



Recreation & Parks Department Report September 2009

- Eight (8) groups used the Hughes Center during August for a total of 118 hours. Events included an AVSA board meeting, three birthday parties and the FLW fishing tournament registration.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in August.
- Two incidents of vandalism were reported in August. The incidents were graffiti at City Park and criminal mischief at the Russellville Soccer Complex.
- Work continued at Hickey Park Field 7. The dug out roofs were installed and painted. All of the wire was pulled for the lights; the electric for the field and scoreboards was finished. Excavation and landscaping work was done on washouts and the sidewalk areas.
- Shiloh Park lights were completed and tested. Three bulbs will need to be replaced but the field light levels, 50/30 tournament level lighting, are bright and will definitely enhance play. The security lights will help park patrons safely leave the field with well lighted walking areas.
- We were blessed with a wet August with sunshine and warm temperatures. Mowing has continued to be very heavy for the month.
- M.J. Hickey pool closed for the summer on Monday, August 17. The summer was a successful one for our department at the pool as there were fewer problems than in any previous summer. The manager and all the guards did a very good job this year and hopefully will return in 2010. The pool was closed out and winterized for the season.
- Staff training was conducted on chainsaw safety by Mark Lawrence of the Arkansas Department of Labor. The street department employees joined us for the hour long training session. Safety training will continue to be a high priority for the Recreation and Parks Department.
- Punt, Pass and Kick was held at Vick Field on Saturday, August 29. The winners of our local meet will advance to the state meet to be held in Little Rock sometime in October.
- Pavilion reservations have picked back up for August. City pavilion continues to be one of our most used pavilions. We attribute its increased popularity to the two new playground units installed in April.
- The Lakeside Radio Control Car Club held a state tournament on August 22 at the new Radio Control Car Track at Shiloh Park. The event was all day Saturday and was well attended. This newest addition to our park inventory will be a well used area and gives the citizens of Russellville the opportunity to participate in radio control car racing locally.
- Work on Illinois Bayou Park has continued by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. They had gravel hauled in to prepare for asphalt. We are hoping that they will set asphalt in September so the park can be opened in the fall. We have framed three pads for picnic sites and a sidewalk to the dock area of the park. We plan on pouring concrete on September 2. We have picnic tables and grills ready to go into the park.