



Recreation & Parks Department Report November 2010

- Eight (8) groups used the Hughes Center during October for a total of 145 hours. Events included a police pension meeting, Chamber of Commerce Prime Time and KidsFest.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in October.
- There was one incident of vandalism reported in October. It was another illegal dump at Orbit Lane.
- There were 17 pavilion reservations in the month of October. Pavilion use by groups that are not reserving pavilions has also increased and has stayed steady throughout the year.
- KidsFest 2010 was held on October 30 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. This year we had 2,511 participants. That is the most we have ever had by almost double. Amber Havens and her recreation programming class from Arkansas Tech provided fourteen game booths plus the volunteers to operate them and clean up after the event. The participants in Hero Alley also did a great job.
- All of the softball leagues ended play in October. Our city recreation league, senior league and church league ended on October 22. Winners included Men Div. 1 – Millard Henry Clinic, Men Div. 2 – The Hangovers, Men Div.3 – Rescue Refueling Ironmen, Women Div. – The Crew, Coed Div. 1 – The Car Company, Coed Div. 2 – The Bandits and Coed Div. 3 – I'd Hit That. Congratulations to all of the league champions.
- The Arkansas National Guard provided fifty volunteers, on October 16, to assist in clean up at Illinois Bayou Park. They picked up two full trailer loads of brush plus they picked up rocks and litter.
- Bids were accepted for the construction of a new 188 space parking lot at Hickey Park. Seven bids were received. Clay Cole Construction submitted the low bid and was awarded the contract. Construction will begin in November and should be completed before the 2011 R.H.S. season begins at the park.
- A new parking lot area was installed near the fishing pond at Pleasant View Park. This will benefit the fishing derby parking and patrons using our walking trail.
- A new trail connecting Pleasant View Park and the Pleasant View Road portion of the park was installed. This will allow walkers a place to park so they can continue to walk around the park when the gates are locked for the Christmas light display drive through. Extensive preparation has been ongoing at Pleasant View Park to prepare for the drive through which will begin on November 27.
- The new restrooms were completed at Washburn Park on October 20. These replace the restrooms which were struck by lightning and burned in the winter.
- Two trees were planted at the Rotary Pavilion. Both trees were river oaks and replaced existing trees.
- Three new benches were installed at the soccer complex. The benches were installed near the U-10 fields and will not only provide seating but will also deter illegal parking on the grass in those areas.