



***Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
December 2016***

- Twelve (12) groups used the Hughes Center during November for a total of 143 hours. Events included the annual PACA arts and crafts sale and several birthday parties.
- The Parks Commission met on November 10. The minutes are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org).
- In safety matters, the department performed inspections on vehicles, jobsites and offices.
- The annual inspection of the Department's fire extinguishers was conducted by Universal Fire. All of the extinguishers were tested, tagged and replaced as needed.
- The Department conducted meetings in November to organize the annual Christmas Parade. The parade is Thursday, December 1 at 6:30pm. The town gathers to watch the beautiful floats, the bands and the arrival of Santa Claus on the big red fire truck.
- The Hughes Center Christmas decorations were put up in preparation for the season and the Christmas parties to be held at the Hughes Center.
- Maintenance worked many hours to decorate the Russellville downtown area for the holidays. The snowflakes were placed on the light poles and the lights from Winter Wonderland were installed in the area. Please come downtown, visit with the local proprietors and enjoy the holiday atmosphere.
- The annual PACA arts and crafts show was held on November 11 & 12 and was well attended. Arlis and Merlin Stone did an excellent job organizing the event. There was a wide variety of things to purchase and it was a good opportunity to pick up a Christmas present.
- Preparation work was completed on Old Shorty Trail at Veterans Memorial Park. Hopefully the overlay of asphalt will take place quickly so we will complete the project before winter begins. The half mile loop is used quite often by older walkers.
- Vick Field, Shiloh Park, Hickey Park, Pleasant View Park pavilion, James School Park and M.J. Hickey Pool were all winterized for the season. Restrooms that have chaise ways will remain open during the winter. They include Sequoyah, Washburn, City, Soccer and Pleasant View Parks.