



## ***Recreation & Parks Department Report September 2008***

- Ten (10) groups used the Hughes Center during August for a total of 179 hours. Events included the Regulators motorcycle show, the Delta Waterfowl First Flight Chapter's annual banquet and a political rally for Aaron Duvall.
- The Parks Commission met on August 13. The commission discussed the opening of Russellville's skate park, the resurfacing of City Park's tennis courts, the capital projects and the future park on Highway 7 North.
- Six vandalism incidents were recorded in August. The incidents included two illegal dumps on Orbit Lane in Shiloh Park, graffiti at M.J. Hickey Park and an illegal dumping, theft and destruction of property at the soccer complex. We are having a problem with people stealing toilet paper at the soccer complex.
- A team benefit softball tournament was held at Pleasant View Park on Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup> with 13 teams participating.
- A monthly inspection was conducted on all of the department's fire extinguishers. All the fire extinguishers passed inspection.
- The department's adult fall league softball began in August. There are 46 teams participating this season. The league plays on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. The senior softball league began play with five teams participating. Their league plays on Tuesday night.
- M. J. Hickey Pool closed for the season on August 18. Income and usage was up for the summer. We should have a financial statement soon.
- Mowing remained heavy for the entire month of August.
- Jim Sweeden donated his pitching machines and all the netting, fences, controllers, baseballs and softballs to the City of Russellville. The maintenance department dismantled, removed and stored all the equipment. We will look for a location to put the machines to good use in the future.
- Bids for resurfacing City Park Tennis Courts were received. Eckco Inc. from Fayetteville was the only bid.
- Culverts were installed at Illinois Bayou Park. The dirt work is nearing completion.
- Dirt was donated to Hickey Park and placed by the field west of Hickey Pool. The dirt was spread over the field and leveled. Future plans call for extending the parking lot and placing a road over to the concession at Field #6.
- Russellville High School and R.Y.B.A. have completed excavation work on Field #1 at Hickey Park. The work included skinning the infield and leveling, a new sprinkler system, laying new sod and top dressing the field. They did an excellent job and the field is in great shape.
- All repairs and corrections were made to the items listed on our safety inspection from the Department of Labor.
- Alan Young, our newest maintenance employee, has resigned to return to his previous employer.