



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
April 2025

- Eleven groups used the Hughes Center during the month of March for a total of 178 hours. Events included a River Valley Gun Club party, a National Wildlife Turkey Federation banquet and the Arkansas Tech University FFA State Competitions.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in March. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The department had eight pavilion rentals in the city parks and fifty-six practice field reservations for Shiloh Park, Pleasant View Park and Vick Field in March.
- The Department's fire extinguishers, eyewash stations and AEDs were inspected in March.
- The Department registered teams for the summer softball league at Pleasant View Park. This year there are sixteen teams participating with games being played on Wednesday nights.
- Tournaments at Pleasant View Park and M.J. Hickey Park included two softball tournaments and one baseball tournament. A total of seventy-four teams utilized the turf fields in the month of March.
- City employees Pam Faulkner, Sammy Childress, Bert Harris, Josh McCurrie, Kevin Bennett and Tommy Canada attended a bucket truck safety class hosted by Public Works.
- Refinishing of the Hughes Community Center gym floor is scheduled for March 31. The gym will be closed to public use from March 31 thru April 9. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but are looking forward to the new shiny floors.
- The last night for Wednesday night volleyball play is March 26. Due to the floor being refinished, Wednesday night pickleball will be delayed until April 16.
- The Department welcomes Reagan Lillard, Kevin Bennett and Danny Harris as operation workers to our staff. They bring much needed help as our busiest time has started.
- Mariah Jeffcoat was hired for the new position of Recreation Program Manager. With her can-do spirit and sports knowledge, big things will be happening in the department.
- Construction continues on the six new pickleball courts at the Russellville Soccer Complex. The concrete slab has been poured. The next phase will include sidewalks, pavilion and fence installation.
- The construction at the Ouita Boat Launch area is moving right along. The dock has been installed, the shoreline has been stabilized and parking lot paving will start next week.