



## Parks Commission Recreation - Report 9/10/2025

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### **Dunbar Community Center**

#### **After School Programs**

The after-school program at Dunbar Community Center includes our homework, meals and activity time. Our programs have remained steady in attendance and revenue. Participants in each program can receive instruction from our on-hand instructors and learn the value of each recreational program. We have youth grades K-5<sup>th</sup> grade with an enrollment of 60 and counting for the first semester.

#### **Youth Sports Programs**

This month we continued registration with our flag football, cheerleading and volleyball programs. The cheer program serves youth ages 5-12. The volleyball program features girls and boys, grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. Volleyball starts in September. Flag football start date has been pushed back, but we should be finishing the season in the next 5 weeks or shorter. Cheerleaders will cheer at football games and possibly volleyball games as well.

#### **Youth Volleyball Clinic**

Dunbar's annual volleyball clinic was a four-day clinic for middle and high school girls. They go through a series of drills for every position and scrimmage each other. This allows youth to enhance their skills or learn skills to help them play the game of volleyball.

### **Southwest Community Center**

Youth Programs: We are excited to announce that enrollment is now open for our Afterschool Star Student Program! This fall, we're enhancing our services with a new Afterschool Transportation Pilot Program, launching August 11, 2025, and running through November 3, 2025. During this time, we will assess the program's success to determine if it will become a permanent offering. In addition to convenient transportation, we're expanding our program options through a growing partnership with The Home Teen Youth Center, bringing students opportunities to explore: Dance, Photography, Arts & Crafts, Skilled Trades and more!

**\*\*Please Note:** Our swimming pool will close for the season on **August 30, 2025**, following our final swim lesson group.

Currently, we only have **two students enrolled** in our afterschool program. To keep these valuable programs running, **we need more youth participation**. We are actively looking for ideas to **promote** our afterschool programs and **collaborate** with community partners.

**Now Enrolling: Youth Dance Program, Practices: Tuesdays & Thursdays, Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

We are also exploring opportunities to host **Boys Scouts of America** at our facility as part of a youth leadership initiative. Stay tuned!

#### **Youth Athletics:**

Flag Football season kicks off on **September 2, 2025**, and we're thrilled to announce that two of our teams — **8U and 12U** — will be competing this year! These young athletes have been training hard and are ready to make a strong show on the field. Our dedicated **cheerleaders** have also been practicing

daily and bring energy and spirit wherever they go. They continue to shine throughout the community, proudly representing the Panthers at local events, block parties, competitions, and social gatherings.

**Volleyball:** is set to begin shortly after, with games starting **September 3, 2025**. The **Southwest Panthers volleyball team** is gearing up to face strong competition and is putting in the work with intense daily practices. We're excited to see their hard work pay off on the court!

**Adult Athletics:**

**Dance Workout – Southwest Steppers** continues to thrive, welcoming an average of **30 participants** every **Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. As we prepare for the next chapter, we are currently seeking a **volunteer instructor** to help lead this energetic and community-driven class. Our dedicated instructor retired as of **August 21, 2025**, and we are eager to find a passionate individual to carry the momentum forward.

**Low-Impact Senior Workout** remains a valued offer for our community. Delivered via video format, this class consistently engages around **15 participants aged 50 and over**, providing a safe and enjoyable way to stay active.

Looking ahead, we are exploring opportunities to expand our fitness programming by launching a new **Adult Pickleball Program** aimed at individuals aged **25 and up**. We are currently researching ideas and welcome any suggestions or expressions of interest from those who'd like to be involved in shaping this exciting new addition.

**Special Event:**

On August 16, 2025, *Rock the Block Wellness Day* was held in collaboration with The Home Teen Youth Center. This marked the first event of its kind at the facility and welcomed approximately 50 attendees. The day began with a wellness walk from the Southwest Community Center to Cloverdale School, concluding back at the Community Center. Upon return, participants were greeted by the Honorable Mayor Frank Scott Jr, who joined a six-member panel to discuss topics related to health, wellness, and community safety. In addition, Baptist Health and several other organizations were present, providing free health screenings and informational literature on wellness-related topics.

**September Events & Closures**

The facility will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025, in observance of Labor Day.

Staff will be participating in City Mobile activities on September 8, 2025.

Oaktober Fest will take place on September 28, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Southwest Community Center playground, in collaboration with the Dee Brown Library.

