



## Parks Commission Recreation - Report 11/12/2025

### **ALL Community Centers**

Each center held their Halloween events during the week of October 25 – 31, 2025, from festivals, bashes, Trick or Treat and Trunk or Treat events.

### **Stephens and Dunbar Community Centers**

On October 23, 2025, they held their Lights on Afterschool celebration which is a national event. Each site had a special program, which included dance performances from the students, speeches, LRFD/LFPD speaking on Safety.

### **Special Events:**

#### **Upcoming Special Events:**

- 1) "Kickin' it at Kanis" 3 on 3 basketball tournament (9am until completed) and Ward 6 Block Party Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am-1pm.
- 2) Second Annual "Squatch Till You Drop" Trail Run at Kanis Park November 15, 2025

### **Awards Received**

As previously reported: Little Rock Parks & Recreation received the following awards from The Arkansas Recreation & Parks Association during the Annual ARPA Conference held October 1 – 3, 2025 in Fort Smith , AR: **1) Festival/Event of the Year 5-10 Years – Star Student After-School & Banquet, 2) Outdoor Facility of the Year \$200,000-\$500,000- Rebsamen Tennis Center, & 3) Young Professional of the Year- Cristian Robles.**

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### **JDF & Aquatics**

**Breast Cancer Awareness Week (Pink Week) at Jim Dailey Fitness & Aquatics October 13–17, 2025**

### **Museum of Military History**

Sixty-two people attended the October "Movies at MacArthur" film *Black Hawk Down* on October 21, including Sharri Briley whose husband Donovan "Bull" Briley was one of the Black Hawk Helicopter pilots killed in the Battle of Mogadishu. Attendance for the film program in 2025 totals 531 (2nd best attendance since the program began in 2015). The 2026 movie schedule will be released at the November movie, *They Drew Fire*.



## **Parks Commission – Recreation Report**

### **Dunbar Community Center**

#### **After School Programs**

The after-school program at Dunbar Community Center includes our homework and activity program and basketball. 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 hosted a trunk or treat on 10/30/25 to provide a safe environment for the youth in the community to get candy and have fun.

#### **Youth Basketball Program**

This month we started registration for our Youth basketball program which will start in January. The program has four divisions. So far only one division has been opened but we will have 4u, 6u, 8u, 10u and 12u this year. Games will be played at all community centers Monday-Thursday starting at 6pm nightly with 4u games being played on Saturday mornings.

#### **Lights on Afterschool**

On October 23, 2025, we held our Lights on Afterschool celebration which is a national event. We had LRPD and LRFD speak about safety, served cookies, juice and gave all participants t-shirts. The youth really enjoyed themselves.

#### **Youth Volleyball**

Program went well for both divisions. Dunbar had three teams in the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade division and 1 in the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade division. Regular season ended with Dunbar lower division teams as the league champs and tournament runner ups. The older division was league and tournament champs.

### **Southwest Community Center**

**Youth Programs:** We are excited to announce that enrollment is now open for our Afterschool Star Student Program! We continue to enhance our services with the Afterschool Transportation Pilot Program, which launched 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!

**Now Enrolling:** Youth Dance Program, Our Youth Dance Program is also open for registration! Practices: Tuesdays & Thursdays, Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Fee: \$10.00/monthly per child

#### **Leadership Program in Development**

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:** Basketball registration began October 27, 2025. Skillz and drillz started October 20 Monday, Wednesday, & Fridays from 6 – 8pm. These young athletes have been playing hard and are having an exciting time. Let's wish them good luck.

**Volleyball:** Season ended this month, and Southwest Panthers placed second.

**Cheerleading:** 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.

**Adult Athletics:** Dance Workout – Southwest Steppers are currently seeking a volunteer instructor to help lead this energetic and community-driven class. We are eager to find a passionate individual to carry the momentum forward. The classes are being held with Southwest Community Center Staff leading the classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. In addition, our Low-Impact Senior Workout remains a valued offering 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 14 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 Events:**

\*\*Fall Fest October 25, 2025, from 10:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. at the Southwest Community Center  
\*\*Free Food and Concert, October 4<sup>th</sup> 10: 00a.m. - 3: 00p.m. Southwest CC Soccer Field (Sponsored by Christian Fellowship)  
\*\*Billard's Tournament on November 1<sup>st</sup> 10am – 1:00pm

**Stephens Community Center**

**Star Student Afterschool Program**

The After-school Program is going well thus far. (68%)

**Youth Sports Program**

Programs for Youth are Flag Football (100%), Cheerleading (100+%), and Volleyball (100%). On October 17, 2025, Stephens CC had 25 participants to attend UALR /UAPB Basketball Game. National Lights on Afterschool was well attended 125 participants. Dept. of Health came in on 10/8/25 to speak with 3-5 graders on Breath Free Arkansas. On 10/17/25 Stephens CC had 25 participants to attend the ULRA/UAPB Basketball Game. On 10/30/25 Stephens CC along with Stephens Elementary School will host Trunk or Treat.

