



WILDWOOD

Economic Development Committee Report

June 12, 2023

Category	Activity
May EDC Meeting	<p>1. During the Economic Development Committee meeting in May, the Committee re-launched the Biking and Walking Benefits Program, approved the Department to create ad proofs for the Live, Work, Play Marketing Campaign, discussed the possibility of having a Road Sponsorship Program, and discussed the possibility of allowing Wildwood restaurants to serve food at the City's Music on Main Summer Concert Series.</p>
Business Activity	<p>1. St. Croix Hospice, LLC (16759 Main St, Suite 208) was scheduled to open on June 5, 2023. The Department has reached out to St. Croix Hospice, LLC for confirmation but has not heard back.</p> <p>2. Route 66 Scavenger Hunt: The City's First Place Winner, Mr. Steve Larson, was given his \$150 gift card from Vittoria on May 25, 2023. The City held a small event at Vittoria (16524 Manchester Rd) to award the prize to Mr. Larson.</p> <p>3. Benedetto's on Main (16721 Main St) has hired Michael Padilla as its new Executive Chef. Benedetto's is still looking for individuals to work as sous chef, prep cooks, line cooks, or dishwashers. Benedetto's is open Tuesday – Saturday. They offer full-time or part-time employment. Benedetto's current chef and general manager are starting their own restaurant in Chesterfield.</p> <p>4. The Department met with a representative from Schnucks. Schnucks (16580 Manchester Rd) will be renovating some portions of their store, and they will be remodeling their bathrooms.</p> <p>5. The owner of the property located at 16590 Manchester Rd, Gorjian Acquisitions, hired L3 Corporation to find a buyer or tenant for the property. This property used to be occupied by a Jack in the Box restaurant, but it has been vacant for some time. L3 Corporation stated that Gorjian Acquisitions received an offer for the property. The offer came from an orthodontist that is looking to convert the property into an office. L3 Corporation stated that the potential buyer received an extremely expensive quote for the demolition and remodeling of the building. More info to come.</p> <p>6. BUSINESS CLOSURE: Elaine Rosi Academy for Children (1725 Hwy 109) has officially closed.</p> <p>7. Larry's Tavern (16833 Manchester Rd) will be closed from June 8, 2023, to June 28, 2023.</p> <p>8. The Wildwood Business Association (WBA) will be hosted its 2023 Food Truck Festival on June 11, 2023. The event was held in the field east of the B&B Theatre on the corner of Taylor Rd and Main St. The Department spoke with the President</p>

	<p>of the Wildwood Business Association, Jenny Goskie, and she stated that the WBA will be looking to make this an annual event.</p>
	<p>9. The City met with the CEO of Spirit Bank, Nabil Cabbabe, to discuss the property located at 2675 Westglen Farms Dr. Spirit Bank is looking to purchase the property. Currently, Edward Jones has a lease within the building until 2026. If purchased, Spirit Bank would be opening a brick-and-mortar bank.</p>
<p>Events</p>	<p>1. The Wildwood Family YMCA will be hosting its 21st Annual Golf Tournament on June 12, 2023, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. The event will take place at The Legends Country Club located at 625 The Legends Pkwy, Eureka, MO 63025.</p>
	<p>2. The Wildwood Farmers Market officially opened on Saturday, May 27, 2023. The Farmers Market will be open every Saturday over the summer from 8:00am to 12:00pm. The market is located at 221 Plaza Dr, Wildwood, MO 63040.</p>
	<p>3. Wildwood Business Forum: The City of Wildwood will be hosting its third business forum on Thursday, July 13, 2023, from 7:30am to 8:30am. The forum will take place at City Hall within the Community Room.</p>
	<p>4. The City of Wildwood will be hosting its home-based business exposition on July 15, 2023, from 8:00am to 12:00pm. The exposition will take place alongside the Farmers' Market.</p>