



# WILDWOOD gazette

*Planning tomorrow today*

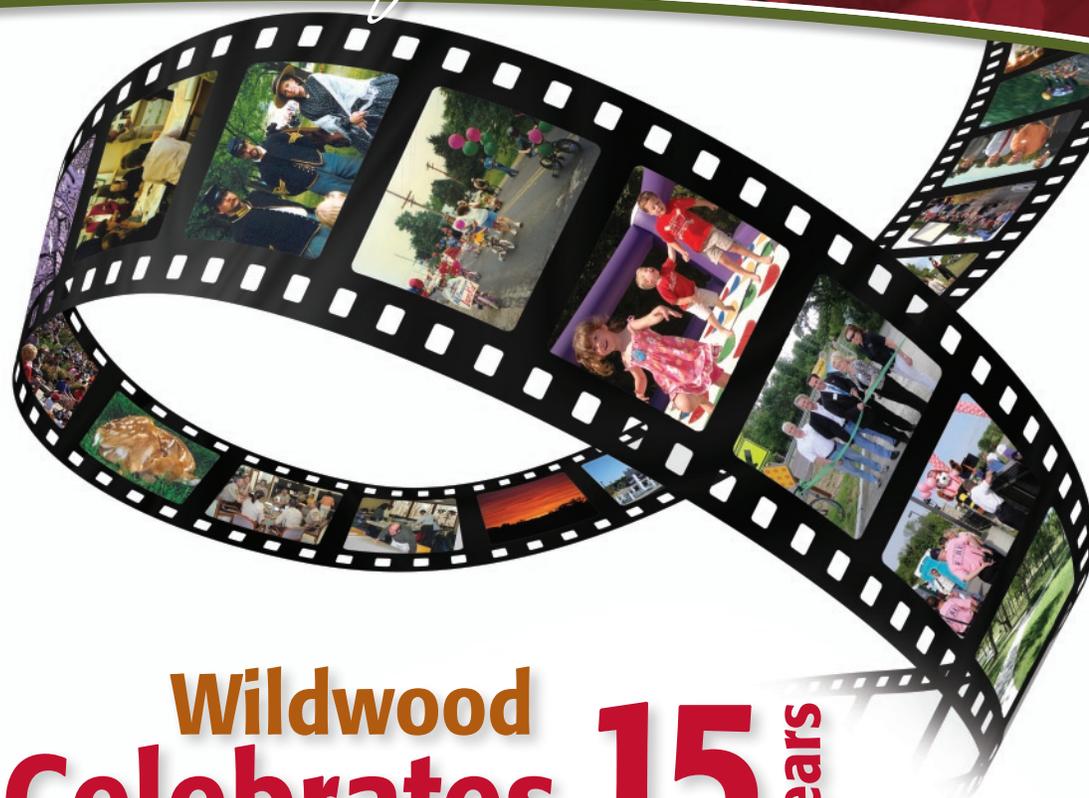
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## Barbecue Bash Returns to Wildwood's Town Center

Wildwood residents and visitors can again sample some of the best barbecue in Missouri when the St. Louis Home Fires Barbecue Bash returns to Wildwood's Town Center Plaza. This year's Barbecue Bash will be held September 25 and 26, and promises to be bigger than ever with more than 165 contestants and vendors already signed up.

There is no charge to attend the Barbecue Bash, but visitors will probably not be able to resist the scent of all the great barbecue and other food that will be for sale there. Most of the competing teams will also sell their products, and since the St. Louis Home Fires Barbecue Bash serves as the Missouri State Championships, attendees can look forward to some of the best brisket, pork, and chicken available in the region.

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## Wildwood Celebrates 15 Years of Growth, Dreams and Opportunities

On September 1, 1995, the City of Wildwood incorporated and began its journey to destiny with one overarching goal—Planning Tomorrow Today. This September, as the City celebrates fifteen years of responsible growth, optimism and the fulfillment of dreams, it's appropriate to look back at goals we've achieved, as well as look forward to new goals.

Integral to our past are visionary leaders who didn't let go of the dream until they saw it become a reality. Those individuals and groups played a major role in sustaining and growing our City, and today they are still very optimistic about Wildwood's future. Their optimism, is based on 15 years of growth, improved services, re-built infrastructure, and growing park and recreation opportunities for everyone. In addition, the City has achieved these accomplishments while still maintaining a strong financial position with ample reserves for its future. In short, the City has grown, but honored the goals of its original incorporators' Plan of Intent.

