



*Recreation & Parks
Department Report
October 2017*

- Ten (10) groups used the Hughes Center during September for a total of 137 hours. Events included daily games of Pickleball, many games of basketball that are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights, several birthday parties and employee training for the U.S. Forest Services.
- Eighteen (18) groups used the Russellville Aquatic Center in September for a total of 76 hours. There were 6 regular party rentals, 5 private party rentals, an ATU Greek Life party, swim lessons, water aerobics, swim team practices and the Kayak Rolling group scheduled at the aquatic center. The starting blocks, Colorado Timing system and the scoreboard have arrived and should be ready for swim practice and meets soon. The center began taking credit and debit cards in September. The fee schedule was revised to add a monthly payment plan for a family pass. The staff will continue to work on removing and preventing rust.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in September. The next schedule meeting is October 12 at noon in the Hughes Community Center. Citizens wishing to put anything on the agenda should contact us two week prior to the meeting.
- The department had 14 pavilion reservations in the month of September.
- The Department's monthly safety inspection was completed. All of the parks fire extinguishers were inspected, offices 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 8 teams participating. Their games are played on Sundays.
- The splash pad will close for the season on Monday, October 2. This has been another great year for the splash pad and we are looking forward to next year.
- The Arkansas Valley Soccer Association (A.V.S.A.) began their fall season on September 16 at the Russellville Soccer Complex. There are approximately 750 kids playing on 85 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 18 with 143 kids that make up 14 teams participating. They play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights on Fields 2, 3, 4 and 5 at Hickey Park.
- 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.
- The Department recognized the new soccer lights and the new Parkway Bona Dea Connector Trail with ribbon cuttings. The ceremony for the soccer lights was held on September 12 and the one for the trail was held on September 19. Thanks to everyone who attended the dedication of these two wonderful additions to our park system.
- The new sidewalk that connects North Knoxville, East B Street and North Hartford Avenue to the Born Learning Trail in City Park was completed. This sidewalk creates the opportunity for citizens to walk a .6 mile loop if they include the sidewalk behind the Hughes Center.