



Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
June 2019

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- Eighteen (18) groups used the Hughes Center during May for a total of 157 hours. Events included Taste of the Valley, the Russellville Police Department's Peace Officer Memorial Day ceremony and several meetings, birthday and graduation parties.
- For the month of May there were 28 regular parties and 11 private party at the aquatic center for a total of 89 hours. Classes in May included Try Scuba, Tone Zone, Water Aerobics, Silver Fins, and Aqua Zumba for total of 42 hours. Swim lesson classes were held for a total of 4 hours.
- The Parks Commission had a special called meeting on May 3 and their monthly meeting on May 9. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org)
- The department had 30 pavilion rentals and 3 practice field reservations for Shiloh and Pleasant View Parks in May.
- The Department began selling swim passes and booking pool parties on May 1. A staff meeting for all pool employees was held on May 13. The pool manual was reviewed and safety training was conducted during this meeting for the pool employees. We are looking at having a fun and safe season and hope everyone will come out and enjoy the pool.
- The splash pad was opened for the season on May 23. It is located in City Park at 915 East B Street. Hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week. The splash pad is a good way to beat the heat of summer for many of our citizens.
- The pool opened for the season on May 25. The pool and facilities were patched, painted and cleaned. The pool staff is excited about the summer season. Public swim hours of operation are 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every day.
- In safety matters, all fire extinguishers in all vehicles, heavy equipment and park buildings were inspected. Self-inspection office forms were completed for the month of May.
- Park employees attended an active shooter training at the Russellville Central Fire Station. The training was conducted by RFD Officer Brad Barnhouse and RPD Officer Eric Ezell. The training was very informative and could save many lives if such a tragedy happened in a city building.
- Maintenance repaired all security lights at M.J. Hickey Park, Pleasant View Park and Shiloh Park.
- A grant application was submitted to the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) for a trail project that will connect three schools and five parks.
- Progress is continuing on Veterans Memorial Park with dirt work, more sidewalks, addition of a flag pole and railing around the pavilion.