



Recreation & Parks Department Report August 2010

- Thirteen (13) groups used the Hughes Center during July for a total of 119 hours. Events included belly dance lessons, baby showers and group meetings.
- The Parks Commission met on July 13. The newly composed trail plan for Russellville was discussed and passed for approval by the Russellville City Council.
- There were six incidents of vandalism reported in July. Incidents included graffiti in both restrooms at Shiloh Park, three illegal dumps on Orbit Lane, building damage to the Washburn restrooms and theft of the 9" toilet paper rolls at the soccer complex which included the destruction of the holders.
- There were 6 pavilion reservations in the month of July. Six was a good number considering how high the temperatures were in July. City pavilion is still the most reserved pavilion.
- A youth softball tournament and a team benefit tournament were held at Pleasant View Park in July.
- There were 17 reservations for pool parties for the month of July. The pool is reserved every night for the rest of the summer. The pool will close for the season the week that school starts.
- The Fourth of July Freedom Fest was held at Old Post Park on Sunday, July 4. The event was held with The Journey Church and was a huge success. It was the most attended firework display in the eighteen years that the parks department has been producing the fireworks show. We look forward to the 2011 show.
- A safety inspection was conducted on all parks facilities by Mark Lawrence of the Arkansas Department of Labor. The inspections help us maintain a safe working environment. All of his findings will be corrected upon receipt of his report. The August safety meeting will cover his report and developing a plan of action to take care of any infractions.
- Employees Pam Faulkner and Henry Hankins attended a safe driving course offered by Thompson Driving School.
- The Russellville Sharks swim team hosted their swim meet at Hickey Pool on Friday, July 9. There was a good turnout of swimmers and spectators. The Sharks did very well in the competition.
- Lowes of Russellville donated another three pallets of sod to the parks department. They were placed in front of the Hughes Center, at the soccer complex to fill in bare spots in front of the goals and in front of the shop at City Park.
- The tennis courts at Shiloh Park were refinished by Ecko, Inc. from Fayetteville. They were striped for tennis, pickle ball and basketball. Future plans include replacing lighting fixtures and fence repair. Use of the courts and the park has increased in the last year. We are glad to see this trend and hope it continues.
- The department's fall softball league registration ended on July 23 with 47 teams registering. The season will run from August through October with games being played at Pleasant View Park and Shiloh Park.
- Bids were accepted for the construction of restrooms at Washburn Park. There were six bids submitted with the low bid of \$59,250.00 being accepted from Dusty Roads Construction Company. The project should begin in August.
- The maintenance shop at the soccer complex was finished and added to the city's inventory the first week of July. The building is being utilized and ready for the completion of the bull pen area in August.
- The River Valley Radio Control Flying Club held a fun fly on Saturday, July 31 at the flying field.

- Mowing has continued to be heavy for the month and is consuming most of the maintenance department's time.
- The trails committee met on July 29 and discussed the trail plan and a plan of action to get the El Paso to Phoenix trail moving.