

- In June, the Hughes Center hosted fifteen different groups for a total of 219 hours. Notable events included a city employee health fair, the Frazier family reunion, two Juneteenth celebrations and the annual Boots & Badges blood drive.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in June. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- In June, the department handled 35 pavilion rentals across the city parks and 36 practice field reservations for Shiloh Park, Pleasant View Park, and Vick Field.
- As part of the city's ongoing commitment to workplace safety, all Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), eyewash stations, and fire extinguishers located in vehicles, heavy equipment, and park buildings were inspected in June. These routine inspections ensure that all emergency equipment is fully functional and ready for use, helping to maintain a safe environment for both employees and the public.
- On June 12, a well-attended city employee health fair was held at the Hughes Community Center. Employees had the opportunity to learn about a variety of health-related topics, from preventive care and fitness to nutrition and mental health services. Organizers and participants alike are looking forward to future events that continue to support the well-being of city staff.
- In June, three softball tournaments were held at Pleasant View Park and M.J. Hickey Park. A total of 131 teams traveled to Russellville for the tournaments.
- The City Park splash pad officially opened for the season on May 30, once again becoming a favorite spot for our community's youngest residents. The splash pad provides much-needed relief during the long, hot days of the summer. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., giving families plenty of time to enjoy the water and beat the heat.
- The annual Boots & Badges blood drive took place on June 26 at the Hughes Community Center. This event brings the community together in support of a vital cause—helping to save lives through blood donation. Held every June, the event highlights the ongoing need for blood donations during the busy summer months.
- The new playground at James School Park was opened to the public in June. The playground is equipped with several slides, climbing features, turfed play surfaces, a swing set and is A.D.A. accessible.
- The Russellville Recreation and Parks Department completed its first season of the newly formed community basketball league. Team 03 emerged as the champions and the Arkansas Tech Rejects claimed the runner-up title. A big thank-you goes out to Arvest Bank, who generously provided meals for players and spectators the last night of play. The Granite Shop also stepped up in a big way, sponsoring and supplying custom t-shirts for the winning teams.