

- Nine (9) groups used the Hughes Center during August for a total of 174 hours. Events included three quinceaneras and registration for the FLW Rayovac fishing tournament.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in August. The next scheduled meeting is September 8 at noon in the Hughes Center. The public is invited to attend.
- The department had 12 pavilion reservations and 14 pool party reservations in August.
- The Department's fall softball league began play on August 10 with 29 teams participating. They will play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Games begin at 6:30pm and are played at Pleasant View Park.
- The smoker grill was utilized by the Pope County Senior Citizen Center for their annual Burger Fest event.
- All of the soccer goals have been placed back on the fields and anchored to comply with Jonathan's Law. We remind everyone they may not bring goals out to the complex and leave them or they will be removed.
- M.J. Hickey Pool was closed and winterized for the season on August 17. The pool equipment was placed inside, the pool water was treated, the backwash tanks were cleaned, the broken equipment was discarded and the facility cleaned.
- The tennis court back boards were replaced with new fiberglass boards at the City Park tennis courts. The boards were donated to the City by the Arkansas Tennis Patrons Foundation acquired through the participation and work of Melissa Oates.
- Vandalism occurred at the soccer complex when someone drove through the secured front gates and then through the secured back gates. The damage cost was about \$2,000. A police report was filed.
- Vandalism and theft of the Arkansas state flag and the Russellville city flag at the welcome sign at Washburn Park were reported. The theft and repair work will cost approximately \$500.
- The bridge at City Park was repaired. All new decking was added and planking was added to the sides for extra stability.
- Playground and park inspections were completed at Pleasant View Park, City Park, Harmon Park, Crawford Park, Confederate Mothers Memorial Park, Illinois Bayou Park, Dwight Mission, Circle Drive Park, Sheppard Drive soccer fields and Washburn Park. The other city parks will be completed in September. This is in following with our safety policy.
- The Department applied for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for lights for the Russellville Soccer Complex. The 50/50 matching grant will be for \$230,050.00.
- The infields at M.J. Hickey Park were excavated, sod cut, aerated and top dressed. This is all part of our turf management plan. Shiloh and Pleasant View Parks will be next on our plan.
- Work began and continues on the Phoenix Avenue Trail. Cleaning and grubbing is about 80% complete. One culvert has been installed and leveling has occurred. The trail will connect Bona Dea Trails to North Phoenix Avenue. We hope to have the trail completed in 2015.