



## WILDWOOD®

February 26, 2019

The Honorable City Council  
City of Wildwood, Missouri  
16860 Main Street  
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

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

Council Members:

Listed below is a summary of the efforts the City has completed or that are 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 Planning and Parks 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 (300 runners is the maximum accepted).
- Weather once again influenced the February 9<sup>th</sup> race day with extremely cold temperatures and the Meramec River raising overnight (Friday evening 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 the older children 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
**CITY OF WILDWOOD**

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