**Adult Activities:**

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

**Facility Vacancies:**

2-Programmers, 3-Activity Assistants, 1-Part-Time Custodian and 1-Full Time Custodian. We have a Programmer being worked on. 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 in the Gym needs to be replaced. Work Orders placed for Service on the Alarm, (**Done**) Security Panel, (**has a Trouble signal**) Phones Lines (**Are Working, but the 603 line has a lot of static**). Computers at the front counter are not working. Air in the Gym is out (**Waiting on a part**). Water heater was installed (Hot water is now working). Cabinets are completed. Doorbell has been installed. Smoke Detectors in the gym need to be replaced. Grass inside the Front and Back Air Units need to be cut.

**West Central Community Center**

**Youth Sports Program:**

Flag football ends September 30<sup>th</sup> and we are beginning to recruit basketball participants and coaches.

**Karate/Dance:** The Karate program is back and has 15 participants. Dance has 10 participants.

**West Central CC:**

West Central hosted the annual AARP Summitt September 11, 2025. On September 29-Oct 2 West Central hosted basketball skills and drills for 60 participants aged 6-15 years old. Eastern Seals basketball team comes weekly to practice and have physical education. Sunshine Homeschool comes on Tuesdays at 1pm to do physical education. 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 15 rentals for the month. These rentals include meetings with human resources and neighborhood association meetings.

**Employment:**

We have a concessionaire, activity assistant (2) and evening front desk receptionist to hire. Currently looking at applications. Recreation programmer position and Line dancing instructors will be starting soon.

**ELR Community Center**

I have completed ALL required cyber security training courses for October from Knowbe4. These training courses are assigned through the COLR IT Department. The neighborhood Meeting was held on October 13 with 8 in attendance. The next meetings are scheduled for November 10 & December 8, 2025. The LRPR department held their work order meetings on October 14 & 28, there were about 37 in total for the meetings. Estem High School has been holding drills, shoot around and free-throw shooting. LRPD continues to utilize the back field area for their dog training on Thursdays, with about 14 -17 in attendance. Weather permitting. I am still attending various meetings/activities/events 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 2 - 3 days per week. Maintenance continues to mow, weed eat, and pick up around the entire grounds. 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 8 - 10 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**

Baptist Health held their monthly fruit & vegetable outreach at Southwest, East Little Rock, and Dunbar. Sites attended the City of Little Rock Annual Pink Party on October 17, 2025. Baptist Health Flu Shots: Dunbar Oct. 23. West Central Speaker on "Hunger Relief" on October 20 with Cathy May. West Central had "Canvas Painting" October 27 and helped with the "Trunk or Treat" on Halloween, by serving hotdogs. Medicare Enrollment was held at (Dunbar & East LR Oct. 29). East Little Rock Halloween Bash and Southwest Halloween Carnival October 31 and Southwest "Tacky Day" October 30. Many thanks to West Central Senior Staff for helping East LR Seniors, due to staff resignation. Continued Shout outs to ALL the Senior Staff for their hard work, dedication, and for the care.

**Dunbar Seniors:** Baptist Health Flu Shots, Medicare enrollment, Birthday celebrations, Pink Party, Bingo/connect bingo, Walking, Dominoes, Arts & Crafts, Weekly Field Trips, Bible Study, Baptist Health Outreach and Monthly Screenings, painting.

**East Little Rock Seniors:** Halloween Bash, Medicare enrollment, Guest Speakers (Education Info), Nails/Manicure Pampering Day, Pampering Day, Birthday Celebrations, Arts & Crafts, Bean Bag Baseball, Line Dancing, Mind Bending, Silver Foxes Dance Class, Senior Chair Fitness, Baptist Health Flu Shots, Puzzles, Adult Coloring, Jewelry & T-Shirt Making, and Funtastic Friday.

