

The Splash



2015 is off to a busy start. We have many new projects under way and we are looking forward to their grand openings this summer. The City of Lee's Summit, MO will be opening their first Splashpad with a huge Super Splash as their central feature (Read more about this on page 2). The City of The Village, OK is also currently building their first Splashpad in the shape of a heart thanks to a generous donation from Love's Travel Stops (More on page 2). Vortex Aquatic Structures held their Global Sales Meeting in February and continues to be the leader in the Aquatics play industry. They introduced several new innovative and exciting products. We are excited to share that Vortex recently established a partnership with National Purchasing Partners. This cost savings program will allow our customers to save time and money during the purchasing process.

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What's New

Cooperative purchasing organization, National Purchasing Partners (NPP), recently expanded its services to include aquatic play products and Splashpads® from Vortex Aquatic Structures Intl. NPP Government members can now receive Vortex products at discounted rates.

Coming Soon...Miller J Fields Splashpad City of Lee's Summit, MO



The City of Lee's Summit, MO recently awarded their new Splashpad project to RJR Enterprises and Power Play. Construction has begun on the nearly 5,000 sq. ft. Splashpad with 28 ground sprays and 14 above ground features. The central spray feature of the Splashpad is the Super Splash. The Super Splash has a huge bucket that fills to the tipping point and then dumps water onto a rooftop, soaking everyone underneath. Other features include a misting Rainbow, two (2) raining Ombrellos, interactive Sunspray, dumping Flower, Bucket Trio, three (3) Water Cannons, 28 ground sprays, a Waterbug for the little ones and the always popular Aqua Dome. The City is planning for a grand opening around the beginning of July.

"Our community of Lee's Summit, MO (pop. 92,000) is very enthusiastic about our first Splashpad that will be installed in Miller J Fields Park this summer as part of a \$850,000 park renovation. Vortex and Power Play have been very helpful and responsive through the entire process including helping my planning and design staff better understand how Splashpad systems work, understanding the types of operating systems, and selecting equipment that meets our site conditions, specifications, and budget parameters. I believe our park patrons will be very pleased with the final product after it is installed this summer and we hope to be doing other Splashpads in the near future to complement our park system."

Steve Casey
Superintendent of Park Planning & Construction
City of Lee's Summit, Missouri

In North America, Splashpads are one of the most sought after amenities in municipal parks.

Source: Recreation Management, March 2012

Bentonville Community Center Set To Open in June!

A custom Vortex Elevations multi-level play structure and Cascades water feature were recently installed at the Bentonville Arkansas Community Center. The 80,000 sq. ft. facility is scheduled to open June 6.



City of Duncan, OK To Open 2nd Splashpad This Summer

Construction of the Douglass Park Splashpad in Duncan, OK was completed last October and the City is looking forward to opening the new Splashpad. The Splashpad has taken the place of the Douglass Park Pool which had not been opened for the past 3 years due to the high cost



of maintaining and repairing the outdated pool. The 3,000 sq. ft. Splashpad has 16 ground sprays and 9 above ground features including a Sunspray, Bucket Trio, Aqua Dome, two (2) Water Cannons, and three (3) curved Silhouettes.

Coming Soon...Feel The Love at Duffner Park City of The Village, OK



The City of The Village, OK is set to open it's unique heart shaped Splashpad this summer. The Splashpad features the Super Splash as it's central feature and includes a custom bucket with the Love's logo. Other features include a Bucket Trio, three (3) Spray Loops, Water Tunnel, Sunspray, three (3) Water Cannons, Aqua Dome and numerous other ground sprays.



"The Village started fundraising for the Splashpad about 9 years ago by putting on a Fall Festival for children in our area. Over the last 9 years, the City managed to raise \$45,000 from festival proceeds and from miscellaneous donations. However, we were a long way off until Love's Travels Stops helped us to make this become a reality with an \$80,000 donation. We can't thank Love's enough for the help in making this exciting project happen. The children will be beneficiaries of this new park and will finally be able to enjoy it starting this summer."

Bruce Stone
City Manager
City of The Village, Oklahoma

New Products



Introducing: Water Journeys

An innovation in aquatic play for public and commercial spaces



Inspired by nature's flowing streams, Water Journey™ is a collection of 4 events providing different play experiences. Whether it is a single event or multiple connected together, Water Journey™ creates vibrant spaces inviting everyone to play, socialize or just contemplate.

DANCE WITH WATER with JET DANCE

- Choose and direct water flow
- Activate water sequences
- Play with dynamic jets

LEARN CAUSE & EFFECT with LABYRINTH

- Engage with life-like stream
- Manipulate and coordinate game features
- Encourage imaginative play

CHALLENGE & COMPETE with THE RACE

- Race and compete on two channel tracks
- Create an engaging and immersive experience
- Stimulate imagination and interactive social skills

CONTEMPLATE & RELAX with TIDE POOL

- Step or sit on the rocks of various sizes and shapes
- Unwind and reflect



The Water Journey™ is very popular with boys age six to eight – something we didn't expect. They like the science of it, and to see the impact on the water. Guests are bringing their own rubber duckies and boats to place in the water and watch the water flows.

BARBARA-LEA GRANTER

GENERAL MANAGER | GILROY GARDENS, GILROY, CALIFORNIA

So You Wanna Build A Splashpad?

And why not? It's a new year and the hot summer is quickly approaching... It's the perfect time to plan your Splashpad!

For the past several years, Splashpads have topped the request list of recreation amenities most desired by municipalities and their citizens. These zero-depth aquatics facilities are a cost-effective method for municipal clients small and large, to offer summer time fun in the face of ever-shrinking budgets. Although Splashpads have been around since the mid-1980's (and even before in various incarnations), there are a great many questions that clients have as to how to successfully execute a Splashpad project. So what is a municipal official to do?

The answer is simple. Arm yourself with information. Contact us today to learn more about our aquatic playground solutions.

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City of Moore, OK Splashpad

In May 2014, just one year after another devastating tornado hit the City of Moore, the Parks and Recreation department held the grand opening for the Parmele Park Splashpad. The City was rebuilding and this Splashpad project was an exciting new addition for the community. The forest and nature themed Splashpad includes giant water leaves and trees, colorful cattails, interactive wolf, mountain lion and bear cannons, dumping flowers, bullfrog, spider spray and a custom rattlesnake and mushrooms for the toddlers.

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