Today Wildwood residents can see evidence of the successful implementation of those original goals and plans all around them, and in 2009 a local news publication named Wildwood as the "Best of the West." Many individuals and groups helped in different ways to bring about this success. As the City celebrates this landmark anniversary, all the mayors who have served the City over the past 15 years and several of the City's original incorporators of Wildwood have sent the City their comments and congratulations. All of

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# Mayor's Message



## City Again Receives Top Financial Reporting Awards

The Government Finance Officers

Association awarded the City of Wildwood its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the eighth consecutive year, and its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fifth consecutive year. These awards mean quite a bit to the City as they show that every effort is made to ensure every dollar is accurately accounted for from a financial reporting perspective. The City's Financial Officer Dawn Kaiser, City Administrator Dan Dubruiel, the City's Treasurer Steve Cross, and the rest of City Staff deserve the credit for the fine performance we continue to show in budgeting and financial areas.

While I spend a lot of time as Mayor working with residents and others on items that are important to the development of the City, it is the financial health of the City that allows the day to day activities to occur. I am always thrilled to read or hear that even in the difficult financial times we all find ourselves in, the City can still put money in the bank for long-range projects and any changes that may impact finances.

The sales tax that is paid when goods are purchased in the City doesn't go directly to Wildwood. One cent of the 6.825-cents-per-dollar sales tax paid goes into the St. Louis

County Sales Tax pool, along with sales tax revenue from other communities. The tax is then redistributed back to the municipalities, including Wildwood, based on their population. The current formula uses the 2000 census data for distribution of these funds. The rest of the sales taxes collected go to the state and other taxing districts. The amount received by the City goes into the General Revenue Fund and makes up roughly forty-eight percent of the fund total. There are four or five other taxes that make up the General Revenue Fund, with Utility Taxes making up another thirty-five percent. The remaining seventeen percent comes from six different sources.

The rest of the revenue that the City receives goes into Capital Projects. The funding of capital projects varies significantly year to year, based on the amount of federal and state grants awarded to the City. For example, for this year the City projects to receive about \$2.7 million dollars in grants, which will make up forty-one percent of the revenue to the Capital Projects Fund. The next highest portion the City collects comes from a half-of-one percent Capital Improvement Sales Tax, which will account for twenty-nine percent of the fund revenue. While the Sales Tax may be somewhat steady year after year, the amount of grants received varies greatly, depending on the availability and awarding that occurs.

Let's compare general versus capital expenditures for 2010. The City anticipates putting fifty-two percent of the budget towards capital improvements, and forty-eight percent towards operations. In both cases, the amount the City expects to spend will be less than what is projected to be received. Keeping the budget

in line with past years when reserve funds have been increased, 2010 looks to be pretty much the same. The exception is the fund for roads and bridges, which fluctuates based on the projects scheduled to be completed during the year.

The fact that Wildwood can continue to put money into reserve funds in the amount of about \$850,000, as we did last year, is significant compared to other municipalities that have struggled during economic down times like the last couple of years. Just take a look at any of a number of media sources and you can see where many municipalities in the St. Louis area and throughout the nation are struggling to find creative ways to fund their operations. We are celebrating our fifteenth anniversary this year and I feel fortunate that the City has been fiscally conservative since our inception. I will continue to do my utmost to maintain this course and ensure that the City does not outspend its revenues.

A great way for residents to stay up to date with our City's management, projects, issues and even events is with Wildwood's E-Newsletter. If you haven't yet signed up for it, please take a moment to do so. Its weekly updates will keep you on top of all that is happening around the City. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at [twoerther@cityofwildwood.com](mailto:twoerther@cityofwildwood.com), or feel free to come to any of the meetings on the calendar.

## Calendar of Events

All meetings at City Hall, unless specified otherwise.

### SEPTEMBER 2010

9/20	7:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
9/21	6:30 p.m.	Planning/Economic Development/Parks Committee
9/22	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation at Old Pond School
9/25	10:00 a.m.	<b>BBQ BASH</b>
9/26	10:00 a.m.	<b>BBQ BASH</b>
9/27	7:30 p.m.	City Council
9/29	7:00 p.m.	Court

### OCTOBER 2010

10/2	8:00 a.m.	<b>SHREDDING EVENT</b>
10/4	7:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
10/5	6:30 p.m.	Administration/Public Works Committee
10/6	7:00 p.m.	Court

