

Bryant Parks and Recreation
Director's Report
December 2025

Programming & Events

- The Center conference rooms hosted a total of 43 events in December, including Christmas parties, meetings, banquets and baby showers. 32 of these events were paying customers.
- The inaugural It's a Wonderful Bryant Tree and Trail lighting ceremony took place at Mills Park on December 4th. Santa made an appearance and took pictures while an ensemble from the Bryant High School band performed and Tacos Del Norte and Donut NV served delicious treats.
- The inaugural Ugly Christmas Sweater Spectacular Pickleball Tournament was held on December 11th with 24 teams participating. Over \$2,000 worth of toys were collected and donated to the Festival of Stars Toy Drive for Arkansas Children's Hospital.
- Practices began for Youth Basketball. Games will begin in January.
- The Center hosted a holiday blood drive on December 30, receiving enough donations to save approximately 10 lives.
- Registration is currently open for Wednesday morning Adult Pickleball which will be starting in February.

Aquatics

- Hosted Bryant High School Swim Meet on December 4 which featured 13 divers and 150 swimmers from 12 teams. This was the first meet utilizing the new video board and swim meet program.
- The BASS Swim Team competed in the Santa Spring Invitational in El Dorado on December 6, where they finished in first place in all combined scores.
- Installed new screens on all sliding doors in the Aquatic Center.
- A lifeguard certification class was conducted on December 16, with 4 participants successfully being recertified.
- Swim Lessons concluded for the year, finishing with 5467 total lessons provided.
- Destination Swim 2025 program completed with 45 participants collectively swimming 87,831 laps, which is equal to 2,495 miles. Michelle Coats swam the furthest, totaling 19,056 laps, or 541 miles; the equivalent of swimming to San Antonio, Texas.
- Registration is currently open for the next session of swim lessons for youth and adults.

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- Registration is currently open for the 8th annual Destination Swim program. The theme for this year is Arkansas Roots.

Parks Maintenance

- The gate system behind Bishop Center and Aquatics Center is fully operational; we are still phasing in the closures to ensure that everyone is fully trained and those that need access still have it.
- Continued maintenance at all parks by mulching and clearing leaves during mowing offseason and cleared the brush pile from behind the Bishop Park Softball Complex.
- Loop hoed winter weeds and any ryegrass that popped up on baseball and softball fields at Bishop Park.
- Provided daily maintenance to the Christmas lights display at Mills Park.
- Repaired outfield fences on fields A2 and A3 at Bishop Park.
- Reset home plate on top softball field at Alcoa Park.
- Leveled surfaces around all home plate and bases at Bishop Park and Ashley Park baseball and softball fields.
- Repaired washed out areas at maintenance entrance to Bishop Park ballfields and also vandalized areas from offroading at Bishop Park.
- All restrooms and facilities without heating systems have been winterized.