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Programming & Events

- Disc Golf Glow League at The Traxx at Bishop Park began on November 3 and is still running every Monday night.
- Bishop Park Center hosted a Community Engagement Town Hall on November 6 with over 30 residents and community stakeholders in attendance.
- Youth Volleyball Season concluded on November 8.
- Ashley Park hosted the Heart of Bryant Block Party on November 15 with approximately 450 community members attending. The Parks Department worked with Bless Bryant to have the Park prepared for and maintained throughout the event and also ran a community kickball game during the event.
- Men's Basketball Season concluded on November 23.
- Youth Basketball Registration has closed. We have 680 participants and teams have been drafted and began practicing.
- It's a Wonderful Bryant Tree and Trail lighting ceremony at Mills Park will take place on Thursday, December 4 at 5pm.
- The Ugly Christmas Spectacular Pickleball Tournament 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.

Aquatics

- Bishop Park hosted an Aquatics Facility Operator class on November 5, in partnership with Parting Waters. We had two Bryant Parks employees successfully achieve their AFO certification, along with Parks professionals from Searcy, Harrison and Jonesboro attending the class.
- Bishop Park Aquatic Center hosted a Bryant HS Swim Meet on November 13
 with 84 swimmers and 10 divers participating from Bryant, Benton, Lakeside,
 Lake Hamilton, Sylvan Hills, Lonoke, Mt. St. Mary's and North Little Rock high
 schools. Bryant Boys and Girls each won their respective divisions.
- The BASS Swim Team took second place overall at the AAU Swim Meet in Harrison on November 15. The boys team took 1st place and four BASS swimmers brought home high point awards.
- Installed a Nuvonic UV disinfection system on the Bishop Park Therapy Pool.
- Installed a new LED video board in the Bishop Park Aquatic Center.

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• Installed a new Superior Swim Timing software for running swim and dive meets.

Parks Maintenance

- Installed new fencing and gate system behind the Bishop Park Center. Delivered electricity and internet to the gate system and call box for access controls.
- Patched the drive behind the aquatic center with concrete where a drain line for the Seresco unit and power and internet for the gate system was installed under the road at that location.
- Completed annual resurfacing of Bishop Park basketball courts.
- Installed backstop poles and nets for Midland Soccer Fields to prevent balls from going into the woods
- Winterized the following areas by turning off water, draining all pipes and faucets to prevent freezing and busting of pipes in areas without heat.
 - Mills Park Pool House
 - Mills Park Bathrooms between the Large Pavilion and Pool. The Playground Bathrooms will remain open for the winter.
 - Bishop Park Community Garden
 - Alcoa 40 Bark Park
- Overseeded the following areas with perennial rye grass to achieve consistent growth year-round:
 - Bishop Park Baseball Complex
 - Bishop Park Softball Complex
 - Midland Park Soccer Complex