



Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
August 2019

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- Twelve groups used the Hughes Center during July for a total of 123 hours. Events included a Hard Rock Casino meet and greet, the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund Pope and Yell Counties fundraiser and a USA Powerlifting competition.
- For the month of July there were 17 regular parties and 10 private party at the aquatic center for a total of 64 hours. Classes in July included Try Scuba, Water Aerobics, Silver Fins, and Aqua Zumba for total of 27 hours. Swim lesson classes were held for a total of 75 hours. The aquatic center was the host site for the Boys and Girls Club Sharks swim meet on July 12
- The Parks Commission met on July 11. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org)
- The department had five park pavilion rentals and nineteen private party reservations at M.J. Hickey Pool in July.
- Signups were held for the department's adult fall softball league from July 8 through July 19. We had twenty-one teams sign up for the fall season. The league will begin in August and run through October with games being played on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Pleasant View Park. We would like to congratulate the following winners of our summer league: Fletcher Oil – Men Division I, Thunder Chickens – Men Division II, Juggernauts – Coed Division I, Cornwell Funeral Home – Coed Division II and Caught Looking – Coed Division III.
- The Fourth of July community fireworks display was held at a new location this year. The event was held at the Russellville Aquatic Center with all parking on the ATU campus. Special thanks to the police, fire, parks and public works departments for all of their assistance. Thanks to Hog Wild Pyrotechnics for an interesting show this year.
- In safety matters, the department performed inspections on all fire extinguishers, vehicles, offices and all park buildings.
- A new row dock was installed at Illinois Bayou Park. The dock was purchased and installed by the Russellville Rowing Club.
- The Boys and Girls Club Sharks swim team hosted their local swim meet on July 12 at the Russellville Aquatic Center. Six teams with approximately 200 swimmers competed in the meet. Out of town teams competing were from Atkins, Fort Smith, Clarksville, Alma and Paris.
- The Boys and Girls Club swim team and the Central Arkansas Swim Club swim team completed their practices at M.J. Hickey Pool on July 25. The Central Arkansas Swim Club will continue practicing at the aquatic center. They plan to utilize the pool next summer for practices because they compete in Olympic-sized pools during the summer months.