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**Wildwood  
FOUNDERS' DAY  
Celebration**

*Schedule of Events*

- 10am-11am Parade (Manchester Road to Main Street)
- 10am - 5pm Farmer's Market
- 11am - 11:30am Opening Ceremony @ Town Center Plaza
- 11am - 5pm Activities, Food, & Fun
- 11:30am - 3:00pm Carriage Rides
- 12pm - 2:30pm Jeremiah Johnson Band
- 12:30pm - 4pm Vintage Car Show
- 3pm - 5pm Yessir Band
- 5pm Closing Ceremony

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2011**  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Wildwood Town Center Plaza**  
(221 Plaza Drive)

## Wildwood's Past, Present and Future Celebrated with Founders' Day Event

Be sure to mark September 3 on your calendar now so you won't miss this year's Founders' Day Celebration. Wildwood will hold its **2011 Founders' Day Celebration** on **September 3**, in the Wildwood Town Center Plaza area. The event promises a variety of activities for all ages and interests, beginning with a parade at 10:00 a.m. The parade will originate on Manchester Road, near Eatherton Road, and from there make its way to Main Street in the Town Center, where opening ceremonies are planned for 11:00 a.m.

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# Mayor's Message



Welcome to the summer 2011 edition of the *Wildwood Gazette!*

The heat and humidity this summer has been tough on us all and while this isn't the first bit

of heat we have had in the City, it certainly can take a toll on the body if you are outside for too long. While I won't make claims that the topics covered in this edition of the Gazette are hotter than the weather, they do continue to "bring the heat" in terms of what is happening across the City this September and beyond.

One of the features that always receives great reviews by everyone I speak with are the trails running throughout the City. While you may be familiar with the trails that line both the north and south sides of Highway 100, did you know a new trail that runs north from Clayton along Highway 109 was opened this spring? The trail used to end at Lafayette High School, but with this new addition it continues through several subdivisions on the east side of the highway and terminates in the Garden Valley subdivision.

Another section of trail is being added to the south of the Al Foster trail, where the Wabash Frisco and Pacific Railroad facility is located on Grand Avenue. This scenic addition is a half-mile stretch along the Meramec River and will have a new pedestrian bridge crossing over

Hamilton Creek. We are fortunate to have a great partnership with Great Rivers Greenway on this project, as they are providing funding and managing the construction. Look for that new section to open in the fall.

One last item I want to mention regarding trails is the plan the City is working on for a pedestrian bridge that would be just east of the intersection of Highways 100 and 109. This bridge would be similar to the one that exists about a mile to the east over Highway 100. The additional bridge will provide pedestrians safe passage across Highway 100 and restore the connection to Eatherton Road, which was eliminated many years ago by the expansion of Highway 100. With a submission for grant funds, the hope is to complete the bridge sometime in 2013.

You may have also recently heard about the City receiving grant funding for major improvements to Highway 109, between Highway 100 and Clayton Road. The grant funding will provide for a roundabout at Pond Grover Loop Road and Highway 109, as well as for the creation of a divided, parkway-style road in this stretch. This significant project will change the character of Highway 109 and address safety and traffic concerns that have been in existence well before the City was incorporated. The project also sets a template for how we expect to see Highway 109 develop toward the south to an area just north of Rockwood Reservation, and to the north where Highway 109 intersects with Highway BA at its southernmost location. In this way, we can put closure to the thought that Highway 109

would become an "outer-belt" like Highway 270, which was an issue that helped grow the desire to incorporate Wildwood.

If you have been along Main Street or Taylor Roads in Town Center during the last couple of months, you might have noticed the development of the Wildwood Farms Community Garden. While at first there wasn't much more to see than raised beds of soil, the Garden has really taken off in recent weeks and just about everyone has seen some produce grown from their beds. Wildwood Farms is also more than just a community garden. It has become a bit of a social club with periodic group meetings. Some of these meetings include speakers on subjects related to gardening, pests or weeds. The meetings are open to everyone. Check out the Facebook page for Wildwood Farms Community Garden for more information. Given the success of the Garden, I expect more plots will be needed next year.

Last of all, if you or your subdivision's trustees are planning a future subdivision or other organizational meeting, I would be happy to attend to provide updates and take any questions attendees might have. Call me at home at (636) 458-3729 or email me at [twoerther@cityofwildwood.com](mailto:twoerther@cityofwildwood.com) to schedule my attendance at your meeting. As always, feel free to send my way any questions or concerns you might have.

Mayor Tim Woerther

## Calendar of Events

All meetings at City Hall, unless specified otherwise.

