



WILDWOOD

May 17, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning and Parks Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Update on In-Person and Virtual Recreation Programs**

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
Melanie Rippetoe, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks
Kristin Naeger, Recreation Specialist

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 City's Action Plan 2018. This summary reflects major items that have been the focus of the City, since the Committee's April 2022 meeting:

Wildwood Celebration Commission Meeting

- The Wildwood Celebration Commission met in person on May 4, 2022.
- The Commission continues preparation/planning for the 2022 Celebrate Wildwood Event.
- The proposed layout of the event was the major focus of discussion and included an on-site tour of the event venue and related spaces, including the Village Green property.
- For the first time, the layout includes the use of the City's Village Green location and now accommodates almost seventy-five (75) tents for participants and a relatively broad area for viewing of the stage and the activities scheduled there. The food court will be in part on the small field area by the parking garage, and along Main Street.
- The next meeting of the Wildwood Celebration Commission will be June 1, 2022, at 6:00 PM, as a hybrid meeting.

Community Garden Arbor Day Celebration

- The Arbor Day Garden Event was held on April 29, 2022, and the gardeners heard a presentation from St. Louis Master Gardener, Betty Struckhoff, who spoke on the subject of *Landscaping with Native Trees and Shrubs*.
- Fortunately, the weather held out for the tree planting that took place in front of the Community Garden.
- This event was not only fun for the City's resident gardeners, but also fulfills the City's Tree City U.S.A. requirements for an Arbor Day related event.
- The first garden newsletter of the season has been distributed to the gardeners.

Plein Air Art Event

- The Plein Air event was held on May 7, 2022.
- "En plein air is a French term that translates literally as 'in the open air.'" This type of artwork is completed on location, while outdoors.
- Registration opened on April 4, 2022 and there were fifty-three (53) registrants, of which fifty (50) participants attended the event.
- Completed artwork continues to arrive daily! All work must be submitted no later than May 13, 2022, by 4:00 PM.
- Judging will take place before June 3, 2022. Winners will be announced at a participants' Award Ceremony held at City Hall.

Wildwood's 'Music on Main' Concert Series

The City will soon begin hosting a monthly concert along Main Street, that will begin at 6:45 PM. The 2022 Music on Main concert schedule is:

- Friday, May 20 - Dr. Zhivegas
- Friday, June 17 - Midnight Piano Band
- Friday, July 15 - Fat Pocket
- Friday, August 19 (Back to School Party) - Griffin and the Gargoyles

Wildwood's Farmers Market

- The 2022 Wildwood Farmers Market Season will kick off on Saturday, May 28, 2022, and will be held every Saturday in the Wildwood Town Center on the public plaza area, which is located at 221 Plaza Drive.
- Vendor registration is currently open and will continue to be throughout the season.
- The Market will host local vendors that offer everything from fresh farm produce, to hot prepared food, to unique handmade items, such as jewelry, art and bath products.

Greenrock Trail Challenge

- The Greenrock Trail Challenge is 7.7 miles long and the event is capped at 150 participants, of which there are approximately fifty (50) people registered.
- The event starts/finishes in Greensfelder County Park, at the Muckerman Shelter at 7:30 AM with snacks, giveaway pickup, and preparation for the hike.

2022 Family Swimming Pool Passes

During the summer of 2022, the City of Wildwood will once again partner with the Cities of Ellisville and Ballwin to provide access to their outdoor swimming pool facilities. Ellisville and Ballwin are making a very generous offer and affords Wildwood residents a great opportunity to ensure fun in the sun in 2022!

Upcoming City Events

May 20, 2022	Music on Main - Dr. Zhivegas
June 1, 2022	Annual Photography Contest
June 4, 2022	Greenrock Trail Challenge (National Trails Day)
June 11, 2022	Community Garden Yoga Work Event
June 17, 2022	Music on Main - Midnight Piano Band

CONTACT INFORMATION >>> If any of the Committee 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.