



Recreation & Parks Department Report July 2010

- Ten (10) groups used the Hughes Center during June for a total of 112 hours. Events included the Pink Rose Civic Club cereal drive and the Andrade wedding reception.
- The Parks Commission did not officially meet in June although we did have a meeting to go over updates.
- There were no incidents of vandalism reported in June and we hope this trend continues.
- There were 23 pavilion reservations in the month of June. Pavilion reservations have increased this year.
- There were tournaments every weekend in June at Pleasant View Park. The tournaments included benefits for Hospice and B.J. Burton Scholarship Fund, ASA youth districts and the 8 & Under ASA state tournament. The youth district tournament was the largest tournament of the year. They used all six fields on Friday and Saturday.
- The department's adult softball recreational summer leagues ended play on June 16. League winners included The Car Company (Men Division I), Maxx Young Guns (Men Division II), Delao Tire Company (Men Division III), Southwind Animal Hospital (Women), Stark Manufacturing (Coed Division I) and Leftovers (Coed Division II).
- There were twelve reservations for pool parties for the month of June. Pool use is remaining steady.
- Lowes of Russellville donated three pallets of moisture control soil. It was placed around several of our newer trees and shrubs at Pleasant View Park. Lowes also donated several pallets of sod which were placed at City Park and in front of the Hughes Center.
- Parking lots at Shiloh Park, Washburn Park and James School Park were painted and bumper blocks were installed which completed those capital projects.
- The maintenance shop at the soccer complex is near completion and should be operational by the first week of July. This much needed facility will save the city money and increase the ease of maintenance for the large facility.
- Boy Scout Troop 214 completed the trail work for the Historic Tree Trail at Pleasant View Park. The trail is covered with bark and follows the contour of the lake. Work will continue on trying to identify the origin of the trees.
- Work at City Park included leveling and installing sod to fill in large low areas that hold water and have always been muddy. The park use is very high and the pavilion reservations for the park are up. All of last year's development and additions have helped recreate the park as the city's most used passive recreation facility.
- Advertisements for bids for Washburn Park restrooms were published on June 20 & 30. The bids will be opened on July 8. The restroom was destroyed by fire earlier this year when struck by lightning.
- The Arkansas Valley Soccer Association contracted with Taylor Nursery for excavation work to correct drainage problems on three of the soccer fields at the complex. They continue to help the city develop and maintain the complex every year. We are appreciative of all the hard work and financial help they give.
- AVSA hosted a 3 on 3 Live soccer tournament at the Russellville Soccer Complex. The tournament had 20 teams from Oklahoma and central Arkansas participating this year.

- R.Y.B.A. summer leagues ended their league play in June with their “Night with the Stars” all-star competition. The league had increased participation numbers for 2010. They are doing a fine job with their program and we are sure their growth will continue.
- Approximately 60 area residents participated in this year’s fishing derby for children ages 4 to 12 held at Pleasant View Park’s fishing pond on Saturday, June 12. The department partnered with Arkansas Game and Fish, River Valley Screenprinters, VIP Trophies and the Corps of Engineers.
- Congratulations to our local Hershey Track and Field athletes Cooper Burlison, Christopher Kershner, Lane Moore, Mason Rhodes and Ashlyn Hill on placing first in their events at the Arkansas Hershey Track and Field State Meet. And we would like to wish Mason Rhodes good luck in the Hershey North America Finals on August 7. Mason qualified by placing first in the 800 meter in Region 4 which includes New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma.
- The department conducted a safety meeting in June on hot weather safety.