



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
April 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "T. Thomas", is written over the date "April 2019".

- Fifteen (15) groups used the Hughes Center during March for a total of 209 hours. Events included interviews for the Parks Master Plan, the CSI Americorps Free Library, and an Arkansas Farm Bureau meeting.
- For the month of March there were 21 regular parties and 6 private parties at the aquatic center for a total of 60 hours. Classes in March included Try Scuba, Tone Zone, Water Aerobics, Silver Fins, and Aqua Zumba for total of 39 hours. Swim lesson classes were held for a total of 37 hours. Events for the month included a Boy Scout troop coming to our facility to administer their swim tests.
- The Parks Commission met on March 14. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org
- The fire extinguishers in all department buildings and vehicles were inspected. We continue to do everything possible to maintain a safe work environment and safe parks.
- The Arkansas Valley Soccer Association was scheduled to begin their spring season on March 9 but the weather did not cooperate. The first games started on March 16 at the Russellville Soccer Complex with 550 players participating. Games are played on Saturdays.
- The Department registered teams for the summer softball league at Pleasant View Park. This year there are 27 teams participating and games will be played on Wednesday and Thursday nights.
- The Boys and Girls Club youth softball teams began practicing at Pleasant View Park preparing for their upcoming youth softball season.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association began practicing in March at M.J. Hickey Park and Vick Field for this year's summer baseball league. The league will begin play on April 2 with 462 players participating in seven different age divisions. RYBA continues hosting Fun Day Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. every week at M.J. Hickey Park. Anyone interested in coming out to enjoy the sport of baseball is welcomed.
- All park restrooms and pavilions are open for the season. The cost for a pavilion rental is \$35 for half days or \$50 for all day and may be booked at the Hughes Community Center.
- The parks master plan committee met and interviewed three firms to potentially write a parks master plan for the City of Russellville.
- Parks Director Terry Thomas attended an ARDOT grant workshop held in Little Rock on March 26.
- Work is nearing completion on the pavilion at Shiloh Park. Work this month included the installation of the pavilion, the sidewalk poured, trees cut and landscaping.
- The Department was excited about the addition of Fred Cogburn, Dusty Jackson, Logan Pattermann and Will Roberts to our maintenance staff.