10/7	6:30 p.m.	Board of Public Safety
10/8	6:00 p.m.	<b>CONCERT – FUNKY BUTT BRASS BAND</b>
10/11	7:30 p.m.	City Council
10/14	7:00 p.m.	Architectural Review Board
10/16	11:00 a.m.	<b>123 GREEN</b>
10/18	7:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
10/19	6:30 p.m.	Planning/Economic Development/Parks Committee
10/20	7:00 p.m.	Court
10/21	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment
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Meetings are subject to change, please call City Hall at 636-458-0440 to confirm or check the Calendar page on the Wildwood web site, [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com)

# Town Center Grows With New Theater and Dental Office



*New 10-screen theater to open in early October.*

A new, soon-to-open movie theater at 16820 Main Street and a new medical/dental office at the corner of Fountain Place and Plaza Drive are adding to the appeal of Wildwood's Town Center area, and advancing the City's goal to make it a great place for residents and visitors to work, play, or dine.



*New Dental office coming soon.*

The new 10-screen theater is slated to open in early October of 2010, and will utilize digital formats for both the sound and screen projection of all movies and features presented at the theater. Although the technology used inside is cutting edge, the outside architectural character of the theater is reminiscent of old movie houses from a bygone era, giving it a unique appeal and making patrons' movie experience very special and fun. The theater is located approximately two blocks west of the intersection of Main Street and Taylor Road.

The new one-story medical/dental building at Fountain Place and Plaza Drive is set to open this fall also, and will house the Heartland Dental Clinic. In addition to the dental clinic, the new facility will have space for another tenant, providing a prime location in the heart of Town Center and for further growth of the Wildwood business community.

So if you are a regular visitor to Town Center, or haven't been there for awhile, make a point to go visit soon. There's always something happening there!

# City Moves Forward with New City Hall Planning



*City Hall Rendering - Front View*

In April, Wildwood voters approved a project to build a new City Hall and Police Facility. Subsequently, the City has begun moving forward with planning for the project. The City Hall Steering Committee, which is composed of citizen representatives from throughout the community and City Council Members, will oversee the entire process and help facilitate public involvement.

The City Council has approved retaining the Wildwood Collaborative Architects team to serve as project architects for completion of the design and construction plans for the new building. The team will be headed by the architectural firm Powers and Bowersox Associates, along with architects John Guenther, Dennis Tacchi and Ralph Bicknese. In addition, they will be assisted by several sub-consultant specialists in building design and specifications.

The architects' first priority was to confer with the City Architectural Review Board and conduct another Public Forum in August to re-visit and refine the preliminary exterior design of the building. Once the Schematic Design of the building is agreed upon by the City Council, the architects will proceed with the detailed Design Development and Construction Drawing phase.

Completion of architectural plans and specifications are expected by March 2011, with the competitive construction bidding process to begin in April 2011. Construction is expected to take approximately 18 months, with a move-in date targeted for late fall of 2012.

Wildwood residents are encouraged to monitor updates on the new City Hall project through the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com) and the City's weekly E-Newsletter.

## New Businesses *Registered after May 2010*

**Wildwood Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**  
1441 Charic Dr.  
(636) 394-2522

**Daily Special Café & Catering**  
505 Strecker Rd  
(636) 405-2400

**PC Telemarketing Sales**  
16942 Manchester Rd  
(314) 605-2143

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

Get information on more than 250 Wildwood businesses 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.

# City Sees Completion of New Trails and Park

Over the past year the City of Wildwood and its elected officials have undertaken a number of park and trail projects that are all either nearing completion or are now open. These projects represent years of planning and the work of dedicated contractors to make them ready for residents' use.

The major projects begun in 2009 and completed in 2010 include Phase VII of the Wildwood Greenway Corridor, from Lafayette High School to the Garden Valley Farms Subdivision; Rock Hollow Trail, from Ridge Road to the Al Foster Memorial Trail along the Meramec River; and the Glencoe City Park. Each of these projects will provide many opportunities for fun, recreation, and enjoyment for residents for years to come.

Detailed below are the three projects and their unique characteristics:

**Wildwood Greenway Phase VII** – This one-mile segment of multiple-use trail provides a unique experience, since it is the first phase of the Wildwood Greenway Corridor that does not parallel a major roadway for its entire length. This asphalt-surface trail follows a route through wooded areas and connects to a number of subdivisions to the south and the City's Town Center.

**Rock Hollow Trail** – This 2.3-mile segment of multiple-use trail is located in one of the last pristine valleys in west St. Louis County. The trail provides access to the Meramec River Valley and the Al Foster Memorial Trail, which links the Glencoe area in Wildwood to Castlewood State Park in unincorporated St. Louis County.

