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Council Report

January 2, 2015

PROJECTS:

- ✓ Simon Construction is installing the wood bridge on the Salisbury Ravine Trail (phase 2) and should be done in the next two or three weeks, pending weather.
- ✓ Work has begun on making the shelter grills in Happy Hollow Park accessible.
- ✓ The Garden Street project is being held up until one of the neighbor's completes their paperwork. The shrubbery and fencing is on hold until the weather improves.
- ✓ Park Staff have received further training on the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program.

PROGRAM:

- ✓ 2nd & 3rd grade basketball began in December. 79 students are participating.
- ✓ The Riverside Skating Rink hosted their annual event, Skate with Santa on December 13th. 51 paid participants had the opportunity to Skate with Santa that day.
- ✓ The Winter/Spring class schedule guide was published and mailed on December 17th.

MORTON CENTER:

- ✓ The Parks Board approved an increase in Morton Center room rental rates at its December meeting. The new fee structure no longer requires the renter to declare whether they are charging an admission fee for their activity. These fee increases are the first in 10 years.
- ✓ Morton Center begins taking shelter reservations on Friday, January 2nd, and program registrations for the winter/spring session on Tuesday, January 6th.

NATURE CENTER:

- ✓ Plans are being completed for the next quarter's Wednesday's in the Wild education program. This publication will be out early in 2015.
- ✓ The West Lafayette Tree Friends have received some notoriety in the paper and television for their placement of scarves on young trees near the campus.

IN GENERAL:

- ✓ The West Lafayette Park Foundation met in early December. The local Kiwanis Club plans to mark their 100th anniversary by constructing a playground at Cumberland Park, and the Parks Foundation would like to help them.
- ✓ The next West Lafayette Park and Recreation Board meeting will be Monday, January 26th at 4:45 pm at the Main Office location.