

- Thirteen (13) groups used the Hughes Center during July for a total of 112 hours. Events included five birthday parties, a RRPD divisional meeting and a fundraiser for the Single Parent Scholarship Fund.
- The Parks Commission met on July 14. Minutes of the meeting can be viewed at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The department had 14 pavilion reservations and 18 pool party reservations in July.
- The Boys and Girls Club Sharks swim team completed their season at M.J. Hickey Pool. The pool was also utilized for near drowning training by the Arkansas National Guard in July. The Office of Emergency Management taught water rescue to the Russellville Youth Police Academy participants during two July pool parties.
- The Learn to Swim program completed their third and final session in July. Participation increased to 121 students this year. We are very pleased the more people are having their kids learn to swim.
- A USSSA State Tournament for ages 10 to 18 was held in July at Pleasant View Park and Shiloh Park. The tournament had 54 teams which made it the largest tournament of the year. Thanks go out to everyone who helped make this large tournament run so smoothly.
- The Department performed safety inspections on vehicles, jobsites, offices and all park buildings. Any safety issues that were discovered were repaired. We continually strive to make safety a top priority.
- An employee staff and safety meeting was held on July 13 at the Hughes Center. Jim Knuckols with the Arkansas Department of Labor gave a presentation on chainsaw safety. We also covered heat related injuries as the dog days of summer are upon us.
- Signups were held for the department's adult fall softball league from July 11 through July 22. We had 27 teams sign up for our fall season. Games will begin in August and run through October. Games will be played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at Pleasant View Park.
- The Fourth of July fireworks display was held at 9:25pm at Old Post Park. Special thanks to the Kiwanis for providing concessions for the show. We also want to thank the police, fire and public works departments for all of their assistance and the community band for providing the music for the evening. A lot of hard work went on to put on this year's display so again thanks to all who helped. This year's show was once again a spectacular display thanks to Dwayne Roberts and Dwaine Millsaps with Hog Wild Pyrotechnics.
- Storms on July 14 left several trees and limbs down in numerous parks throughout the City. Park maintenance spent the day of July 15 cleaning up.
- Hickey Park Phase III was vandalized in July. Both dugouts and the restrooms on Field 6 were spray painted with several sayings and designs. The areas were photographed, a report filed and all was cleaned up and painted.
- Shoreline clearing, cleanup, painting, pruning and repairs to docks are currently being done at the Russellville ski area and the disc golf course in preparation for the Russ Vegas Tailgate. The event is to be held on September 10. This will be a free fun family event for the entire community and will conclude with the viewing of the Arkansas TCU football game.