### SEPTEMBER 2011

9/1	6:30 p.m.	Board of Public Safety
9/3		<b>Founder's Day Celebration 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.</b>
9/5		<b>City Hall Closed in Observance of Labor Day</b>
9/6	7:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
9/8	7:00 p.m.	Architectural Review Board
9/10	8:00 a.m.	<b>A Run to Remember 5K</b>
9/12	7:30 p.m.	City Council
9/13	6:30 p.m.	Administration/Public Works Committee
9/14	7:00 p.m.	Court
9/15	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment
9/16	6:00 p.m.	<b>Concert - The New Invaders (60's Band)</b>
9/19	7:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
9/20	6:30 p.m.	Planning/Economic Development/Parks Committee
9/21	7:00 p.m.	Court
9/24 & 9/25		<b>St. Louis Home Fires BBQ Bash in Wildwood Town Center</b>
9/26	7:30 p.m.	City Council

9/28	7:00 p.m.	Court
9/28	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation at Old Pond School

### OCTOBER 2011

10/1		<b>Shredding Event 2011 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.</b>
10/3	7:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
10/4	6:30 p.m.	Administration/Public Works Committee
10/5	7:00 p.m.	Court
10/6	6:30 p.m.	Board of Public Safety
10/7	6:00 p.m.	<b>Concert - The Best of Stovall's (Country Western)</b>
10/10	7:30 p.m.	City Council
10/13	7:00 p.m.	Architectural Review Board
10/17	7:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
10/18	6:30 p.m.	Planning/Economic Development/Parks Committee
10/19	7:00 p.m.	Court
10/20	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment
10/24	7:30 p.m.	City Council
10/26	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation at Old Pond School
10/26	7:00 p.m.	Court

# Did You Know?

## Wildwood Keeps Staffing Lean and Efficient

With more than 68 square miles to oversee and a population of over 35,000 residents, how many City staff members do you think Wildwood employs? Would you believe the City has only 19 staff members on its payroll? Together these 19 employees work to maintain Wildwood as a great place to live, work, and play.

Although their numbers are small, these dedicated staff members' accomplishments are large. Wildwood employees care about the City's environment and residents, and with the support of the Mayor and City Council, have achieved a great deal to improve our City. Some of these achievements include the following:

- Maintain 165 miles of public roadways
- Replacement of 21 bridges
- Construction and management of more than 14 miles of multiple-use trails
- Development and management of three Neighborhood Parks and the future development of one Community Park
- Coordinate and manage over 90 recreation events, classes, and programs
- Developed four City Planning Documents and subsequent updates
- Oversee a \$14-million annual budget
- Manage the City's Web site and social-network mediums

This minimal level of staffing is consistent with Wildwood's original *Plan of Intent* for the City to have a lean and efficient government. Over the years, Wildwood's committed staff has not only performed at a high level of efficiency, but they've also achieved performance excellence and garnered the City numerous awards. Some of the awards Wildwood has received include:

- Awarded over \$18-million in grant funding
- Eighteen financial/budget awards
- Honored by the American Planning Association for the City's Master Plan update
- Named the Best Community in the West by West News Magazine
- Named by Money Magazine as one of the Best Places to Live in America

As the City's staff and leaders continue to work to make Wildwood an even better place to live, work and play, an important component to our success will be the willingness of its residents to work together to make our City an ideal community. If residents have any suggestions, comments, or ideas about how to make Wildwood a better place, they are invited to contact City staff at (636) 458-0440 or [joe@cityofwildwood.com](mailto:joe@cityofwildwood.com). Together we will continue the amazing success story we call Wildwood.

### NOVEMBER 2011

11/1	6:30 p.m.	Administration/Public Works Committee
11/3	6:30 p.m.	Board of Public Safety
11/5	8:00 a.m.	<b>Route 66 5K Run/Walk &amp; Fun Run for Kids</b>
11/7	7:30 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission
11/9	7:00 p.m.	Court
11/10	5:30 p.m.	Crossing Community Improvement District Board
11/10	7:00 p.m.	Architectural Review Board
11/11		<b>City Hall Closed in Observance of Veterans Day</b>
11/14	7:30 p.m.	City Council
11/15	6:30 p.m.	Planning/Economic Development/Parks Committee
11/16	7:00 p.m.	Court
11/17	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment
11/21	7:30 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission
11/23	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation at Old Pond School
11/24		<b>City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving</b>
11/25		<b>City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving</b>
11/28	7:30 p.m.	City Council

### DECEMBER 2011

12/1	6:30 p.m.	Board of Public Safety
12/5	7:30 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission
12/6	6:30 p.m.	Administration/Public Works Committee
12/7	7:00 p.m.	Court
12/8	7:00 p.m.	Architectural Review Board
12/12	7:30 p.m.	City Council
12/13		<b>Filing for April 3, 2012 Municipal Election Opens at 8 a.m.</b>
12/14	7:00 p.m.	Court
12/15	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment
12/19	7:30 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission
12/20	6:30 p.m.	Planning/Economic Development/Parks
12/23		<b>City Hall Closed for Holiday</b>
12/26		<b>City Hall Closed for Holiday</b>
12/27	7:00 p.m.	City Council

# City Negotiates Lower Solid Waste Costs With Meridian Waste Services

Nearly four years ago, Wildwood selected Meridian Waste Services as the City's exclusive single-family residential solid waste hauler through a competitive bidding process. Part of that agreement was optional pricing with incremental increases each year, and the ability to extend the agreement up to the total of six years.

For the next 12-month period, beginning December 1, 2011, Wildwood has negotiated a lower cost to its residents than what was indicated in the original bid. Instead of an incremental increase, Meridian has agreed to keep the current rates effective for another full year. For the sixth year, the costs are locked in for an increase of no more than 25 cents per month for basic service, and similar incremental increases for optional services.

In addition, Wildwood's agreement with Meridian Waste Services does not include a fuel surcharge, unlike other municipalities. This stipulation has prevented additional costs being passed on to residents despite higher fuel costs.

