

- In October, the Hughes Center hosted seven different groups for a total of 115 hours. Events included a 206<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Association reunion, Association of Collegiate Anglers tournament registration and a Pottsville After Prom dance fundraiser.
- As part of the Department's safety plan, department offices, all park buildings, AEDs, vehicles, heavy equipment and fire extinguishers were inspected during the month of October. A fire drill was held at the Hughes Community Center.
- In October, the department handled 25 pavilion rentals across the city parks and 10 practice field reservations for Shiloh Park, Pleasant View Park, and Vick Field.
- Pleasant View Park and M.J. Hickey Park were the host sites for two tournaments in October. The tournaments brought seventy teams to Russellville.
- Our first pickleball clinic on October 2 was successful with 30 participants learning the sport of pickleball. Another beginner's clinic will be held on November 10. If you would like to participate, please register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/AR/russellville-recreation-parks/catalog>. Participation will be limited to the first twenty registered players.
- The annual Kidsfest was held on October 25 at the Downtown Fall Fest. Games and entertainment were provided by Special Olympics, Pope County Library, RHS Crown Club, River Valley Boys and Girls Club, Pediatric Plus, Russellville Youth Council, River Valley Adult Learning Alliance, Arkansas Alliance of Bloodhound Search Specialists, and the Russellville Aquatic Center.
- The RRPD softball league wrapped up play in October at Pleasant View Park. We appreciate the teams that play in our league every year.
- Online registration for the annual Christmas parade continued in October. The parade will be held downtown at 6:30 p.m. on December 4. All entries can register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/AR/russellville-recreation-parks/catalog>.
- The maintenance staff has been busy preparing the parks for the winter months. Their work included winterizing bathrooms, shutting down sprinkler systems, planting rye grass seed on the sports fields, and preparing equipment for winter storage.
- Construction began on two projects in October. Primary Concrete started work on the second phase of the skate park, which is expected to be completed in early December. Gametime Recreation also began construction on the new pavilion at Washburn Park, with completion anticipated in early January.