**Stephens Community Center**

**Star Student Afterschool Program**

The After-school Program is going well thus far. (66%)

**Youth Sports Program**

Programs for Youth Sports are Flag Football (100%), Cheerleading (100%), and Volleyball we are working hard on Volleyball. Stephens took a trip to UALR to the Volleyball game against the Razorbacks.

**Adult Activities:**

The Men's 40 & Over League. We are still waiting for the center to open.

**Facility Vacancies:**

2-Programmer, 3-Activity Assistants, 1-Part-Time Custodian and 1-Full Time Custodian. We have help from the CUP while they are under Renovation.

**Maintenance:**

We are on the Reno stage which is an ongoing process. Baseboard Trim needs to be done. Work Orders placed for Service on the Alarm, Security Panel, Phones Lines (**Are Working**), Computers, Air in the Gym is out (**waiting on a part**). Water heater (?)

## **West Central Community Center**

### **Youth Sports Program:**

Advertising and practice have begun for Youth Volleyball and Youth flag football. We have one team for volleyball and six teams for flag football.

### **Karate/Dance:**

The Karate program is back and has 15 participants.

Dance took a break this month and resumed on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **West Central CC:**

West Central hosted a training course for the LRPD August 5-7th.

Hosted the Community Programs Re-Entry Job Fair on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. With over 200 participants.

We hosted the Colombian Consulate August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> they serviced 100 participants.

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, West Central hosted a game night for our local families in the community, we had 20 participants.

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, we hosted an HR training with 20 participants as well as the Civil engineering department with 30 participants.

Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, there was a public meeting held by Director Lewis.

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Both Men's and Women's teams of Parkview High School practice at West Central from 2pm-6pm Monday-Thursday.

### **Rentals:**

The center had a total of 21 rentals for the month. These rentals include meetings with human resources and neighborhood association meetings.

### **Maintenance:**

None

### **Employment:**

We have a concessionaire, activity assistant and evening front desk receptionist to hire. We have interviewed candidates for the Recreation Programmer position.

Currently looking at applications.

## **ELR Community Center**

The neighborhood Meeting was scheduled for August 11 but was moved to Monday August 18, 2025, there were 13 in attendance next meeting was scheduled for September 8, 2025. I am still attending various meetings as scheduled. Continuing to assist supervisors, help with Aging & Active program as needed and attend various meetings and training courses as scheduled. Individuals are still utilizing the tennis court area for skateboarding (not looking the best). The AAU football team practices 3 days per week. Maintenance continues to mow, weed eat, and pick up around the entire grounds. Little Rock Police Department continue to use the back area/field for their dog training, (weather permitting). The community groups are still using the outdoor basketball/tennis courts/area and other areas to do exercises, meet, and fitness as the weather permits. They are there 5 to 6 days per week, with about 15 – 20 people. There is still use of the field/park...daily/weekends, family gatherings, tennis court (hopefully to be refurbished as multi-use courts) for walking and playing matches, and other activities.

### **Senior Programs: Active and Aging**

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**Dunbar Seniors:** Music, Thursday field trips, Coloring, String Jewelry, Bingo, Senior Circle, Walking, Connect Four, Dominoes and Line Dancing Class, Bean Bag Baseball, Chair Exercise Class, and Baptist Health Outreach Monthly Screenings, Go Fish, Painting, and FUNDAY.

**East Little Rock Seniors:** Step Up to Health, Senior Fitness, Care Link workshop, Mind Bending, Silver Foxes Line Dance Class, Crafts, quilting, Puzzles, Adult Coloring, Uno Card Game, Jewelry Making, Nutrition Class and Funday Friday.

**Southwest Seniors:** Bowling, movies, Skip-Bo, Pool Competition, Card Games, Bingo, Bible Study, Chair Exercise, Walking Club, Baptist Health Speaker, Monthly Screenings and Healthy Food Outreach, Arts & Crafts, Table Games, Ring Toss, Pool, Cooking Class, Funday Friday.

**West Central Seniors:** Speaker on AR Protection Law, Nursing Facility Outreach, Quilting, iPad class, table games, Pickleball, Chair Volleyball and Bean Bag Baseball games vs. Various Centers (both teams), Bean Bag Baseball Practice (both teams), Bible Study, Birthday Shout Out.

### **Therapeutic Recreation**

The Branch Out Adult Day program started back on August 11<sup>th</sup> for the Fall session. This session will include a variety of activities and outings. There are currently 19 participants registered for this program. We are already working on art projects that will be displayed at this year's gallery event. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual aRT Gallery will be held on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History. This is a public event and will feature art projects from multiple mediums created by the participants of the Branch Out program.

