



WILDWOOD

March 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 February 2022 meeting:

Wildwood Celebration Commission Meeting:

- The Wildwood Celebration Commission met on March 2 and April 6, 2022, in virtual format.
- The Commission continues preparation/planning for the 2022 Celebrate Wildwood Event.
- The venue, theme of event, and parade details were the major focuses of discussion.
- The next meeting of the Wildwood Celebration Commission will be May 4, 2022, and will include a visit to the site of the event grounds.

The 2022 Wildwood Cabin Fever Hiking Challenge:

- The City, once again, hosted the *Cabin Fever Hiking Challenge*, instead of the single day Cabin Fever Hiking Event.
- In 2022, two (2) *virtual* hikes were arranged for enthusiastic hikers to conquer.
- 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.
- The first hike went active on February 1, 2022, and ended on February 23, 2022.
- The three (3) mile hike had almost 400 participants.
- The second hike went active on March 1, 2022, and was 7.1 miles (plus) in length.
- Participants had until March 23, 2022 to complete the second hike and over 280 hikers participated.

Wildwood Community Garden:

- Registration for the Wildwood Community Garden opened Monday, February 14, 2022, for past garden members.
- 122 returning gardeners registered.
- Sixteen (16) garden plots are available for new gardeners
- The Wildwood Farm Community Garden Managers (volunteers) and City Team Members held an orientation with gardeners on March 9, 2022. Almost forty (40) gardeners participated in this orientation.

Spring Egg Hunt:

- This event was held on Saturday, April 9, 2022.
- As like last year, the event will be a drive-through type activity, which proved very successful and enjoyable in 2021.
- The City received 14,000 eggs packaged in bags of fifteen (15) each.
- The event included a costumed bunny, clowns, balloon artists, and music provided by the City.

Next City Events:

- *Community Garden Arbor Day Celebration >>> April 29, 2022*
- *Plein Air Art Event >>> May 7, 2022*
- *Greenrock Trail Challenge >>> June 4, 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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Planning and Parks Committee

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