



Recreation & Parks Department Report March 2009

- Four (4) groups used the Hughes Center during February for a total of 230 hours. Events included tax assistance by AARP for the citizens of Russellville and driver license exams by the Arkansas State Police.
- The parks commission did not meet in February (officially). A quorum was not present.
- Ten (10) vandalism incidents were recorded in February. The incidents included seven illegal dumps at Orbit Lane and the water ski area, theft of property at Shiloh Park and two incidents of graffiti at the skate park.
- Russellville Soccer Complex was opened for the season as youth soccer began practicing.
- Hickey Park was opened for the season as games were played on Fields #1 and #6 by the Russellville High School.
- Sod was installed on the infield at Hickey Park Field # 7.
- The capital budget was passed by City Council. It includes \$12,000.00 to purchase sand for the pool filters and \$3,000.00 for an ice machine at Shiloh Park.
- The budget for the Capital Improvements Program was also passed.
- Field restoration was started on Shiloh and Pleasant View Park ball fields. It included top dressing with sand, over laying the infields with dirt and a field dressing mix and spraying the fields with weed control and fertilizer.
- Play ground units were installed at Veterans, Shiloh and City Parks. The concrete pads were poured under the units at Shiloh and Veterans Parks. The pads are scheduled to be poured at City Park on Wednesday, March 4. The pads will need to cure for three weeks then the rubber fall zone protection will be installed. The playground units should be ready for an April opening.
- A safety meeting was conducted by Mr. Mark Lawrence of the Arkansas Department of Labor on mower/tractor safety and safety from insects and snakes.
- Mack attended the Arkansas Recreation and Parks Association state training conference in Paragould on the February 9, 10 and 11.
- The A.A.R.P. began their volunteer tax assistance program to provide free tax assistance to area residents. The volunteers will be at the Hughes Center, Monday through Wednesday from 9:00am until 4:00pm until April 15.
- Bids for construction of rest rooms at Sequoyah Park were advertised and will be opened on March 12.
- The bids were advertised for the concrete work and parking lot construction at Hickey Park and will be opened on March 12.