



Recreation & Parks Department Report September 2010

- Thirteen (13) groups used the Hughes Center during August for a total of 169 hours. Events included a benefit for Hoyt Stormont, the Russellville Fire Department promotional exams, Crossing Paths Bow Competition and a Sweet 16 party.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in August due to a lack of agenda items. The next scheduled meeting will be at noon on Tuesday, September 14.
- There were seven incidents of vandalism reported in August. Illegal dumping at Orbit Lane continues to be a problem and options to remedy this problem will need to be addressed. The concession window at the new Hickey Park building was broken when someone hit it with a rock. City Park restrooms were vandalized and the toilet paper was stolen from both restrooms. Other incidents include graffiti at Washburn Park and criminal mischief at the pool.
- There were eight pavilion reservations in the month of August. This is a good number of reservations considering the high temperatures have slowed the reservations and the general use of our pavilions and parks.
- Mowing has finally slowed for the season and is enabling us to get caught up on several of our park projects that have been on hold.
- There were nineteen pool reservations for parties at Hickey Pool for the month of August. Every available time was pretty much booked for August with the exception of one Saturday morning.
- The new doors were installed in the gym at the Hughes Center. The doors are equipped with panic bars to meet fire codes and will benefit our patrons by being much easier to open.
- The sod in the front of the Hughes Center was completed with six more pallets. This will add to the beauty and assist in controlling dust and dirt run off at the center. We hope the improvements will help increase reservations and use of the center by improving the area.
- The new sign for the Hughes Center, located at Parkway and Knoxville, was installed. This will be a great asset to the city and the groups that utilize the center as they will be able to advertise their events.
- Benches were installed at the soccer complex pavilion and by the concession building. A covered grill was also installed and trees will be planted to complete the pavilion project.
- The storage area at the soccer complex maintenance building was installed. The forty by forty five foot storage area will be used to secure mowers, tractors and field grooming equipment. The new storage area and building will enable us to maintain the complex more efficiently while saving the city money by not having to move equipment to and from the facility.
- The adult fall soccer league began playing their season at the soccer complex on Saturday, August 7. This season they have 14 teams participating. Games will be played on Sundays until the first of November.
- The Russellville Recreation and Parks Department's adult fall softball league began play on Monday, August 9 at Pleasant View Park with 47 teams. They will play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at Pleasant View and Tuesday at both Pleasant View and the upper field at Shiloh. The league will play until about the last week in October.
- Work has begun on the construction of the restrooms at Washburn Park. The restrooms are scheduled to be completed in October.

- M.J. Hickey Pool closed for the season on Wednesday, August 18. We had a pretty good season overall, but attendance dropped late due to the heat and the warm water temperatures. This was a trend statewide.
- Arkansas Tech provided eight student volunteers who painted all the parking blocks at City Park and the Arts Center parking lot.
- The Russellville City Council passed the Russellville Trail Plan during the August council meeting. We will now proceed with implementing the plan and preliminary work on the trail.
- Three trees were removed from the City Park area. One of the trees was a large oak that was blown down by the last wind storm. Continued landscaping at the park included stump removal, excavation, trimming and edging sidewalks, curbs and trees.