



*Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
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- Fourteen (14) groups used the Hughes Center during January for a total of 271 hours. Events included the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, the weekly Fit Girlz workouts and an Arkansas River Valley Gun Club party
- For the month of January there were 12 regular parties and 3 private parties at the aquatic center for a total of 33 hours. Classes in January included Try Scuba, Tone Zone, Water Aerobics, Silver Fins, and Aqua Zumba for total of 49 hours.
- The Parks Commission met on January 10. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org)
- The AARP began training for the upcoming tax season. They offer tax assistance beginning February 4 until April 10 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Thank you to the many volunteers that donated their time as this program is a great help to many people.
- Community Service, Inc. began the First Tee Program on January 15. They meet on Tuesdays at the Hughes Center from 3:45pm to 5:00pm. The First Tee after-school program helps shape the lives of young people by reinforcing values like integrity, respect, and perseverance through the game of golf.
- Quarterly safety inspections were conducted by the department. All fire extinguishers, emergency lights and exit lights were inspected to ensure that they work properly. An unannounced fire drill was held in January and no problems were encountered. The Department strives to have the safest work environment as possible.
- Maintenance staff removed and stored all of the downtown Christmas lights until next year. The lights always bring a warm glow to the downtown area of Russellville during the holiday season.
- Maintenance staff removed the forty foot octagon pavilion at Shiloh Park. It will be replaced with a forty-four foot octagon pavilion in the near future.
- All tractors, mowers and equipment has been serviced, cleaned and repaired in preparation for the summer mowing season.
- The River Valley Disc Golf Association has installed fourteen alternate pad locations. The pads will allow the course to be set up in different configurations and challenge levels for tournaments.