The Branch Out Volunteer Crew worked at Little Rock Zoo on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. This group has been volunteering at the zoo since 2017.

The first outing for our Time Out for TR program was on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. We traveled to Hot Springs to the Mid-America Science Museum. We have 18 participants registered.

Logan's Run 2K registration is open. Logan's Run is a non-competitive event that offers children ages 5 and up with intellectual, developmental, and/or physical disabilities the opportunity to enhance their physical activity while focusing on reaching a goal. This event will include the 2K race and is a kick-off event for the 2026 All Abilities Division of the Little Rock Marathon. The **All-Abilities Marathon** is a one-mile celebration of inclusion, designed for individuals of all ages and abilities. Whether you run, walk, or roll, you'll experience the pride of crossing the *same finish line* as every other athlete.

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### **Jim Dailey Fitness & Aquatics**

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

The Jim Dailey Fitness and Aquatic Center experienced a significant increase in memberships during August 2025, with **2,372 new memberships sold**, compared to **1,644 in August 2024**. This growth highlights the facility's expanding appeal and strong community engagement.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance trends continued to rise, driven by increased membership sales and diverse programming.

**Total Facility Visits:** Over **15,000** in August 2025, a substantial increase from just over **5,000** in August 2024.

**Outdoor Pool Daily Passes:** **2,533 visitors** in August 2025, compared to **1,898 visitors** in August 2024.

(Note: These figures exclude monthly membership visits.)

## **REVENUE**

Revenue collections reflected strong performance, totaling **\$57,448.75** in August 2025, an increase from **\$37,311.00** collected during the same month in 2024.

## **FITNESS PROGRAMS**

The facility continues to offer **19 group fitness classes**, all of which maintain high participation rates and positive feedback from members.

## **AQUATICS PROGRAMS**

The aquatics program currently offers **6 classes**, which continue to show steady attendance and positive participant feedback. Satisfaction and engagement remain consistently high.

## **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Baptist Health Community Outreach**

Monthly blood pressure screenings were provided in August, with **27 participants** benefiting from this free service.

### **Aloha to Summer: Back to School Bash**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Fitness in the Park: Tai Chi**

*Saturday, September 20, 2025, / 9:00 AM | War Memorial Park (North Lawn)*

- **Breast Cancer Awareness Week (Pink Week)**

*October 13–17, 2025*

## **The Centre at University Park (Under Renovation)**

### **Youth Athletics**

#### **Volleyball**

We have volleyball teams at all facilities, and we are currently setting the schedule to start in September.

#### **Flag Football**

The 2025 flag football season was moved to September 2, due to the heat from August 12, 2025. Games will be held during the week Monday through Thursday at Interstate Park. Each center has teams, and we will have a league of 15 teams. Rules were sent out on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, and a coaches meeting was held on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Cheerleading**

The 2025 cheer season began on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will cheer at football games and other community functions as scheduled. Registration will remain open till teams are filled.

### **Adult Athletics**

#### **Interstate Park Program**

Field usage for Interstate sports complex rental picked up in August next month our youth will be utilizing field 1,2 and 3 for flag football while the coed league will be utilizing fields 4 and 6

#### **Adult Softball Program**

The professional corporate league ended August 14, 2025, they played on Field 4 at Interstate Park. There were 13 teams playing, 3 days per week (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday).

#### **Parks Summer Day Camp**

Planning has already begun for the summer of 2026 Parks Summer Day Camp

#### **Allsop Park**

Field uses for Allsop park have increased they have had 111 reservations so far and already have 18 dates for September 2025.

### **Rebsamen and First Tee Golf**

New Baroness equipment has arrived for both courses. Continuing to show a rise in play at both courses due to great course conditions and good weather. Recent rain caused a little slowdown, but overall, the courses fared well. At Rebsamen old camera system has been removed to improve Pro Shop appearance. Repainting of interior will be put to bid during the fall and plan for painting to be underway during late fall or early winter.

At both facilities we are exploring a new booking system that will streamline reservations for golfers. This system will fully integrate with Square, which we currently use for our POS system. We had planned to go live with the new system on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Additionally, we have started the process of training staff members on the new system.

