

# Westfield Parks and Recreation

## Monthly Report

June 9, 2008

May saw the Parks and Recreation Department move into full swing. Our Start Smart Sports program has been going very well. The participants are having a great time and are learning the basics of the game. We are continuing to accept registrations for Football, Basketball and Golf, with basketball full and looking for a second class. Our nature camp with the Lord of Life Lutheran Church begins in June. I am working on an idea for some adult recreational sports league, and hope to be able to offer those latter this year.

The Monon Trail project is ongoing. The final drawings have been submitted and now we are waiting on the state. Our property acquisition is complete, with one property still in condemnation, but we have a right of entry for the property. We are also beginning to plan for the next section of the Monon north of 156<sup>th</sup> St. I am talking to property owners and hoping we can find many along this section that might donate their land for this project.

I have also begun working on the development plans for Freedom Trail Park. There are many additions that need to be made to the park, and I will be meeting with the Park Advisory Committee and the HOA's to show them the plans and get their input.

Our parks are open and operating. We have had to spend quite a bit of time mowing already this year. We have mulched all of the planting areas and are looking to improve or add areas for flowers and plants. We have completed our tree plantings for the spring, and will take a look in the fall as to the need for additional trees.

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