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**Oct 6**  
**Pictures in the Park**  
10:00am - 2:00pm  
Quaker Park

**Oct 8**  
**City Council Meeting**  
7:00pm until end  
Westfield City Hall- Assembly

**Oct 10**  
**Fireside Tales**  
6:30pm - 7:30pm  
Simon Moon Park

**Oct 13**  
**Heart and Soul Free Clinic**  
9:00am - End  
202 Penn Street

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## WESTFIELD ANNOUNCES POTENTIAL TRANSFER OF UTILITIES TO CITIZENS ENERGY GROUP

We want to inform you that the City of Westfield and Citizens Energy Group have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) under which Citizens has agreed to acquire Westfield Utilities (water and wastewater system). The MOU and final purchase agreement must be approved by the Westfield City Council and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.



Earlier this year, Westfield Mayor Andy Cook announced that the City was exploring the idea of transferring the water and wastewater utilities to a qualified operator. As part of the public bidding process, the City issued

a Request for Proposals and had three private systems bid. Citizens offered the strongest proposal as identified by a committee of evaluators— not just from a dollar and cents standpoint, but also because of their strong track record of service, commitments they have made to provide high quality water and to protect the water supply, and their well-known role as involved community citizens.

The transfer of Westfield Utilities to Citizens Energy Group provides a great opportunity for Westfield as our population is expected to grow significantly in the next five years. Proceeds from the transfer will fund current and future infrastructure improvements that will be sorely needed as our city grows and will help mitigate property tax increases. In addition, the selection of Citizens Energy as an operator will secure our water and wastewater utilities with a - *continued on next page.*

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trusted utility provider that will provide outstanding customer service and operational savings to hold down future utility rate increases. As Westfield continues to grow, Citizens will make the utility system investments needed to accompany the expected growth.

### Benefits of the Proposed Utility Transfer:

- √ Funding for Westfield improvements
- √ Pay off 100% of the City's utility infrastructure debt
- √ Creates Citizens Utilities of Westfield: an efficient water, sewer and gas utility for the community's future
- √ Water supply security to help Westfield grow
- √ Able to maintain competitive rates
- √ Outstanding customer service and a smooth transition for Westfield customers
- √ Retention of Westfield employees
- √ Citizens commitment to the community
- √ Central Indiana management and governance
- √ Open approval process

For more information, please visit our website at [www.westfield.in.gov](http://www.westfield.in.gov).

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

In order to keep the residents of Westfield fully informed, the City of Westfield will hold four public meetings detailing the transfer of the City's water and wastewater utility to Citizens Energy Group. Please join us at one of the locations below and learn about this exciting opportunity for the City of Westfield and its residents. For more information on the public meetings and the transfer of the utilities, please visit [www.westfield.in.gov](http://www.westfield.in.gov).

### Town Hall Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday, October 2	Westfield High School Auditorium	7pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday, October 9	Carey Ridge Elementary	7pm - 8:30pm
Wednesday, October 17	Oak Trace Elementary	7pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday October 23	Shamrock Springs Elementary	7pm - 8:30pm

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MOVIES IN THE PARK BEGINS THIS MONTH



Westfield Parks & Recreation and City Spring Church will be hosting Westfield's first ever Movies in the Park at 7pm on Friday, October 19th at Asa Bales Park (205 W. Hoover Street). Bring the family to enjoy a showing of "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax". Come early with your blankets and chairs to find your spot and enjoy the movie under the stars!

## WARM UP WITH FIRESIDE TALES



Westfield Parks & Recreation and the Westfield-Washington Library are bringing Fireside Tales back to Simon Moon Park this fall. Fireside Tales is a great free family activity, with each night featuring stories, songs, rhymes, an art activity, and of course, s'mores! Join us on October 10th and October 24th at 6:30pm, and visit [www.westfield.in.gov/parks](http://www.westfield.in.gov/parks) for more information.

## BARK FOR PICTURES IN THE PARK



Join the Friends of the Westfield Bark Park at Quaker Park on October 6th from 11am-2pm for Pictures in the Park. Bring your two and four-legged family members for a fun-filled afternoon in the park. Activities will include a local photographer offering opportunities to capture your 2012 family holiday photo and other local pet-friendly vendors with early holiday gifts for sale, with a percentage of sales benefiting the Friends of Westfield Bark Park. Please visit [www.westfield.in.gov/parks](http://www.westfield.in.gov/parks) for more information.

## YOUTH ASSISTANCE FALL FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER



Join us for the Youth Assistance Fall Festival benefiting the Westfield Youth Assistance Program at Ameriana Bank on Saturday, Oct. 13th from 10am to 1pm. Ameriana will donate \$5 to Westfield's Youth Assistance Program (YAP) on behalf of the first 400 people at the event. The family-focused afternoon is free of charge and will feature a bounce house and obstacle course; free passes to Stuckey Farm's Corn Maze; airbrush tattoos; free hotdogs and drinks; a chili cook-off and other children's activities. In addition, Westfield Fire and Police Departments will have a fire truck and police car on display. Ameriana Bank is located at the corner of SR 32 and Carey Road. For more information about Ameriana's Fall Festival, contact Ameriana Bank in Westfield at 867-7740.