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Programming & Events

- Youth Flag Football began the season with 102 participants, with games scheduled to begin in September.
- Youth Volleyball Clinic hosted a free skills clinic that drew 27 girls to support Fall league recruitment.
- Youth Archery held its fourth session of the year with 8 participants, bringing the year-to-date total to 37.
- Youth Tennis concluded late-summer lessons with 19 participants; Fall lessons will begin in October.
- Adult Singles Pickleball launched its first 1-on-1 league with 16 players, receiving strong positive feedback and consideration for a Spring return.
- Upcoming Adult Sports include Men's Basketball, two additional Pickleball Leagues, and a new 1-on-1 Basketball League beginning in September.
- Annual Indoor Community Sale on August 1 brought in 30 sellers, with 10 purchasing multiple spots.
- Membership Drive on August 5 resulted in 3 new members.
- Salt Bowl Blood Drive was held August 25 on Basketball Court 1.
- Community Reservations included 12 additional unique events throughout the month.

Aquatics

- AFO Certification was held on August 4 with 10 participants from Bryant, Mountain Home, and Pine Bluff.
- Bathhouse Cleaning is now performed twice weekly through a newly contracted cleaning service.
- Bathhouse Floor Refinishing was completed, improving safety and appearance.

Senior Services

- Congregate Nutrition served 313 unduplicated clients with 1,131 meals provided.
- Home Delivered Meals supported 36 clients with 715 meals delivered.
- Socialization & Recreation reached 460 participants, delivering 2,248 units of service across programs including Ageless Grace, Line Dancing, Chair Volleyball, Mahjong, BINGO, and Karaoke.

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- Evidence-Based Programs launched Walk with Ease on August 18 in partnership with UAMS; additional programs (A Matter of Balance, Drums Alive, Intro to Computers) begin in September.
- CareLink Funding approved $8,400 for FY2027 evidence-based programming.
- Health Fair Preparation continued for the September 3 event, with 50+ vendors expected.
- Community Partnerships supported BINGO, wellness activities, and special events through local sponsors.
- Social Media Growth increased Facebook followers from ~200 to 400+ in August.
- Operational Improvements included updated nutrition procedures, food handling processes, and continued transition work for billing, documentation, and reporting.
- Volunteers assisted with daily operations, meal service, and recreational programming.

Parks Maintenance

- Tree Removal & Storm Cleanup included cutting down a dead tree at Mills Park and clearing multiple fallen trees at Bishop Park following recent storms.
- Trail Maintenance crews cleaned the walking trails at Mills Park and culverts, improving safety and accessibility.
- Provided picnic tables to Bryant High School for the Salt Bowl and retrieved them after the event.
- Additional Cleanup included removing a fallen tree near the trail and general grounds upkeep throughout the month.
- Construction is still underway for the Alcoa to Mills Park Connector Trail. Currently the project is scheduled to finish in late September to early October.
- Construction is still underway for the Mills Park Basketball Court. Currently the project is scheduled to finish in mid to late September.

Parks Administration

- At the request of the Greater Bryant Chamber of Commerce, the Parks Department will take the lead on running the 39th Annual Fall Festival at Bishop Park. The event will be held from 9AM – 1PM on October 31st.