



## ***Recreation & Parks Department Report June 2010***

- Nine (9) groups used the Hughes Center during May for a total of 159 hours. Events included census training, belly dance classes and the Friends of the Library book sale.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in May.
- There was one incident of vandalism reported in May. It was theft of property at the Hughes Center.
- There were 28 pavilion reservations in the month of May. The Journey reserved Pleasant View for a large Memorial Day event open to the public.
- ATU students, C.J. Foster and Maurice Owens, were hired to help us catch up on several of our park projects. They will work 200 hours each and are doing a good job and are hard workers.
- There were two tournaments at Pleasant View Park in May. The tournaments included the Boys and Girls Club pre-season tournament and a team benefit tournament.
- M. J. Hickey Pool was cleaned, repaired and opened for the summer 2010 season on Saturday, May 29. The maintenance men did a lot of work to get the pool ready to open this year on time. They did a good job and were enthusiastic about the pool improvements.
- R.H.S. baseball concluded their season play in May, and R.Y.B.A. began a full slate of games including use of Field 1.
- R.H.S. softball concluded their season play in May. R.Y.B.A. is now utilizing Field 6 for their league play.
- The parking lots at James School Park were overlaid with two inches of asphalt. They are scheduled to be painted in June.
- The parking lots at Shiloh Park were overlaid with two inches of asphalt. They are scheduled to be lined on June 9. The bumper blocks will be placed after that to complete the project.
- Washburn Park was resurfaced with 2 inches of asphalt and a turn around area was added to the drive at the picnic area. The area will be lined and bumper blocks added to finish the project.
- The new maintenance shop at the soccer complex is in the dry and should be completed in June. A forty by forty bullpen area will be added to the building. This will allow us to station an employee at the complex to streamline maintenance and give us a much needed storage/work area.
- Illinois Bayou Park is experiencing heavy use since its opening on April 1. The last two weekends had the main parking areas full and people parked in the overflow parking area. Overuse of a public park facility is always a good problem to have.
- Concrete and brick work have been completed on the new Hughes Center Marquee. The lighted sign has been ordered and is projected to be in by the end of June. The sign will fill a need for advertising events at the center and around Russellville. The prime location and design of the sign will be a nice addition to the City Park area.
- Preparatory work continues on "Russellville Connected" trails program. We met with Bill Bastress of the Arkansas Highway & Transportation Department and took him on a tour of our proposed trail system. He was very interested and full of information for us on grants available for our projects. We also are working with Paul Hefner on signage for our "Share the Road" campaign which is part of "Russellville Connected".