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- Eleven (11) groups used the Hughes Center during April for a total of 216 hours. Events included a State Land Commissioner Tax Sale, ATU Emergency Preparedness Fair and the Arkansas Hospice Saturday's Fair.
- The Parks Commission met on April 12. The minutes are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The department had 18 pavilion reservations and 32 practice field reservations in April.
- The Russellville Recreation and Parks Department summer softball league began play with 29 teams participating this summer. Games are played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at Pleasant View Park and Shiloh Park. Other softball leagues beginning play at the same parks are the Russellville Church League with 22 teams playing and the Boys and Girls Club with 15 teams. The older teams compete in the River Valley Girls Softball League which has 60 teams participating this year.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association league began play at M.J. Hickey Park on April 9 with a pre-season tournament. The RYBA league has 38 teams participating this summer.
- Russellville city officials held a groundbreaking for the new aquatic center on April 26. Representatives included Mayor Horton, Parks Director Mack Hollis and Assistant Director Terry Thomas, representatives from Van Horn Construction and ETC Engineers & Architects Inc and several area residents. The project is expected to be completed in fourteen months. Stanley Hunt is the project manager for Van Horn Construction. The job site is closed to the general public and all city officials must check in at the construction trailer.
- Work began on cleaning and preparing Hickey Pool to open for the summer season. Applications were taken for the pool staff in April. Many of our guards from last season will return for another fun filled year. The pool will open daily on Saturday, May 28. The pool hours are 12:30pm to 6:30pm every day.
- Installation for the much needed pavilion at Pleasant View Park begun in April. The 20' x 24' pavilion will be completed in May and will be used for tournaments and events.
- The Department worked with the RussVegas half marathon providing fence and bleachers for the starting and finish lines. We also trailed the race and cleaned up litter after the runners. This is a great event for Russellville and we encourage everyone to get involved and help.
- A complete re-lamp was completed at Pleasant View Park. The project included cleaning all the lenses and fixtures, new bulbs, replacing lenses and ballasts as needed and wiring repair as needed. All 188 fixtures are working and the light levels are as good as new.
- Shiloh Park upper field lights were repaired and re-lamped as needed. Those light levels have greatly increased making it much safer and pleasant for play.
- Two oak trees were donated and planted by the Russellville Clean and Green Committee for Earth Day. The oak trees were planted on two sides of the playground to someday provide shade and add beauty to the park. A special thanks to Bruce, Julia and the committee for their help.
- Mowing has begun at all city parks. The new equipment that we received this year is helping us keep caught up. Thanks to our Council for seeing the need and helping us out.
- The welcome sign at Washburn Park was landscaped by ATU students as part of the \$100 Solution Grant program at ATU.
- On behalf of the Arkansas Dream Center and the community of James School Park a local group of citizens reconstructed the sign at James School Park. They believe the project will promote unity between people groups and city leaders and re-energize people to rebuild their community and preserve historical landmarks within the River Valley.