

# Westfield Parks and Recreation

## Monthly Report

September 10, 2007

The month of September saw a lot of activity for the Westfield Parks and Recreation Department. We were able to reseed many areas that did not do well in the drought this year, hopefully we will have a better stand of grass for the next season.

We have been working on a grant application to do engineering for Osborne Park and the development of the baseball complex there.

The maintenance of our parks is continuing. We were able to move some trees from the project site at Public Work and move them into Simon Moon Park. They have added a nice dimension to the park and really improve the aesthetics.

Our Start Smart classes are continuing to go well. Basketball is in full swing, and the kids and parents are having a great time. We will be offering a couple of seasonal activities for the families in the community. We will be offering the Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot, which is a basketball free throw contest for parents and children. This event is being sponsored by Krogers. We will also be offering the children in our community an opportunity to receive a phone call from Santa Claus at Christmas time.

The Monon Trail project is ongoing. We have begun the appraisal process and in September had 26 properties completed. Butler Fairman and Seufert will be continuing this process, and we hope to be finished by the end of October.

I am continuing to work on the Master Plan. We had a nice article in the Noblesville Daily Times to try to get responses up. I am looking to have the plan finished by the end of October.

I am looking into working with the Center for Earth and Environmental Science to develop plans for the parking areas and other developments at some of our parks. This will allow us to work with pervious paving and other environmentally friendly processes in our developments.

The Tree Ordinance is complete, and will be coming to council next month. We are allowing one more month for any comments by the departments.

I did have the opportunity to attend the National Recreation and Parks Association's National Congress in Indianapolis in September. This conference draws approximately 10,000 parks and recreation professionals in to learn more and share experiences. It was a very good conference and I attended some very good sessions that will benefit Westfield.

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