

WESTFIELD PARKS & RECREATION

QUARTER 3 REVIEW



HIGHLIGHTS

1. **Brittany Goger** completed her Certified Parks and Recreation Professional exam- this is the highest distinction in the Parks & Recreation field!
2. We now have Trail Ambassadors for EVERY section of our trails!
3. We now have 1 participant in our Adopt-a-Prairie program; we are still seeking 6 more participants!
4. **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS**
 - **Austin Strawmyer** – Parking lot improvements at Raymond Worth Park
 - **Devin McCleary** – Tree planting at future Osborne Park
 - **Geoffrey Lisle** – Sun Dial at Freedom Trail Park
 - **Andrew Bredensteiner** – Covered swing on Monon Trail
- GIRL SCOUT PROJECTS**
 - **Kayla Poynts** – Letter Box at Asa Bales Park



EVENTS

MOVIES IN THE PARK // Our movies in the park series was another big hit this summer! One movie was cancelled due to weather but we had great attendance at our other 4 movies. Stay tuned for the announcement of the 2016 Movies in the Park lineup!

AMIGOS DE WESTFIELD // This was our first year for this Latino Festival and it surpassed our expectations! We had approximately 700 people attend this event at Asa Bales Park and they enjoyed authentic Latino food, games, and activities. We can't wait to see this event grow in the future.



VOICES FROM THE PAST // Attendees enjoyed learning about Westfield's rich heritage through tour guides and actors at this year's Voices. We hosted approximately 400 people including second graders from Monon Trail Elementary and Washington Woods Elementary.



FIRESIDE TALES // We hosted approximately 150 people for our first Fireside Tales of the season. The weather was perfect for an evening of s'mores and stories!

GRAND JUNCTION DERBY // While the weather was less than ideal, we were still able to pull off the 7th annual Grand Junction Derby on October 3rd!

BINGO BRUNCH // Bingo Brunch continues to be a huge hit for our senior community. This event will be moving to the Library to provide more space for increased demand.

SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE // Enrollment numbers continue to rise for this series event in which participants gain useful knowledge to implement into their home gardens.

STAFF UPDATES

Beginning November 1st, the Parks Department will be restructured in order to shift our main focus to special events. The following changes will be made:

Emily Clark and **Kelley Wells** will be Community Event Managers responsible for the research, planning, supervision and execution of all events. Emily will be responsible for Melt the Trail, Amigos de Westfield and Grand Junction Derby. Kelley will be responsible for Follow the Drinkin' Gourd, Voices from the Past, and Westfield in Lights. Both Emily and Kelley have degrees in Event Management and are excited to work together to make these community events successful.

Brittany Goger will be the Community Outreach Manager responsible for sponsorship & volunteer coordination, series events (Bingo Brunch, Seeds of Knowledge Workshop, Movies in the Park, Fireside Tales), park rentals, and general departmental duties.