Continuing to show a rise in play due to great course conditions and good August temperatures. We are still exploring ways to reduce costs in our contract account for this year. We are actively promoting both golf courses on social media. At Rebsamen about 60 Ladies attended Ladies City Play Day on Wednesdays in August. Margaret Leclair continues to assist in concessions operations. Both courses have an increase in revenue and attendance this year as compared to 2024

### **Rebsamen Tennis**

August brought us comfortable weather for tennis. USTA Team Tennis (Tri-level and mixed seasons) is going strong with over 15 tri-level teams and 60 mixed doubles teams. USTA combo season is starting late August. Over 50 teams are playing at Rebsamen. Season lasts until mid-October. High school season has begun. They use most of the courts Mon-Fri from 3-6 pm. Very busy time as courts are booked every day through the end of September for that season. Raul and Janan's programs have finished up their summer schedules. The Rebsamen Monday singles league continues each week. "Lasso" men's doubles league on Monday nights continues and ran through October (in its 26<sup>th</sup> year). New adult tournament with all wooden racquets coming up 8/2-8/3, "The Whitewood Classic", a couple weekends in August (It is an old-fashioned wooden racquet tournament, first annual). Huge success! Will be even bigger and better next year. Just about 70 entries but big party and great tennis and lots of fun. Only 6 weeks prep to get the tourney jump started so huge success for amount of lead up time. Junior tourney, Razorback Jr Classic a couple weekends ago, August 8-10, hot but good weather, about 150 participants from 7 states. The Southern 16's Championships were successful, but we did have less numbers for the girls' division, which is mostly because we are on the far end of the southern section and some people don't

want to travel that far (ridiculous I know). Created new red ball lessons and leagues for beginners, new concept and starting strong. the first scheduled tournament was 7/30 (starting small but growing)

#### **Museum of Arkansas Military History**

Museum attendance for August was 1,308. This number included: (1) on-site visitation, (2) special events, (3) virtual programming through the museum's mini-documentaries and interviews, and (4) off-site programming and outreach. On-site visits include 732 walk-in guests and 159 visitors to special events, meetings, tours, etc. In addition to Arkansas, visitors have come from 31 states, including Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, as well as Australia, China, and Russia. The museum's virtual documentaries/interviews received 329 new views through August 27. Thus far in 2025 virtual programming has received more than 4,659 views. Overall attendance for 2025 totals 22,118.

The museum raised \$6,697 in donations and sponsorships in August, bringing its total funding so far in 2025 to \$36,076. This amount exceeds the annual goal of raising \$30,000 by 20%. The museum anticipates raising another \$15,000 - \$18,000 by the end of 2025. Gift shop sales for August were \$947.02 for a total of \$7,970.11 so far this year.

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Museum programmers Shane Lind and David Collins resumed weekly Afterschool Programming at Stephens Community Center on August 26 and Dunbar Community Center on August 20. During the first week a total of 88 children were reached. Staff will resume monthly programming to 21st Century students at JA Fair Preparatory Academy starting on September 9.

The Mac Park Group had 10 volunteers for its quarterly clean-up on August 9. See attached pic of the participants. The group continues to raise funds for a shade structure in MacArthur Unleashed dog park. The group has secured over \$55,000 in sponsorships and pledges thus far.

The museum opened a new exhibition, *Small Arms of the Civil War*, in August. The exhibit features revolvers and bowie knives from the Bruce W. Brice, Jr. Collection which was donated to the museum in 2021. The museum is working on its exhibit schedule for the next two years. It has been approved to host a traveling exhibit from the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. *Clara Barton: Angel of the Battlefield*, a 10-panel exhibit, is scheduled for August and September 2026. *From Darkness to Light: Photographs Along the Underground Railroad*, a traveling exhibit from Exhibits USA, will be on display November 10, 2026, through January 7, 2027. The museum has also been approved to host *Remembering the Forgotten War: Korea, 1950-1953* from the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington DC from January 20, 2027, through October 20, 2027.

Museum Program Assistant David Collins and Museum Intern Jessica Gates successfully completed the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau's Certified Tourism Ambassador Training program in August. They were joined by museum commissioners Angie Faller, Patrina Robinson and Sharon Priest. All full-time museum staff and the museum intern have been certified through the program. Three additional museum commissioners are scheduled to take the training in September and October.

Approximately 40 persons have registered for the museum's "On the Road with Mark Christ" bus tour of Arkansas Civil War sites on September 6. The tour will include stops at Lakeport Plantation in Lake

Village, the Taylor Log House and Site in Tillar, Arkansas Post National Memorial in Gillett, as well as battle sites in St. Charles and Pine Bluff.

