



May 21, 2019

## MEMORANDUM

To: Council Planning/Parks Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Parks and Recreation - Action Plan Update for Mid-April, 2019 to Mid-May, 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 or are underway at this time relative to implementing the goals and recommendations for parks and recreation that were set forth in the Parks Action Plan Update Committees [Action Plan 2018](#). This summary reflects major items that have been the focus of the City, since the Committee's April 2019 meeting:

### **May Scrapbooking Session:**

- The May Scrapbooking Session took place on May 14, 2019, at Wildwood City Hall.
- The always popular monthly event had sixteen (16) 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 May 1, 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 various aspects for both events continue to be discussed at great length, with the arrangement of the new event site being the main topic of discussion.

### **Early Childhood Recreation Program – Babaloo:**

- The Third Early Childhood Program of the year ... Babaloo ... was held on April 17 and 18, 2019, 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 the maximum capacity of twenty five (25) children and Babaloo did not disappoint those children and parents in attendance.

### **Arbor Day/Be Brave 5K Run/Walk:**

- The Annual Wildwood Arbor Day/Be Brave 5K Run/Walk was held on April 26, 2019.
- The start/finish of this event was at LaSalle Springs Middle School.
- The 5K route is a 3.1 mile out and back course utilizing the Hamilton-Carr Trail and the Al Foster Memorial Trail.
- This evening run/walk had 103 registered participants.
- A large number of families participated, making the evening particularly special.

### **Music On Main Concert Series:**

- The first Music on Main Concert was held on Friday, May 17, 2019.
- *Dirty Muggs* played to a large crowd.
- All the *Music on Main Concert* events will once again be staged at the end of Main Street, in front of Wildwood City Hall.

### **Plein Air Art Event:**

- *The Wildwood Plein Air Art Event took place on May 11, 2019.*
- The event was originally scheduled for May 4, 2019, but was postponed because of weather.
- The May 11, 2019 experienced rain the entire day.
- Thirty-three (33) artists checked in on Saturday morning and twenty-eight (28) ultimately turned in artwork pieces for judging.
- Completed artwork will be on display at Wildwood City Hall beginning in late May and winners will be announced on July 19, 2019 at a reception in their honor.

### **Wildwood Senior Programing:**

- Senior programing is in full swing, with great popularity.
- Swimming classes are held each Tuesday, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Wildwood YMCA.
- General Fitness Classes are held each Wednesday, from 12:50 p.m. to 1:35 p.m., at the Wildwood YMCA.
- Yoga Classes are held each Friday, from 11:00 a.m. top 11:45 a.m., at Wildwood Yoga and Wellness.
- All registration and organizational activities are handled by the City through its Rec Desk software program.
- This program is funded by grants obtained by the City of Wildwood .... *St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant.*

### **Next City Events:**

- Early Childhood Program ..... *Petting Zoo ..... May 22, 2019 (Dog Park)*
- Bicycle Drive ..... May 25, 2019
- Farmers Market opens ..... May 25, 2019
- Green Rock Trail Challenge ..... June 1, 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.