

**Bryant Parks and Recreation  
Director's Report  
January 2026**

***Programming & Events***

- The Center and Aquatic Center at Bishop Park sold 48 new memberships in January.
- Youth Basketball started their game schedule with 40 games being played each Saturday at Bishop Park, Hurricane Creek Elementary and Salem Elementary combined. We have 682 boys and girls participating from Kindergarten through sixth grade.
- Winter Morning Pickleball League started on February 4 and will continue through March 11. We have 27 teams participating in 3 divisions that play on Wednesday mornings.
- The following spring programs are now open for registration:
  - Youth Volleyball Lessons
  - Youth Archery
  - Youth Kickball
  - Youth Pickleball Lessons
  - Adult Indoor Pickleball
  - Adult Outdoor Pickleball
  - Adult Men's Basketball
  - Adult Women's Basketball

***Aquatics***

- A Lifeguard in-service was held on January 10-14, with each lifeguard required to attend one of the days offered. The in-service covered surface and deep end rescue skills as well as swimming stamina.
- The Bishop Park Aquatic Center hosted the Saline County ShootOut Swim and Dive Meet on January 16th with 30 participants from Benton and Bryant HS Swim Teams.
- The Arkansas Aquatics Conference was canceled due to winter weather.
- Swim Lessons started on January 20th for Levels 1-5
- Adult Swim lessons are finishing on February 7th

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***Parks Maintenance***

- Installed french drains to problem areas that previously held water. This should alleviate standing water that comes up onto the sidewalks and entrances after heavy rain.
- Installed LED lighting in the Weight Room at the Center. Also purchased and installed a member requested large digital clock in the Weight Room.
- Cut out high spots of clay/dirt build up and got the Bishop Baseball pitching mounds back to proper size for the upcoming season. Added new sod where the high spots were cut out. Watered new sod daily for establishment.
- Used loop hoes to remove any winter weeds or rogue ryegrass seeds on the infield dirt. Shaped all grass edges on the infields.
- Began edging all sidewalks at Bishop Park
- Cleared snow and ice from entrances and Center Parking lot to prepare for reopening of Center and Aquatics Center after winter storm.
- Re-opened Bishop Baseball, Bishop Softball, and Midland Soccer Restrooms and turned water back on after emergency winterization. Baseball Restrooms had two pipes in the ceiling that required repairs with supplies we had on hand.
- Temporarily repaired torn shade structures with zip ties. Weather material ripped under the weight of the snow.