



Recreation & Parks
Department Report
November 2021

- Twelve groups used the Hughes Center during October for a total of 172 hours. Events included the RHS Class of 2001 reunion, tournament registration for the Collegiate Bass Fishing Series and a wedding ceremony.
- For the month of October, the Russellville Aquatic Center had fourteen private parties and four regular parties for a total of forty hours. Classes held in October included Water Aerobics, Silver Fins and Aqua Zumba for a total of thirty-two hours. The annual Pumpkin Plunge was held on October 15.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in October. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org
- The department had twenty-three park pavilion rentals in October.
- In safety matters, the department performed inspections on all fire extinguishers, vehicles, offices and all park buildings. A fire drill was conducted at the Hughes Center. All first aid kits were inspected and restocked.
- Pleasant View Park was the host site for three softball tournaments in October. The tournaments brought thirty-seven teams to compete in Russellville.
- The RRPD softball league wrapped up play in October at Pleasant View Park. We appreciate the teams that play in our league every year.
- The annual Kidsfest was held on October 30 at the Downtown Fall Fest. The new location was well received and heavily attended. Special thanks to ATU Recreation and Programming Class, CSI, the U.S. Forest Service, B.A.C.A. and the Arkansas Alliance of Bloodhound Search Specialists. The Department would like to give a big shout out to Junior Auxiliary for donating candy for the event.
- The James School Park basketball courts have been paved. The Department and the community are excited about the improvements to this heavily used park.
- Work continues on the Schoolhouse Trail project with the lighting of the trail as the final step. The opening of the trail will follow soon after the lighting is completed.
- The splash pad at City Park was closed and winterized for the season in October. The warmer weather allowed us to keep it open longer this year.
- Online registration for the annual Christmas parade began in October. The parade will be held downtown at 6:30 p.m. on December 2. To kick off the return of the Christmas parade all entry fees will be waived. All entries can register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/AR/russellville-recreation-parks/catalog>.