Residential solid waste rates through November 30, 2012 are as follows:

- a. Basic Services: \$15.50 Per Month
- b. Optional Collection of Yard Waste: \$9.85 Per Month
- c. Optional Provision of 90-Gallon Mobile Cart: \$2.50 Per Month
- d. Optional Collection of White Goods: \$15.00 Per Month
- e. Emergency Collection of Solid Waste
  1. \$50.00 Per 3-Cubic-Yard Container
  2. \$80.00 Per 8-Cubic-Yard Container
  3. \$250.00 Per 20-Cubic-Yard Container
- f. Discount of 10 percent applied to all services for residents ages 65 or older (either spouse, with proof of age provided)

# Over 1,250 Electronics Kept from Landfills with 2011 Electronic Recycling Event

By any standard of measurement, Wildwood's Third Annual Electronic Recycling Event was a great success. On April 30 this year, more than 1,000 motorists took advantage of the convenient, environmental-friendly, drive-up recycling option for disposal of unwanted electronics like computers, TVs, VCRs, DVD players and other such items. The Electronic Recycling Event was hosted at the St. Louis Community College-Wildwood, and once the results were tallied, area residents had disposed of over 1,250 electronic items—enough recyclables to fill over five tractor trailers.

MERS/Goodwill was on hand at the event to collect the electronics and then dispose of them in an environmentally-responsible manner. According to Dave Kutchback, Goodwill assistant chief executive officer, some donated items are resold if they are in good shape. "Most of the items are recycled through accredited vendors. This is an important step so the items don't end up in landfills," said Kutchback. Kutchback said Goodwill

also partners with computer supplier Dell for certain recycling efforts.

Residents who were unable to attend the Electronic Recycling Event, but who have items they would like to donate or recycle, can do so at an area MERS/Goodwill location. Donating your unwanted electronics removes clutter from your home, is environmentally responsible, and helps support MERS/Goodwill's mission "to provide opportunities for persons with barriers to employment to work and live more independently in the community."

Items accepted include computers, computer accessories, networking and telecommunication equipment, home or cell phones, clocks, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, cable and satellite boxes, stereos and audio-visual equipment, home electronics and appliances. For more information about donating or to find a nearby MERS/Goodwill donation center, residents can call (314) 241-3464, or visit MERS/Goodwill's Web site at [www.mersgoodwill.org](http://www.mersgoodwill.org).



Scout Troop #456 helps out with the electronic recycling event.

# Shredding Event 2011

- WHAT**
- Wildwood's 2nd Annual Shredding Event.
  - Free to the public, Wildwood and non-residents are welcome.
  - All materials are recycled, no landfill.



For additional information and updates, please visit [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com) or contact [Lynne@cityofwildwood.com](mailto:Lynne@cityofwildwood.com).

**WHEN & WHERE**

Saturday, October 1, 2011  
from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
St. Louis Community College - Wildwood  
2645 Generations Drive  
Wildwood, MO 63040

- YES & NO**
- What can be shredded:**
- Paper (colored/white/newspaper)
  - Paper Clips
  - Binder Clips
  - Folders
  - CDs
  - Rubber Bands
  - Pill Bottles (without pills)

- What can NOT be shredded:**
- Cardboard boxes
  - Hard-drives
  - Batteries
  - Vinyl binders
  - Medical Waste (medicine/needles/etc.)

## Wildwood's Second Annual Shredding Event

Almost everyone these days is aware of the problem identity theft has become, and frequently it's the papers and items thrown into the trash that provide crooks the information they need to steal our identity. Once crooks have the information, they can run up tens of thousands of dollars in fraudulent charges in your name. Shredding before disposing of documents, data disks, empty prescription bottles and other such items can help reduce your risk of becoming a victim of identity theft.

On Saturday, October 1, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the City of Wildwood and the St. Louis Community College – Wildwood will host its Second Annual Free Shredding Event at the St. Louis Community College-Wildwood campus. This free event is open to both residents and nonresidents, and all materials will be recycled, not sent to area landfills. The St. Louis Community College – Wildwood is located at 2645 Generations Drive, in Wildwood, Missouri 63040.

The shredders to be used are heavy-duty and able to handle many things that are beyond the scope of small, personal shredders. That means you don't have to go through stacks of papers to strip away everything but paper. It also means you can easily dispose of some digital-document sources.

Some things cannot be shredded, however, and should not be included with the drop-off. Below are lists of what can and cannot be shredded. For additional information and updates on the shredding event, go to the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com), or e-mail your request to [Lynne@cityofwildwood.com](mailto:Lynne@cityofwildwood.com).

### What CAN be shredded:

- Paper (colored/white/newspaper)
- Paper Clips
- Binder Clips
- Folders
- CDs
- Rubber Bands
- Pill Bottles (without pills)

### What CANNOT be shredded:

- Cardboard boxes
- Hard-drives
- Batteries
- Vinyl binders
- Medical Waste (medicine/needles/etc.)

