

- Eight (8) groups used the Hughes Center during August for a total of 203 hours. Events included the Friends of the Library Book Sale, New Life Church service on Sundays, and an Atkins Homecoming.
- The Parks Commission met on August 13. The minutes of that meeting are attached.
- The department had 19 pavilion reservations, 20 pool party reservations and 16 practice field reservations for the month of August.
- The department held a staff and safety meeting on August 2. The safety topic was "The Perils of a Messy Truck".
- A new gate was installed at Orbit Lane closer to Pleasant View Road. The gate was supplied by the Corps and installed by Recreation and Parks personnel. We hope this will stop the illegal dumping in the area so we can continue our trail development in a clean park. The piles of trash are planned to be removed on Saturday, September 21 in conjunction with the Great Arkansas Clean Up.
- Four benches were installed at the Illinois Bayou Park Wildlife Observation Trail. They will create a wonderful spot to sit and reflect.
- Several dead trees were removed from parks. We removed all the trees and limbs that we felt were a safety hazard. We have an abundance of trees that are dead and will need to be removed. There are also many limbs that will need to be pruned.
- M. J. Hickey Pool was closed for the season on August 19.
- Vandals broke into the storage unit at Harmon Park causing approximately \$200 worth of damage. No items were missing from the building.
- Mowing has been very heavy for the month of August. We are on a nonstop mowing schedule due to the rains and warm temperatures.
- Fall softball began league play on August 13. They will play on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Pleasant View Park.
- Adult soccer began their league play with fourteen teams on Sunday, August 4. They play on Sundays from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Everyone should go out and watch some good soccer being played.
- We applied for a grant to assist with the lighting of the three large fields at the soccer complex. The grant is through the Land and Water Conservation Fund and is administered by the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism. We should know about the grant award in the spring of 2014.
- The department held an organizational meeting to develop a kickball league in the City. Signups are set up for the week of August 26 through the 30. We hope there is enough interest to have a league in Russellville.
- Lowes of Russellville has donated a pallet of red pavers to the department. We plan on using them at the Hughes Center to place benches for the patrons waiting to take the driving test.