

The **Splash**  
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As we draw closer to the end of 2016, 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 this natural nature themed Splashpad (shown above), a new Splashpad for the City of Springdale, AR, and a Vortex Elevations™ play structure and Cascade water feature for the new leisure pool at the Bentonville Community Center. We are looking forward to 2017!

### Cave City Replaces old Kiddie Pool with Splashpad!



The City of Cave City, AR received a matching grant which allowed them to replace their outdated kiddie pool with a new Splashpad. The Splashpad is separated from the pool by a fence and provides a much needed amenity for the younger ones. Since there is no standing water at the Splashpad, a lifeguard is not required for this area. Features include three refreshing spray loops, a bucket trio and multiple ground sprays including the cylinder spray with 12 water jets.

**FEATURED PRODUCTS**  
Snail No4 & Fish No1



### Considering a Theme? Splashpad Highlights Town History, Native American Heritage and Early Railroad History



Kids love the Snail No4 and Fish No1. These toddler height features are interactive and perfect for the little ones!



## Springdale Opens New Park with Splashpad Addition!



Southeast Park in Springdale, AR, which opened in the Summer of 2016, offers the community a multi-purpose area which includes a dog park, walking trail, soccer and baseball fields, tennis courts, playground, and a beautiful Splashpad. The 2,290 ft<sup>2</sup> Splashpad includes colorful and interactive water features for all ages and abilities. Refreshing spray loops, raining ombrellos, dumping buckets, a rotating sunspray, toddler height waterbug, aqua dome and multiple ground sprays provide fun and keep kids active. The park also includes kite shades, picnic tables and benches for parents to relax while watching their little ones. The Southeast Park Splashpad is wonderful for hosting parties or providing family fun on a hot day!



## Bentonville Community Center Opens Indoor Family Leisure Pool for All!



The Bentonville Community Center opened their new family leisure pool this past year. The 80,000 ft<sup>2</sup> pool includes swimming lanes, a lazy river and a Vortex Elevations™ play structure. The custom multi-deck structure has two slides and multiple Seeflow domes and flowers providing different and fun water effects. A Super Splash dumping bucket creates anticipation to all those who wait for the giant splash. The pool also includes small bubblers and an interactive Vortex Cascade with colorful dumping bowls. Families love this new leisure pool and all it offers!



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## Water: Discovering the Extra Dimension of Play

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Think back to your childhood. Did you play around fire hydrants, hose pipes, swimming pools? People, especially kids, love to play with water. It's fascinating.

Water is timeless; it has universal appeal. Water draws people in and brings people together. It unites people in a shared sensorial experience that is, at once, refreshing, relaxing, thrilling and exciting.

Yet, when we think of the word 'play', we're more likely to think of sports, dry playgrounds or games we play at home or in schools. We tend to underestimate the fun and benefits of water play.

Given that water is the perfect vehicle for play, it isn't surprising that attractions devoted to water play have seen a steep increase in popularity over recent years. Designers of today's most successful water playscapes increasingly take into account the physical, cognitive and social development of their users. The challenge is now giving our children the same fun experiences we had with our garden sprinklers.

At Vortex, we're taking all of this very seriously when designing products and playscapes that utilize the magic of water. We've been working closely with experts at McGill University in Montreal to make sure we're designing products with maximum opportunity for learning. Over 20 years, we've found that if we make water playscapes interesting for children, the adults follow. The water play area becomes the focal point for the community.

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