



Recreation & Parks Department Report April 2011

- Eight (8) groups used the Hughes Center during March for a total of 296 hours. Events included a Clean Green Russellville meeting, softball meetings, Friends of the Library Book Sale and Hamfest.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in March.
- The department had five incidents of vandalism. The incidents included three illegal dumpings on Orbit Lane and graffiti at the City Park and James Park restrooms.
- The new parking lot at Hickey Park was asphalted and painted. A six foot fence was installed which will regulate access to the park. This will assist us in providing needed safety for our park patrons. Bumper blocks were added to complete the project which was Capital Project #23 on our Capital Improvement Program. The lot was opened on March 30.
- The fences at Hickey Park have been cleared of brush. This will not only make the park more attractive but will help us control vandalism by increasing visibility to the park. We plan to continue this in the entire park as part of our Clean Green Russellville campaign.
- The two front cutting riding mowers were delivered on March 28 and placed in service the next day. They will really help us in maintaining the parks more efficiently.
- Mowing has started at all of our parks for the 2011 season.
- The dugouts at Pleasant View Park were cleaned and painted.
- The drive gates to the fields at Pleasant View Park were relocated to make it easier to work on all four fields with less driving and time required to prepare the fields.
- The Arkansas Valley Soccer Association donated a pin oak tree which was planted at the complex. The tree was donated in memory of Richard Shilling.
- The AHTD gave us four oak trees to replace the trees that were removed as part of the Knoxville Bridge project. The trees were planted in the City Park area near the project.
- Two new interns, Brennae Benda and Tavin Davis, were hired for the spring and summer season. They are both ATU students and will be under the supervision of Terry Thomas at the softball complexes.
- The rest rooms in our smaller parks were opened for the season.
- Several small cedar trees were removed at Hickey Park Field 5 to clean up the area, create a open space for children to warm up before games and improve visibility to the park. This is part of our Clean Green Russellville campaign.
- Booth's Janitorial service began their cleaning contract at the Hughes Center in March. They are doing a very good job and plans are to continue their contract until late November.
- The adult Volleyball League ended their league play with Shake N Bake winning the league and the post season tournament held the week of March 14. We are trying to revitalize the league after a two year absent. Congratulations to all the players for a successful season and we look forward to the 2012 season.