



## ***Recreation & Parks Department Report April 2009***

- Ten (10) groups used the Hughes Center during March for a total of 233 hours. Events included the Arkansas River Valley Amateur Radio Foundation's Hamfest and a fundraiser for CASA.
- The parks commission met on March 11. They discussed the new concession at Hickey, will revisit WIFI in the Parks, set a park play day of April 11 to dedicate the new playgrounds, discussed the two pavilions to put at the pool and soccer complex and established a sub-committee to develop a trail system for Russellville.
- Eight vandalism incidents were recorded in March. The incidents included criminal mischief at the soccer complex, Veterans Park and the skate park, graffiti at Hickey Park and Washburn Park, illegal dumping at Pleasant View Park and theft at the soccer complex and City Park.
- Concrete pads were finished under the two composite play structures at City Park. Rubber fall zone protection tiles were installed at all three parks under the four play units. These units meet all C.P.S.C. guidelines and all A.D.A. requirements and are handicapped accessible. They are designed to allow wheel chairs to move through the units on all sides. There is some cleanup yet to do, and then the play units will be open for play. They all should be open the first week of April except Shiloh. Shiloh was short two pallets of fall zone tile. It should be here by April 11.
- The dedication of our new composite play structures will be April 11 at City Park. We will have hot dogs, chips and cokes. The day is designated as "get out and play day" in Russellville parks.
- Five bids were received for excavation and concrete work for field seven at Hickey Park. Ford Engineering was awarded the project with a bid of \$62,676.94.
- Three bids were received for the parking lot set up at Hickey. Bowden Specialities was awarded the project with a bid of \$27,327.00
- Three bids were received on the Sequoyah Park Rest Rooms. Ford Engineering was awarded the project with a bid of \$53,800.00.
- Lighting was repaired or replaced as needed at Shiloh Park. The playground now has plenty of light for the safety of the users.
- R.Y.B.A. began their baseball practices at M. J. Hickey Park and Vick Field. Due to the weather, they are having trouble finding dry places to practice.
- The scoreboard at Hickey Park field seven was installed. It is the same Fairplay scoreboard, from Rainey Electronics, that are on the other ball fields.
- The fabric was attached to all nineteen shade structures. They are a welcome addition to the parks. They also help us to comply with our policy on guarding park patrons from UV exposure.
- Bennie Hampton is our newest maintenance man. He started on March 23.
- Aaron Trimble was hired to fill one of the summer intern positions. He began on March 23 and will be working mainly with the athletic supervisor at Pleasant View Park.