## New Businesses *Registered after May 2011*

**Letty Lou's Café Inc.**  
505 Strecker Rd.  
Wildwood, MO 63011  
(636) 357-5019

**Meyer's Gymnastics, Inc.**  
16560 Manchester Rd.  
Wildwood, MO 63040  
(636) 256-4484

**SK Meyer Corporation**  
17005 Manchester Rd., STE 13  
Wildwood, MO 63040  
(314) 276-9297

**Get Wildwood Business Information 24/7 at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com)!**

Just click on the "business directory" link on the drop-down menu under the "live" option at the top of our home page.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**City Hall** (636) 458-0440  
**Emergency** (Fire or Police) 911  
**Police** (Non-Emergency) Wildwood (636) 458-9194

## CITY OFFICIALS

### Mayor

Timothy Woerther

### City Council

Ward 1 - Larry McGowen & David Geile  
Ward 2 - Holly Parks & Ed Marshall  
Ward 3 - Harry LeMay & Tammy Shea  
Ward 4 - Katie Dodwell & Aaron Luter  
Ward 5 - Debra McCutchen & Nick Roppolo  
Ward 6 - Ron James & David M. Sewell  
Ward 7 - John McCulloch & Jim Kranz  
Ward 8 - Michele R. Bauer & Larry Goodson

### City Attorney

Robert Golterman

## CITY STAFF

### City Administrator

Daniel E. Dubruiel

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Lynne Greene-Beldner

### Planning & Parks Director

Joe Vujnich

### Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

Gary Crews

### Senior Planner

Joanna Browning

### Planners

Liz Montalbano  
Terri Gaston  
Ted Barklage

### Code Enforcement Officers

Brian Gramlich  
Frank Laughlin

### Public Works Director & City Engineer

Ryan Thomas

### Superintendent of Streets

Scott Hummel

### Assistant City Engineer

Mike Hartwig

### Administrative Assistant/Planning & Public Works

Andrea Kuhnert-Heyer

### Finance Officer

Dawn Kaiser

### Municipal Court Administrator

Patti Reust

### Assistant Court Clerk/Deputy City Clerk

Laura Rehtin

### Administrative Assistant

Barb Flint

### Receptionists

Ruth Waters  
Sara Hoechstebach

# UNDER THE BADGE

*from Wildwood Precinct of the St. Louis County Police*



## Keeping the 2011 Barbecue Bash Safe and Fun

On Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25, Wildwood will host its third annual Barbecue Bash. City staff and the Wildwood Precinct of the St. Louis County Police Department have worked together and planned for some time now to ensure this popular event goes off safely and smoothly. Throughout the event, plenty of police officers will be on hand to direct traffic and patrol both in vehicles and on foot throughout the Town Center and the off-site parking areas.

To provide a convenient location where people can go for assistance, the Wildwood Precinct will park the St. Louis County Police Department's Mobile Command Center on Market Avenue, just west of the B&B Theatres Wildwood 10 cinema. People can go to the Command Center to report an incident, or if they need assistance finding a child who has become separated from the rest of his or her group. The Mobile Command Center will also serve as the lost-and-found location for the event. In addition, the Metro West Fire Protection District will stage an ambulance at this location to assist with medical needs that may arise.

Visitors should be aware parking within Town Center will be somewhat restricted, but off-site parking will be available and will include free, frequent shuttle-bus service to and from Town Center. Visitors should also keep in mind that Health Department restrictions prohibit dogs and glass containers within the event site.

Residents can find more updates on Wildwood's Barbecue Bash on the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com) and in the City of Wildwood Precincts' Neighborhood Policing News Watch letter.

## Remember Safety As Kids Go Back to School

As you get your kids ready for school with new clothes and school supplies, don't neglect preparing them to stay safe as they travel back and forth between home and school. Some students will be walking and others riding busses to school, but even students who ride a bus will have to walk at least a short distance from their home to the bus stop. Parents should ensure they know the route of students who walk to and from school, regardless of the student's age. For young children, make sure they know their parents first names, their own home address and their own home telephone number.

Before the first day of school, work out a rou-

tine within your family and among your neighbors to ensure there is always an adult keeping an eye on the children. Don't assume a responsible adult is watching as children wait for the bus in the mornings and when they get off in the afternoon. Discuss it with other parents in the neighborhood and ensure the children are accounted for and watched.

Also, take time to discuss with your kids the dangers of horseplay close to the roadway, and what to do if they are approached by a stranger on foot or in a vehicle. It's also good to have a predetermined backup plan in place in case the normal before- or after-school routines are suddenly interrupted.

Last of all, always report to the police any observations you have made, or information your children have provided to you about suspicious persons, activities or vehicles. If something doesn't seem quite right, make a note of it and report it.

By following these back-to-school rules, we can increase the chances of everyone having a safe and enjoyable school year.

## Protect Yourself From Home-Repair Fraud

There are many types of home-repair fraud committed by con artists, with most occurring during the spring and fall or after storms. Five areas of home repair that are particularly popular with these con artists are roof repair, asphalt paving and driveway sealing, house painting, termite and pest control, and tree pruning and landscaping. Fortunately, by using common sense and understanding how these people work, we can protect ourselves from becoming victims of their schemes.

Home-repair frauds usually offer a way to minimize costly home repairs. Free inspections that reveal problems, workers who just happen to be in the neighborhood, and unusually low prices for expensive repairs are all signals of possible fraud. Depending on the scam, any actual work these people perform will be without any lasting value at best, and can sometimes be harmful to your property.

Below are some tips to help you avoid becoming a victim of these scams.

- Only do business with well-known and established businesses. Companies become well known and established by providing quality work at fair prices.

