

**Bryant Parks and Recreation
Director's Report
October 2025**

- The Parks Department sent four professionals to the Arkansas Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference and Tradeshow in Fort Smith on October 1-3. Kristin Robinson led an Aquatics Roundtable discussion at the event. For the 2025-2026 year, Kristin will be serving as Secretary on the ARPA Board and Keith Cox will be serving as Board Member At-Large.
- Bishop Park was the site for Fall Fest, hosted by the Greater Bryant Chamber of Commerce, on October 4 with approximately 2300 people in attendance.
- Bishop Park Baseball Complex hosted a USSSA baseball tournament on October 5.
- Bishop Park hosted the Bryant High School Danny Westbrook Invitational Cross Country meet on October 7.
- Bishop Park Softball Complex hosted the USA Softball Fall State tournament on October 11.
- Bishop Park Baseball Complex hosted a 2D Sports baseball tournament on October 12.
- The Bryant High School Hornet Swim Team began practicing at the Bishop Park Aquatic Center on October 15.
- Hosted a Water Safety Instructor class with 3 professionals from the new Conway Community Center on October 19-26.
- Bishop Park Baseball and Softball Complex hosted a 2D Sports baseball tournament on October 25 & 26.
- Bishop Park hosted a City of Bryant employee luncheon on October 30. First Service Bank came out and grilled 240 burgers for city employees.
- Mills Park hosted the inaugural Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree Trunk or Treat and Pickleball tournament at Mills Park on October 30. The pickleball tournament sold out with 20 teams and was costume themed. The Trunk or Treat had 20 vendors come out and serve candy to kids in our community. The event was very well attended and we received positive feedback from vendors and attendees.
- The Center and Aquatic Center will be closed on November 27 and 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- It's a Wonderful Bryant Tree and Trail lighting ceremony at Mills Park will take place on Thursday, December 4 at 5pm.

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- Registration is open for the Ugly Christmas Spectacular Pickleball Tournament which will take place on Thursday, December 11th beginning at 5:30pm at Mills Park. The entry fee for this tournament is 2 new in the box toys per team. All toys will be donated to Arkansas Children's Hospital for their Festival of Stars toy drive.
- Youth Volleyball is still in season until November 8.
- Men's Basketball is still in season until November 23.
- All three Fall pickleball leagues at Bishop Park and Mills Park ended the week of October 20-24.
- Youth Basketball registration is still open until November 3.
- The new Seresco Dehumidification system is fully operational on the Bishop Park Aquatics Center. We are still working with the contractor on a few small items before final closeout.
- The new cover was installed on Mills Park Pool.
- The Splash Pad at Bishop Park has been winterized for the offseason. We are still working with the City Water Department to convert that to a flow-through system before next Summer.
- Replaced the double doors going from the cafeteria to the playground at the Bryant Youth Association.
- Overseeded the following areas with perennial rye grass to achieve consistent growth year-round:
 - Campbell Lacrosse Field and Dog Park at Alcoa Park
 - Baseball fields at Ashley Park