



## WILDWOOD

June 18, 2019

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

Re: ***Parks and Recreation Update for Mid-April, 2019 to Mid-June, 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 are now set forth in the Parks Action Plan Update Committee [Action Plan 2018](#). This summary reflects major items that have been the focus of the City, since the Planning and Parks Committee's April 2019 meeting:

### **May and June Scrapbooking Sessions:**

- The Scrapbooking Sessions for May and June took place on May 14<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>, at Wildwood City Hall.
- The always popular monthly event had sixteen (16) participants register and attend each month.
- The events were 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, and June 5, 2019, at Wildwood City Hall.
- The needed planning continued for both the Celebrate Wildwood Event, scheduled for August 24, 2019, and the Art Festival Event, which 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.
- The June meeting took place, without a quorum being available.

### **April 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.

### **May Early Childhood Recreation Program – Petting Zoo:**

- The Early Childhood Development Program brought a Petting Zoo to the City on May 22, 2019.
- The program was held at the Dog Park, within Wildwood Community Park, providing an entertaining learning experience for children and parents.
- Two (2) classes were held, one at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and each class was filled to capacity.
- This program was the last of the first half of the year and will be on hiatus until September.

### **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 over one hundred (100) 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 very 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 is currently on display at Wildwood City Hall, and winners will be announced on July 19, 2019, at a reception in their honor.

### **Wildwood GreenRock Trail Challenge:**

- The Annual Wildwood GreenRock Trail Challenge was held on Saturday, June 1, 2019.
- This 6.5 mile hiking event is held in conjunction with National Trails Day.
- The hike takes participants from Rockwood Reservation to the Muckerman Shelter in Greensfelder Park.
- This *relatively strenuous* event is one of the most popular on the City's calendar of events, filling to capacity (150 participants) in less than a week.

### **Wildwood Farmers Market:**

- The Wildwood Farmers Market opened for business on May 25, 2019.
- The Market Manager is excited to have a full complement of vendors and some great lunch opportunities for attendees.

### **Pop-Up Event – Family Game Night:**

- A pop-up event ..... *Family Game Night* ..... was held on Friday, June 14, 2019, at Glencoe City Park.
- A variety of family games were offered (giant connect four, ring toss, Yardzee, and Farkle)
- Dinner was offered (Hot Dogs from P.M. BBQ), chips, and cookies, along with refreshments.
- The event was *free of charge* and was held between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- The event had over forty (40) participants.

### **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 Family YMCA.

- General Fitness Classes are held each Wednesday, from 12:50 p.m. to 1:35 p.m., at the Wildwood Family YMCA.
- Yoga Classes are held each Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 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.*

**John L. LeCave Memorial Trailhead Dedication:**

- A *Dedication/Opening Ceremony* for the new John L. LeCave Memorial Trailhead was held on Saturday, June 15, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.
- The new trailhead, addressed as 18465 Centaur Road, is located where the Monarch- Chesterfield Levee intersects Centaur Road.
- The Opening Ceremony ended with a ribbon cutting and refreshments.
- Over eighty (80) RSVP's were received and the same number attended, many of which were family member of Mr. LeCave. It was an emotional morning for many.
- It is anticipated this trailhead will become a very popular destination.

**Next City Events:**

- Music on Main Concert ..... June 21, 2019 ..... *Griffin and the Gargoyles*
- Bicycle Drive ..... June 22, 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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