- Beware of contractors who just happen to be in the neighborhood. Often they will say they had materials left over from completing another job and so are able to do your work at a much lower rate.
- Do your research prior to contracting with anyone to do work on your property. Check them out with the Better Business Bureau (BBB). The BBB can provide valuable information about a company before you do business with them.
- Always obtain a contract and make sure it includes a starting date, a completion date, and the company's name, address and telephone number. Also, obtain a complete itemized list of materials and costs, and the name of the salesperson representing the company. The state of Missouri has a law that offers protection to consumers and says consumers have the right to cancel any credit contract (not cash) within three business days. This law applies if the seller solicited and presented you the contract in your home. The three-day period does not include Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays. The sales person must advise you of this law and it must be part of the contract.
- Always obtain a lien waiver. The lien waiver says the contractor performing the job bears the financial liability for the materials used in the job, and prohibits the contractor from putting a lien on your home.
- Beware of companies that require a large down payment. An established, reputable company will have the resources to provide the labor and materials to complete the job without your money.
- Last of all, remember that if a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

If you have any questions or have become a victim of home-repair fraud, please contact the City of Wildwood Precinct at (636) 458-9194. You can also call the Missouri Attorney General's Consumer and Welfare Fraud hotline at 1 (800) 392-8222 or file a complaint with them online at [www.ago.mo.gov](http://www.ago.mo.gov).

*This information about home-repair fraud was obtained from the St. Louis County Home-Repair Fraud citizen information brochure. You can visit the Department's Web site at [www.stlouisco.com/police](http://www.stlouisco.com/police) for other valuable Department informational brochures.*

# New City Hall Construction Bids Received

Plans for the construction of a new City Hall and Police Facility continue to move forward. Sealed construction bids for the project were received and opened on July 21, 2011. Competitive bids were submitted by ten contractors. The base bids along with ten bid alternate components were evaluated by City officials and the project architects, who then presented their findings and recommendation to the City Council for consideration at the July 25 City Council meeting.

The City Council's final decision on acceptance of a construction bid and authorization to enter into a contract with the successful bidder had not yet occurred at the time this edition of the Gazette went to press. Wildwood residents can go to the City of Wildwood's web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com) for additional, up-to-date information on this important subject. Construction of the new facility is expected to take approximately 18 months once it begins, with occupancy planned for first quarter of 2013.

Wildwood voters authorized the construction of a new City Hall and Police Facility in April 2010, with the overall cost for the project not to exceed \$8 million. The new City facility will be located on City-owned property along Main Street, just west of the new movie theater. Funding for the new City Hall project will come from \$3 million in capital lease financing notes issued last fall, and up to \$5 million in cash contributed from City reserves.

The Wildwood Collaborative Architects group, composed of Powers Bowersox Associates, Dennis Tacchi & Associates, Architect John Guenther, and hellmuth + bicknese architects, led the project design, plans and specifications. A citizens committee, known as the City Hall Steering Committee, also helped guide the planning and advised City officials on the City Hall project over the past three years.

# Wildwood Will Again Host Annual S

Can you smell the barbecue? If not now, you shortly will when, for the third year in a row, Wildwood's Town Center hosts the Annual St. Louis Home Fires/City of Wildwood Barbecue Bash. This event has become a favorite annual event, serving up not only the best barbecue in the St. Louis area, but also plenty of music and fun for the whole family. This year's Barbecue Bash will be held Saturday, September 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Sunday, September 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

As visitors to the Barbecue Bash sample their way through all the great food that will be there, they can listen to live music provided by some of the area's most popular bands. Bands scheduled to perform this year include Alvin Jett and Phat Noize, Funky Butt Brass Band, Klose-Nuff, and Voodoo Blues Band. A new feature added this year will be a Laser Light Show, presented Saturday night by Three French Hens – a local business located at 16935 Manchester Road. Best of all, the great musical entertainment and fun activities of the Bash are free!

Over the last two years the Barbecue Bash has attracted over 60,000 visitors to Wildwood's Town Center. To ensure visitors to the Bash this year know everything Wildwood has to offer, volunteers at the City's tent will provide visitors a map of Town Center and nearby trails.



Over the course of the next couple of months, residents can find up-to-date information about the Barbecue Bash and its activities on the City's Web site and in its e-newsletter. Also, shortly before the event, the West NewsMagazine will include a special

insert about the Bash and all of the activities planned over this fun-filled and food-filled weekend. If residents still have questions or cannot find the information they need about the Bash, they are invited to call Joe Vujnich at Wildwood City Hall at (636) 458-0440.



# St. Louis Home Fires Barbecue Bash

## 7th ANNUAL ST. LOUIS HOME FIRES BBQ BASH IN WILDWOOD TOWN CENTER!

Saturday, September 24th • 10am - 11pm  
Sunday, September 25th • 10am - 3pm

Sample Hundreds of St. Louis' Best Barbeque  
Chefs, Caterers & Restaurants

More Bands, More Entertainment, More Space  
FREE Parking & FREE Shuttle!

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

Klose' Nuff

Alvin Jett & Phat Noize



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# Still Plenty of Upcoming Events in 2011

Although 2011 is more than half over, there are still plenty of fun events planned for our City! Below is a list of the events you can enjoy in the Wildwood over the next few months. Please visit the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com) to obtain specific information about each event.

