



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
July 2020

- Nine groups used the Hughes Community Center during June for a total of 142 hours. Events included a Dancing with Joy dance recital, Arkansas Blood Institute Badges vs. Boots blood drive and an educational seminar by Dr. Chris Taylor.
- For the month of June, the Russellville Aquatic Center did not host any classes or parties due to the restrictions set in place for the coronavirus. A group of twenty-one Boy Scouts used the facility on June 27 to take a water test and earn one of their badges.
- The Parks Commission met on June 1 and June 11. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org
- The Department had 12 park pavilion rentals in June.
- In safety matters, AEDs and fire extinguishers in all vehicles, heavy equipment and park buildings were inspected. All eyewash stations were inspected and flushed. Self-inspection office forms were also completed.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association began their spring season on June 9 at M.J. Hickey Park. The league has 16 teams participating in this shortened season.
- The Russellville Boys & Girls Club swim team began practicing at M.J. Hickey Pool on June 15. Their softball program began play on June 15 at Pleasant View Park.
- M.J. Hickey Pool opened for the season on June 6. Public swim hours of operation are 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every day.
- Softball tournaments including one state tournament were held on all four weekends in June at Pleasant View Park. The tournaments brought approximately 144 teams to Russellville.
- A Juneteenth celebration was held at James School Park on June 27. The event included games, food, a three on three basketball tournament and entertainment that included local singers. The event was organized by the James Park Committee.
- Longtime maintenance foreman, Robert Seward, retired with 32 years of service from the Parks Department. Robert will be greatly missed and we wish him the very best in the next chapter of his life.