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Programming & Events

- Youth Archery reached its max capacity with 12 participants for the first time. The program will continue with sessions through September.
- Youth Pickleball Lessons held at Mills Park for the first time with 19 participants; concludes July 10. We are currently planning a full league for Fall or Spring.
- Youth Art Classes launched with 8 participants, completing four projects in June. We are planning holiday "one-off" nights later this year.
- Spring Men's Basketball League concluded in early June with 7 teams; the next league planned will be in the Fall.
- Adult Co-Ed Volleyball did not form a full league, but Open Play nights have seen a strong turnout and will continue through July with hopes for a Winter league.
- Adult Pickleball Summer Ladder League at Mills Park filled with 48 players across two divisions; additional leagues planned year-round.
- Hosted Arkansas Water Environmental Association meeting for City of Bryant Water Department on June 4.
- Hosted USA District Softball tournament on June 6.
- Hosted Slammin Buckets Basketball tournaments on June 6, 13 and 27.
- Hosted USA Rec State Softball tournament on June 13.
- Hosted all divisions for Cal Ripken State Baseball tournament on June 19-21.
- Hosted Captain Jenceson Payte's retirement party from Bryant Police Department on June 25.
- Hosted the City of Bryant Microsoft 365 Training for all city employees on June 25.
- Hosted USA Open State Softball tournament on June 27.

Upcoming Programs:

- Community Garage Sale August 1st
- Adult Singles Pickleball League August 3rd-August 31st
- Youth Archery August 6th-August 27th
- Youth Flag Football September 8th-October 29th
- Youth Volleyball October 10th-November 14th
- Youth Basketball

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Aquatics

- Held Water Safety Instructor Certification Course with 5 participants on June 9 – 12.
- Barracudas Swim Team has 87 swimmers this season, this first season under operations by Bryant Parks Department.
- Barracudas attended three away swim meets at Cabot, Maumelle and Sherwood.
- Hosted Barracuda home meet on June 27 with 187 swimmers from Bryant, Cabot, and Lakewood (NLR).
- Began hosting private pool parties at Mills Pool.
- Began Summer Group Swim Lessons and Free Swim Lessons with BYA at Mills Pool and Bishop Park.
- The BASS Swim Team attended two meets in June:
    - Texarkana AAU All-Star Invite on June 12–14: BASS swimmers earned 22 first-place, 20 second-place, and 6 third-place finishes, placing 2nd overall in Men's and qualifying all attending athletes for the 2026 National Junior Olympic Games.
    - El Dorado AAU Summer State Meet on June 26–28: BASS swimmers earned 20 first-place, 4 second-place, and 5 third-place finishes, placing 4th overall in Men's and again qualifying all attending athletes for the 2026 National Junior Olympic Games.

Parks Maintenance

- Installed a concrete pad cooling station and drain in the dog park near the water faucet.
- City of Bryant Street Department extended the concrete entrance to alleviate muddy areas and allow smoother wheelchair access
- Bishop Park Softball parking lot re-striping was completed.
- Demolished the kick wall at Midland Park to make more room for future fields
- Aeravated and sand top-dressed future field area at Midland where the kick wall was removed.
- Demolition of Mills Park basketball court was completed in preparation for new court construction