

- Twelve (12) groups used the Hughes Center during March for a total of 181 hours. Events included the Arkansas Center for Music Education Crimestoppers Spies & Private Eyes band concert, a Red Cross blood drive, the Collegiate Fishing Series Tournament and the FLW Fishing Tournament Registration and Rules Meetings.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in March. The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, April 12 at noon at the Hughes Center.
- A public hearing was held by the Department on March 8 at the Hughes Community Center. The meeting was to discuss a new park sign at James School Park.
- Park employees attended a safety meeting on March 16 at City Hall. The topic was proper lifting procedures. In other safety matters, all fire extinguishers were inspected.
- The Arkansas Valley Soccer Association began their spring season on March 19 at the Russellville Soccer Complex with 821 registered players. Games are played on Saturdays.
- The Department registered teams for the summer softball league at Pleasant View and Shiloh Parks. This year there are 29 teams that will play games on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.
- The Boys and Girls Club youth softball teams began practicing at Pleasant View Park preparing for their upcoming youth softball season. There was one youth softball tournament held on March 19 at Pleasant View Park.
- The fields at Pleasant View Park and Shiloh Park were sprayed with pre-emerge. The fences were sprayed with weed killer and the infields were cut. All of this is part of our continuing turf plan.
- Clean up and preparations were made for the beginning of the pool repair and setup. The pool will open Memorial Day weekend.
- The shade structures were installed at M.J. Hickey Park Field 6. They will be a welcome addition for the fans.
- New metal roofs were installed at M.J. Hickey Park Field 1 press box, the restroom pavilion by M.J. Hickey Park Field 6 and the mower shop building.
- New foul poles were installed on M.J. Hickey Park Field 4 to match the foul poles on the other four fields.
- Renovation of the Phase III area at M.J. Hickey Park has begun. We are putting in a new storage unit by the batting cages, moving the scotty box to the bull pen and repairing the back roadway.
- A tournament was held at the Russellville disc golf course with many participants on a windy day.
- Preparation work at the athletic facilities continues. The concession building at Pleasant View Park and restrooms at Phase III area in M.J. Hickey Park were painted. All of the lights on the upper field at Shiloh Park were cleaned and re-lamped. Future plans are to clean and re-lamped all 188 fixtures at Pleasant View Park.
- The 2016 Ford F350 pickup truck arrived on March 30. The new truck will be utilized immediately for hauling equipment and heavier loads. This is a much needed piece of equipment.