

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

- The BASS Swim Team has officially kicked off the 2025-2026 season. We currently have 30 swimmers actively participating.
- Youth Volleyball started practicing in September. We have 89 total participants in 3rd-6th grade, up from 72 last year.
- Youth Tennis lessons ran throughout the month of September with 15 kids participating.
- There are 3 separate pickleball leagues that began in September:
 - Tuesday Night Ladder League at Mills Park with an upper and lower division - 40 participants total
 - Wednesday Morning Ladder League at Bishop Park with an upper and lower division - 40 participants total
 - Thursday Night King of the Court Roulette League at Mills Park - 16 participants
- Bishop Park Center hosted the Bryant Senior Adult Health Fair on September 4. 50 vendors were in attendance providing information for seniors in the city and neighboring areas.
- Bishop Park Softball Complex hosted a USA Softball tournament on September 6.
- The Men's Basketball League started on September 7 at the Bishop Park Gymnasium with 18 teams participating.
- Bishop Park Softball Complex hosted a BASE Softball tournament on September 13.
- Parks Director Keith Cox attended the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Annual Conference, held in Orlando from September 16-18. He was honored to present a session focused on resourceful recreation in a small department, showcasing innovative strategies for maximizing impact with limited resources. The NRPA Annual Conference is the premier gathering for the U.S. parks and recreation community, bringing together over 8,000 professionals, students, advocates and industry partners. Attendees engage in dynamic educational sessions, build connections through networking events and explore the latest products and services in an expansive interactive exhibit hall.
- Lifeguard in-service training was conducted the week of September 15-20. Four sessions were offered, focusing on two-person adult and pediatric CPR/AED.

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- Bishop Park Center hosted the John Reid technique advanced interview and interrogation training on September 16-19 in partnership with the Bryant Police Department. More than a dozen other police agencies attended, some from out of state.
- Bishop Park Gymnasium hosted the Bryant Athletic Association's Night of Champions on September 19.
- The Saline County Library hosted Movies in the Park on September 20th at Mills Park.
- Bishop Park Baseball Complex hosted a 2D Baseball tournament on September 21.
- Bishop Park Softball Complex hosted a BASE Softball tournament on September 27.
- Bishop Park Baseball Complex hosted a USSSA Baseball tournament on September 28.
- Bishop Park Center hosted a Life Line Stroke Prevention screening on September 29.
- Electrical outlets were added at Mills Park in preparation for the It's a Wonderful Bryant Christmas lighting festival on December 4.
- Completed surface repairs to Joyce Boswell Courts at Mills Park by patching areas where surfacing had chipped.
- The new Seresco Dehumidification system has been successfully installed and operational. We are still working through the final punch list before the project is completed.
- The fencing and gate behind The Center and Aquatics Center at Bishop Park has been installed. We are still waiting for electricity and internet to be connected before the gate can be fully operational.
- The pool cover for Mills Park Pool is scheduled for installation in early October.
- Started preparing Bishop Park for Fall Fest, hosted by the Greater Bryant Chamber of Commerce.
- Youth Basketball registration is now open and will close on November 3.