



# GREEN TEAM HIGHLIGHTS 2017



**108 TONS**

of materials prevented from going into landfills last year



**1,765 TREES**

saved last year



**726 GALLONS**

of water preserved



Our mission is to establish and maintain sound environmental policies, practices, and educational opportunities for the employees and patrons of the Wheaton Park District.

## Greening Your Charter Members

Terra Johnson & Angie Dosch (Co-Chairs); Ed Berndt, Mary Beth Cleary, Toni Giovenco, Darrell Houston, Justin Kirtland, Valerie Lorimer, Jamie Martinson, Sally Oppenheim, Erin Rominski, Paul Stanczyk, Cathy Stablein, Joe Themel and Rita Trainor.

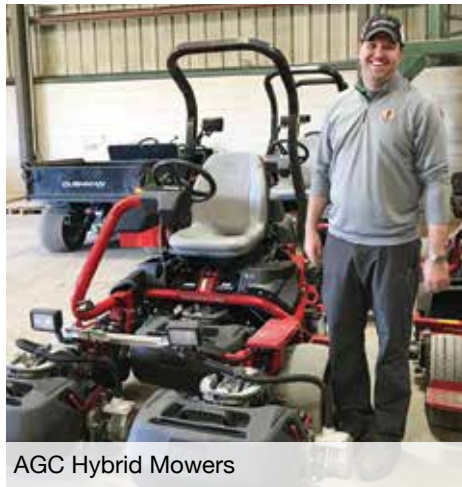


## 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Parks Plus Fitness Center began using new liquid concentrate with precise consumer-safe solution to fill cleaning spray bottles.
- Parks Plus Fitness Center eliminated its sanitary wipes to save on chemicals, trees, and dollars.
- Community Center Recycling Center updated to include key and toner drop boxes.
- Cosley Zoo has recycled beaded animals for sale in their gift shop.
- Terra Johnson, Greening Your Park District Charter, presented a water conservation program for park district staff in partnership with the Health and Wellness Committee.
- Parks Service Center purchased a crusher for oil filters which helps collect more oil from the filters. As of October, 42 oil filters were crushed and three gallons of oil collected.
- The Community Center is now purchasing recycled paper towels for patron and staff use.
- Waste free lunch education included in all summer camp parent manuals to encourage less waste.
- Preschool program cleaned out supply closets and donated items to SCARCE to benefit other schools and to eliminate waste going to landfills.
- Kay McKeen presented a Lunch and Learn on behalf of the Health and Wellness Committee and the Greening Your Park District Charter, on "Beyond Bleach and Ammonia".
- Staff continues to represent the Greening Your Park District Charter at Party for the Planet and the SCARCE Green Fair.
- Established five locations within the park district to be certified as Monarch Way Stations, applied and received certification for said sites.
- Wheaton Wings players donated 193 total items (used soccer cleats, balls and goalie shirts) to be taken to Guatemala by local church missionaries.
- Approximately 450 pounds of batteries were recycled through our recycling center at the Community Center.
- Approximately 200 pounds of shoes were sent to Community Recycling to be given to those in need at home and abroad.
- We collected 3,120 pounds of recycled textiles in 2017.



Battery Recycling



AGC Hybrid Mowers



SCARCE Fair 2017



Wheaton Wings



Rathje Pond



Sensory Garden Playground Entrance Arch



## EARTH FLAG

The earned Earth Flag is continuing to be displayed at select park district sites on designated national awareness days.



## 2018 GOALS

- Continue to create educational outreach components for staff and patrons to encourage greener living practices at home and work.
- Further evaluate opportunities and green initiatives to explore that advance the district and community wide green initiatives.
- Continue to seek and apply for appropriate local and national certifications that further advance greening the park district.