



Recreation & Parks Department Report December 2008

- Twelve (12) groups used the Hughes Center during November for a total of 131 hours. Events included the Salute to Freedom Veterans Celebration on November 9, AVSA Youth Recertification Class on November 16 and Progressive Men's Club Autumn Ball on November 22.
- The Parks Commission met on November 12. The commission discussed the new playground equipment for City Park, Veterans Park and Shiloh Park, participation by the City of Russellville in the U.S. Communities Purchasing program and general updates on the capital projects, shade structures and the M.J. Hickey Park concession.
- Seven (7) vandalism incidents were recorded in November. The incidents included theft of property and an illegal dump at Pleasant View Park, graffiti at the soccer complex, illegal dumping at Washburn Park and two incidents of graffiti and criminal mischief at the Skate Park.
- Monthly safety inspections were conducted on the work areas and fire extinguishers.
- The shade structures were completed at M.J. Hickey Park, Hickey Pool, Shiloh Park and Pleasant View Park. The project was completed at a cost of \$172,210.58 which was \$17,789.42 under budget. The fabric will be installed in March.
- The central heat and air conditioning unit and air ducts were installed at Pleasant View Park concession.
- Grading work, seeding and sod work were completed on Hickey Field 7. Also all of the old light poles and fence were removed from the batting cage area (old tennis courts).
- Basketball backboards and goals were installed at James School Park on the four remodeled basketball courts.
- Lighting bids on the lower field at Shiloh Park and Hickey Park Fields 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 were opened on November 19 and accepted on November 20. The low bids were submitted by Ridgeland Enterprises of Mountain Home. The bid amount for Shiloh Park was \$126,239.00 and MJ. Hickey Park was \$320,855.00.
- Crafton Tull submitted their preliminary plans for the concession/restrooms at Hickey Park.
- M.J. Hickey Park, James School Park, Shiloh Park and Vick Field restrooms along with the mower shop and soccer sprinkler system were all winterized and closed for the season.
- The Arkansas Valley Soccer Association fall league finished their season on Saturday, November 15.
- The adult soccer league completed their league on Sunday, November 30.
- Composite play structures were ordered for City Park, Veterans Park and Shiloh Park. City Park will get two units, one tot lot for ages 2 to 5 and one age specific for ages 5 to 12. Veterans Park and Shiloh Park will get age specific units. Projected completion date is in March or April.
- Beginning in 2008 the Russellville Christmas Parade will be hosted by the City of Russellville. Preparation for this year's parade greatly increased in November. This year's Christmas parade promises to be another great start to the holiday season for the citizens of the River Valley.