



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
March 2019

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- Eleven (11) groups used the Hughes Center during February for a total of 169 hours. Events included the Teen Reach Adventure Camp Chocopalooza, the Delta Waterfowl Banquet and the River Valley Cattlemen Conference.
- For the month of February there were 16 regular parties and 7 private parties at the aquatic center for a total of 53 hours. Classes in February included Try Scuba, Tone Zone, Water Aerobics, Silver Fins, and Aqua Zumba for total of 11 hours. Swim lesson classes were held for a total of 25 hours. Events for the month included the first session of a kayak rolling class and two high school swim meets. The first swim meet had 150 swimmers from 12 teams participating and the second swim meet was the Arkansas 5A State Swim Meet with 220 swimmers from 20 teams participating.
- The Parks Commission met on February 14. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org
- Park employees attended training on sexual harassment at City Hall on February 6. On February 15, park employees attended a CPR training session hosted by the Russellville Fire Department at Central Fire Station. Special thanks to RFD Captain Brad Barnhouse for being such a great instructor. In other safety matters, all fire extinguishers were checked and new employee safety training was held for the new head lifeguard at the aquatic center.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association held several work days in February at M.J. Hickey Park to prepare for the upcoming season. The group cut sod and changed the base pad anchors on Fields 2, 3, 4 and 7. Teams with eight to twelve year old players will now be able to play on all of the fields and teams up to the age of fourteen can play on Field 2. Registration for the 2019 season was conducted in February with 443 players in seven divisions signed up to play baseball.
- Arkansas Valley Soccer Association held registration in February for their spring season. League play begins on March 9 with games being played on Saturdays.
- The Russellville Cyclones baseball and softball teams began using M.J. Hickey Park for the 2019 season. They are practicing on Field 1 and Field 6 for their first games in February.
- Adult softball signups began on February 25 and will run through March 8. You can sign your team up at the Hughes Center. The entry fee for this summer's league will be \$425.
- The A.A.R.P. tax assistance program has begun at the Hughes Center. They are volunteering to help file taxes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Their last day will be April 10.
- Advertising banners are now on sale at the Hughes Community Center for advertising your business at Pleasant View Park. The 4' x 4' metal signs are \$200 for the first year and \$100 annual renewal for the following years. The score booths are also available for sign advertising at Pleasant View Park. Those signs are 4' x 4' metal and are \$300 per year.
- Installation of the new pavilion at Shiloh Park began on February 25. The pavilion will be up and available for rental soon. Special thanks to the Street Department for bringing their mini excavator with a jackhammer to help our department prepare the site.