

- Thirteen (13) groups used the Hughes Center during May for a total of 187 hours. Events included a Forza boxing show, home school testing, a pool employee meeting and two AVSA meetings.
- For the month of May there were 19 parties held at the Aquatic Center for a total of 45 hours. During the month we had 24 water aerobics classes, 6 Boot Camp classes, 6 Zumba classes, and 4 kayak rolling classes for a total of 40 hours. The US swim team and the Special Olympics practices a total of 44 hours. Also the Aquatic Center hosted the Summer Kick off Bash for 10 hours with 266 half-price tickets sold.
- The Parks Commission met on May 10. The minutes are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The department had 26 pavilion rentals and 5 practice field reservations for Shiloh and Pleasant View Parks in May.
- The Department began selling swim passes and booking pool parties on May 1. A staff meeting for all pool employees was held on May 14. The pool manual was reviewed and safety training was conducted during this meeting for the season's pool employees. We are looking at having a fun and safe season at the pool and hope everyone will come out and enjoy the pool.
- The splash pad was opened for the season on May 22. It is located in City Park at 915 East B Street. Hours of operation are 10:00am to 8:00pm, seven days a week. The splash pad is a good way to beat the heat of summer for many of our citizens.
- The pool opened for the season on May 26. The pool and facilities were patched, painted and cleaned. The pool staff is excited about the summer season. Public swim hours of operation are 12:30pm to 6:30pm every day.
- In safety matters, all fire extinguishers in all vehicles, heavy equipment and park buildings were inspected. Self-inspection office forms were completed for the month of May.
- Balloon Fest was held at the Russellville Soccer Complex on May 4 & 5. The Journey Church handled the vendors, food trucks and entertainment for the event as a fundraiser for the Russ Buss. A large crowd attend each day and many were given the opportunity to go up in a hot air balloon. Several balloons were spotted floating across the city much to the delight of young and old alike.
- The Department met for a project management workshop with Mike Sprague, Project Officer of the Outdoor Recreation Grants Program. The meeting is the first step in beginning the \$95,000 grant project for the Shiloh Park ball field lighting.
- Terrance Narveson, owner of Russellville Sports Academy, held two baseball tournaments at M.J. Hickey Park and has another scheduled in June. Thirty-five teams from around the state participated in the first two tournaments. Proceeds will be used to develop the growth of travel teams and to purchase mounds so future tournaments can host more divisions.
- The summer kickoff event took place at the aquatic center with half price admission on May 26. The new obstacle course was set up and was enjoyed by the kids during the day. Saint Marys provided information to help increase awareness of pediatric strokes. The also provided free hot dogs and popcorn.
- The footings for the pavilion at Veterans Memorial Park were dug and are ready for concrete to be poured. The steps to provide electricity to the proposed pavilion has been started with the installation of a meter.
- New gym doors were installed at the Hughes Community Center. The doors are heavy duty and should enhance building security.
- Twenty-five new team benches for soccer have arrived. AVSA concluded their soccer season on May 12. The benches will be in place when the kids return for the fall season.