



## ***Recreation & Parks Department Report October 2009***

- Eleven (11) groups used the Hughes Center during September for a total of 140 hours. Events included the Senior Health Expo and Ladies Night Out.
- The Parks Commission met on September 9. The River Valley Pickle Ball League requested that pickle ball court lines be painted on the basketball court at the Hughes Center when the floor is refinished in January. The commission agreed. Dr. Theresa Herrick, who chairs the Trails Committee for the Recreation and Parks Commission, presented the Power Point presentation, Russellville Connected, on the proposed trail system for the City of Russellville. The November commission meeting date was changed to November 18 because of Veterans Day.
- Five incidents of vandalism were reported in September. The incidents included two illegal dumps on Orbit Lane in Shiloh Park, one incident of criminal mischief at the soccer complex and one incident at City Park and the theft of one of the spring rider motorcycles at City Park.
- Mowing has continued to be very heavy for September in all parks due to the continued heavy rainfall.
- New heavy duty steel drinking fountains were installed at the south pavilion in Hickey Park for Field 7 and the pavilion at James School Park.
- New stainless steel partitions were installed at James School Park restrooms. The restroom floors and walls, pavilion walls and picnic tables were painted and needed wood trim was replaced.
- A new barbeque grill was installed at James School Park. Concrete work to accompany the grill was added for accessibility and to help make cleanup easier. Two new horseshoe courts were put in at the southeast corner of the park. Two benches were installed at the park, one at the pavilion and one where the new horse shoe pits were installed. Boards were replaced on all the benches in the park and where needed on the picnic tables.
- We had nine volunteers show up on Saturday, September 26 for Public Lands Day. They helped clean up the ski area, radio control field area and Orbit Lane. They collected four trailer loads of trash and debris.
- AVSA youth soccer began their fall soccer league on September 17. Games will be play on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and some Sundays.
- The Adult Soccer League began their fall league on September 13 with games being played on Sundays at the complex.
- A storm on September 21 caused damage to trees at Washburn, City, Veterans and Shiloh Parks. A power line at Washburn Park was knocked down by a falling tree limb which slowed cleanup at that park.
- The lighting work, for capital project 13, continued at Hickey Park. All conduits were placed and wire pulled for all the fields and the boxes were set on Field 5. All the security lights were installed and tested where possible. Clean up and dirt work was also done. All the light poles were removed and taken to the water tower storage area.
- Work began on the sprinkler system on Hickey Park Field 7. Kyle Lamberson of Russellville Lawn Care is installing the system. The project should be completed within the next week.