



**Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
September 2017**

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- Seven (7) groups used the Hughes Center during August for a total of 36 hours. Events included meetings for Arkansas Valley Soccer Association, Senior Softball League and the 4H Art Club for Homeschoolers.
- The Russellville Aquatic Center had eighteen (18) groups use the aquatic center for a total of 37 hours. Events included a swim clinic for the Russellville Cyclone Swim and Dive Team. Currently there are three water aerobic classes that are at capacity. We will add more classes this fall.
- The Parks Commission met on August 10. Minutes are available for viewing on [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org)
- The department had 12 pavilion reservations, 9 pool party reservations at Hickey Pool and 14 party reservations at the Russellville Aquatic Center in August.
- M.J. Hickey Pool was closed and winterized for the season on August 13. The pool equipment was placed inside, the pool water was treated, the sand filter tanks were cleaned, the broken equipment was discarded and the facility cleaned.
- As part of the Department's safety plan, all fire extinguishers were inspected and a fire drill was conducted at the Hughes Center.
- The RRPD fall softball league began play in August with 26 teams. Games are played on Wednesday and Thursday nights at Pleasant View Park. The senior league consisting of players ages 50 and older also began play with 4 teams. They play on Tuesday nights.
- Arkansas Valley Soccer Association registered for their fall league in August. They have approximately 750 kids participating this year. Practices will be held during the week and games will be played on Saturdays.
- The Department finished the summer weed control spraying the first of August at the Russellville Soccer Complex, Hickey Park, Shiloh Park and Pleasant View Park. The soccer complex, Hickey Park, Shiloh Park and Pleasant View Park were treated with fertilizer. This is part of our turf management plan for our athletic facilities.
- Dead trees, potentially dangerous trees and fallen trees were moved and cleaned up at Veterans, Hickey and Washburn Parks. We continually strive to make sure all city parks are a safe and attractive place for area citizens. If you see a hazard in a park, we encourage you to report it so we can take care of problems we might have missed.
- Work has started on the sidewalk extension along N. Knoxville east of the shop area to East B Street, then west on East B Street to North Hartford. That will create a nice 6/10 mile loop from behind the Hughes Center, along North Knoxville to East B Street to North Hartford and back along the Born Learning Trail.
- The Department applied for a 50/50 matching grant through the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism Outdoor Recreation Grant Program. The grant, if approved, would be used to replace the lighting equipment on the upper field at Shiloh Park.