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As we draw closer to the end of 2014, we look back on another successful year. It has been a great year working with many Cities, Architects and Engineers to create unique and fun Splashpad and Aquatic designs. Some highlights include an alien themed Splashpad for the City of Edmond, OK, a forest themed Splashpad for the City of Moore, OK, an expansion and new Elevations multilevel play structure for the City of Seminole, OK and helping the small Towns such as Mannford, OK and Ames, OK add Splashpads to their list of recreation amenities. The Town of Ames (pop. 246) became the smallest town in Oklahoma to have a Vortex Splashpad (Read more about this on page 2). In 2015, we look forward to continued success with our current customers as well as meeting new professionals to provide exciting family fun and peace of mind for everyone!









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Upcoming Events

Look for us at:

The Kansas Park & Recreation Association (KRPA) Trade Show 01/28/2015 Topeka, KS

The Missouri Park & Recreation Association (MRPA) Trade Show 02/25/2015 Springfield, MO

Alien Themed Splashpad Makes Stellar Splash!

The City of Edmond, OK held the grand opening for the Barnett Park Splashpad on September 26, 2014. The grand opening and ribbon cutting was attended by City officials and more than 100 residents who were excited for the City's first Splashpad. Power Play, the local representative for Vortex Aquatic Structures, worked together with LandPlan Consultants, Tulsa, OK, (www.lpci.com) to develop the Alien themed Splashpad concept. The Splashpad includes polished stainless steel features from the Vortex Aqualiens line and inspires creative and imaginative play for children. Features include four (4) different Aqualiens with colorful green Seeflow, a Bamboo No4 with a red Seeflow dumping flower, three (3) Bamboo Cannons, Orbit, Aqua Dome No1, rooster tail, water tunnel, ground geysers and custom flying saucers. Three concrete spheres finished with colorful artificial turf complement the unique design.

"We were looking for an alternative to our current aquatic facilities and a Splashpad was the way to go. It has been a desire of the community for several years and we couldn't be happier with the outcome. Power Play and Vortex did a great job on the equipment, colors and overall appeal. It has definitely been the talk of the town!"

> Craig Dishman **Director of Parks & Recreation** City of Edmond, Oklahoma



Small Town Makes Big Splash!

The Town of Ames, Oklahoma held an official grand opening for their new Vortex Splashpad on August 16, 2014 during their annual Ames Day celebration. The Town of Ames, with less than 250 residents, is now the smallest town in Oklahoma to install a Vortex Splashpad. This was a really impressive accomplishment for such a small town and proved that with a lot of hard work and passion it is possible to make this kind of park improvement.

In the summer of 2012, the idea of a Splashpad was proposed to the Town government. A Splashpad Committee, led by Lee Ann and Gene Turner and Bryan Laramore, was formed to begin researching Splashpads and identifying ways to raise money. They reached out to Power Play, the local Vortex Aquatic Structures representative, and together they established a concept and budget for their Splashpad. The Splashpad cost \$85,000, of which \$52,000 was raised through business and private donations and fundraising. The Committee sold inscriptions on a granite wall and paver stones, held several fundraising dinners and an auction, and published and sold a cookbook called "Makin' A Splash". The Town of Ames paid for the balance of the project.

The flow-though Splashpad is 3,000 Sq. Ft. and includes features such as a Bucket Trio, Sunspray, Aqua Dome, Rooster Tails, Ground Geysers, Directional Jets, and three (3) Safeswap Ground Sprays which will allow them to add three (3) above ground pole features as additional funds are raised. The Committee and Town worked extremely hard over the past two years to make their Splashpad a reality.

"It took a lot of hard work, but when we turned on the water and saw how happy the kids were running and playing in the Splashpad, it made it all worth it. We are so grateful to everyone who loves this Town and donated money for this special project!"

> Lee Ann Turner **Splashpad Committee** Town of Ames, Oklahoma











Splash play areas were ranked the #1 new planned feature for Parks & Recreation facilities in 2014

Source: Recreation Management, April 2014

Beat the Heat at the Clarksville Aquatic Center



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After years of planning, Johnson County residents are beating the heat at the brand new Clarksville Aquatic Center. It's more than just a pool - the aquatic center features two water slides, a lazy river, a climbing wall, water basketball and a play area for the little ones complete with Rubber Duckies floating around.

The aquatic center also features a Vortex Elevations[™] multi-level aquatic play structure with numerous interactive play components, overhead play features and water slides. Vortex Elevations[™] showcase modern architectural design and provide. versatile configurations allowing architects and designers maximum flexibility when incorporating multi-level play structures into aquatic centers, water parks, activity pools and hotels. Elevations™ are made of high-quality materials for lasting appeal and structural integrity.

Contact Power Play (918-728-9978 or info@power-play.net) to learn more about Vortex Elevations[™] as well as converting a wading pool in to a Vortex Splashpad.

Vortex Aquatic Structures is a Manufacturer and World Leader in Aquatic Play & Urban Landscape Solutions with more than 5,000 installations worldwide. Power Play is the Vortex representative in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri.



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Some of our other 2014 Openings...

City of Cushing Splashpad, Cushing, OK • Sunrise Park Splashpad, City of Yukon, OK City of Hominy Splashpad, Hominy, OK • City of Sulphur Splashpad, Sulphur, OK Dan Moran Park Splashpad, City of Ponca City, OK Douglass Park Splashpad, City of Duncan, OK



Top Reasons Why A Splashpad Should Be Part of Your Park Planning for 2015

Splashpads enhance quality of life

Bring families and communities together and back to your neighborhood parks. A happy community is a safe community and by providing a secure and open central gathering point, we build bonds that forge a safer and stronger community.

Splashpads help develop active bodies & minds

As community leaders, we can make a difference for present and future generations. A Splashpad provides your community with the opportunity to build a healthier future and it encourages necessary free play. A Splashpad promotes both physical and cognitive development.

Splashpads build a better world through social experience

Splashpads are inherently accessible to people of all ages and abilities (ADA compliant), providing inclusive and fun play for all. They also promote cross-generational play creating quality family interactions and bridging the age gap.

Splashpads attract home buyers

New home buyers are looking for a community as well as a home. Common facilities like Splashpads provide a central area were people can meet, socialize and get involved. Splashpads are one of the most commonly planned additions to parks and over 25% of park and recreation respondents have Splashpads in their facilities. Source: Recreation Management Magazine

Splashpads will make your community the talk of other towns

Beyond providing a service to your residents, a Splashpad brings high visibility to your city, and will attract visitors from surrounding municipalities.





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