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Council Report

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The Riverside Skating Center will open for its 13th season on Friday, November 28 at 1 pm, weather permitting. Public skating session will run throughout the week. Reservations for private parties may be made through Morton Center. Punch cards, providing convenience and value for public skating may be purchased at the rink. Debit and credit cards are now being accepted. The rink schedule is available on the Parks & Recreation web site. www.westlafayette.in.gov

"Spinning Forward" was completed on Saturday, October 18. Morton hosted volunteers that converged on the Salisbury chain link fence on Morton's east side. The volunteers attached over 300 pinwheels in a tribal rain cloud and sun burst pattern to span 270 feet of fencing! Volunteers ranged in age from 4th grade through adults. They were comprised of various groups from the surrounding community, including: Battle Ground Webelos Pack 3311, Morton's Youth Art Classes under the direction of Jeanette Rehmel, Morton's dancers with the Mor' Danc'n program and Boiler Out from Purdue. The installation will be up for one year or until Mother Nature intervenes. Special thanks to the Tippecanoe Art Federation for helping to fund the project. This was a collaboration with the WL Public Art Team.

Morton partnered with the WL Public Library on Sunday, October 26, for Family Fun Day. There were info tables, a children's art project and clay table and mini demos and classes in guitar, yoga, Tai Chi and dance. The event brought around 175 visitors to Morton.

Phi Delta Gamma, also known as the Fiji's, spent time volunteering at Morton on Sunday, October 26. They brought about 40 members and helped with set up for the Family Fun Day. Then they wiped down walls in the classrooms, hallways and restrooms. They also cleaned as many windows as they could reach.

Registration is under way for Second and Third Grade Basketball which start on November 17. The program teaches the fundamentals of basketball while having fun. All children practice and have games together; they are divided into teams on each game day. Practice is held on Monday evenings at

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Cumberland School with games being played on Saturdays starting in January. The program runs until February 14th. The concrete work has been completed at the Northwestern Heights Garden Street Right-of-Way. Plans are to add split-rail fence and other types of fence along with some landscaping.

The last Sagamore West Farmers Market was October 29th. Simon Construction is in the process of installing support post for the new shade structure. Thanks to the market workers and vendors for their hard work to make the tenth year of the market such a success. The annual pre-Thanksgiving market will be November 26, from 3-5 pm.

A Founder's Day tree planting ceremony, in memory of the Tree Fund founding member Helen Lillich, was held on Tuesday, October 28. Three trees were planted at the WL Police Department. The trees were provided by the Neighborwoods program.

The next Park Board meeting will be November 17 at 4:45 pm at the Park and Recreation Office.