



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
December 2019 *HL*

- Thirteen groups used the Hughes Center during November for a total of 141 hours. Events included a Bruce Bland Ministries Healing Meeting, the PACA Arts & Crafts Christmas Gala, a Kindred Hospice Grief Support Group meeting and the River Valley Progressive Men's Club Fall Ball.
- For the month of November there were 16 regular parties and 4 private parties at the aquatic center for a total of 44 hours. Classes in November included Try Scuba, Water Aerobics, Silver Fins, Tone Zone and Aqua Zumba for total of 38 hours. Swim lesson classes were held for a total of 43 hours. Two swim meets were held in November for a total of 10 hours.
- The USA Swim Team held a swim meet on November 9 at the aquatic center with 67 swimmers participating. The Russellville High School swim team held a swim meet on November 15 with swimmers and divers from 5 teams competing in the event.
- The Parks Commission met on November 21. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org
- The annual inspection of the Department's fire extinguishers was conducted by Universal Fire. All of the extinguishers were tested, tagged and replaced as needed.
- The Department conducted a meeting in November to organize the annual Christmas Parade. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. on December 5, 2019. The event will take place through downtown Russellville in celebration of the winter season and the arrival of the man in the red suit himself: Santa Claus.
- The Department's maintenance crew decorated the Russellville downtown area for the holidays. The snowflakes were placed on the light poles and light displays were installed in the area. We invite the public to come downtown and enjoy the holiday atmosphere.
- The annual PACA arts and crafts show was held on November 8 & 9 and was well attended. There was a wide variety of things to purchase and it was a good opportunity to pick up a Christmas present and visit with the vendors.
- A new double sided LED sign with the aquatic center logo was installed at the Russellville Aquatic Center. The sign was a much needed addition that will be used to inform citizens of upcoming events.
- Construction was started on the Russellville Dog Park located in Pleasant View Park. Concrete sidewalks were installed and amenities have been ordered. The fence work will start as soon as possible. We are proud to provide a community setting in which citizens and their dogs can gather and socialize.