



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
January 2021 *21*

- Six groups used the Hughes Center during December for a total of 102 hours. Events included a ceremony to dedicate Veterans Memorial Park as a Purple Heart Park, a trail committee meeting and Pickleball.
- Classes in December included Water Aerobics and Silver Fins for total of 14 hours. The center was the host site for two Russellville High School swim meets on December 5 and December 12.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in December. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org
- Veterans Memorial Park was dedicated as a Purple Heart Park on Monday, December 7 at the Hughes Community Center. The date was also the 79th anniversary of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.
- Park maintenance staff, along with public works, provided road closures for the Downtown Holiday Glow event.
- Construction began on the new backstops on Fields 2, 3, 4 and 7 at M.J. Hickey Park. The project is expected to be completed in early March.
- Maintenance cleared brush and removed several dead trees at Washburn Park.
- Maintenance work at the Russellville Soccer Complex included the painting of the concession stand, cleaning brush from the fence row and removing the soccer goals from the fields.
- The Hughes Center office received a much needed update. The old carpet was removed and new laminate flooring and baseboards were installed. New desks were also purchased for the office staff.
- The Russellville High School baseball and softball teams began practicing on Fields 1 & 6 at M.J. Hickey Park.
- New LED scoreboards were installed at Pleasant View Park and Shiloh Park. The scoreboards were funded by the Russellville Advertising and Promotions Commission.
- The Department welcomed Levi Christopher and Billy Lowe to our maintenance staff.