



*Recreation & Parks
Department Report
September 2016*

- Seven (7) groups used the Hughes Center during August for a total of 144 hours. Events included registration for the Russellville senior softball league, a community band concert and a soccer board meeting.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in August. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8 at noon at the Hughes Center.
- The department had 7 pavilion reservations and 14 pool party reservations in August.
- M.J. Hickey Pool was closed and winterized for the season on August 15. 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 RRPD fall softball league began play in August with 27 teams. Games are played on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursday nights at Pleasant View Park. The senior league consisting of players ages 50 and older also began play with four teams. They play on Tuesday nights.
- Arkansas Valley Soccer Association registered for their fall league in August. They have approximately 700 kids participating this year. Practices will be held during the week and games will be played on Saturdays. This year the AVSA has began an adult soccer league with 4 teams that will play on Wednesday nights.
- Preparation for the Russ Vegas tailgate party has continued at the Russellville competition ski area and disc golf. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 10. We hope everyone will come out and enjoy all the activities of the day which concludes with a viewing of the Arkansas and TCU football game on a large screen. Come on out and get a tailgate spot.
- Rains in August, pretty much every day, have really put a strain on our mowers and ability to keep the parks mowed. We are mowing as the opportunity presents itself. We ask that the public be patient with us until the mowers get to their favorite park.
- Work continues on Veterans Memorial Park which is our newest park. The curb and gutter for the parking lot has been set and gravel was placed. We also did some dirt work and tree removal.
- The entire department staff completed CPR and first aid training in August. The training was conducted by Brad Barnhouse of the Russellville Fire Department. Brad did an excellent job and our staff are now better prepared in case of an emergency.
- The Shiloh Baptist college youth group led by Craig Gunter cleaned, pruned and mulched the flower gardens at City Park. They did a great job and the park looks better for their efforts.
- The Department finished the summer weed control spraying the first of August at the Russellville Soccer Complex, Hickey Park and Pleasant View Park..
- The air conditioner unit at the Russellville Soccer Complex was replaced. The work was done in house by Todd Chamberlin and Terrence Moore of the City's facility maintenance department.
- Vandalism was reported in City Park and Washburn Park. The flower sprayer in the splash pad was broken and the plastic vinyl was cut and stripped off a picnic table at City Park. Obscene graffiti was found in Washburn Park.