If you have any questions about these events, please contact Wildwood's Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Gary Crews, at (636) 458-0440 or [gary@cityofwildwood.com](mailto:gary@cityofwildwood.com).

Don't miss any of the fun planned for the rest of 2011. See you around this fall!

Event	Date
Back to School Party and Movie Night: Wall-E	August 12
Concert Series: Brit Beat	August 26
Tour de Wildwood	August 28
Founder's Day Celebration	September 3
Run to Remember 5K	September 10
Concert Series: New Invaders	September 16
BBQ Bash	September 24 and 25
Shredding Event	October 1
Concert Series: The Best of Stovall's	October 7
Pet Patch Party	October 22
Route 66 5K Run/Walk and 1K Fun Run for Kids	November 5

## Planning Begun on New Art Fair Event in 2013

The possibility of Wildwood hosting an Art Fair event in its Town Center has been discussed for some time, but until this year logistics and timing conflicts kept the City from moving forward with the proposal. This year, however, the City Council agreed the time was right to introduce the idea and move forward with all the discussions and planning such an event would require.

The City Council, wanting to provide ample time for volunteers and City staff to plan this event, began meeting on the Art Fair in June

and will continue to meet regularly throughout the next few months to further shape this new event. A September 2013 target date was chosen for the Art Fair in order to allow ample time for community input, planning and promotion among artists and art enthusiasts in the west St. Louis County area and the St. Louis region.

St. Louis Community College at Wildwood will partner with the City of Wildwood in planning and bringing this new event to our community. City leaders believe partnering with the Community College on the Art Fair will bring

an increased level of expertise in local arts to this new City event.

As plans for the 2013 Art Fair progress, the City invites residents and area artists to become involved in the planning process. Anyone who is interested in volunteering to be part of this committee is invited to call Joe Vujnich at (636) 458-0440 or e-mail him at [joe@cityofwildwood.com](mailto:joe@cityofwildwood.com). Many of the details about the 2013 Art Fair have yet to be decided, so there is still time to become involved in helping create this new, exciting event for the City of Wildwood.



## Wildwood 2011 Concert Series Begins August 26

Wildwood's Concert Series is one of the City's most popular programs, each year drawing larger crowds as it brings high-quality entertainment to Wildwood's Town Center Plaza. The 2011 Concert Series kicks off on August 26 with BritBeat, a very popular Beatles tribute band.

In addition to enjoying great music at the concerts, visitors to the Concert Series are also treated to complimentary soda, water, kettle corn, snow cones, and hot dogs! No wonder

so many Wildwood residents have discovered Wildwood's Concert Series is a great family outing and a superb way to spend the evening!

Starting this year, the concerts all begin at 6:45 p.m., but be sure to arrive early so you can find the best spot for your lawn chair or blanket! Below is the schedule for this year's concerts.

**August 26**      **BritBeat (a Beatles Tribute Band)**



## 2011 Tour De Wildwood Set for August 28

On August 28, hundreds of bikers from around the area will spend the day touring our wonderful community by bicycle as they take part in one of our City's most popular events—the Tour De Wildwood bicycle ride. Last year's Tour De Wildwood attracted 800 participants, and this year's event promises to be just as popular.

The Tour De Wildwood is not a race. It is a fabulous social and workout opportunity for bikers of every level. It can also be a great training ride for bikers who are preparing for the popular MS Ride in September. While the Tour De Wildwood is challenging with long climbs on all routes, it also offers four courses riders can choose from, based on their experience and skill level.

The start, finish, and registration point for the 2011 Tour De Wildwood will be at Lafayette High School, located at 17050 Clayton Road, near State Route 109. Registration for the Tour De Wildwood will be on the day of the event from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Maps will be provided at the start.

Refreshments will be available at the event and Trailnet will provide SAG-wagon support along the route. There will be a rest stop designated on the long- and middle-distance routes; and the long route will have a location for riders to stop to replenish their supplies of water, sports drinks, or food.

For more information about the Tour De Wildwood, visit Trailnet's Web site at [www.trailnet.org](http://www.trailnet.org), or contact Wildwood's Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440.



- September 16**    **The New Invaders**  
(a 60's music  
Tribute Band)
- October 7**      **The Best of Stovall's**  
(The Best  
Country Music Bands  
that play at Stovall's  
Grove)

If you would like more information about the 2011 Concert Series, call the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440.





*Old Manchester Road bridge.*

## The Summer of 2011 is Busy with Bridge Work

Improvement of four bridges in Wildwood is either underway or has already been completed this summer. Below are the four bridge projects under construction this summer.

### **Old Manchester Road Bridge at Bassett Road**

When the bridge on Old Manchester Road, near Bassett Road, was built in 1923, Model Ts shared the road with horses and buggies. This summer, full replacement of this bridge has been underway. The replacement was made possible through an 80-percent Federal funded grant for the design and construction costs of this project. The new bridge is expected to reopen to traffic by the end of September.

### **St. Paul Road Bridge**

Construction is nearing completion for the replacement of the bridge deck on the City's only bridge located on St. Paul Road, about half-way between Kiefer Creek Road and Ridge Road. St. Paul Road has been closed to through traffic during the project, but should reopen by mid-September.

