



April 16, 2019

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

Re: ***Parks and Recreation Update for Mid-March, 2019 to Mid-April, 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 March 2019 meeting:

**April Scrapbooking Session:**

- The April Scrapbooking Session took place on April 9, 2019, at Wildwood City Hall.
- The always popular monthly event had nineteen (19) participants register and attend.
- The event was held between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., in the Community Room.

**Wildwood Celebration Commission Meeting:**

- The Wildwood Celebration Commission met on April 3, 2019, at Wildwood City Hall.
- Early planning continued for both the Celebrate Wildwood Event, scheduled for August 24, 2019, and the Art Festival Event that follows on October 19 and 20, 2019.
- The Commission decided to hold the Celebrate Wildwood Event in front of Wildwood City Hall and the recently acquired property, which is immediately to the west of City Hall.

**CPR/AED Class:**

- A CPR/AED Class was held at Wildwood City Hall on April 3, 2019, in the Community Room.
- Four (4) families registered/participated and received certifications from CPR-N-More.
- The class was held between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

**Baby Sitting 101 Class:**

- Baby Sitting 101 Class was held at Wildwood City Hall, in the Community Room, on March 19, 2019.
- The class was instructed by staff of St. Louis Children's Hospital, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- Fifteen (15) participants attended the class .... a lower number for it which usually is filled to capacity with twenty-five (25) students.

- A large number of out-of-town vacations during this year's spring break are likely to have led to the lower attendance.

### **Early Childhood Recreation Program – Puppet Show:**

- The second Early Childhood Program of the year ... *A Puppet Show* ... was held on March 27 and 28, 2018, at Wildwood City Hall, in the Community Room.
- Four (4) total classes are held over this two day period, at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. each day.
- Each class reached (or almost reached) the maximum capacity of twenty five (25) children.

### **Wildwood Centaur Bicycle Time Trial:**

- The Annual Wildwood Centaur Bicycle Time Trail was held on March 23, 2019, starting/finishing on Centaur Road, near North Eatherton Road.
- This *time trial* event is the *kick-off* event of *The Tour of St. Louis Omnium* .... A two day event with three (3) bicycle races (the Wildwood Centaur Time Trial; Carondelicious Criterium; and the Mike Murray Classic Criterium in Forest Park).
- This years' time trial fielded one hundred seventy six (176) riders which were started one at a time, thirty (30) seconds apart.
- The course takes riders from the start, to Wildhorse Creek Road, Ossenfort Road, turn-around at Hardt Road, and back to Centaur Road (12 miles).
- The event started at 7:00 a.m. and the last rider was put on the course at 10:15 a.m.
- The only road closure required during the time trial was Centaur Road.

### **Wildwood Spring Egg Hunt:**

- The Annual Wildwood Spring Egg Hunt was held on April 13, 2019, at Fairway Elementary School.
- This always popular event continues to be well attended and is considered the fastest two hour event on the City's recreation schedule.
- The event begins with the *egg hunt* at 10:00 a.m. where 14, 000 eggs disappear in less than three (3) minutes.
- When the *egg hunt* is finished, attendees moved on to the bounce houses, face painters, balloon artists, costumed bunny, helmet fittings, bubble bus, music, popcorn, and hot dogs!!
- The event ended at 12:00 (noon) p.m.

### **Next City Events:**

- Arbor Day/Be Brave 5K ..... April 26, 2019 (Friday evening)
- Plein Air Art Event ..... May 4, 2019
- Music on Main Concert ..... Dirty Muggs ..... May 17, 2019
- Electronic Recycling Event ..... May 18, 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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