



**Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
May 2019**

- Sixteen (16) groups used the Hughes Center during April for a total of 171 hours. Events included a surprise birthday party, Crappie Masters seminar and a Pope County land sale by the Arkansas Land Commissioner.
- For the month of April there were 8 regular parties and 1 private party at the aquatic center for a total of 19 hours. Classes in April included Try Scuba, Tone Zone, Water Aerobics, Silver Fins, and Aqua Zumba for total of 34 hours. Swim lesson classes were held for a total of 50 hours. Events for the month included the Special Olympics Swim meet and the Aqua Easter Egg Hunt.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in April. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org)
- The department had 11 pavilion rentals and 16 practice field reservations for Shiloh and Pleasant View Parks in April.
- The Russellville Recreation and Parks Department summer softball league began play with 27 teams participating this summer. Games are played on Wednesday and Thursday nights at Pleasant View Park. Other softball leagues beginning play at the same parks are the Russellville Church League with 12 teams participating and the Boys and Girls Club with 11 teams. They also play in the Pope County Girls Softball League that has 40 teams from Russellville, Pottsville, Dover, Atkins and Hector.
- Work began on cleaning and preparing M.J. Hickey Pool to open for the summer season. Applications were taken for the pool staff in April. The pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 25 at 12:30pm.
- In safety matters, the department performed inspections on all fire extinguishers, vehicles, jobsites, offices and all park buildings. A fire drill was conducted at the Hughes Center.
- The installation of a new pavilion at Shiloh Park has been completed. The replacement of the old pavilion with a new one has completed another item on our capital project list. The pavilion is now available for rentals.
- The aquatic center was closed for ten days to replace a caulk line in the competition pool. While the building was closed and the pool was drained, the staff cleaned floors, pool walls, tiles and drains to get the center ready for the summer. Burton Pools & Spas has told us that the caulk line will have to be replaced every two to three years or when it fails.
- Portions of the sidewalk and the drive entryway have been replaced on the West 4<sup>th</sup> Place side of James School Park.
- The sprinklers on Fields 2, 3 & 4 at M.J. Hickey Park have been repaired.