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Council Report
January 4, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAM DATES:

- ✓ 12/24-1/3: Morton Center Closed for Holiday
- ✓ 1/1: City Offices Closed for Holiday
- ✓ 1 /4: First Day to rent shelter for 2016
- ✓ 1/11: Winter classes @ Morton Center begin
- ✓ 1/18: City Offices Closed for MLK Holiday
- ✓ 1/25: Parks Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- ✓ 2/5: Dare to Bear Polar Bear Skate, 7-8:30 p.m., Riverside Skating Center

PROJECTS:

- ✓ Lafayette Kiwanis Club is raising funds for a new playground at Cumberland Park. Those interested in donating can go to: http://www.gofundme.com/kiwanis
- ✓ Working with Purdue International Programs & International Center for GlobalFest 2016
- ✓ Janet Fawley & Dan Dunten continue to meet w/ Purdue Extension Staff and new consultant regarding the Master Plan. Public input questionnaire to be available soon.

PROGRAM:

- ✓ Basketball for grades 2 & 3 continues at Cumberland School
- ✓ Learn to Skate lessons on Saturdays in January.

MORTON CENTER:

- ✓ Morton has received 2 grants to be used in 2016:
  - The Community Foundation has granted $1585 to be used in the Pottery studio for a new slab roller and table.
  - The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) provided funds for "Arts in the Parks", Morton will partner with Prophetstown State Park to present a program called "A Day in the Park with Morton". During 1 Saturday in September, Morton instructors will teach several mini workshops that celebrate art and take inspiration from the prairie landscape.

CELERY BOG NATURE AREA/LILLY NATURE CENTER:

- ✓ Shipment of audio boxes received; boxes to be installed along trails & the Celery Bog. Boxes to provide nature interpretation for casual visitor.
- ✓ Tree City USA Report submitted for 25th consecutive year:
  - * 416 new trees have been planted
  - * 118 trees have had to be removed
  - * 1104 trees have been pruned
  - * 25 volunteers contributed 1,036 hours, valued at over $23,000