

# WESTFIELD PARKS & RECREATION

## QUARTER 2 REVIEW FOR 2016



### EVENTS

**ARBOR DAY** // On Saturday, April 23rd the Parks Department celebrated Arbor Day by handing out 500 tree seedlings to the community to encourage plantings. The seedlings ran out within 2 hours!



**FOLLOW THE DRINKIN' GOURD** // "Follow the Drinkin' Gourd", June 17-19, was a huge success! This was our first time doing a musical in the park. Over the weekend, 500 people attended the production. 36 volunteers/actors assisted backstage. The musical was held at Asa Bales Park to celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial.



**MOVIES IN THE PARK** // Movies in the Park kicked off with Minions at the end of June. Through our partnership with CitySpring Church, we are able to offer free movies to our community. At the first movie we had 500 people in attendance! This year, we added food vendors to enhance the experience.

**FLORAL DISPLAY COMPETITION** // On Saturday, June 25th judging took place for the annual Floral Display Competition where businesses, organizations, neighborhoods and residents compete in various categories. The competition colors were blue and yellow to recognize Indiana's Bicentennial. This year we had 7 winners!

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

1. On Saturday, April 23rd, Westfield's Simon Moon Park was a part of the Tree of Hope Ceremony led by Eagle Scout Nick Svendsen. Nick wanted to plant Tulip Poplar trees around Hamilton County to recognize Indiana's Bicentennial by planting a tree that should live 200 years.



2. In May, Brightview installed a rain garden at the south end of Asa Bales Park next to the parking lot. This Rain Garden will help alleviate erosion and flooding. The garden will also help clean and filter water before it penetrates into the ground!



3. On Saturday, May 14th, we held Community Plant Day at Quaker Park where volunteers came to plant flowers donated by Heartland Growers. All of the hanging baskets downtown are also donated by Heartland Growers.



4. Rachael Lisle completed her Girl Scout Cadet project in June with the Westfield Rotary Club. Through this they were able to install a Sensory Garden flower bed at Freedom Trail Park.



### STAFF UPDATES



Meet our Summer Event Intern, Ashley Williams! Ashley is a student at Indiana University Bloomington and is studying Tourism and Event Management. She joined our team in the middle of May and will be finishing up after the first week of August. Her support has been greatly needed during this busy time as she has assisted with volunteers, running events, doing research, helping with marketing and so much more!

