



WILDWOOD

February 15, 2022

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

Re: Update on In-Person and Virtual Recreation Programs

Council Members:

Listed below is a summary of the programs and activities the City has completed, or have currently underway, 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 January 2022 meeting:

Wildwood Celebration Commission Meeting:

- The Wildwood Celebration Commission met on February 2, 2022, in virtual format.
- The Commission continues preparation/planning for the 2022 Celebrate Wildwood event.
- The 2022 venue area is the main focus of attention at this time (see letter in February 14, 2022 City Council Packet).
- The next meeting of the Wildwood Celebration Commission will be March 2, 2022.

The 2022 Wildwood Frozen Feet Half Marathon

- The 2022 Wildwood Frozen Feet Half Marathon took place on January 29, 2022.
- The 2022 event lived up to its name, as the temperature at the start of the race was ten (10) degrees.
- One hundred forty (140) runners registered for the event and one hundred twenty (120) started the race.
- All 120 runners finished the course.
- The 2022 event had half of the usual registered runners (the race is capped at 300 participants).
- The on-going COVID issues, a new racecourse, and forecasted temperatures, likely influenced participation.
- The 140 registered runners represented thirty-three (33) cities and five (5) states.
- The runners from Missouri came as far away as Lee Summit and Springfield. The states represented were: Missouri, Illinois, Colorado, North Carolina, and Louisiana.

The 2022 Wildwood Cabin Fever Hiking Challenge:

- The City, once again, is hosting the Cabin Fever Hiking Challenge.
- In 2022, two (2) *virtual* hikes have been arranged for enthusiastic hikers to challenge.
- The first hike went active on February 1, 2022, and takes hikers on a three (3) mile journey.
- Participants had until February 23, 2022 to complete the first hike.
- Over three hundred thirty (330) hikers completed the first hike, even with several significant winter weather events that occurred during this timeframe.
- The second hike will go active on March 1, 2022, and will be 7.1 miles in length.
- Participants will have until March 23, 2022 to complete the second hike.
- Each hike has a *selfie location* along the way, where participants must take a photograph and submit to the Department of Planning and Parks proving they completed the course.
- Participants that complete both hikes will receive a *one-of-a-kind* T-Shirt for their participation.

Wildwood Virtual Bingo:

- A Wildwood Virtual Bingo Game was hosted on February 3, 2022.
- Forty (40) people participated in the virtual event.
- At least six (6) of the participants that participated were from other states.

Wildwood Community Garden:

- Registration for the Wildwood Community Garden opened Monday, February 14, 2022, for past garden members.
- Past garden members have two (2) weeks to re-register for their garden plots.
- The vast majority of past garden members have registered, since such opened; however, the Department is also anticipating a number of spots will open up for new members, at the conclusion of registration for past members.
- On February 28, 2022, registration will open for individuals on a waiting list for a garden plot.

Next City Events:

- The second *Cabin Fever Hiking Challenge* March 1, 2022
- The *Wildwood Centaur Time Trial* March 19, 2022
- The *Annual Wildwood Spring Egg Hunt* April 9, 2022

CONTACT INFORMATION >>> If any of the City Council 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. This item has been placed on tonight's Work Session Agenda under 'For Information' and, if any City Council Member would like to discuss any of these items, the Departments of Planning and Parks will be available for such. Thank you for your consideration of this information.

Respectfully submitted,

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