



**Recreation & Parks
Department Report
January 2025**

- Eleven groups used the Hughes Center during the month of December for a total of 161 hours. Events included a Russellville Fire Department awards ceremony, the Cogswell Motors and Arkansas Valley Board of Realtors Christmas parties, and five small parties in the large room.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in December. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org. The Department is currently seeking candidates to serve on the Parks Commission. Anyone that is interested may contact the Parks Director Terry Thomas at 479-968-1272.
- As part of the Department's safety plan, all AEDs, fire extinguishers and eyewash stations were inspected during the month of December.
- Park maintenance and public works staff provided road closures for the Russellville Christmas parade. They volunteer every year to help keep everyone safe along the parade route.
- The annual Russellville Christmas Parade was held on December 5. Prizes were awarded to floats entered into commercial and non-profit categories as well as a grand prize for the best float. Winners of this year's parade were Russellville Nursing and Rehabilitation (Grand Prize), Grace Chapel Church, St. Johns Catholic School/Church and the River Valley Boys and Girls Club (Non-Profit) and the Pediatric Playhouse, Coca-Cola and Chambers Bank (Profit). The Department wishes to thank the Russellville Police Department, Jr. Auxiliary Crown Club, Russellville Airport, Russellville Animal Control, Russellville Aquatic Center, Russellville Public Works, A & P Commission and the Russellville Fire Department for all of their help. Without the citywide help and support the Christmas parade would not be possible.
- Our department, along with the Caddis Fly Fishing Club and Arkansas Game and Fish, hosted the annual Trout Day fishing event on December 7 at Pleasant View Park pond. Maurice Jackson from Arkansas Game and Fish did a great job educating the public on trout fishing and coordinating their support for the event. They held trout cleaning demonstrations and cooked trout for people to sample. The pond will be restocked periodically through the cold months for area residents to continue to catch trout.
- New curbs were installed at Veterans Memorial Park. The curbs are part of the Walk of Honor. Family and friends may purchase 12" x 12" memorial granite tiles to recognize any United States veteran for their service to our country. The new curbs added one hundred new tile spaces. To purchase a Walk of Honor tile at Veterans Memorial Park, please call 479-968-4884 or 479-968-6049
- December maintenance projects included blowing and mulching leaves, trimming trees, repairing various playgrounds and repairing equipment.