



**Recreation & Parks
Department Report
August 2017**

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- Eight (8) groups used the Hughes Center during July for a total of 44 hours. Events included the end of the Pope County Library summer reading program and a fundraiser for the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Pope & Yell Counties.
- The Parks Commission met on July 13. Minutes are available for viewing on www.russellvillearkansas.org
- The Boys and Girls Club Sharks swim team completed their season at M.J. Hickey Pool with a swim meet held on July 21.
- The Learn to Swim program completed their third and final session in July. We are very pleased that 110 kids participated in the Learn to Swim program.
- The USSSA 10 & Under and 12 & Under C State Tournament finished play on July 2 at Shiloh and Pleasant View Parks. The tournament had 58 teams which made it the largest tournament of the year. Thanks go out to everyone who helped make this large tournament run so smoothly.
- The Department performed safety inspections on vehicles, jobsites, offices and all park buildings. Any safety issues that were discovered were repaired. We continually strive to make safety a top priority.
- Signups were held for the department's adult fall softball league from July 10 through July 21. We had 26 teams sign up for our fall season. Games will begin in August and run through October. Games will be played on Wednesday and Thursday nights at Pleasant View Park.
- The Fourth of July fireworks display was held at Old Post Park. Special thanks to the Kiwanis for providing concessions for the show. We also want to thank the police, fire and public works departments for all of their assistance and the community band for providing the music for the evening. A lot of hard work went on to put on this year's display so again thanks to all who helped. This year's show was once again a spectacular display thanks to Dwayne Roberts and Dwaine Millsaps with Hog Wild Pyrotechnics.
- A new pump and sensor activation button were installed at the splash pad at City Park. The splash pad is a very popular destination for many families with small children.
- A vacuum pump was installed at M.J. Hickey Pool and a vacuuming schedule was put into action. The last day to swim this year at the pool is August 13.
- As part of our turf management plan, spraying for weeds was completed at all of our athletic facilities.
- The sprinklers at all of the parks were activated as the dry dog days of summer are finally here.
- The signups for the aquatic center are going well. There will be five water aerobics classes in the fall so everyone should check the online schedule at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The low water crossing at M.J. Hickey Park was completed. The crossing will be a great convenience for the maintenance of Field 6 and the areas between the field and the Russellville High School.