

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 two Splashpads for the City of Sand Springs including River City (shown above), a giant horse in Oologah's town history theme, a 5,000 ft<sup>2</sup> Splashpad for the small Town of Hulbert with only 550 people and another Dream Design Award. We are looking forward to 2017!

### Shawnee Splash Water Park Wins a 2016 Dream Design Award!



The Shawnee Splash Water Park was recognized as a 2016 Dream Design Award Winner by *Aquatics International*. The pool first opened in the 1930's and was in need of some modern updates to bring kids and families back to the pool. One of the features added was a Vortex Elevation in a new zero depth leisure pool area. The Elevation includes multiple water effects on and around the structure, a small water slide and a big super splash dumping bucket. The Elevation play structure is perfect for the little ones to enjoy while parents enjoy the nearby shade. This updated water park is definitely the talk of the town and a great place to spend the hot summer days!

FEATURED  
PRODUCTS  
Snail No4 &  
Fish No1



### Town of Oologah 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!



## A Special Splashpad for the City of Wewoka



The City of Wewoka was proud to introduce Lane's World Splashpad in the summer of 2016. The small town community came together to create a Splashpad and park dedicated to the memory of Lane Azlin, a young boy who was taken far too early but left behind a memory of joy and happiness. Since he loved the water so much, the Citizens Improvement League of Wewoka, the City of Wewoka and the family of Lane decided to build a Splashpad in remembrance. The Splashpad consists of numerous things Lane enjoyed such as turtles, fish, a bullfrog, flowers and a number of animal themed water cannons and a cool motorcycle feature. This Splashpad brings the community together with a perfect spot to cool down in the hot summer and to honor a young boy who will never be forgotten.

## Coming Soon: The Largest Splashpad in Oklahoma!



The City of Moore will be opening their third Splashpad at Little River Park in the summer of 2017. Their second Splashpad, Parmele Park, with its forest theme, has been a huge success and won a Dream Design Award from *Aquatics International* in 2015. The Little River Park Splashpad will be the largest Splashpad in Oklahoma and includes a unique pirate theme. The focal point is a large Vortex Elevation Pirate Ship with multiple decks and includes various water effects on and around the structure ensuring a full water soaking. This Pirate Ship includes two water slides and has numerous water cannons, a super splash dumping bucket and a rising flag both with skull and bones emphasizing the ultimate pirate experience. The Pirate Ship Elevation will be surrounded by numerous sea animals and plant life including an Octopus, Fish, Shark, Crab, Turtle, Sea Pelican, Palm Trees, Leaves and Seaweed. Pirate Cannons, a seat wall, benches, shades and tables add to the unique design. We are excited to see the finished project in the summer of 2017 and hear the little pirates splashing around and zooming down the water slides.

## Town of Hulbert (Pop. 590) Opened 5,000 Ft<sup>2</sup> Splashpad This Past Summer!



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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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