



**Recreation & Parks
Department Report
December 2022**

- Eight groups used the Hughes Center during the month of November for a total of 192 hours. Events included the annual PACA Arts and Crafts Fair, the Russellville Kiwanis Club Festival of Trees and the Hernandez Quinceanera.
- For the month of November the Russellville Aquatic Center had twelve regular parties and five private parties for a total of 39 hours. Shallow Water Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics, Aqua HIIT and Try Scuba classes were held for a total of 25 hours. Two high school swim meets were held in November. The first meet had eleven teams participating and the second meet had six teams participating. The center was closed November 24 and November 25 for the holidays.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in November. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The annual inspection of the Department's fire extinguishers was conducted by Universal Fire. All of the extinguishers were tested, tagged and replaced as needed.
- The Department conducted a meeting in November to organize the annual Christmas Parade. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. on December 1. The event will take place through downtown Russellville in celebration of the winter season and the arrival of Santa Claus.
- The Department's maintenance crew installed lighted snowflakes on the street light poles in the downtown area. The snowflakes twinkle every night in anticipation of the holiday season.
- The annual PACA arts and crafts show was held on November 4 and November 5 and was well attended. The event is a great place to purchase gifts for the holiday season.
- Construction continued on the splash pad at City Park. The water lines and drain lines have been installed. The splash pad is formed up and ready for the concrete to be poured. Construction should be finished by mid-December.
- The maintenance department has been busy mulching leaves, winterizing parks, decorating for Christmas, repairing equipment and keeping the parks clean and ready for people to use.
- The large room at the Hughes Community Center continues to be a popular place to host birthday parties, scout meetings and baby or wedding showers. The room was reserved twelve times just in the month of November.