

## MAKING PROGRESS FOR YOU



Friends and neighbors:

I've just completed my first year as your Mayor, and here are some of the things we've accomplished:

- ✓ The synchronization of our seven zip codes, with Wildwood becoming the automatic default City for all of them – as to the five that also apply to other neighboring cities, the automatic default occurs when the “plus four” code is used.
- ✓ The \$1.5 million in badly needed repairs to Highway 100 west of Highway 109, as a result of our successful efforts with the Missouri Department of Transportation.
- ✓ Following our Ordinances and filling out our new citizen-member Wildwood Celebration Commission, to oversee the \$100,000 expense of taxpayer money for our Celebrate Wildwood event held every August – that also includes approval of a line-item budget by the City Council before your money is spent.
- ✓ The approval of my “grand tree” preservation plan, that will require developers to replace the largest, old growth trees they destroy with the largest available similar trees on a one-to-one basis – first in development where they're destroyed, and once that's exhausted, elsewhere in Wildwood.

Some of the less noticeable improvements we've made that will make us a more responsive City government to you are:

- ✓ Council Meeting agendas now include budgetary implications as part of all recommendations, to promote greater awareness of how your money is spent.
- ✓ For the first time in Wildwood history, all our Council Meetings are now video streamed, to allow for greater transparency and information reaching you and other residents.
- ✓ We now have a new Development and Zoning Review Committee, that will examine all -proposed developments at their inception, to identify early-stage issues and allow for correction before upsetting residents most affected by those developments.
- ✓ Our City Council agendas are now posted several days prior to the meeting rather than just a few days ahead of those meetings, to give you more advance notice and time to consider the agenda items.

Even though you may not notice these as much as road repairs and protecting our trees, they are just as important in making us more accountable to you.

Just like pursuing any plan or goal, we must keep things on course and moving in the right direction for you at all times, regardless of the inevitable distractions that can be presented.

As long as we're guided by what's best for you and what you want, we're on the right path. It's not our path, it's *your* path. We're called upon to do what is best for *you* – and the other 35,516 residents who are also our bosses – and to do it in a way that makes you proud and consistent with Wildwood's values.

Thanks for your continued support, and for the honor to serve you as Mayor.

Please join me at one of my monthly Coffees on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall, or at one of new Social with the Mayor events after work – the first one will be on August 31 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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