



***Recreation & Parks
Department Report
April 2017***

- Nine (9) groups used the Hughes Center during March for a total of 147 hours. Events included the Fit Girlz workout group, Community Service Inc. First Tee Program and registration for two fishing tournaments.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in March. The next schedule meeting is April 6 at noon in the Hughes Community Center.
- The fire extinguishers in all department buildings and vehicles were inspected. We continue to do everything possible to maintain a safe work environment and safe parks. We ask the public to call us if they see anything they feel is not safe in one of our parks.
- The Arkansas Valley Soccer Association began their spring season on March 18 at the Russellville Soccer Complex with 897 registered players. Games are played on Saturdays.
- The Department registered teams for the summer softball league at Pleasant View Park. This year there are 24 teams that will play games on Wednesday and Thursday nights.
- The Boys and Girls Club youth softball teams began practicing at Pleasant View Park preparing for their upcoming youth softball season.
- Clean up and preparations were made for the beginning of the pool repair and setup. The pool will open Memorial Day weekend.
- Work continues on the soccer complex lights. The pole bases have arrived and have been set in ground. The poles are next to the anchors and will be set as soon as weather permits.
- Additional security lighting was added at the pavilions at Shiloh and Pleasant View Parks. They are LED lights for energy efficiency.
- The Parkway to Bona Dea Trail has been set up and made ready for asphalt. The asphalt will be installed in early April.
- The infields at M.J. Hickey Park were built up and leveled as part of our park plan. The Russellville Youth Baseball Association added Arkansas red field conditioner to help us with the infields. The league begins play on April 10.
- All park restrooms and pavilions are open for the season. Park usage has increased and all parks are being used excessively.
- The aquatic manager, T.R. Santos has arrived in Russellville and will begin his employment with the City of Russellville in April. The aquatic center is nearing completion and the citizens of Russellville will be able to enjoy indoor water activities soon.