



Recreation & Parks Department Report November 2009

- Eight (8) groups used the Hughes Center during October for a total of 156 hours. Events included the Mr. Bass of Arkansas Banquet and KidsFest.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in October due to the lack of a quorum.
- Twenty-one of the 1500 watt metal halide light bulbs were replaced on the four fields at Pleasant View Park.
- The M.J. Hickey Park concession stand project began with the demolition and removal of the old concession building. Construction is slated to begin in November and the grand opening dedication is planned for spring.
- Three incidents of vandalism were reported in October. The incidents included the toilet paper dispenser being destroyed at the soccer complex, illegal dumping on Orbit Lane in Shiloh Park and graffiti at City Park.
- Sprinklers, dug outs and dirt work were completed on the new ball field at Hickey Park. The grand opening dedication will be sometime in the spring.
- The tennis court light fixtures at Shiloh Park were replaced with newer 1500 watt fixtures. This will increase the light levels which will make it safer for tennis, pickle ball and basketball.
- The barbeque grill at Sequoyah Park pavilion was replaced with a covered smoker grill.
- The large group grill at Shiloh Park pavilion was replaced.
- Entergy presented a donation check for \$5,000.00 to help offset the cost of construction of the Illinois Bayou Park.
- Henry Hankins and Bennie Hampton attended a flagging certification class.
- Bids for the new pavilion at the Russellville Soccer Complex were accepted. The low bid was from Williamson Construction Company.
- Pavilion and park use, especially at City Park, is still increasing. We feel this is due to the new composite play structures and park improvements. This is a trend we like to see and hope continues.
- A safety meeting on defensive driving was conducted by Mark Lawrence of the Arkansas Department of Labor.