**Glencoe City Park** – This seven-acre park site is located to the north of the Meramec River and equipped with a new playground facility that emphasizes climbing skills and agility. Along with this playground equipment is a climbing rock, picnic tables, benches, and walking trails. In developing this park, special attention was given to preserving as many existing trees as possible, which provides a wonderful atmosphere for park users.

Residents who have questions or comments about any of the City's park facilities and trail corridors are invited to visit the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com), or call (636) 458-0440.



*Wildwood Greenway Phase VII.*

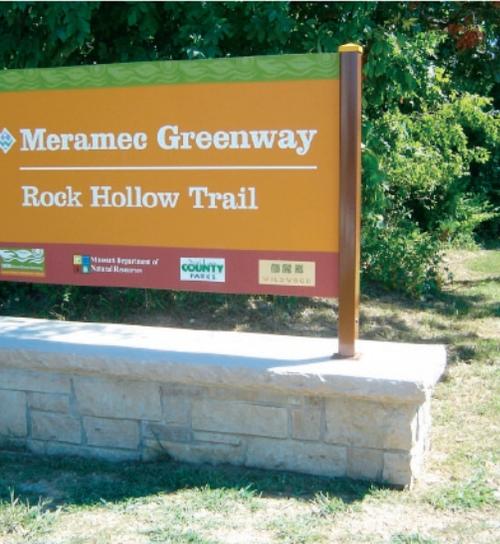


*Rock Hollow Trail.*



*Glencoe City Park.*





## Public Engagement Process Will Help Plan Community Park Development

From its beginning, the City of Wildwood has made a practice of first assessing residents' needs and desires before committing to development plans for public properties. This practice continues as the City undertakes considerations for the development of Wildwood's Community Park area.

The City of Wildwood purchased this 66-acre parcel of ground in May 2009, for use as a community-sized park. The Community Park property is located near the intersection of State Route 100 and State Route 109, and is large enough to accommodate a number of facilities and activities that residents have requested over the years.

Before actual development plans begin, however, the City will conduct a public engagement process to help assess residents' thoughts and needs concerning development of the park. The Wildwood City Council recently authorized Oates Associates to perform this public engagement and to develop a Concept Plan from the resulting resident and stakeholder's input. Assisting Oates Associates will be Vector Communications, which has worked on numerous projects of a similar nature across the region. Vector Communications will lead the public engagement efforts of this consulting team. The public engagement process is scheduled to start after the Labor Day holiday.

Also assisting the City in the development process is the landscape architecture and design firm Nelson Byrd Woltz. This firm's most recent work in the region was the design of the City Garden located on Market Street in downtown St. Louis.

The effort will include the following Scope of Work:

- **Phase 1 - Implement Public Involvement Program**
- **Phase 2 - Discovery: Existing Conditions Survey and Online Survey**
- **Phase 3 - Ideas: Develop Preliminary Community Park Master Plan Alternatives**
- **Phase 4 - Refine the Community Park Master Plan and Prepare the Final Report**

The City Council will form a citizen advisory committee to serve as the sounding board for ideas as the results of the public engagement sessions are presented. The committee members will also review all materials for comments before they are used as part of this planned process. Two representatives from each of the City's eight wards will be selected for participation in this process, and the Council is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the committee. If residents are interested in participating on this committee, they should contact one or both of the City Council Members representing their ward.

Residents are encouraged to participate in this process and to take advantage of upcoming opportunities to provide their opinions on Community Park and its ultimate design and character. The City Council needs everyone's input as decisions are made on the park's development.

Residents can follow the results of this process on the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com), the City's Facebook page and its Twitter Account.

# Wildwood Celebrates 15 Years of Growth, Dreams and Opportunities



these people felt and still feel strongly about the importance of creating a City where the residents have a say in how the land is developed. Listed below are some of the thoughts and observations of these individuals who have played an integral role in making Wildwood a great place to live, work, and play.

As we celebrate and reflect on our 15-year history as a City, it's also appropriate to recognize individuals who played a major role in this timeframe, but are no longer with us. The City's staff, elected and appointed officials would like to thank and extend sincere appreciation to the following: Former Marshall Bill Fredricks and Former Council Members Jim Belleville, Jed Heastrup, Jim Jennings, and Marvin Mueller. We all thank their families and friends for sharing these special people with the City of Wildwood. They left us a legacy we can all appreciate and follow.