### **Centaur Road Bridge**

The City expects construction to begin in late August on the replacement of the bridge deck on the only City bridge located on Centaur Road, near Wild Horse Creek Road. Centaur Road will be closed to through traffic during the project, but should reopen by the end of October. This project was originally scheduled to occur during the summer, but had to be delayed due to high river levels on the Missouri River.

### **Strecker Road Bridge at Old Strecker Road**

Minor bridge deck and superstructure repairs were completed this summer on the Strecker Road Bridge, near Old Strecker Road.

## Wildwood Awarded Over \$6.1 Million in Federal Transportation Funding

Wildwood's Department of Public Works was recently notified that all four applications it had submitted earlier this year for Federal transportation funding were approved by the East-West Gateway Board of Directors, totaling \$6,173,418 in Federal funding. Each project will be 80 percent Federally funded with a required match of 20 percent by the City. Below are the projects that were approved for the funding.

### **Wild Horse Creek Road Bridge Replacement over Bates Creek**

This bridge is located on Wild Horse Creek, just north of Centaur Road, and has been temporarily narrowed to one lane until it can be replaced. The project was originally scheduled to start sooner, but was delayed due to easement acquisition, which resulted in requiring a reapplication for Federal funding. The project is now scheduled for completion during the summer of 2012.

### **Resurfacing of Strecker, Valley and Fox Creek Roads**

With funding in place, Strecker Road, Valley Road and Fox Creek Road are now scheduled for resurfacing during the summer of 2013.

### **Route 109 Widening and Pond-Grover Loop Road Roundabout**

Federal funding for this project will supplement other MoDOT and City funding for this combined project. The project includes a two-lane roundabout at Route 109 and Pond-Grover Loop Road. Also part of the project will be two lanes of traffic in each direction on Route 109, between Route 100 and Clayton Road, and a landscaped center median on Route 109. In addition, two pedestrian tunnels under Route 109 are planned for future trail extensions. Another aspect of the project is an extension of Pond-Grover Loop Road to the west side of Route 109, which will provide access to Lafayette Trails Subdivision and future access to the City's Community Park. The City and MoDOT plan to hold an Open House for public comment on this large project later this year. Construction on the project is scheduled to start in the spring/summer of 2013, with completion anticipated by the spring of 2014.

### **Woods Road Bridge Replacement over Hamilton Creek**

Federal funding will enable the City to replace the bridge over Hamilton Creek, located on Woods Road and just west of Route 109. The new bridge will include either a wide shoulder or a sidewalk on one side of the bridge to connect with the Hamilton-Carr Greenway Trail along Route 109. Construction of the new bridge is scheduled to begin the summer of 2015.

# Coming soon to a trail near you... Southern Extension of the Al Foster Memorial Trail



Figure A.



Figure C.

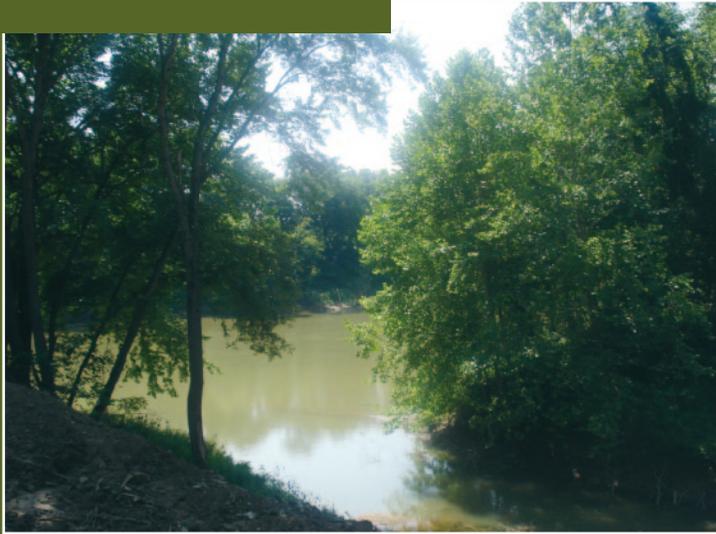


Figure B.



Figure D.

On July 14, 2011, City of Wildwood and Great Rivers Greenway staff met with construction crews on-site at the Al Foster Memorial Trail to discuss details for placement of the new bridge across the Hamilton-Carr Creek, just north of its confluence with the Meramec River. The new bridge, consisting of three (3) sections supported by the original abutments, spans a distance of approximately 192 feet, connecting a linear one-half mile trail extension to the west of the existing multiple-use trail, which parallels the northern bank of the Meramec River. (Figure A.)

The new bridge was a massive undertaking, considering the logistics of maneuvering construction equipment into place, given the generous tree canopy in the area and the steep slopes of the river and creek banks, while avoiding the existing overhead power lines. This feat required the coordination between the general contractor, Kelpe Contracting, the project engineer, Access Engineering, and the many subcontractors involved in repairing and shoring of the old bridge abutments, drilling and setting of new piers, installation of a pad and clearance for crane operation, and horizontal placement of the bridge itself, via a roller system. (Figure B.)

The new bridge was placed mid-August; finish work for signage, the turn-around, and trail surfacing will wrap up the project late this Fall. For your safety, please stay clear of the site, while construction is still underway; however, the existing 2.5 mile trail segment to the east is open for public use during posted hours. Thank you for your cooperation during construction and, soon, a new amenity will be ready for all to enjoy!!! (Figure C & D.)

