



Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
September 2020 22

- Four groups used the Hughes Community Center during August for a total of 112 hours. Events included the Fit Girlz exercise classes, Pickleball and a baby shower.
- For the month of August the Russellville Aquatic Center had one private party for a total of 3 hours. No classes or swim lessons were held due to the restrictions set in place for the Coronavirus. There were no other events at the aquatic center in August.
- The Parks Commission met on August 13. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org)
- The department had three park pavilion rental and five private party reservations at M.J. Hickey Pool in July.
- M.J. Hickey Pool was closed for the season. Maintenance spent the following week winterized the pool. The pool equipment was placed inside, the pool water was treated, the sand filter tanks were cleaned, the broken equipment was discarded and the facility cleaned.
- In safety matters, department offices and fire extinguishers were inspected and a fire drill was conducted at the Hughes Center.
- The Russellville Recreation & Parks Department fall softball league began play on August 11 with 22 teams participating this season. A draft for a women's league was held and three teams were formed. For the first time in ten years there is a women's division in the RRPD league. Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Pleasant View Park.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association decided in their August board meeting to not hold a fall league this year.
- The Arkansas Valley Soccer Association conducted registration for the upcoming fall soccer league. Information is available on their website at [www.arkansasvalleysoccer.org](http://www.arkansasvalleysoccer.org).
- Barrett & Associates are in the last phase of design for the M.J. Hickey Park backstop project. HTW Architects, Engineers and Planners are now working on the design of the James School Park bathroom/pavilion project. Both projects should start construction later this fall.
- The Department began preparing and training for a new software update. The Civic Plus software update will launch in 2021. This software will allow online booking for pavilions, field rentals, pool parties and memberships.