

- Seven (7) groups used the Hughes Center during September for a total of 171 hours. Events included a 50th wedding anniversary party, a karate class and two birthday parties.
- The Parks Commission met on September 8. Minutes are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org
- The Department's monthly safety inspection was completed. All of the parks fire extinguishers were inspected, offices and jobsites were also inspected and any necessary updates or repairs were made. All the fire extinguishers were charged.
- The adult Arkansas Soccer League continued their fall season at the Russellville Soccer Complex with four teams participating. Their games are played on Sundays.
- The splash pad hours were adjusted on September 5 to operate from noon until 7:00pm. The splash pad will close for the season on Monday, October 10.
- The Arkansas Valley Soccer Association (A.V.S.A.) began their fall season on September 17 at the Russellville Soccer Complex. There are 800 kids playing on 72 teams this fall with practices Monday through Thursday and games being played on Saturdays.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association (R.Y.B.A.) began their fall league play on September 26 with 15 teams participating. They play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights on Fields 3, 4, 5 & 6 at Hickey Park.
- The Department hosted the annual Punt, Pass and Kick event on September 26 at Vick Field. Area boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 15 were given the chance to compete for advancement to a sectional event. Sectional winners advance to participate in Dallas, Texas at the regional event.
- Work continues on the aquatic center. Approximately 85% of the ceiling has been installed and the therapy pool has been sprayed. Work has begun on the offices, party rooms and restroom area of the building.
- The Phoenix Avenue trail has been unofficially opened to the public. The trail connects Bona Dea trail and sanctuary on the east side to Phoenix Avenue. There is already heavy use of the trail and we invite everyone to the ribbon cutting at 11:30am on October 11.
- On September 24 an oak tree was planted in honor of our good friend and colleague former Mayor Phil Carruth. It was planted in front of the Rotary pavilion at Pleasant View Park.
- The parking lot at Veterans Park was paved and striped. We are currently doing some excavation work around the new parking lot and area. We hope to begin phase two of the project in the near future. Phase two will be the memorial sidewalks. Anyone wishing to purchase a memorial paver can contact our offices, Bill Eaton or the local veteran affair office.
- The first Russ Vegas tailgate was held Saturday, September 10 at Pleasant View Park where a large number of people enjoyed fun, games, athletic activities, a great football game and camaraderie with others. We hope next year's event will be even bigger and better so mark your calendars and plan to attend.
- The parking lots and roadways at Washburn Park, Ouita boat launch area, Dwight Mission Park and Illinois Bayou Park were striped.
- The Boys and Girls Club began their youth flag football league in September. They practice at Shiloh Park on the lower field and play games at Vick Field on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays.
- Mack and Terry attended the Arkansas Recreation and Parks Association State Conference in Texarkana September 13 through September 15. The three day training conference was well attended by park professionals and vendors from around the state of Arkansas.