# Wildwood Recognized as Tree City USA



**TREE CITY USA®**

The City of Wildwood has always taken pride in its wooded hillsides and majestic woodlands, and since its incorporation, it has developed a number of regulations aimed at protecting our natural environment. As a result of these efforts, Wildwood was recently recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA. The Tree City USA Program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to recognize communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority.

Wildwood is pleased to be recognized for its environmental efforts. In addition to protecting its natural resources, Wildwood has worked to enhance our community by planting new trees as part of numerous projects the City has undertaken. It was this pride in our area and drive to preserve it that was one of the driving forces behind Wildwood's incorporation in 1995, and makes this City a great place to live, work, and play today!

# Founder's Day

*Continued from cover*



Following the parade and opening ceremony, visitors will be treated to a classic car show and free concerts by two popular bands – **Jeremiah Johnson and Yessir**. Other activities include carriage rides, kids games, face-painting, and booths highlighting all of the opportunities and places available for residents' and visitors' enjoyment in the City of Wildwood. The fun continues all day until 5:00 p.m.

Since its incorporation, Wildwood has held a number of events to recognize our City as a great place to live, work, and play. The events began with Wildwood Days and later changed to the Wildwood Celebration. In 2008, the City had to cancel the Wildwood Celebration due to poor ground conditions of the parking areas for the event. The City used this break to re-invent the Celebration and provide something that would be more focused on all things Wildwood, including its heritage. The result was the City's Founders' Day Celebration!

If residents have any questions or need more information about Founders' Day, they are invited to contact Joe at (636) 458-0440 or by e-mail at [joe@cityofwildwood.com](mailto:joe@cityofwildwood.com). Wildwood's Founders' Day should be a great day to celebrate Wildwood and the people and places that make it home. So come on out and enjoy all or part of this special day in Wildwood's Town Center.

## Wildwood Running Club *Sponsored by the Wildwood Family YMCA*

With the many great trails to run in Wildwood, it has become a very popular place for local runners to train or run recreationally. This past December, the Wildwood Family YMCA starting a Running Club, which provides an opportunity for all runners to meet for organized group runs and training. Currently, group runs are scheduled at the following times each week:

**Tuesdays, 6:00am** – meet at Manchester/Taylor Roundabout for 1-hour run

**Wednesdays, 7:00pm** – meet at Lafayette High School track for organized speed interval training

**Thursdays, 7:00pm** – meet at Wildwood Starbucks for 1-hour run

**Saturdays, 7:00am** – alternating locations each week, with multiple distance options

Each week, an e-mail is sent to Running Club members, advising of the Wednesday workout plan and Saturday run location. If interested in joining this group, please contact Jen Hine at [jabbey\\_hine@hotmail.com](mailto:jabbey_hine@hotmail.com).

# Mayor & Council Member Attendance Record

Session	4/25		5/9		5/23		6/13		6/27		7/11		7/25	
	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C
Mayor Woerther														
McGowen (W1)											ab	ab		
Geile (W1)														
Parks (W2)									ab	ab	ab	ab		
Marshall (W2)							ab	ab			ab	ab		
LeMay (W3)														
Shea (W3)														
Dodwell (W4)														
Luter (W4)														
McClutchen (W5)														
Roppolo (W5)														
James (W6)											ab	ab		
Sewell (W6)														
McCulloch (W7)			ab				ab	ab						
Kranz (W7)							ab	ab			ab	ab		
Bauer (W8)														
Goodson (W8)														

WS = Work Session, C = Council, S = Special, CW = Committee of the Whole, ab = Absent

## Council Committee Meetings Attendance

### Administration/Public Works Committee

	5/3	6/28	7/26
McGowen (W1)			
Marshall (W2)	ab		
Shea (W3)		ab	
Dodwell (W4)			
Roppolo (W5)	ab	ab	ab
James (W6)			
Kranz (W7)		ab	
Goodson (W8)			ab

### Planning/Economic Development/Parks Committee

	5/17	6/21	7/19
Geile (W1)			
Parks (W2)			
LeMay (W3)			
Luter (W4)			
McCutchen (W5)	ab		ab
Sewell (W6)			
McCulloch (W7)			
Bauer (W8)			

Absent = ab Canceled = c

## Stay In-the-Know with Wildwood's E-Newsletters



The Gazette is a great way to know what is happening in Wildwood, but what do you do to stay in-the-know between issues? The best way to stay on top of everything that is happening is to sign up for Wildwood's E-Newsletter. The E-Newsletter provides residents timely notices of meeting schedules and agendas, road closings, and construction updates. It also can keep you informed on registration information for parks and recreation programs, and other general information about City happenings.

To sign up for the E-Newsletter, go to the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com) and click on the E-NEWS SIGN-UP link in the left column. That will take you to our E-Gov Connect page. At the top of the page you'll find a link that allows you to create or modify your subscription preferences. Follow the easy on-screen instructions to select the E-Newsletters you want to receive. You'll start getting the weekly E-Newsletter on the following Friday, and after that you'll always be in-the-know about what is going on in Wildwood.



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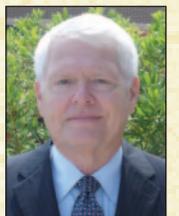


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