



# WILDWOOD

February 23, 2022

## MEMORANDUM

To: Watershed Erosion Task Force Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: 2022 Lawn and Garden Summit – March 19, 2022

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor  
Steve Cross, City Administrator  
John A. Young, City Attorney  
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works  
Dan Rahn, Assistant City Engineer  
Melanie Rippetoe, AICP, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks  
Travis Newberry, Senior Planner

### **Event Information >>>**

Planning for the 2022 Wildwood Lawn and Garden Summit is well underway. This new event has been in some stage of planning the previous two (2) years, but was canceled in both instances due to uncertainties and restrictions relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Wildwood Lawn and Garden Summit is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and will be hosted entirely outdoors in the Wildwood Town Center, around the area of the public plaza. This event is intended to educate Wildwood residents and visitors on key lawn and garden best practices and businesses within this community.

At the event, presentations by experts are planned throughout the day and include:

- *Composting 101 – Missouri Botanical Garden*
- *Deer-Resistant Planting – Zick's Great Outdoors*
- *Introduction to Beekeeping – Allred Bees*
- *Water and Integrated Pest Management for Home Gardeners – Fahr Greenhouse*
- *Tips on Cultivating a Healthy Garden – Wildwood Family YMCA*
- *Invasive Honeysuckle: Removal Strategies and Techniques – Wildwood Tree Service*
- *Planting Natives: Heat, Drought, and Water Tolerant Species – Papillon Perennials*
- *The Language of Landscape: Effectively Communicate Your Goals with your Horticulturist and Preemptive Diagnosis – Passiglia's Nursery and Garden Center*

A list of event partners have been invited to participate in the Lawn and Garden Summit, some of which are Wildwood specific, with others more regional or state-wide in terms of their focus areas. These partners will have tents set up at which attendees can learn about the organizations themselves, as well as informational materials being provided regarding specific lawn and garden related topics. The following organizations will be participating event partners:

2022 Lawn and Garden Summit Event Partners
Friends of Belleview
Great Rivers Missouri Master Naturalist
Goats on the Go
Missouri Botanical Garden
Missouri Department of Conservation
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Missourians for Monarchs Missouri Prairie Foundation
Saint Louis Science Center St. Louis Audubon Society
St. Louis Community College St. Louis Master Gardener
University of Missouri Extension Wild Ones
Three Rivers Beekeeping Club Backyard Beekeeping
Watershed Erosion Task Force (Wildwood)
Wildwood Farms Community Garden
Allred Bees

**Watershed Erosion Task Force Participation >>>**

Participation by the Watershed Erosion Task Force at the Lawn and Garden Summit has been previously identified as a critical opportunity to educate Wildwood residents on the efforts of it and the issues facing the City, specifically regarding stormwater management, watershed awareness and protection, and erosion. One (1), ten (10) foot by ten (10) foot tent, with table(s), will be provided by the City for the task force to utilize to participate in the event. The Department is currently in the process of preparing the materials that will be provided to the attendees at the event, in the form of handouts, as well as a link to an informational web page. These items will be provided to the task force as soon as they are completed. Additionally, another item on tonight’s agenda is regarding the authorization from the task force to prepare a banner for display at the event, as well.

Importantly, volunteers from the task force members are needed to support the informational tent at the Lawn and Garden Summit. Again, the event is scheduled on *Saturday, March 19, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.* In the Department’s past experience, volunteer shifts are typically in the range of a one and a half (1 ½) to two (2) hour commitments. The informational tent would best be supported by two (2) to three (3) volunteers at a time. Therefore, at tonight’s meeting, the Co-Chairs will be seeking six (6) to eight (8) volunteers from the task force, working in three (3) shifts (12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.), which also take into consideration the setup and take down timeframes. Any volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

**Other and Contact Information >>>**

If any of the Task Force Members should have any questions or comments regarding this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is planned on these items at tonight's meeting. Thank you for your review of this information and input on the same.



# Wildwood Lawn & Garden Summit

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022 | 1-5:30 PM

**THIS IS A FREE, OUTDOOR EVENT**

**221 Plaza Drive | Wildwood, Missouri | 63040**

Join the City of Wildwood, supporting partners and vendors for:



## EDUCATION SESSIONS

Learn from the pros! Meet Wildwood lawn and garden business owners and get tips and tricks for maintaining your own home.



## SOIL TESTING

Bring your garden soil and have it nutrient tested by MU Extension for \$25. Visit the event web page for full details on this offering.



## HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

This is a family-friendly event. Come with your kids and explore a variety of interactive garden activities.



## FOOD & DRINKS

Stroll around and enjoy supporting some of your favorite Wildwood Farmer's Market vendors.

## PRESENTERS & TOPICS:

### Composting 101

*Missouri Botanical Gardens*

### Deer-Resistant Planting

*Zick's Great Outdoors*

### Backyard Beekeeping

*Allred Bees*

### Invasive Honeysuckle: Removal Strategies & Techniques

*Wildwood Tree Service*

### The Language of Landscape: Effectively Communicate with Your Local Horticulturalist – Preemptive Diagnosis

*Passiglia's Nursery & Garden Center*

### Planting Natives: Heat, Drought & Water Tolerant Species

*Papillon Perennials*

### Tips on Cultivating a Healthy Garden

*Wildwood Family YMCA*

### Water & Integrated Pest Management for Home Gardeners

*Fahr Greenhouse*

## SUPPORTING PARTNERS:

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St. Louis Audubon Society | St. Louis Community College  
St. Louis Master Gardener | University of Missouri Extension  
Wild Ones | Wildwood Farms Community Garden  
Watershed Erosion Task Force | And More!*

Please Note: Masks and social distancing are encouraged. Presentations will begin every 30 minutes. Limited seating is available. Bring your own lawn chair and dress for the weather!

View the lecture schedule at [www.CityofWildwood.com/Summit](http://www.CityofWildwood.com/Summit)