



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
January 2026

- In December, the Hughes Center hosted ten different groups for a total of 149 hours. Events included Christmas parties for Phil Wright Autoplex and Americold Logistics, a Sequoyah Kids 4-H meeting and several birthday parties and baby showers.
- As part of the Department's safety plan, all AEDs, fire extinguishers and eyewash stations were inspected during the month of December.
- Park maintenance and public works staff provided road closures for the Russellville Christmas parade. They volunteer every year to help keep everyone safe along the parade route.
- The annual Russellville Christmas Parade was held on December 4. Prizes were awarded to floats entered into commercial and non-profit categories as well as a grand prize for the best float. Winners of this year's parade were the Pediatric Playhouse (Grand Prize), RHS Art Club, Russellville FFA and the River Valley Boys and Girls Club (Non-Profit) and RVC Academy, Russellville Nursing and Rehabilitation and Stella Manor Nursing (Commercial). The Department wishes to thank the Russellville Police Department, Russellville School District, Jr. Auxiliary Crown Club, Russellville Airport, Russellville Aquatic Center, ATU Public Safety, Russellville Public Works, A & P Commission, City Hall and the Russellville Fire Department for all of their help. Without the citywide help and support the Christmas parade would not be possible.
- The Pottsville Club Unified hosted a softball tournament at Pleasant View Park. Teams from Pottsville, Center Ridge, and Bryant traveled to Russellville to enjoy playing softball on a beautiful December day. The tournament provided students of all abilities the opportunity to participate and compete in a fun softball event.
- Major issues at the AGFC hatcheries in Corning and Norfolk this year resulted in a catastrophic loss of more than 1.2 million trout. As a result, there were not enough trout available to stock rivers and community ponds, making it not feasible to hold Trout Day in 2025. The Department and the Caddis Fly Fishing Club are hopeful the hatcheries will recover in time for Trout Day 2026.
- The turf field at the soccer complex is nearly complete. Over the next few weeks, goals, lighting, and bleachers will be installed. Once construction is finished, we look forward to opening the field to the public.
- The Washburn Park pavilion is nearing completion. The pavilion will be ADA accessible and will include tables, benches, and a grill. Once the tables and rock accents are installed, the pavilion will be open to the public.
- The skate park is now open to the public. A state competition was held at the park on Saturday, December 13, drawing a large crowd of skaters from across Arkansas. Construction of the new restrooms at the park is underway and is expected to be completed by mid-January.
- Construction has begun on the Shiloh Park backstops and turf project. The footings and posts for the backstops have been installed. The block wall is scheduled to be installed later this month, with turf installation planned for early January.