



Recreation & Parks Department Report January 2009

- Twelve (12) groups used the Hughes Center during December for a total of 198 hours. Events included the PACA Christmas Gala, a youth football banquet, a retirement party for Pope County Sheriff Jay Winters, the annual Ducks Unlimited Banquet and Christmas parties for the Corps of Engineers, Board of Realtors and ANO.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in December.
- There were five (5) vandalism incidents recorded in December. The incidents included three cases of criminal mischief at the skate park, graffiti at Hickey Park and illegal dumping of home trash at Washburn Park.
- A trout seminar for area youth was held on Tuesday, December 2. Each participant received a voucher for a free rod and reel and watched a slide presentation on how to identify and catch trout.
- Trout Day was held Saturday, December 6 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Pleasant View Park pond. This event is sponsored by Recreation and Parks, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and Caddis Fly Fishing Club. There were about 125 participants at this year's event.
- The annual Russellville Christmas Parade was held on Thursday, December 4 at 6:30pm. The parade had seventy-five entries this year. The parade was a success and thank you to all the city employees, Leadership Russellville, the Chamber staff and all other volunteers who helped.
- The playground equipment for City, Veterans and Shiloh Parks has arrived and is being stored at the mower shop, maintenance shop and old water tower storage area. Construction is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 19.
- Preliminary prints for the new concession stand and rest rooms for Hickey Park were submitted by Crafton, Tull and Associates. They will be reviewed at the January commission meeting on January 14. Construction will be scheduled to begin at the completion of the baseball season in July.
- Grading, seeding and sod work were completed at Hickey Park Field #7. The old tennis court asphalt and all light poles and fences were removed. Lights, fence work and scoreboard work will begin in January.
- Several lights at the Hughes Center were replaced with more energy efficient T-8 fluorescent fixtures. This is in keeping with our energy policy.