**Southwest Seniors:** Tacky Day, Baptist Health Flu shots, Halloween Carnival, Baptist Health (Flu Shots) and Speakers/Outreach/Food Day, Birthday Celebrations, Ring Toss, Bingo, Skip-Bo, Card/Table Games, Bible Study, Chair Exercise, bowling, bean bag, Crafts, and Walking Club.

**West Central Seniors:** Baptist Health (Healthy Living), Pink Party, Quilting, Dance, Table games, Bible Study, Bean Bag Game, Bingo, Pickleball Free play, Chair Volleyball games home/away, Bean Bag Baseball (Badgers/Blazers (League games home/away), and Pickle ball games/Practice (both teams).

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Members of the TR staff attended the Arkansas Recreation and Parks Association Conference in Fort Smith on October 1-3.

Other programs were Branch Out outings to the pumpkin farm, the Arkansas State Fair and our annual Kostume Karaoke party on Friday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. We also had a workday at the Little Rock Zoo on Tuesday, Oct. 21st.

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

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

The Jim Dailey Fitness and Aquatic Center experienced a significant increase in memberships during October 2025, with **1,985 new memberships sold**, compared to **1,479 in October 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 **14,000** in October 2025, a substantial increase from just over **5,000** in October 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 October, with **29 participants** benefiting from this free service.
- We hosted **Pink Week**, a weeklong series of activities to promote breast cancer awareness and community engagement.

#### **\*\*Activities Included during Pink Week:**

- **Laps for the Cure** – Participants swam pool laps or walked the track to honor survivors and loved ones.

- **Cookies for the Cure** – Sweet treats were served in support of awareness.
- **Dance for the Cure**- Members participated in a variety of dances
- **Pink Day** – Members and staff wore pink to show solidarity.
- **Drink for the Cure** – Guests enjoyed pink lemonade throughout the week.

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

#### **Youth Athletics**

Arkansas Recreation & Parks Association awarded **Young Professional of the Year to Cristian Robles. CONGRATULATIONS!!!! It was presented at the Annual Conference held in Fort Smith October 1 – 3, 2025.**

#### **Basketball**

The 2025 basketball registration opened on October 21<sup>st</sup>. All centers are open on Active Net. There are currently 46 participants registered as of Oct. 30th. We have added 12-year-olds to our league and removed the use of grades for our divisions. All centers have access to the flyer and are posted regularly. Clinics are being held at different centers according to their availability. I am in the process of deciding a location for the jerseys for all locations to order from. The season will commence on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Volleyball**

We have volleyball teams at all facilities. The last game of that season was October 1. We the post season tournament was completed the following week.

#### **Cheerleading**

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

#### **Adult Athletics**

##### **Interstate Park Program**

LRKA kickball club started using fields 1,2 and 3 on Sundays from 11:00am until 10:00pm for the next 6 weeks.

##### **Adult Basketball Program**

The fall coed softball league did not have enough teams so I have started the 40 and over basketball league that will take place at Dunbar community center starting on October 11, 2025.

The 30 and 40 and over basketball league is on hold due to score board issue at East little Rock Community Center. We have 6 confirmed teams in each division.

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

Planning has already begun for the summer of 2026 Parks Summer Day Camp, supplies will be ordered in the next couple of weeks.

##### **Allsop Park**

Field uses for Allsop park were steady in October.

##### **Kanis Park**

Arkansas Baptist college is utilizing Kanis baseball field everyday Tuesday through Saturday started on September 24, 2025, until November 15, 2025. For their college baseball team. Also, Philander Smith University has requested time for usage.

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

Continuing to show a rise in play at both courses due to great course conditions and good weather. 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. We are collaborating with the Director and Deputy Directors on the bond funding allocated for golf. 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 Rebsamen. We have explored a new booking system that will streamline reservations for golfers at our two facilities. This system will fully integrate with Square, which we currently use for our POS system. Additionally, we have started the process of training staff members on the new system.

### **Rebsamen Tennis**

**Rebsamen Tennis is honored to have won the best Outdoor Facility 200K-500K award from the ARPA!**  
**It was presented at the Annual Conference held in Fort Smith October 1-3, 2025.**

USTA Team Tennis (Tri-level and mixed seasons) is going strong with over 15 tri-level teams and 60 mixed doubles teams. Good and bad news regarding next year's tournaments – we lost the Southern 16's Championships but gained a different tournament in return which actually brings more players into the city. The geography of the southern section ended up being the culprit for losing the 16's. We still had the best bid, but the STA decided to put it in a more central location for the southern region. ATA used Rebsamen as an alternate site for its Tri-level state championships Sept. 6/7, 2025, weekend (Saturday was a rainout but they still used us on Sunday for half a day). USTA combo season started in 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. Pro pickleball tournament decided not to use Rebsamen due to not having any pickleball courts.

