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SPECIAL INSERT

BI-BILE CHALLENGE!



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COMMITMENT

Commitment: "the state of quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc."

The year 2012 has been fun and exciting to our volunteers for a long time. As you see this District issue 70, it's hard to believe it is already here. I will never understand or feel the people that have brought the Park District where it is today and the work that stands before us. Commitment has been a central part of this experience since June of 2012, when Tom Feltus, Judge, David S. Swales, signed the creation documents of the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District. When those documents were signed there were less than 200 acres of green space that by various organizations, not including the park district, in the county for citizens to utilize. Today, the Park District alone manages 1,200 acres of green space within Allen County. These acres are used to enrich life, to keep those in our community healthy, happy, and full of hope. We are committed to continuing that experience.

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Allen County by providing superior outdoor recreational and educational opportunities while conserving and protecting the natural resources of the area for future generations.

When I reflect on our mission I reflect on your park commissioners, directors, staff, and volunteers. This level of work and dedication have brought us to this point we will see committed to today. Gladly growth from the summer of 2012 through the beginning of 2013 has been almost to the support from the community that has shaped our success

and continued existence. We are committed to continuing that excellence moving forward.

When reflecting on commitment, I can help but think of our logo for our 50th Anniversary. **Commitment, Endless Inspiration.** It is critical to our continued success that our volunteers are leaders of commitment skills and bringing commitment to innovation. In the coming years, the sector will look for new and unique programs, continued updates to existing facilities, pavilions, shelter houses, etc., and many other systems and services that will enhance the user experience for you in your parks.

We are committed to you, so keep your eye out this year for programs, events, and many other happenings around the Park District that will show our commitment. You see that many of these announcements on our website and Facebook page. Be sure that you see 50th parties, Spring is a great time to get out and see all that is coming to life. We thank you for your continued support and in closing, your feedback is welcomed.

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Director