



- Eleven groups used the Hughes Center during July for a total of 178 hours. Events included U.S. Navy and Air National Guard meetings, a quinceanera, pARTy in the Park and three baby showers.
- For the month of July the Russellville Aquatic Center had 23 regular parties and 13 private parties for a total of 85 hours. Learn to Swim lessons were held for a total of 144 hours. The Russellville Sharks held a swim meet with 122 swimmers at the aquatic center on July 22. A new lap lane reel was purchased to help with the removal and storage of the pool lap ropes.
- The Parks Commission met on July 14. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The Department had four park pavilion rentals and six practice field reservations for Shiloh Park and Pleasant View Park in July.
- In safety matters, the department performed safety inspections on all fire extinguishers, vehicles, offices and park buildings.
- The City of Russellville, in partnership with Main Street Russellville, hosted the second annual Independence Day celebration downtown on July 4. The Back Beats performed on the depot stage during the event. Numerous food trucks gave those attending the event many choices for food and drinks. The event concluded with a great fireworks display presented by Interstate Fireworks. Thanks to the many volunteers from City Corporation, Public Works, Russellville Police Department, Russellville Fire Department and the Parks Department that helped with the event.
- Registration was held for the department's adult fall softball league from July 11 through July 25 and 15 teams signed up for the season. The league will begin in August and run through October with games being played on Monday and Tuesday nights at Pleasant View Park.
- With the temperatures soaring and less grass to be mowed, the maintenance crew was busy doing repairs. The shops have been cleaned and organized, and the trails have been cleaned and trimmed. Maintenance also power washed the park pavilions and bathrooms.
- The Hughes Community Center weight room was cleaned and repaired. The benches were reupholstered and the bumper rolls were replaced. The treadmill is not working and needs to be replaced. It was purchased in 2001.
- Parks maintenance in July included installing new bumper pads at the Ouita boat dock, repairing the bridge at the disc golf course, installing ditch liner at Shiloh Park and removing brush from Confederate Mothers Memorial Park. Additional work included cleaning and replacing light fixtures, painting, servicing equipment and installing new benches and picnic tables in several parks.
- Animal Control Department Head Mike Vernon conducted an orientation and qualification event for this year's Urban Deer Hunt at the Sheppard Drive soccer fields. He was assisted by Arkansas Game and Fish and the Arkansas State Bowhunters Association. The season begins on September 1 and concludes on February 28.