



*Recreation & Parks
Department Report
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- Eleven (11) groups used the Hughes Center during September for a total of 152 hours. Events included a first responders appreciation lunch, the Garduno quinceanera, the Mitchell wedding reception and an AVSA referee clinic.
- For the month of September there were 22 regular parties and 6 private parties at the aquatic center for a total of 62 hours. New class sessions were started for swim lessons, Tone Zone, water aerobics and Silver Fins for a total of 72 hours. Events in September included a Try Scuba class, Corps of Engineers training, ROTC training and a Kiwanis swim meet.
- The Parks Commission met on September 13. Minutes are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org
- The department had 13 pavilion rentals in the month of September.
- The Department's monthly safety inspection was completed. All of the parks fire extinguishers were inspected, offices were also inspected and any necessary updates or repairs were made.
- The splash pad closed for the season on Sunday, September 30. Attendance at the splash pad has remained high each year.
- The Arkansas Valley Soccer Association (A.V.S.A.) began their fall season on September 15 at the Russellville Soccer Complex. There are 622 kids playing on 65 teams this fall with practices Monday through Thursday and games being played on Saturdays.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association (R.Y.B.A.) began their fall league play on September 18 with 170 kids that make up 16 teams participating. They play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at Hickey Park.
- The Boys and Girls Club began their youth flag football league in September. They practice at Shiloh Park on the lower field and play games at Vick Field on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays.
- The lighting equipment arrived for the upper field at Shiloh Park. The equipment has been installed and the project will be completed after the electric work is finished by Entergy.
- An eight foot by twelve foot pavilion was installed at the Russellville Soccer Complex. It will be used as a ticket pavilion at future tournaments.
- Maintenance at James School Park was increased in recent weeks to help prepare the park for an upcoming event. Maintenance included weed eating, mowing and replacing boards on the bridge.
- The Department recently received approval from the Corps of Engineers to replace the pavilion at Shiloh Park. A & P Commission funds will be used to purchase a new pavilion and construction should begin in January 2019.
- Twenty-five team benches purchased with A&P Commission funds were placed at the soccer complex. The AVSA soccer league was very appreciative of the benches.
- The slab for the new pavilion at Veterans Memorial Park was poured in September. Construction on the pavilion is scheduled for the first of October and should be completed soon.