**Mayor David Glaser**  
(September 1995 to April 1996)

*Creating a City from nothing was both exciting and challenging at times. We had no laws, no employees, no committees or members, no place to meet, no furniture, and no Master Plan; but in less than 10 months, all of that was miraculously in place. Thinking back, our success was mainly due to the community of volunteers, Council Members, committee members and devoted new employees who came together to serve and support our new City, no matter how they felt about the initial decision on whether or not to incorporate. While progress has been slow at times, Wildwood has come a long way from those early days back in 1995. However, much work remains to be done. I hope our current and future leaders continually focus upon truly serving the best interests of the entire Wildwood community, and do not succumb to the danger of only thinking of their own inter-*

*ests and needs—or even to only the interests of the portion of the City they represent. Then and now, we need servant-leaders!*



**Mayor Ron Marcantano**  
(April 1996 to April 2000)

*In 1995 the people of Wildwood took control of their community and over the past 15 years many things have changed. Those of us who worked to get Wildwood started knew that the work wasn't over on September 1, 1995. Over the past 15 years many people have worked as hard or harder than we did to achieve some amazing things: a community of over 40,000 people where development hasn't stopped but continues in a positive way, a police force that has made Wildwood one of the safest communities in St. Louis, and all this without enacting any new City taxes. I am proud to have been lucky enough to be involved and I am thankful for all those who have stayed or become involved.*



**Mayor John Wild** (April 2000 to April 2004)

*I enjoyed my time in elective office from 1996 to 2004, and found the Mayor's office especially enjoyable. During my time as Mayor, I fondly recall cutting ribbons at the opening of the YMCA, and the Dierberg's Town Center. I also recall that time as when we laid the groundwork for the Westridge Oaks commercial district and the Wildwood Community College. Today the City has matured into a place where all its residents can be proud of the accomplishments of the past 15 years. Wildwood perhaps will always be a work in progress, but her foundation still reflects the*

*dreams of 1995. I'm confident her future will continue to be bright as she listens to all her people, and I wish her the best.*



**Mayor Ed Marshall**  
(April 2004 to April 2008)

*We all know Wildwood is a great place to live and raise a family. As we celebrate the beginning of our fifteenth year; I would like to thank all of those individuals who have chosen to get involved in guiding the City as it continues to mature into the best community in St. Louis County. For those who have chosen to get involved, you know how much time, energy, and sometimes frustration goes into supporting your community. Wildwood is what it is today because of your support over the last 15 years. If you have never been involved, now is your opportunity. You can choose to attend an event, serve on a committee, or just take the time to see how you can help make your City a better place to live.*



**Mayor Tim Woerther**  
(April 2008 to present)

*I originally began my comments reminiscing about how I got involved with the City of Wildwood by volunteering on a citizens committee regarding the Town Center's development and direction in 1997. Then I realized that the past is just that, the past, and if I am to keep consistent with our motto of "Planning Tomorrow, Today," I need to look ahead and think about what I hope to see in another 15 years when the City will double in age to 30!*  
*Fiscally, I expect the City will continue its conservative ways and maintain a very healthy*



amount of reserves that can be called upon for a rainy day. The City has always taken a very conservative approach to spending, and our reserves reflect this. Today we see and hear about problems other municipalities have balancing their budgets and providing basic services. My personal pledge is that we will never come to that dilemma. As a complimentary item on the fiscal topic, I expect the City will continue to generally exercise a pay-as-we-go approach with major projects. This means we don't take on debt to fund projects, but continue to pay for them from the current budget or accumulate funds for that purpose.

As I look forward to our next 15 years, the first of the major projects to discuss is the Community Park. I would hope by 2025 we would have most if not all the facilities there constructed and in use. What that also means is we will have a larger offering of parks and recreation activities for everyone in the City. I also hope to see partnering expand with organizations such as the YMCA, St. Louis Community College, Rockwood School District and several other organizations and entities as we share resources and set new levels for engagement.

While discussing parks and recreation, I would be remiss if I didn't state that by 2025 we will probably be very close to completing connections North, South, East and West for the trail system. The most significant accomplishment will be the ability for residents to walk, ride or run across our City from the Meramec to the Missouri Rivers. Other connections will link the City with our neighboring municipalities in ways we are just now planning.

Connections of another type come to mind, namely high-speed Internet connections. Planning to provide our residents options for high-speed Internet is now underway. What will be the final technologies to accomplish this goal is probably the biggest question yet to be

answered. Eventually though, I expect every resident will have several choices for phone, television and Internet services.

Finally, as I look forward to the next 15 years I resolutely believe the Town Center growth of businesses will continue and pick up once we get through the current economic malaise. Creating additional retail, living, and education opportunities will create a real City with unique services, architecture styles and feel that will continue to demonstrate Wildwood is leading and planning for tomorrow.

