



Recreation & Parks  
Department Report  
September 2019

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- Eight groups used the Hughes Center during August for a total of 77 hours. Events included AVSA meetings, the River Valley Senior Networking Group Health Expo and a company party for Rockline Industries.
- For the month of August there were 17 regular parties and 10 private party at the aquatic center for a total of 64 hours. Classes in August included Try Scuba and Aqua Zumba for total of 9 hours. Swim lesson classes were held for a total of 23 hours. The center hosted the swim portion of the Kids Triathlon on August 24.
- The Parks Commission met on August 8. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org)
- The department had 14 park pavilion rentals and 6 private party reservations at M.J. Hickey Pool in August.
- M.J. Hickey Pool was closed for the season. Maintenance spent the following week winterized the pool. The pool equipment was placed inside, the pool water was treated, the sand filter tanks were cleaned, the broken equipment was discarded and the facility cleaned.
- As part of the Department's safety plan, all fire extinguishers were inspected and a fire drill was conducted at the Hughes Center.
- The RRPD fall softball league began play on August 6 with 21 teams participating this season. Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Pleasant View Park.
- Arkansas Valley Soccer Association registered for their fall league in August. The season will begin in September and run through the first weeks of November. Practices will be held during the week and games will be played on Saturdays.
- Mike Vernon, Russellville Animal Control Director, Ralph Meeker of Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and members of the Arkansas State Bowhunters Association utilized the soccer fields on Sheppard Drive on August 3 to approve potential hunters for the upcoming urban deer hunt. Tests in proficiency shooting were conducted and the rules and safety procedures for the hunt were reviewed.
- Arkansas Senator John Bozeman visited Veterans Memorial Park on August 22. Several veterans, Mayor Harris and State Representative Joe Cloud assembled to hear him speak.
- The Russellville Trail Committee continues to meet on the first Friday of each month. Discussion was held on maintenance and upkeep of trails, installing new trail signs and a Corps of Engineers project that will make way for a multi-use path to follow Prairie Creek from City Park through downtown Russellville to Arkansas Tech University.
- A ribbon cutting was held on August 10 for the new row dock at Illinois Bayou Park. The dock was purchased and installed by the Russellville Rowing Club.