



Recreation & Parks Department Report October 2008

- Six (6) groups used the Hughes Center during September for a total of 174 hours. Events included Warrior Day, STEPP Dog Breeders Expo, Ladies Night Out and the Russellville School Elections.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in September.
- Nine vandalism incidents were recorded in September. The incidents included graffiti at the Skate Park, Veterans Park, Soccer Complex and City Park, illegal dumps at Shiloh Park and destruction of property at Vick Field.
- A new two inch water line was installed at Washburn Park. The new line replaces the old line to the restrooms and adds a new line for a new drinking fountain at the pavilion and playground area.
- Work continued on the Illinois Bayou Park. Gravel was placed on the roadway. Dirt work, drainage, seeding and clearing underbrush were done. Work on the secondary parking lot is continuing.
- Volunteers from Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Arkansas Tech University cleaned up Orbit Lane, the walking trail, disc golf course and water ski area for Public Lands Day.
- Work has begun on Field #7 at M. J. Hickey Park. The demolition phase has started. Asphalt, fence and gravel have been removed. Specifications are being worked up to bid the dirt work and grading.
- Our local Punt, Pass and Kick Competition was held on September 6 at Vick Field. The winners of our local competition will compete in the sectionals which are usually held in Little Rock in October. Last year's winner Kendall Roberts won the sectionals then advanced to Nashville where she competed during the Titan's game with the Carolina Panthers.
- Arkansas Valley Soccer Association began their league play at the soccer complex on September 6.
- The Boys and Girls Club began their youth flag football league on September 18. They are playing at Vick Field and the lower field at Shiloh Park.
- Fire ant infestations have been discovered in several of our parks. The county agent was contacted and the mounds are being treated in accordance to their guidelines. Records are being kept of all mound locations, treatment dates and follow up. Treatment will continue as needed at all parks.
- A safety meeting was held on September 25. A film on Workplace Bloodborne Pathogens was viewed and the new City of Russellville accident prevention plan was reviewed. The recent Department of Labor safety inspection of the department and the corrective measures taken were also reviewed.
- A fishing derby was held on September 27 at Pleasant View Park in conjunction with Public Lands Day.
- Pavilion reservations have continued to increase in all of our parks. We hope this trend continues through the fall.
- Mowing for the second year in a row has been heavy through the month of September.
- Resurfacing at City Park tennis courts was started on Tuesday, September 30. It should take about a week to complete. We are striping the courts to allow both tennis and pickle ball to be played at the site.
- The shade structures were delivered on September 30. The installation is projected to be completed in October.