



## ***Recreation & Parks Department Report June 2009***

- Twelve (12) groups used the Hughes Center during May for a total of 160 hours. Events included the Scrapbook Day Crop, Mr. Bass of Arkansas Fishing Tournament Registration and the Eaton Wedding Reception.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in May.
- One (1) vandalism incidents was recorded in May. The incident was criminal mischief at the Russellville Skate Park.
- M. J. Hickey Pool opened for the season on May 30.
- Concrete work was completed on field seven at Hickey Park. Railing, bleachers and dugout work continue. The project should be completed in June.
- Work on the installation of lights at Hickey and Shiloh Parks have slowed due to the extreme rainfall in the month of May. We are currently working with the contractor to schedule around the play dates for the baseball leagues at Hickey Park as well as the softball leagues at Shiloh Park.
- The parking lot layout was completed and the construction will begin June 2 at Hickey Park.
- Pavilion reservations have increased and general park use is up. The parks with the new composite play structures have been our busiest and have seen the most growth in use.
- The sand for the pool filters arrived and was installed in both filters.
- New park picnic tables were installed at Pleasant View Park ball fields and playground, Shiloh Park playground, Shiloh Park lower field, Veterans Park and Hickey Park ball fields. New benches were placed at Pleasant View Park and City Park. New grills have arrived and will be installed at James School Park, Shiloh Park and City Park. Grills are also planned for the ski area, car track, skate park and Circle Drive Park.
- Sequoyah Park restrooms are approximately 75% complete. The concrete pad and sidewalk have been poured and the block work has been completed. The roof framing, plumbing and electrical work is continuing. Project completion is in June and we have already had positive feedback on the new restrooms.
- Work continues on Illinois Bayou Park with the installation of the dock and walkways, clearing, leveling and rip rap. We hope to get the budget for the asphalt approved and installed in July.