



***Recreation & Parks
Department Report
June 2008***

- Six (6) groups used the Hughes Center during May for a total of 124 hours. Events included the primary elections and a family reunion.
- The Parks Commission met on May 14th. The Christmas parade was the topic of the day. The theme for this year's parade will be "Old Fashioned Christmas". The route will remain the same as last year as will the entry rules. The parade will be Thursday, December 4th at 6:30pm. A rain date of December 11th was set.
- A staff and safety meeting was held on May 16th. The safety topics were protection from exposure to the sun and insects, snakes and rodents. Our summer interns were introduced to the staff. They are Sarah Pierce and Cary Nabors, both students at Arkansas Tech. The most efficient use of park vehicles and other ways to save fuel were discussed.
- M. J. Hickey pool was drained, cleaned, patched, painted and filled for the 2008 season. The pool opened Saturday the 24th, Sunday the 25th and Monday the 26th. Monday was our busiest Memorial Day ever. More people must be staying home and utilizing local recreation opportunities.
- Boy Scout Troop #214 held a park clean-up and brush clearing at Illinois Bayou Park on Saturday, May 10th. They also built a fish habitat to be submerged in the area to help attract fish.
- A ski tournament was held at Pleasant View Park's competition ski area by the Russellville Ski Club on May 30th and 31st. This was a statewide tournament and brought people in from all over Arkansas.
- Three softball tournaments were held at Pleasant View Park in May. They included a Boys and Girls Club 12 and under preseason tournament with 6 teams, a USSSA Youth NIT with 28 teams and a Hospice benefit tournament with 20 teams.
- The department had 23 pavilion rentals in the month of May.
- Russellville High School hosted the 7A State softball tournament at M. J. Hickey Park May 6th through May 10th. Everyone was very complimentary of the park and tournament.
- Firestone employees had a park clean-up day on Friday May 16th at Pleasant View Park. They cleaned the ski area, Orbit Lane and fishing area along the trail and bridge at Pleasant View and Shiloh Parks.
- The lights were changed and aimed on Field 2 at M.J. Hickey Park.