The museum received a \$5,000 grant from Arvest Foundation for costs associated with the *Thomas Hart Benton exhibit* from the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington DC. The traveling exhibit consists of 25 paintings and drawings by Benton during World War II for Abbott Laboratories. It will open on November 6, 2025, and remain on display through July 31, 2026. The museum has received \$22,000 in sponsorships thus far for the exhibit with an additional \$10,000 in pledges. Sponsors and special guests will be invited to a preview reception on November 6 at the museum followed by a free public program by Dr. Joan Stack, Curator of Collections at the State Historical Society of Missouri, at the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts.

#### **Programs and Special Events Coming Up September- December:**

September 6 – “On the Road with Mark Christ: War in the Delta” bus tour, 7 am – 7 pm  
September 15 – Battle of Inchon 75th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony, 10 am  
September 16 – Movies at MacArthur, *Legion of Brothers*, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
September 18 - "Sparking Dialogue" partnership with the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts featuring Ben Grimes and Brian McCarty, 6 pm  
September 26 – aRT Gallery Reception for Therapeutic Recreation, 6 – 8 pm  
September 28 – Book Signing by Dr. Curt Fields, 2 pm  
October 14 – Aesthetic Club begins new year  
October 11 – 12th Annual Vintage Military Vehicle Show, 9 am – 2 pm  
October 21 – Movies at MacArthur, *Black Hawk Down: The Untold Story*, 6:30 – 8 pm  
October 24 - 26 – 14th Annual Arkansas Paranormal Expo, 9 am – 5 pm  
October 30 – 30th Annual Big Boo!seum Bash Halloween Event, 5:30 – 8:30 pm  
November 6 – Exhibit Opening Reception, *Thomas Hart Benton*, 5 – 6:30 pm  
November 18 – Movies at MacArthur, *They Drew Fire* 6:30 – 8 pm  
December 6 – 106th Army Band Jazz Ensemble at the Arsenal, 2 pm (tentative)  
December 13 – Holiday Performance by Jacksonville High School Choir, 1 – 3 pm  
December 21 – Holiday Music at the Arsenal Recital, 2 pm

#### **Outdoor Recreation**

Sunrise "Banana ride", bike rides on the Arkansas River Trail. Free program, 6am-7:30am. Attendance has been good. Before every ride I record a Facebook Live post for the Little Rock Outdoor Recreation Facebook page. Initial site prep has begun on the War Memorial Disc Golf course project. Brush and dead trees have been cleared form the "Pine Island" area of the park (elevated area in the back of the park). The Trails crew and Urban Forestry have been of great help in their effort. A GPS map of the course area has been created. The map plots out proposed basket and tee placements as well as course boundaries. Baskets have been purchased. A Special Projects account has been established to be in place when we start the fund-raising campaign for the course. I will send you the account information once I receive it. A proposed logo for the course has been created. The Battle Under 630 basketball tournament plan continues. This event is scheduled for September 13th. A promotional plan for the November Squatch Till You Drop trail event has been developed in collaboration with the Parks PR team. The plan includes 4 videos, flyers, Social Media posts and radio spots. The first phase, a promotional photo shoot happened on 7/31/25. This Facebook post has received over 150,000 views. Two videos were recorded on 8/27/25. The first of these two videos will be posted on 9/5/25 Custom cycling jerseys have been ordered to help promote Little Rock Parks & Recreation and Outdoor Recreation programs. Leland has been providing guidance on this endeavor. Citizens and Park staff will have the opportunity to earn a jersey by participating in bike rides. The jerseys should arrive in 5-6

weeks, based on information from the vendor. Pop-up disc golf events will take place every month through December. Parks that have been utilized for these events are Meriweather, Allsopp South, War Memorial, MacArthur and Conner. These are free events, usually from 9am-4pm and on a Saturday. To date, these events have drawn over 350 participants. The goal for 2025 is to exceed 600. A storage cage has been built in the "pole barn" storage area behind the War Memorial maintenance shop. This is for all the Outdoor Recreation equipment that has been stored in the shop. All Outdoor Recreation equipment has been moved to the storage cage, and the shop area was cleaned. I have been assisting with training rides for the BDB100. The organizers have agreed to let me fly the Parks feather banner at the events and put out Parks information flyers. The average attendance for these rides was 150 adults. The rides are every other Saturday from June 14th-September 20th with the BDB100 taking place on September 27th. I will be participating in the BDB and riding the full 105-mile route. The Outdoor Recreation office area (War Memorial clubhouse building) has played host to several meetings, including the Jim Daily Advisory Board and the National Intercollegiate Cycling Association coaches training.