



***Recreation & Parks
Department Report
January 2008***

- Eleven (11) groups used the Hughes Center during December for a total of 127 hours. Events included a trout seminar, the Russellville Board of Realtors, Corps of Engineers and ANO Christmas parties.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in December.
- The department held a safety meeting in December. The meeting was on hazard recognition and was presented by guest speaker, Charles Ferguson from the Arkansas Department of Labor. The street department and animal control employees joined the recreation and parks staff for the meeting.
- The gym floor at the Hughes Center was refinished the week of the 17th through the 20th.
- Trout Day was held on December 8th at the Pleasant View Park pond. Trout Day is an annual event that is popular with all ages of anglers. It is presented by the Recreation and Parks Department, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and Caddis Fly Fishing Club. About 200 people attended this year's event.
- Registration for the department's adult mixed volleyball league began in December. Registration will continue until January 11th. Team play will begin January 22nd.
- A six foot perimeter fence was installed at Harmon Park on the north and south boundary lines. The fence will be completed on the east boundary line of the park as soon as the request for closing South Independence is completed.
- Several more lights were replaced with high efficiency fixtures at the Hughes Center. This is in keeping with our "going green" conservation measures.
- There were two incidences of vandalism (tagging) at Hickey Park. The first was at the baseball complex, all three buildings, and the restrooms at Phase III. The second was at the pool building.