



February 26, 2019

## MEMORANDUM

To: Council Planning/Parks Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Parks and Recreation - Action Plan Update for Mid-January, 2019 to Mid-February, 2019**

cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor  
Administration/Public Works Committee Members  
Economic Development Committee Members  
John A. Young, City Attorney

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Listed below is a summary of the programs and activities the City has completed/underway relative to implementing the goals and recommendations for parks and recreation that were set forth in the Citizens Committee for Park Progress' [Action Plan 2007](#). This summary reflects major items that have been the focus of the City, since the Committee's January 2019 meeting:

### **Wildwood Frozen Feet Half Marathon:**

- The ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Annual Wildwood Frozen Feet Half Marathon was scheduled for January 19, 2019.
- Due to a major snowfall, prior to January 19, 2019, and a serious storm warning for the weekend of January 19, 2019, the event was postponed to February 9, 2019.
- Due to the postponement of the event, numerous refunds were requested by participants and the number of registered participants was significantly reduced.
- After posting Wildwood Frozen Feet on Social Media outlets, final registration on February 9, 2019 was boosted to 223 participants.
- Weather once again influenced the February 9<sup>th</sup> race day with extremely cold temperatures and the Meramec River raising overnight (Friday to Saturday Morning) blocking the race course at the 4.5-mile mark.
- The race course was adjusted five minutes before the start of the race.
- 169 serious runners completed the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Wildwood Half Marathon Race.

### **2019 Wildwood Barbeque Bash:**

- Two (2) meetings have taken place in preparation for the 2019 Wildwood Barbeque Bash.
- The first meeting was held on January 28, 2019 and the second was convened on February 11, 2019.

### **Weekend Scrapbooking Event:**

- A weekend scrapbooking event was held at Wildwood City Hall on February 1 and 2, 2019.
- Forty-Six (46) participants attended the weekend event, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., on Friday, February 1, 2019, and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Saturday, February 2, 2019.
- This popular event filled long before February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Wildwood Family Snow Sports Day:**

- The Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Annual Wildwood Family Snow Sports Day is scheduled for Sunday, February 24, 2019, at the Hidden Valley Ski Resort.
- The passes for the event, held at Hidden Valley Ski Resort, were made available on February 13, 2019, on a first-come, first-serve basis, at Wildwood City Hall.
- The initial allotment of passes (132 in 2019) were distributed from Wildwood City Hall beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- These passes were all distributed by 8:20 a.m.
- Interested residents that responded to City Hall, after the initial allotment of tickets were dispensed (up until 4:00 p.m.), had their names made eligible for a drawing.
- Twelve (12) more family's received Wildwood Family Snow Sports Day passes.
- Forty-Five (45) Wildwood family's received passes to this year's event on February 24, 2019.

### **Early Childhood Recreation Program – Pottery Painting:**

- Four (4) sessions were held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, and Thursday, February 14, 2019. Each day had two (2) sessions.
- Pottery Painting is one (1) of the most popular classes offered by the City to children, ages 2 to 5 years old, and their parents and caregivers. These sessions were no different, with all sessions filled.
- Many of the participants were new this year and represent the aging out of participants, as they cycle through.

### **Next City Events:**

- *The Wildwood Cabin Fever Hike ...* February 23, 2019

If you should have any questions or comments in this regard, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. Thank you for your review of this information and continued support of these and other events and activities of the City.