

- Throughout February, the Hughes Center welcomed fifteen different groups, totaling 175 hours of use. Activities ranged from Chocopalooza, a memorial for Coach Jerry Thompson and the Cub Scouts Pack 182 Pinewood Derby
- The Department had 6 pavilion rental in the city parks and 49 practice field reservations for Shiloh Park, Pleasant View Park, M.J. Hickey Park and Vick Field in February.
- The City of Russellville youth baseball and softball programs began registration for their 2026 season in February. Practices for all teams will begin the first week of March. The Department signed up 505 participants and will have 55 teams competing this summer. The season will run from April through June.
- Arkansas Valley Soccer Association held registration in February for their spring season. League play begins in March and will end in May.
- The Russellville Cyclones baseball and softball teams are practicing for their upcoming seasons on Field 1 and Field 6 at M.J. Hickey Park. The first home game for baseball was held on February 24, and the first home game for softball will be played on March 2.
- In February, staff saw several changes across the Department. The Aquatic Center team was restructured, with Hannah Andrews promoted to Manager and Zoe Keen promoted to Assistant Manager. Together, they will share administrative duties, allowing the Department to add a Maintenance Technician position. Three new operations workers and a summer intern have been hired to work in the parks. The Department also hired Carter Ruston as Recreation Program Manager. He will work under Athletic Director Matt Gray to develop recreation programs and assist in supervising leagues and numerous tournaments.
- The Hughes Community Center was the site for a memorial service honoring Coach Jerry Thompson, whose commitment to youth athletics left a lasting impact on Russellville. Coach Thompson was a supporter of the Parks and Recreation Department for many years, always willing to give his time and energy to help make programs successful. One of the many ways he served the community was through his involvement with the department's Hershey Track Meets, where he volunteered countless hours assisting with organization, coaching, and encouraging young athletes. His belief in the value of recreation and sports will be remembered by all who had the privilege of working alongside him.
- The restrooms at Harmon Park, also known as the skate park, are currently under construction. The block work has been completed, and the roof and fixtures will be installed next. The project is expected to be finished in late March.
- Construction on the Washburn Park pavilion is complete, and the pavilion is now open to the public. The pavilion offers great views of the lake, six picnic tables, and a grill, with the playground and restrooms located nearby.
- Renovations at Shiloh Park are moving right along. The backstops have been completed, and turf installation is scheduled for next week. The fields are expected to open in mid-March.