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City of Wildwood
Council Planning/Economic Development/Parks Committee

Parks and Recreation Update for Mid-January 2016 to Mid-February 2016

February 23, 2016

| MEMORANDUM |
| To: Council Planning/Economic Development/Parks Committee Members |
| From: Department of Planning and Parks |
| cc: The Honorable Timothy Woerther, Mayor; Administration/Public Works Committee Members; Rob Golterman, City Attorney; Ryan S. Thomas, P.E., City Administrator |

| Re: Parks and Recreation - Action Plan Update |

Listed below is a summary of the efforts the City has completed/underway relative to implementing the goals and recommendations for parks and recreation that were set forth in the Citizens Committee for Park Progress' Action Plan. This summary reflects major items that have been the focus of the City, since the Committee's January 2016 meeting:

Early Childhood Recreation Program:

- The first Early Childhood Recreation Program of 2016, Babaloo, was held on February 10 and 11, 2016.
- Two (2) classes each day were conducted at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., with twenty-five (25) children scheduled in each class.
- Babaloo is always a popular Early Childhood Recreation Program that also results in several *walk-in* participants, in addition to the pre-registered families. This year was no exception.

Art Festival Planning Committee Meeting:

- The Art Festival Planning Committee met on February 3, 2016 at Wildwood City Hall.
- Major items and opportunities relative to the 2015 event and suggestions to implement in the 2016 Art Festival were discussed at length.
- Considerable time was spent discussing the 2016 Plein Air Art Event.
- The Plein Air Art Event invitations and rules and regulations were also discussed at length.
- The invitations and rules and regulations were sent to the printer, returned, and are being distributed.

Founders' Day Planning Committee:

- The Founders' Day Planning Committee met on February 8, 2016 at Wildwood City Hall.
- The different elements of the event were discussed at length and a new organizational plan was provided for comments and suggestions.

Wildwood Events Nominated for Awards:

- The Wildwood Frozen Feet Trail Run has been nominated as the best post-race atmosphere in the St. Louis Region.
- The Wildwood Arbor Day Tree Hugger 5K Run was also nominated as the best inaugural event in the St. Louis Region for 2015.
- The determination of winners is planned for February 17, 2016 at an event in St. Louis.

Next City Events:

- *Cabin Fever Hike*, February 27, 2016
- *Home Alone Safety Class* – March 9, 2016
- *Baby Sitting 101* – March 15, 2016
- *Spring Balloon Glow* – March 18, 2016
- *Spring Egg Hunt* – March 19, 2016
- *Wildwood Centaur Bicycle Time Trial* – March 19, 2016
- Early Childhood Recreation Program – *Pottery Painting*, March 23 and 24, 2016.

If you should have any questions or comments in this regard, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. Thank you for your review of this information and continued support of these and other events and activities of the City.