



October 15, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Planning/Parks Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Parks and Recreation - Action Plan Update for Mid-September, 2019 to Mid-October, 2019**

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

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 that were set forth for parks and recreation in the Parks Action Plan Update Committee's [Action Plan 2018](#). This summary reflects major items that have been the focus of the City, since the Committee's September 2019 meeting:

October Scrapbooking Session:

- The October Scrapbooking Session took place on October 8, 2019, at Wildwood City Hall.
- This event had twenty-five (25) participants register and attend.
- As always, the event is 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 October 2, 2019, at Wildwood City Hall.
- Discussion of the upcoming Wildwood Art Festival Event, on October 19 and 20, 2019, was the main focus.
- Sixty- three (63) artists have confirmed their participation at this year's event.
- Final arrangements are underway.

Wildwood Barbeque Bash:

- The 2019 Wildwood Barbeque Bash was held on September 27, 28, and 29, 2019, at the St. Louis Community College – Wildwood Campus.
- Despite hot and humid weather, the event generated a steady crowd the entire weekend, especially Saturday evening.
- No *out of the ordinary* problems were encountered, and generally, the event is considered to be a big success.

Wildwood Senior Programing:

- Senior programming continues with great popularity.
- The program receives many inquires at Wildwood City Hall and classes are frequently filled.
- One difficulty has been realized with individuals registering, but not showing up for the classes.
- 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. 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 via St. Louis County and its administration of the *Community Development Block Grant Program*.

Early Childhood Program:

- The Early Childhood Program *Meet the Train* was held on September 18, 2019, at the WF&P Miniature Railroad in the Glencoe area of Wildwood.
- This always popular program was filled to capacity at each session (10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.).
- The program fielded over one hundred (100) children, plus parents and grandparents.
- The Early Childhood Program *Pumpkin Decorating* was held on October 9 and 10, 2019, at Zicks Great Outdoors.
- This program too, is extremely popular, and each of the four (4) classes fills to capacity.
- The two (2) day program has two (2) classes each day ... one at 10:00 a.m. and the other at 1:00 p.m.

Lindenwood University Conference Championship Mountain Bike Race:

- Lindenwood University held its conference mountain bike race on the Bluff View Trail System on October 5, 2019.
- This year's event was the second time the university has hosted this conference event in Wildwood and it has proven to be very popular with the college athletes.
- The Bluff View Trail System and the Rock Hollow Trail are closed to public use between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., with plenty of advanced notification and assistance from the police.
- The event incorporates an *open division mountain bike race*, which allows anyone interested (outside the collegiate athletes) to participate and use the trail system without fear of hikers, other bicyclists, and equestrians.

Tour De Wildwood:

- The 12th Annual Tour De Wildwood was held on October 6, 2019.
- Over 300 riders from all over the State (and from other States) participated in this year's event.
- The event offers two (2) routes: a short route of 28 miles and a long route of 50 miles.
- The Tour De Wildwood is held in partnership with the Missouri Biking Federation and serves as its largest fundraiser of the year.

- The event starts/finishes in front of Wildwood City Hall and is followed by lunch provided by PM Barbeque.

Next City Events:

- Wildwood Art Festival October 19 and 20, 2019
- Shivering Shadow 7K Run/Walk October 25, 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.