



Recreation & Parks Department Report February 2014

- Eleven (11) groups used the Hughes Center during January for a total of 244 hours. Events included the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, a fundraiser for Asa Hutchinson and the Arkansas Lions Club Mid Winter Forum.
- The Parks Commission met on January 14. The minutes are attached.
- The AARP began training for the upcoming tax season. They offer tax assistance from February 4 until April 15. February operating hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Last year the volunteer group assisted 1720 citizens with filing their tax returns.
- Quarterly safety inspections were conducted by the department. All fire extinguishers, emergency lights and exit lights were working properly. An unannounced fire drill was held in January and no problems were encountered.
- The Department received a "thank you" lunch from A & P for our help with the Winter Wonderland light display. It was greatly enjoyed and appreciated.
- Our department along with the Caddis Fly Fishing Club and Arkansas Game and Fish hosted the annual Trout Day fishing event on January 11 at the Pleasant View Park pond. The event gives local youth fishermen the opportunity to trout fish in the River Valley. The event is always well attended and enjoyed by many and all participants received a free rod and reel.
- The Fitz Girlz workout group coordinated by Kim Head is utilizing the Hughes Center gym on Mondays from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. The workouts are free to all who wish to participate and offer an excellent chance to improve your fitness and well being.
- The Arkansas Valley Soccer Association held a board meeting on January 14. Spring soccer registration is now open. Forms are available at Feltner's Athletes Corner or you can register online at www.arkansasvalleysoccer.com. The deadline for registering is February 21.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association will kick off their registration on February 1. You will be able to register online at www.rybabaseball.com or pick up an entry form at the local sporting goods stores.
- The weight room at the Hughes Center was beautified with new coats of paint.
- All of the floors at the Hughes Center were stripped of old wax and several new coats of sealer were applied. The floors were then waxed to beautify and protect them before our February and March heavy use schedule starts.
- Work began on replacing the old roofs on the dugouts at Pleasant View Park. The project to replace all the sheet iron should be completed in February.
- The horseshoe pits were taken out at City Park and will be redesigned and relocated to a more user friendly and safer location.
- Work on the soccer complex goals and complex was started. Two of the goals were broken and needed welding. Several of the goals need pads which will be added in February. Holes in the fields are being filled along with dirt work along curbs.