Putting together a grant proposal through the USTA to help with court resurfacing. The Southern 16's Championships were successful, but we did have less numbers for the girls' division, which is mostly because we are at the far end of the southern section, and some people don't want to travel that far (ridiculous I know). Working on bids for the 2026 junior Tournament schedule.

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

Museum attendance for October was 4,224. This number includes : (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 visitation includes 745 walk-in guests and 2,585 visitors to special events, meetings, tours, etc. In addition to Arkansas, visitors came from 37 states, including Alabama, Alaska, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin, as well as Australia, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Portugal, South Korea, and the United Kingdom. During 2025, the only state from which the museum has not received visitation is West Virginia. Off-site programming reached a total of 579 individuals in October, while the museum's virtual programming received 315 new views this month. Since the museum began virtual programming during the pandemic, a total of 24,000 contacts has been made through this outreach. Overall attendance for 2025 totals 30,846, which is 89% of the museum's goal. The museum raised \$10,939 in new donations in October bringing its total funding in 2025 to \$50,795. This amount exceeds the annual goal of raising \$30,000 by 69%. The museum anticipates another \$11,000 in sponsorship for the *Thomas Hart Benton* exhibit by the end of the year. Gift shop sales for October were \$1,325.09 for a total of \$10,645.20 so far this year. With two months remaining, gift shop sales are at 93% of the goal for 2025.

Over 350 people attended the 12th Annual Vintage Military Vehicle Show on October 11 featuring vehicles from the Arkansas Military Vehicle Preservation Association as well as exhibitors of military memorabilia. Special thanks to Bluebell Creameries, Central Arkansas Water, Home Instead, and Timber Ridge – NeuroRestorative for providing ice cream, grilled hot dogs, chips and water. The link below has

photos from the event. A photo of the event also appeared in the Sunday, October 12 issue of the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/LkemSmtCc5gWjUHM8>

Museum Programmers Shane Lind and David Collins participated in the Museum of Discovery's "Science After Dark" on October 17. The theme was "Nightmare at the Museum" and featured activities from downtown museums and cultural sites. Over 300 adults attended the event. Sixty-two people attended the October "Movies at MacArthur" film *Black Hawk Down* on October 21, including Sharri Briley whose husband Donovan "Bull" Briley was one of the Black Hawk Helicopter pilots killed in the Battle of Mogadishu. Attendance for the film program in 2025 totals 531 (2nd best attendance since the program began in 2015). The 2026 movie schedule will be released at the November movie, *They Drew Fire*. A photo of the crowd at this month's movie as well as the poster for the November film are at the front desk. The Aesthetic Club resumed its twice-monthly meetings on October 14. The organization was established in 1883 and began meeting at the Arsenal Building in October 1894. The club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays from October through April and makes an annual contribution to the museum for the use of the Arsenal Room for meetings. Museum programmers Shane Lind and David Collins continue weekly Afterschool Programming at Stephens and Dunbar Community Centers, as well as monthly programming to students in the 21st Century program at JA Fair Preparatory Academy. During October, a total of 215 students were reached through programming at Dunbar and Stephens Community Centers in addition to 36 students in the 21st Century Program at J.A. Fair Preparatory Academy. The museum hosted the 14th Annual Arkansas Paranormal Expo October 25-26. The Expo is an annual fundraiser for the museum, which receives all admissions and vendor fees. A total of 989 people attended the two-day event which raised over \$6,900 for the museum. The event received coverage in the Sunday, October 26 issue of the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, on KATV Channel 7, as well as local radio stations. Host for the expo was Heather Amaro, one of the three hosts of *Expedition Unknown*, a paranormal investigation show on Discovery Plus network.

<https://katv.com/news/local/arkansas-paranormal-expo-returns-with-bigfoot-calls-and-ghostly-tales-macarthur-military-museum-ufos-ghost-hunting-cabot-boys-fundraiser>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cikGGJsamho>

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DQUu1QUj-EF/>

<https://edition.arkansasonline.com/article/281809995129815>

The museum participated in the 30th Annual Big Boo!seum Bash on October 30. The museum partnered with Curran Hall Historic Site and the Jacksonville Museum of Military History to distribute candy and offer activities on the front lawn. The Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts and the Firehouse Museum of Arkansas in MacArthur Park also participated, as well as the Old State House Museum, Historic Arkansas Museum, Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, Museum of Discovery, Clinton Presidential Center, and Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center. A total of 767 kids and adults dropped by the museum to be part of the event.

