



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
June 2020 *11*

- The Hughes Community Center was open to limited use during part of the month of May due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Department implemented the requirements from the Arkansas Department of Health when the center re-opened.
- The Russellville Aquatic Center was closed during part of the month of May due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The requirements from the Arkansas Department of Health were implemented when the center re-opened on May 26. Seventy-five swimmers attended throughout the opening day.
- The Parks Commission met on May 14. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org
- M.J. Hickey pool staff attended several days of training for the upcoming pool season. The pool manual was reviewed and safety training was conducted during this training. Employees received special training on the Arkansas Department of Health requirements for municipal pools.
- An Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) grant application was prepared and submitted on June 2. The application is for Phase II of the Schoolhouse Trail that will connect three schools and five parks.
- Maintenance staff spent numerous hours preparing M.J. Hickey Pool for the 2020 season. The pool was painted, patched and cleaned.
- M.J. Hickey Pool will open for the season on June 6. Public swim hours of operation are 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every day.
- The Department's maintenance staff sanitized and opened the bathrooms in the city parks. Staff will continue a sanitizing schedule as long as needed. Park patrons should continue to following the recommendations from the CDC to keep safe. Limiting face-to-face contact with others is the best way to reduce the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).
- The scheduling of tournaments at Pleasant View Park and Shiloh Park has resumed. Two large tournaments are scheduled during the month of June.
- Athletic Director Matt Gray will have signups for a shortened summer coed softball season. If there is enough interest, the season will run from June 17 to July 28.