



**Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
March 2017**

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- Seven (7) groups used the Hughes Center during February for a total of 144 hours. Events included A.A.R.P. tax assistance, Arkansas Valley Soccer Association meetings and the Delta Waterfowl annual banquet.
- The Parks Commission met on February 9. Minutes are available for viewing on [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org)
- Registration for the Russellville Youth Baseball Association is currently underway for the upcoming season. Information on registering may be found at [www.rvbabaseball.org](http://www.rvbabaseball.org) or at Mullen Team Sports, Feltner's Athlete Corner and SportsScene.
- Arkansas Valley Soccer Association held registration in February for their spring season. League play begins on March 11 with games being played on Saturdays.
- The Russellville Cyclones boys baseball and girls softball teams have begun using M.J. Hickey Park for the 2017 season. They are practicing on Field 1 and Field 6. Baseball began play on Thursday, February 28 with a win over the Farmington Cardinals.
- Work began on the new lights at the Russellville Soccer Complex. We project them being completed in March. The three fields on the southern side of the complex will be lighted.
- Two batting cages were installed at Pleasant View Park near the playground. The two batting cages will be well used by both tournament and league participants. They have been requested for many years and will be appreciated by park users. The batting cages were funded through a grant from the Advertising and Promotion Commission.
- The first application of preemergent was sprayed at all of our parks athletic facilities. This is part of our continual turf management plan for the City's athletic facilities. The second spraying will be in April or May.
- The A.A.R.P. tax assistance program has been very well accepted by the public as large crowds are here at the Hughes Center every morning when we open. They are at the Hughes Center on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Their last day will be April 12.
- An asphalt overlay was completed at the trail at Veterans Park. The trail is 2685 feet long and is a great trail for shorter walks. The trail at Parkway and Bona Dea was set up with fill material and gravel. It should be completed in March.
- Preparatory work has begun on the ball fields at our sport complexes in participation of another banner year at all of our athletic facilities. Work will continue throughout the season to keep improving these facilities.
- Advertising banners are now on sale at the Hughes Community Center for advertising your business at Pleasant View Park. The 4' x 4' metal signs are \$200 for the first year and \$100 annual renewal for the following years. This year the score booths are available for sign advertising at Pleasant View Park. Those signs are 4' x 4' metal and are \$300 per year.
- Three new spring toys were installed at Crawford Park. They include a yellow duck, a brown squirrel and a green motorcycle. New bordering and woodchip fall cushioning was installed for safety of our patrons. New fall zone material was also installed at City Park.
- The umpire room at M.J. Hickey Park was repainted to match our other facilities at the complex. We plan on repainting Field 6 concession after the season ends.
- Adult softball signups began on February 27 and will run through March 10. You can sign your team up at the Hughes Center. The entry fee for this summer's league will be \$425.