

The Parks Department and Parks Commission are making remarkable progress to improve our current Park facilities with many completed projects in 2008.

At Tyndall Park we continue to make improvements to enhance the park experience for our citizens. Events at Tyndall included the girls' softball competition for the Wally Hall tournament, ASA District 9 district tournament, Sparks in the Park, and the first Stacation.

Bernard Holland Park was improved with the installation of two covered playground areas which were partially funded by an Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism grant in the amount of \$65,000. The Wally Hall tournament was held Memorial Day weekend and brought many visitors to our City. In preparation for the Wally Hall tournament and other tournaments in the future, many improvements were made to the softball fields and the baseball fields. Additional fencing, expanded parking, and an additional park entrance were included in the improvements. These projects were completed with the assistance of the City and the A & P Commission.

We continue to improve Ralph Bunche Park. It is the site for the Back to School picnic and Juneteenth celebration.

Time and effort continues at Sunset Lake. The lake is sprayed regularly for excess vegetation which has greatly improved its appearance and fishing.

Many improvements have been made to the Owens-Mooney Park. These include repair of the sprinkler system, installation of a fountain, replacement of the sign, replacement of the lighting, addition of a picnic table and a clock. New benches have been ordered. With the cooperation of the Master Gardeners the park has been cleaned up and is very appealing.

Through a partnership with the Benton Advertising & Promotion Commission, Parks acquired the property at 924 Fairfield Road, which includes 10 acres. The house and out buildings were removed. Trees were trimmed and brush cleared.