

- Nine (9) groups used the Hughes Center during October for a total of 249 hours. Events included a National Wildlife Turkey Federation Banquet, registration for the Arkansas Bass Nation fishing tournament, three quinceaneras and the Department's annual Kidsfest.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in October.
- In safety matters, the department performed inspections on all fire extinguishers, vehicles, jobsites, offices and all park buildings. A fire drill was conducted at the Hughes Center. Park employees attended a safety meeting on housekeeping.
- Community in Unity was held in James Park on October 2 & 3. The annual event featured a movie night, community parade, picnic, fun and games, and inflatables from Happy Jumpers. The group thanks all of the local merchants who have supported the event by donating door prizes each year.
- The softball season wrapped up play in October at Pleasant View Park and Shiloh Park. This year's winners were Long Enough, Smash and Dash, Cloud Mountain Forestry, River Valley Satellite and The Crew.
- A fall USSSA state tournament was played at Pleasant View Park on October 3 with 17 teams participating and a benefit tournament on Oct 17 with 6 teams participating.
- The splash pad was closed and winterized for the season. The equipment has been placed in storage and the area locked for safety. The splash pad continues to be very popular.
- Work began on the parking lot at the new Veterans Memorial Park located at 399 Lakefront Drive. The sign and fence were disassembled and returned to the Corps of Engineers and trees and stumps were removed.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association (R.Y.B.A.) completed their fall league play on October 22. The Arkansas Valley Soccer Association continues play on Saturdays at the soccer complex.
- Terry Thomas, RRPD Assistant Director, and Paul Kimbrough, AVSA Director of Soccer Operations, traveled to Jacksonville to give a presentation for lights at the soccer complex to the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant committee. The awarding of the grants should be announced the first of 2016.
- A final application of weed control was sprayed on the fields at Pleasant View Park and M.J. Hickey Park. The final application for the soccer complex has been scheduled. This will complete the spraying part of the turf plan for this year.
- Terry Thomas and Matt Gray attended the Arkansas Recreation and Parks Association State Conference held in Hot Springs on October 22 & 23. The training conference is a wonderful place to network, get fresh ideas for our park system and learn what's new in parks and recreation.
- KidsFest was held on October 31 at the Hughes Center. This year was busier and the games were a huge success. Thanks to the Arkansas Tech Recreation Programming Class, Russellville Fire Department, Russellville Police Department, Pope County EMS, Pope County OEM, Suddenlink, U.S. Forest Service, Pet Sense, ATU softball team and the River Valley Arts Center.