



Recreation & Parks Department Report July 2009

- Seven (7) groups used the Hughes Center during June for a total of 129 hours. Events included A&P Fishing Tournament Registration, Pink Rose Club and Russellville School District Cereal Drive Distribution and the StruttinBucks Outdoors Banquet.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in June.
- One (1) vandalism incident of graffiti at City Park was recorded in June.
- Playground and park safety inspections were conducted at City, Veterans, Shiloh, Pleasant View, Washburn, James School, Sequoyah, Hickey, Harmon Parks and the soccer complex. All found deficiencies will be dealt with in a timely manner and patron safety will not be compromised.
- New security lights were added to the Russellville Skate Park. The park is being locked at dark by the Russellville Police Department.
- The light pole installation was completed at Hickey Park and Shiloh Park. The wiring and electrical work will begin June 29 at Shiloh. The work was scheduled around the baseball and softball game schedules in both parks.
- The American Red Cross swim lessons began at Hickey Pool on June 8. They have classes from 9:00am until 12:00pm and from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. They will have three two-week sessions.
- The Russellville Sharks swim team began their 2009 swim season at the pool also on June 8. They meet from 7:00am to 9:00am.
- R.Y.B.A completed their youth baseball league play on June 30. The all-stars and older age group teams will still be using the park.
- Approximately 100 area residents participated in this year's fishing derby for children ages 4 to 12 held at Pleasant View Park's fishing pond on Saturday, June 13.
- The new pavilion at Hickey Pool was installed on June 25 and can be reserved at the Hughes Center for parties during regular pool hours. The pavilion area was designed so it can be used and reserved the remainder of the year.
- The RRPD adult softball league ended league play on June 17. The fall league will begin in August.
- Three softball tournaments were held in June at Pleasant View Park. The tournaments were Valley Fest, A.S.A. Youth District and ASA Youth State.
- Extensive work was done on the new Illinois Bayou Park on Lake Dardanelle. We are waiting on information on the grant from Game and Fish to begin asphaltting. This should be in July.
- Sequoyah Park restrooms are almost completed. We are currently waiting on the electrician to finish and Entergy to connect to their line. The projected opening date is July 6. This was one of our most requested improvements for city parks and will enhance the park and increase use and number of pavilion reservations.
- Hickey Park Field 7 construction continues. Dugout blocks were installed and an additional sidewalk from the parking lot to the concession was installed. Handrails are currently being installed, dugout work continues and wiring for the lights should be completed in July. It is projected to be completed in July
- The drawings from Crafton Tull and Associates for the new Hickey Park concession and restrooms are scheduled to be complete and delivered on June 29. We will review the plans and discuss them at the parks commission meeting scheduled for July 8. The bidding process will begin in July or August.
- Storm damage occurred during the week of June 12 in Washburn, James and Shiloh Parks. Damage included trees and limbs down and some roof shingles blown off the soccer concession.