**Sue Cullinane (Original Incorporator)**

Jonathan Barnett, the author and planner who assisted with the original Master Planning, Town Center planning and subsequent updates for Wildwood, was asked the following: "Of all the cities you have studied, is there one that would serve as a model for Wildwood?" Jonathan replied, "No, Wildwood IS the model." Citizens must ensure that officials of the City never forget that the reason people moved here is because Wildwood is such a unique and special place. Rather than heavily graded "moonscapes" and semi-vacant strip malls, let's pass on to our children and grandchildren a welcoming place of vision and character.

**Maryanne Simmons (Original Incorporator)**

When I attended my first public hearing at St. Louis County in 1986 both my boys were barely in junior high school. It helped to be young and bullet proof. If anyone had told us what was ahead of us (a growing group of residents who eventually accomplished the "impossible" task of coming together, of securing a place on the ballot, winning the election, and facing down the court challenges that resulted), no one in their right mind would have attempted it. But we learned early on never to go away, never

wait until a public hearing to get our voices heard, and never give up in the face of loss after loss in the early days of challenging irresponsible land use.

In the early days of the City we only had to look west of 109 to see what we had fought for—pristine land covered with trees. We needed only to drive 109 to remember we stopped a highway—a highway fight that pulled together all the neighborhoods that would eventually become Wildwood. Today the Town Center is taking shape and there is a streetscape under construction along Old Manchester Road. Miles and miles of bike and walking paths are filled with people. Each time I see them I smile at the early accomplishments of Wildwood. We still fight, we still struggle to keep the vision of Wildwood alive, but we never ever fail to wonder at this thing we all accomplished.

**John Gragnani, M.D. (Original Incorporator)**

As a member of the original Committee for Incorporation and member of the first elected Charter Commission, I have been proud to watch this City do so well and be recognized locally and nationally for its achievements. The Plan of Intent, The Master Plan and associated ordinances have been proven correct, insightful, and in keeping with the promises made to the citizens at the time of the incorporation vote, in February 1995. I would hope that the City's current government leaders as well as all of the citizens would remember these successes in the years to come. The original incorporators, of which there were many, gave this community a chance to be unique and maintain a quality of life and property unknown previously in this region. Happy Birthday Wildwood, and keep up the great work.

# City's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and BBQ Bash

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## Last Weekend in September

The last weekend in September will be a "must see" when the City of Wildwood combines its Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration with the eighth annual St. Louis Home Fires BBQ Bash on September 25 and 26, in the Town Center Plaza area. That weekend, visitors to the Town Center Plaza can check out more than 165 vendors and barbecue contestants there for the BBQ Bash, taste some of the best barbecue in the region, and enjoy all the family-oriented entertainment and activities planned for the City's Anniversary Celebration.

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# Welcome Wildwood

## 'Birth' of the city long time in coming

By Mary Shapiro  
Staff writer

Congratulations, ladies and gentlemen — you have a bouncing baby city.

Though the records will officially list Sept. 1 of this year as Wildwood's birthday, the true creation of Wildwood took place about 3½ years ago in a quiet library at Lafayette High School.

Jack Dann, a veteran supporter of the community, remembers that meeting vividly.

"Our efforts were at the tail end of a controversy over the state highway department trying to widen

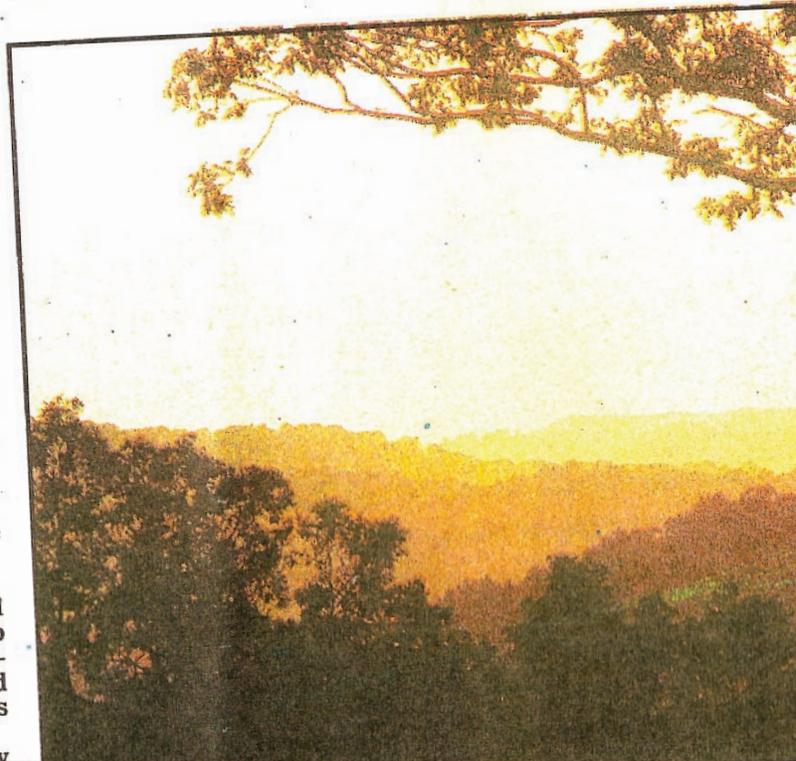
the "wood" came from the Rockwoods Reservation and Rockwoods Range areas in the southern end of Wildwood, Dann said.

