



Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
December 2025

- In November, the Hughes Center hosted thirteen different groups for a total of 199 hours. Events included a Marine Corps Celebration, Fit Girlz workouts and the annual PACA Christmas Gala.
- In November, the department handled ten pavilion rentals across the city parks.
- Softball, soccer and baseball seasons ended on a high note with a total of 506 teams visiting Russellville this year. There were 15 softball tournaments, two baseball tournaments and two soccer tournaments held at Pleasant View Park, Russellville Soccer Complex and M.J. Hickey Park.
- As part of the Department's safety plan, all AEDs and eyewash stations were inspected in November. Universal Fire completed the annual inspection of the department's fire extinguishers. We remain committed to providing a safe environment for all employees.
- The maintenance staff has been busy preparing the parks and facilities for the winter season. They decorated downtown, the Hughes Community Center, and the Aquatic Center for Christmas. Other tasks included raking leaves, cleaning trails and flowerbeds, and trimming trees.
- The annual PACA Arts and Crafts Show was held on November 21 and 22 and was well attended. The event is a wonderful opportunity to meet local artisans and discover unique handmade items.
- The Department held a planning meeting in November to organize the annual Russellville Christmas Parade. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. on December 4 and will travel through downtown Russellville in celebration of the winter season and the arrival of Santa Claus.
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- The Russellville Skate Park reopened to an excited crowd on November 15. The new addition has brought fresh energy to the park, offering both entry-level and experienced skaters a place to practice their skills. Construction on the new bathrooms is scheduled to begin in December.
- Construction has begun on the new pavilion at Washburn Park. The pavilion will measure 20 feet by 40 feet and will feature rock accents, tables, benches, and a grill. Construction is expected to be completed by mid-December.
- Construction on the Shiloh Park backstops and turf began in November. The fields have been leveled, the old backstops removed, poles set for the new backstops, and footings dug for the backstop walls. The project is expected to be completed by mid-December.
- The new soccer field turf project has entered the construction phase. The field has been leveled, the base pad poured, and the drainage system installed. The new turf field will accommodate three different field configurations. The project is expected to be completed in early 2026.