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**City of Wildwood  
Council Planning/Economic Development/Parks Committee**

***Parks and Recreation Update for Mid-February 2016 to Mid-March 2016***

**March 15, 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 |**

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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 February 2016 meeting:

**Cabin Fever Hike:**

- The 2016 Wildwood Cabin Fever Hike took place on February 27, 2016.
- Each year, this event fills to the two hundred (200) participant capacity very quickly, in addition to a waiting list of thirty (30) plus interested hikers.
- This year, of the two hundred thirty seven (237) register individuals, one hundred sixty seven (167) were checked off the registration list as attending.
- Staff is certain that a number of registered participants who participated did not check in as requested.
- There were a number of participants that arrived to take part in the event without registering also.

**Art Festival Planning Committee Meeting:**

- The Art Festival Planning Committee met on March 2, 2016 at Wildwood City Hall.
- Significant progress continues to be made planning the 2016 event.
- Once again, considerable time was spent discussing the 2016 Plein Air Art Event.
- Plein Air Invitations were dispensed to Committee Members and the finalized *Rules and Regulations* were also provided to them for review.

### **Founders' Day Planning Committee:**

- The Founders' Day Planning Committee met on March 7, 2016 at Wildwood City Hall.
- The Founders' Day portion of the Celebrate Wildwood Weekend is also moving forward with final preparations for the event.
- Brochures for Car Show, Parade Registration Forms, and information sheets are almost finalized.
- The reorganization of the event grounds seems to be taking shape also.

### **Home Alone Safety Class:**

- The first Home Alone Safety Class of 2016 was held on March 9, 2016, at Wildwood City Hall.
- Fifteen (15) families participated in the two (2) hour class scheduled between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- The class is taught by representatives from the St. Louis Children's Hospital.

### **Wildwood/Terrain Runners Film Presentation:**

- The City of Wildwood, Terrain Runners Club/Magazine, and the B & B Theater partnered to present three (3) films at the B & B Theater in 2015.
- The first presentation for 2016 took place on March 11, 2016.
- Films presented have been award winning documentary's involving outdoor activities and events, such as the Western States 100 Mile Trail Run and the Barkley Marathons, a race that has only had fourteen (14) finishers since 1986.
- This partnership has proven very popular with all presentations selling out (100 seats).

### **Next City Events:**

- *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.