



*Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
November 2016*

- Ten (10) groups used the Hughes Center during October for a total of 160 hours. Events included baby showers, birthday parties, a fishing tournament registration and KidsFest.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in October. The next schedule meeting is November 10 at noon in the Hughes Center.
- In safety matters, the department performed inspections on all fire extinguishers, vehicles, jobsites, offices and all park buildings. A fire drill was conducted at the Hughes Center. All first aid kits were inspected and restocked.
- Community in Unity was held in James Park on October 1. The annual event featured fun and games for the community. The group thanks all who have supported the event each year.
- The softball season wrapped up play in October at Pleasant View Park. This year's winners were Subway, Sox, Maxx Coed, Ball Busters and Sponsorless.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Phoenix Avenue Trail on October 11. The new trail will be well used and we have received several compliments on the completion of the trail.
- A fall USSSA state tournament was played at Pleasant View Park on October 1 with 13 teams participating.
- The splash pad was closed and winterized for the season. The equipment has been placed in storage and the area locked for safety. The splash pad continues to be very popular.
- The Russellville Youth Baseball Association (R.Y.B.A.) completed their fall league play on October 27.
- The Arkansas Valley Soccer Association continues play on Saturdays at the soccer complex.
- KidsFest was held on October 31 at the Hughes Center. This year was busier and the games were a huge success. Thanks to the Arkansas Tech Recreation Programming Class, Russellville Fire Department, Pope County EMS, Pope County OEM, and Suddenlink.
- Two benches were installed on the Phoenix Avenue Trail. The trail has been open for the month of October and has been well accepted by the public as our newest trail.
- Pleasant View Park electric boxes, contactors and switching gears for the ball field lights were changed and updated using the manufacturer's specified equipment.
- Vick Field ball field lights were cleaned, bulbs replaced and electrical repairs made to one pole. All of the lights are working at the field. Currently Boys and Girls Club flag football is being played at Vick Field.
- We are currently watering our newer trees twice a week due to the extremely dry weather we are experiencing.
- The Russellville School District held an outdoor day for their special needs students at Pleasant View Park. The day included fishing, a picnic, games and an area where the kids could see search and rescue boats. Thanks to Arkansas Game and Fish and Pope County OEM for all of their help.
- The construction at the aquatic center continues as several projects have been completed. The block work is nearing completion; flooring has been poured in the restrooms and party rooms. Piping is complete in the splash pad. Coping has been completed on the therapy pool and the main deck has been leveled and readied to be poured.