the aquatic center for the Christmas season. Other work included raking leaves, cleaning trails, cleaning flowerbeds, and trimming trees.
- The parking lots at the Hughes Community Center, City Park and the River Valley Arts Center have all been cleaned, seal-coated and restriped. Plans are to do the other parks in the spring of 2025.
- Maintenance staff along with some pickleball enthusiasts have painted a pickleball court at Circle Drive Park. The park is located at 1103 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, along the Schoolhouse Trail, and is a perfect park to ride your bike to play a friendly game of pickleball.