<https://edition.arkansasonline.com/article/282668988597471>

*Thomas Hart Benton*, a traveling exhibit from the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington DC, will open to the public on November 7 and remain on display through July 31, 2026. It features 6 paintings and 19 pen and ink drawings done by Benton during World War II depicting naval scenes on board the submarine USS *Dorado* and LSTs along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. These artworks were commissioned by Abbott Laboratories and turned over to the Navy after the war. The museum will host Dr. Joan Stack, Curator of Art Collections at the Missouri State Historical Association in Columbia for a program on Benton at the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts on Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 pm.

The museum hosted the monthly meeting of Freedom Sings, Arkansas on October 13. The organization pairs songwriters with veterans to relate their wartime experiences through song.

Two-two teachers attended the PD workshop for teachers on October 8 on the life and activism of Faith Ringgold. The workshop had originally been scheduled for the Clinton Presidential Library but was moved to the MacArthur Museum due to the federal government shut down on October 1. Photos of the workshop are attached. Museum Programmer David Collins was featured in the UA Little Rock online newsletter article "UA Little Rock Alum Brings History to Life at MacArthur Museum" on September 15. The museum hosted Pulaski Tech's Paranormal Investigation class on October 17. A total of 35 people attended the event, which was led by Rhonda Burton of the Arkansas Paranormal Expo. Forty-two seniors from St. Petersburg, Florida toured the museum on October 16. The group was part of the Diamond Tour Group on a multi-state tour of historical attractions.

**Programs and Special Events Coming Up November - December:**

November 6 – Exhibit Opening Reception, *Thomas Hart Benton*, 5 – 6:30 pm

November 7 – *Thomas Hart Benton* exhibit opens

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**

Lunchtime mountain bike rides on the new trails at Allsopp started in October. Rides are scheduled for 12pm-1pm on Tuesdays and 11am-12pm on Thursdays. Rides have occurred 5 times. These are free programs. 6 adults have attended. Outdoor Recreation presented a session at the annual ARRPA Conference. The session was on disc golf and how it could be incorporated into city's rec programs. Outdoor Recreation has coordinated with race directors of the Cyclocross bike races at War Memorial. 2 races occurred, on October 4th and 8th. Outdoor Recreation staffed an information table at the Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Information table at AR Children's Hospital 5k run on October 11th. Information about Park's programs were shared with approx. 500 people. Outdoor Recreation was a part of the bike safety team for the 9th annual Creep & Crawl "Little Monsters", 5k and Half Marathon races. The disc golf course installation at War Memorial is moving forward. Outdoor Recreation met with Leland and the 2 members of the community to discuss the disc golf project for War Memorial. Items discussed included: Course layout evaluation, Brush clearing, Beginning the fund-raising campaign for the project, Planning a pop-up event to promote the proposed course design, Finalizing the fund-raising plan, Scheduling public input meetings, Scheduling a volunteer workday. I will cc Karen Sykes once a date is set to arrange the details of a volunteer day. Outdoor Recreation coordinated with The Ozark Foundation, who put on the 2nd annual Enduro bike race at River Mtn. The race happened on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Outdoor Recreations has coordinated with city Homeless Advocates to provide assistance to members of our unsheltered community in and around War Memorial Park. This is an ongoing situation. (at least once a week). -Prep work for the 2nd annual Squatch Till You Drop trail run is ongoing, including: course preparation, making finisher medals, coordinating with Sherri to have the Therapeutic Rec population put together the event swag bags, continued PR, ordering t-shirts and socks for swag and for sale, securing pot-a-potties and MEMS, reserving the pavilion at Allsopp, finalizing event SOP's, scheduling the timer service for the 6 hour run and purchasing supplies for the event. As of 10/31/25, 60 people have registered for the race. The Outdoor Recreation Facebook page now has 560 followers. The FB page has shown consistent growth on a weekly basis. 10/22/25 The last 2025 Sunrise "Banana ride", bike ride on the Arkansas River Trail occurred on 10/22/25. This was a free program, 6am-7:30am. These rides will begin again in the Spring of 2026. The entire Outdoor Recreation staff has completed all required Cyber Security training to date.