



Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
November 2019 *22.*

- Eighteen groups used the Hughes Center during October for a total of 163 hours. Events included Parks Master Plan meetings, the Pope County Library Girl Powered STEM Workshop and meetings for the Arkansas Bass Team Trail and the Collegiate Bass Fishing Series tournaments.
- For the month of October there were 15 regular parties and 3 private party at the aquatic center for a total of 36 hours. Classes in October included Try Scuba, Water Aerobics, Silver Fins, Tone Zone and Aqua Zumba for total of 35 hours. Swim lesson classes were held for a total of 54 hours. The aquatic center's annual Pumpkin Plunge was held on October 19. The event was attended by approximately one hundred people and all of the kids had a great time with the different festivities.
- The Parks Commission did not have a quorum for their meeting on October 1. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org)
- The department had 13 park pavilion rentals in October.
- In safety matters, the department performed inspections on all fire extinguishers, vehicles, offices and all park buildings. A fire drill was conducted at the Hughes Center. All first aid kits were inspected and restocked.
- The park master plan kick off was held on October 1 & 2 with a series of stakeholder focus group meetings. Meetings with staff, key person interviews and park tours were also conducted. A lot of good feedback was received from the stakeholder meetings where 30 different interest groups were represented.
- The softball season wrapped up play in October at Pleasant View Park. Congratulations to this year's winners Fletcher Oil, Dunham & Faught Ironmen, River Valley Satellite, Sunset Awning and Sponsorless. We appreciate each team that played in our league and hope to see you back in the spring.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association (R.Y.B.A.) completed their fall league play in October. There were 16 teams participating this fall. Special thanks to Eric Groff and the RYBA board members who did an excellent job operating the summer and fall baseball seasons.
- KidsFest was held on October 31 at the Hughes Center. The Department enjoys providing a safe place for kids to enjoy the holiday. Thanks to the Arkansas Tech Recreation Programming Class, Russellville Fire Department, Pope County EMS, Pope County OEM, U.S. Forest Service, CSI First Tee, Bikers Against Child Abuse, River Valley Arts Center, Russellville Police Department, Arkansas Alliance of Bloodhound Search Specialist, River Valley Food for Kids, Pope County Library, All Saints Episcopal Church, Arkansas Game & Fish, Arkansas State Police and a special thanks to all of the city employees that donated candy for the event.
- Pleasant View Park was the host site for two softball tournaments in October. The first tournament was the FASA Fall Brawl which had 25 teams competing and the second tournament had 16 teams.
- The splash pad was closed and winterized for the season.