



**Recreation & Parks
Department Report
September 2025**

- In August, the Hughes Center hosted fourteen different groups for a total of 196 hours. Notable events included a Dollar General's manager meeting, the annual Arkansas Commissioner of State Lands Tax Auction, a Community Service Inc. block party and an Americold company party.
- In safety matters, the department performed safety inspections on all fire extinguishers, eyewash stations, and AEDs in August. The Department conducted a fire drill to train the new building attendant with its fire safety policy and procedures.
- In August, the department handled twenty-six pavilion rentals across the city parks and thirty-eight practice field reservations for Shiloh Park, Pleasant View Park, and Vick Field.
- Due to the start of the school year and preparations for upcoming state and national tournaments, August remained a slower month for tournaments everywhere.
- The Department has received the LWCF Grant notice to proceed for the skate park improvements. The first phase will include demolition of the existing building and site preparation for the new restroom facility. Construction of the restrooms will begin soon, with skate park construction scheduled to start in mid-October.
- The Russellville pickleball courts at the soccer complex are near completion. The plan is to open them the second week of September. Stay tuned to social media for the details of the grand opening event.
- Don't miss your chance to enjoy the City Park splash pad. The season is winding down, with the splash pad closing for the summer on September 21.
- Construction is underway on the new parking lot at the Russellville Soccer Complex. The project will add 81 new parking spaces, along with ADA-accessible ramps and sidewalks. Work is expected to be completed by late September.
- Our maintenance staff has been hard at work getting everything ready for the fall season. Soccer, baseball, and softball fields are being prepped, and new mulch has been added to the playgrounds at Shiloh Park and Crawford Park to provide a soft cushion for safer play. Crews have also been spreading sand and repairing sprinklers at the soccer complex, making playground repairs, and keeping our parks clean.
- The Department is pleased to announce the addition of a kickball league to its expanding roster of recreation activities, organized by Recreation Program Manager Mariah Jeffcoat. The league will commence the first week of September and continue through October. Games will be held on Wednesday evenings at Pleasant View Park.