



Recreation & Parks Department Report December 2011

- Ten (10) groups used the Hughes Center during November for a total of 164 hours. Events included the Arkansas Democrat Gazette Ladies Night Out, the River Valley Art Center Holiday Jubilee, Arkansas Department of Health plumbers recertification class, the Progressive Men's Club Autumn Ball and a seminar on trout fishing presented by the Caddis Fly Fishing Club and Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in November. The next scheduled meeting is December 13 at noon in the board room at the Hughes Center.
- The department had one incident of vandalism in the month of November. The field by Pleasant View Park was damaged by vehicles.
- The new picnic tables for City, James School, Shiloh and Hickey Parks arrived. Replacement of the James School Park tables was completed and the other tables are being placed in the parks. All should be completed by the end of the year.
- James School Park, Shiloh Park and Vick Field rest rooms were winterized and closed for the season. They will reopen in late March or early April.
- The Winter Wonderland drive through light display was completed and open to the public on November 26. This year's display is bigger and better; everyone should go out and enjoy this family friendly Christmas event.
- Two red maple trees were planted near the play unit by Pavilion 2 at Hickey Park.
- New wood chip groundcover arrived and will be placed under the play equipment for fall zone cushioning at City Park and Hickey Park.
- The timber was cleared from the burned area at Illinois Bayou Park. A timber sale was conducted through the Corps of Engineers. We plan on cleaning and burning the brush piles in December as soon as we get a good calm day.
- The department would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped at the trout fishing seminar. The event is very popular with the area children.