



***Recreation & Parks
Department Report
February 2008***

- Nine (9) groups used the Hughes Center during January for a total of 195 hours. Events included an Arkansas Valley Soccer Association meeting and a fly fishing clinic on the 15th presented by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the Caddis Fly Fishing Club and the Parks Department. The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration was held on Saturday the 19th. It was sponsored by the Progressive Men's Club.
- The Parks Commission met on January 9th. Marvin Collier was reappointed as the 2008 chairman.
- The department held a staff meeting on January 10th on proper lifting techniques and to discuss our green policies and the progress of their implementation.
- Park identification signs were purchased for Confederate Mothers Memorial Park and the Illinois Bayou Park. The sign for Confederate Mothers Park was installed along with two signs at M. J. Hickey Park.
- The department's adult volleyball league began play on Tuesday, January 22 at the Hughes Center. Eight teams registered for our 2008 league. The league will play through March 13th.
- Hand dryers were installed in the men's and women's restrooms at the Russellville Soccer Complex, Washburn Park and Pleasant View Park. This is part of our green policy. We should see a savings with the purchase of less hand towels.
- Caulking and weather stripping were done at the Hughes Center, maintenance and mower shops. This also is part of our green policy. We hope to see a reduction in heating and cooling cost at these facilities.
- A drive gate was installed at the entrance to Illinois Bayou Park. This will help curb the illegal dumping that has been going on at the park.
- We began clearing underbrush and cleaning up trash and litter at Confederate Mothers Memorial Park. We installed the park sign and plan to dress up the entry to the park so residents will recognize it is a city park.
- The Arkansas Association of Retired Persons (AARP) conducted tax training at the Hughes Center in January. They will begin providing free tax assistance to the public on Monday, February 4th. They will assist citizens of the River Valley with their taxes from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Monday through Thursday in February and Monday through Wednesday in March and April.

- Quarterly safety inspections were conducted on the park facilities. All facilities that were checked were fine. The park facilities that were closed for the winter were not checked.
- Additional rails were installed at Hickey Park along the road to the high school.
- There was vandalism at the Russellville Skate Park. Vandals spray painted the bowl area of the concrete park. We followed our policy on vandalism by taking pictures, contacting police for a police report and cleaning it as soon as possible.
- There was wind damage to the roofs of pavilion #1, the press box and umpires room at Hickey Park. Three large pine trees were blown down at Washburn Park. One of the trees fell across the power line going to the night watchers. A tree fell across the power line at the water tower storage area pulling the electric service meter away from the building and disrupting the power there. Several limbs were blown down, trash cans and their lids were scattered about several parks. The sign at Shiloh Park was also blown down. Most of this has already been repaired or cleaned up. We will finish repairs and cleaning in February.
- Fence work continued at Harmon Park. The east side of the fence was installed making the park fenced in on three sides. The rest of the fence will be installed after the parking lot and sidewalks are finished.

2007 Hickey Pool Financial Statement

Income

Admission		\$ 22,407.60
• Total season attendance	9,689	
• Total attendance from Boys & Girls Club <i>(7% of total attendance)</i>	669	
• Total attendance from daycares <i>(11% of total attendance)</i>	1,111	
• Days of Operation	72	
• Average Daily Attendance	134	
Advertising Banners (\$500.00 each)		1,000.00
Concession Sales		6,391.11
Pool Parties 45 parties		2,820.00
Private Swim Lessons		97.50
Program Fees		
• Boys & Girls Club Swim Team		1,000.00
• American Red Cross <i>(379 swimmers @ \$5.00 each)</i>		1,895.00
• 5 Lil J's use pool for weekly lessons @ no charge in exchange for weekly cleaning of pool		
Season Pass Sales		4,397.50
• 42 family passes		
• 14 individual passes		
Swim Diapers (\$1.00 each)		36.00
Vending		
Coca Cola		<u>617.85</u>
TOTAL INCOME		\$40,662.56

Expenses

Chemicals/ Supplies		\$ 6,249.55
Concession		3,870.62
FICA		1,714.14
Maintenance/Supplies		3,283.48
Miscellaneous		65.62
Phone Expense		110.65
Pool Equipment/Repairs		1,127.08
Safety		12.98
Salaries		22,407.53
Small Tools & Equipment		78.44
Uniforms		427.75
Utilities		5,486.84
Workers Compensation		<u>332.21</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$45,166.89
Income less Expenses (Loss)	-\$4,504.33	