



Recreation & Parks Department Report February 2011

- Nine groups used the Hughes Center during January for a total of 163 hours. Events included the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, a baby shower and a MADD meeting. The American Association of Retired People (AARP) completed tax assistance training the last week of January.
- The Parks Commission met on January 11. All five commissioners and city council liaison Mark Tripp were present. Guest included Councilman Ron Knost. The commission discussed adding an additional 41 acres to our request from the Corps of Engineers for the 83 acres of Dike View Park. It was decided it would be in the best interest for the city to request the additional acreage. The capital budget was updated to include painting the Hughes Center as per the recommendation of the budget committee. The drawings of the Hughes Center Parking lots were presented and discussed. Several questions were brought up about traffic flow and numbers of parking spaces. These questions will be discussed with Kirk Jones and the item will be discussed again in February. The commission was given a copy of the 2003 park master plan for review. Plans are underway to update the plan this year.
- The department had one incident of illegal dumping on Orbit Lane in the month of January. This was the only vandalism reported for this month.
- A fire drill was conducted in the Hughes Center on Monday, January 4 at 7:58am as part of our fire prevention plan.
- A complete inventory of all park hand tools was completed. All buildings and vehicles received a full set of tools needed.
- Several loads of metal were taken to the recycle center from the old water tower storage area. We also burned brush and cleaned old scrap lumber and trash. This is in keeping with Clean and Green Russellville.
- All park buildings were examined and a painting schedule was established on a most needed basis. This is also in keeping with Clean and Green Russellville
- Winter soccer practice has started at the soccer complex. They practice on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:00 until dark.
- Baseball and softball practices by Russellville High School have begun at M.J. Hickey Park. With the beginning of practices, the park restrooms were opened for the year.
- The department conducted registration for an adult mixed volleyball league. The league started play on January 31. Games will be played on Monday and Thursday nights at the Hughes Community Center.
- AARP tax assistance began at the Hughes Center. Hours of assistance in February are Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.