"Otherwise, we would have a city called 'Rockhorse,'" Dann joked.

"No one ever thought it would take this long to form a city. But I think we'll create one that the entire St. Louis area will be proud of."

It's a city with much to offer.

A wealth of new homes and young families are growing up together. Alongside are reminders of the rural villages patched together to make up Wildwood's history.





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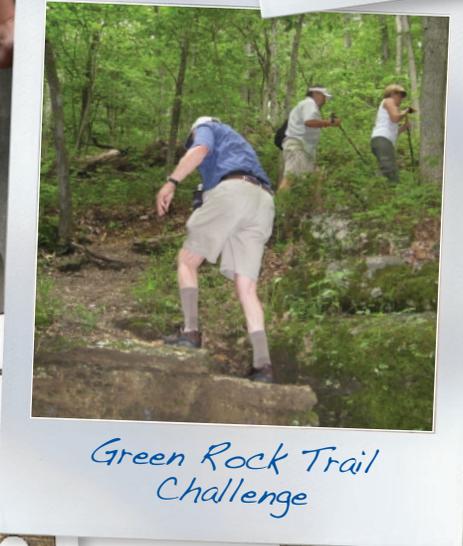
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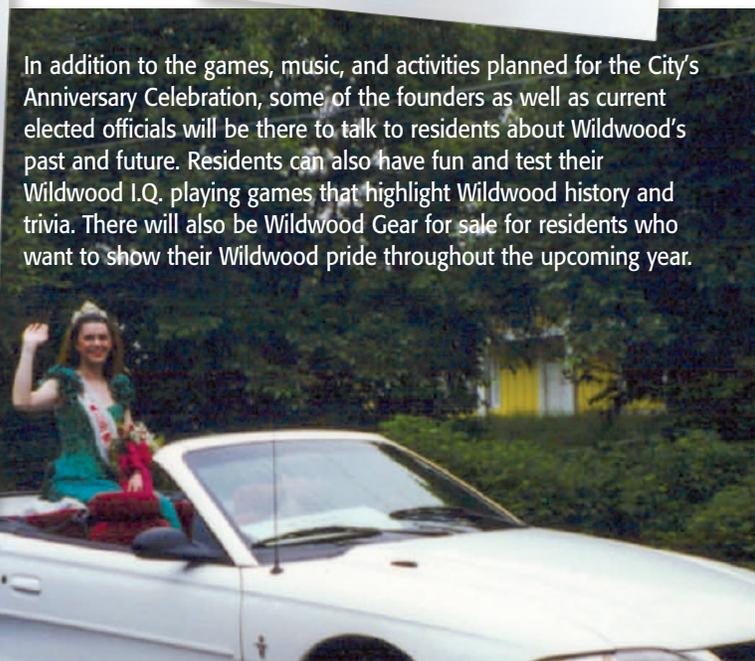
Rock Hollow  
Ribbon Cutting



Spring Egg Hunt



Green Rock Trail  
Challenge



In addition to the games, music, and activities planned for the City's Anniversary Celebration, some of the founders as well as current elected officials will be there to talk to residents about Wildwood's past and future. Residents can also have fun and test their Wildwood I.Q. playing games that highlight Wildwood history and trivia. There will also be Wildwood Gear for sale for residents who want to show their Wildwood pride throughout the upcoming year.

