

July 20, 2021

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

Re: Consideration of Additional Virtual Recreation Programs (Wards - All)

Council Members:

At the July 12, 2021 City Council Meeting, the Planning and Parks Committee advised the members of the Department was going to conclude its virtual recreation programming, given the opening of many venues with the change in health restrictions and requirements relative to the COVID-19. The assumption was that, now with people having almost no restrictions, if fully vaccinated, the need for these types of events would be limited or have less interest. Up to this point, the City has offered almost forty (40) programs over an approximately twelve (12) month period and served thousands of residents and others.

During the recent Coffee with Mayor, one (1) of the participants spoke on the City's virtual programming of recreation events and how much many of his friends and him enjoyed them and if others would be offered. Given this feedback, and the support of the Committee, as voiced at its June 20, 2021 meeting, the Department of Planning and Parks has scheduled an offering of a Virtual Trivia Night again on August 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Below is the advertisement that has been prepared for this event.

08/11/2021 Trivia Night ONLINE

Back by popular demand, gather the gang and join us for ONLINE Community Trivia Night with your Wildwood friends and neighbors!! Join us at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 11, 2021, to compete with your friends and neighbors in Virtual Community Trivia Night! If you have one of the top 3 scores at the end of the night, you'll win a prize!! This event is FREE, but you must register in advance. We will get together via Zoom and everyone will play trivia by visiting a website to see and respond to questions (we will provide a link to that website the day of the event). In the spirit of traditional trivia nights, let's see your creative team names (encouraged, but not required)! Here's some more information: Trivia will be general knowledge, family friendly, but geared towards adults. You can play by yourself, but we encourage you to gather your family to play! We recommend you

have 2 handy devices to play (computer, tablet, or smart phone) 1st device will be used to join us via Zoom 2nd device will be used to wildwoodmo.recdesk.com.

If interest still exists, as shown by attendance at this August 11th event, and with the support and direction of the City Council, the Planning and Parks Committee agreed to allow the Department of Planning and Parks can continue to offer a mix of in-person and virtual programming through the end of the year, which may be appropriate, given the Delta Variant and the impact it is having at this time on parts of the State, as well as the St. Louis Region. Again, the Committee expressed support of the scheduling of the August 11, 2021 Virtual Trivia Night and looks forward to determining if interest still exists in virtual events, based on attendance at it.

If any of the City Council Members have questions or comments regarding this process, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is not planned on this matter at tonight's meeting, but is under 'For Information' and can be discussed, if any City Council Member should request such at the appropriate time. Thank you for your review of this information and any feedback any City Council Member might choose to provide on the same.

Respectfully submitted, CITY OF WILDWOOD

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