Bryant Parks and Recreation
Director's Report
August 2024

The following took place during the month of July:

- Hunter Bolin was hired as Program Coordinator. He has previously worked at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Abilene Christian University and Nicholls State University in Facilities and Game Operations. He has his Bachelor's degree in Sports Management and a Master's in Athletic Administration, both from Mississippi College, where he played four years of baseball for the Choctaws.
- Matt Martin was promoted to Assistant Director. Matt has 14 years of experience in Parks and Recreation and has spent the last 6 years with Bryant Parks as our Grounds & Maintenance Superintendent. He has his Bachelor's degree in Turf Management from the University of Arkansas and holds multiple certifications with the National Recreation and Parks Association.
- Bishop Park Gymnasium hosted a HopStep Basketball tournament on July 13th and 14th. We had 2200 visitors from Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.
- 104 participants enrolled in Group Swim Lessons.
- 58 participants enrolled in Swim Babies.
- Approximately 60% of BYA children who have participated in swim lessons have passed the Water Competency Test; we started the Summer at 42%.
- The BASS Swim Team had 16 members qualify for Junior Olympics and 6 of them were able to attend and compete in Greensboro, NC.
- Mills Pool revenues are up by 7.5% compared to 2023.
- Bishop Park Aquatic Center hosted a Barracudas Swim meet on July 6.
- TRAXX disc golf course hosted a PDGA tournament on July 19.
- Salt County Lacrosse delivered a concession stand to Alcoa 40 Park, framing and electrical work has begun.
- Salt County Lacrosse began dirt work on area Alcoa 40 Park for future practice pads.
- Shade structure installed on Dog Park at Alcoa 40 Park.
- Replaced thirty 55 gallon plastic trash cans at Bishop Park. Plan to replace the rest next year when the budget allows.
- Performed field maintenance on Midland soccer fields during CASC break in play.
- Performed repairs and laid sod to the area below Pickleball and Tennis Courts at Mills Park to prevent future erosion.