



Bryant Parks and Recreation Director's Report April 2026

Programming & Events

- Youth kickball, a new program for the department, began this month at Alcoa 40 Park. There were 43 kids across two different age groups.
- Youth Tennis Lessons for the Spring started at Mills Park. We saw the highest enrollment in Tennis Lessons since July of 2024 with 28 kids across all age groups.
- Youth Volleyball Lessons ran for a second time this spring in late April. 27 kids attended this second session and 17 kids attended the 1st session.
- Youth Archery, Art Classes, and Youth Pickleball all start in late May and June.
- Youth Flag Football registration is open and we are excited to host it in-house. It will start in Late August.
- Adult Pickleball ran an Indoor and Outdoor League during April. The Indoor League included 18 teams, and the Outdoor League included 24 teams. We also have an upcoming tournament at the Joyce Boswell Tennis and Pickleball Complex at Mills Park with 12 teams on May 16th in partnership with Saline County Library for Family Fun Fest.
- Men's League Adult Basketball has 7 teams in total. We are focusing on smaller leagues so all teams play each other.
- The Center at Bishop Park was utilized for the following events & programs:
 - April 3rd & 4th- The gym was rented out for a craft and vendor fair.
 - April 11th- Republic Trash and Waste Services utilized their comped space for a meeting.
 - April 24th- A retirement party was held for Assistant Police Chief JW Plouch. This space was provided for free.
 - April 27th-30th- All upstairs meeting rooms were used by the City of Bryant for Bryant Leap Forward Campaign. This space was provided for free.
 - 21 additional non-recurring events were held at The Center throughout the month of April.
- BASE held their annual Easter softball tournament on 4/11/26 at Bishop Park Softball Complex.

Aquatics

- Hunter Heatley was hired as our new Aquatic Specialist. He attained his LGI certification through our April Certification Course.
- Held a Water Safety Instructor course with 6 participants, five of whom were from our facility and 1 from Hope.



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- Held a Lifeguard Instructor Certification Course. We had 5 participants from outside our organization, representing Little Rock, Drasco, Pine Bluff and Conway.
- Held an in-house Lifeguard Recertification class for 7 of our employees.
- Aquatics Coordinator Compassion Moomey attended the Hire a Hornet event at Bryant High School for summer employment recruitment.
- Began cleaning and preparing Mills Park Pool once the cover was removed.
- Work continues on converting the Splash Pad to a flow-through system.

Parks Maintenance

- Checked that all newly installed parking lot lights are up and working.
- Serviced all pool heaters and had new filters installed.
- Removed and stored cover for Mills Park Pool.
- Installed a new raised water spigot at the Bishop Park Community Garden
- Prepped softball fields at Alcoa Park for youth kickball
- Repaired Alcoa Park sign with new rock and concrete after vandalism.

Parks Administration

- Parks Assistant Director Matt Martin attended the Indiana University Executive Development Program for Parks Professionals on April 19-22. IUEDP is organized around a two year curriculum focusing on leadership and management skill development.
- Parks Director Keith Cox attended the Arkansas Water Works & Water Environment Association's Annual Arkansas Water Conference on April 27 in Hot Springs. He was invited to speak at the event as part of their Leadership track.