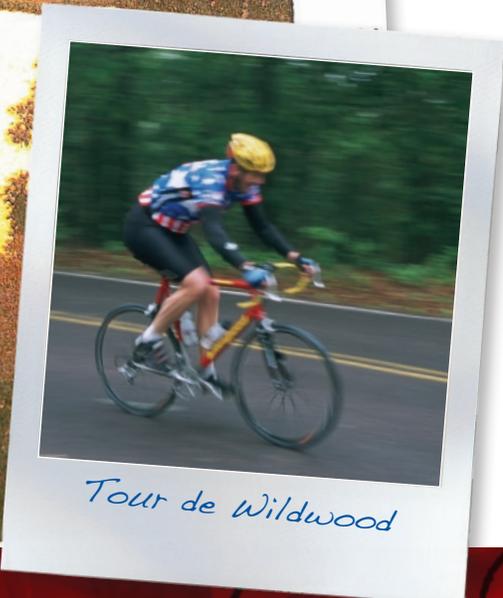


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**Here are some of the planned events and venues for this two-day celebration:**

- **Proclamation Ceremony at Main Stage** – Opening ceremonies for the Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration are scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 25. On hand to lead the ceremonies will be Mayor Tim Woerther and other local dignitaries.
- **Scavenger Hunt** – The Dean Team Subaru Challenge Scavenger Hunt will kick off at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 25, and will include many of the prominent businesses in the Town Center area. Participants in the Hunt will gather treasures and answer questions about Wildwood and this wonderful community that is celebrating its fifteenth year. Scavenger Hunt directions and a map will be available at the City of Wildwood Tent on the Barbecue Bash grounds at the time of the Scavenger Hunt.
- **Wildwood Trivia** – Think you know everything there is to know about Wildwood? Whether you're a Wildwood-know-it-all or a Wildwood novice, be sure to pick up the special flyer the City developed that will challenge even the most knowledgeable Wildwood residents. It is full of fun-to-know facts and figures about our community.
- **Wildwood Fun Book: 15 Great Things to Do in Wildwood** – Next time you're looking for something fun to do that's close to home, you'll only need to pull out this useful booklet the City has developed. These books will be available to all attendees,

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Tour de Wildwood



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Sounds of Seuss 2010

- **Childrens Games and Activities** – Even kids will have a great time at this special Anniversary Celebration and Barbecue Bash weekend. Kids will be entertained while playing golf on simulators, and on three inflatable activity centers, a 4-Stage Bungee Jump, Swings, a Two-Person Gyro, and a children’s Mechanical Bull. A charge is assessed for each use.

- **Car Show** – Almost everyone loves looking at the classic cars of yesteryear, and there will be plenty of opportunities to do that when the

City hosts a Classic Car show from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Saturday, September 25, in the Town Center area. That day visitors can enjoy seeing these great restorations and talking with the proud owners of these cars.

and will guide residents and visitors as they explore Wildwood and learn about the top 15 fun places and things to do in the City.

- **Bands** – Over the two days of the combined Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration and Barbecue Bash, the City has scheduled several very popular St. Louis area bands to play. The bands include Gumbo Head, Lenny Frisch Trio, Non-Stop Classic Rock Band, and Klose’nuff. All of these bands are popular around the St. Louis Region and draw big crowds wherever they play. Visitors may want to bring lawn chairs with them. That way they can sit back, relax, and enjoy all the great music the City has in store for them.

- **St. Louis County Police Department and Metro West Fire Protection District** – Wildwood first-responders will have a number of exhibits and equipment on display during the two-day Anniversary celebration. Everyone is welcome to stop by, look at the displays and ask questions.



STL Explosion Unit



Moon Walk



BBQ Bash

So, whatever your interests are, make sure to mark your calendar for September 25 and 26. It promises to be a weekend full of fun, and a great way to meet new people, see old friends, show your support for the community of Wildwood, and enjoy what the City has to offer.

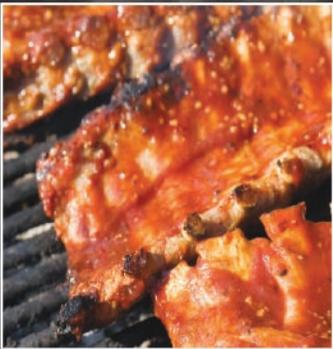
**6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ST. LOUIS HOME FIRES**

# BBQ BASH

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## BBQ Bash

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Of course there will also be other food items for sale, but the barbecue will be the star that weekend.

The Barbecue Bash was held in Wildwood for the first time last year and was an immediate hit with everyone. In addition to the offerings of the event's 165 contestants and vendors, there are plenty of other activities planned for this year's Bash.

This year's Bash is a lot more than great food. There will be lots of entertainment and activities planned for children and adults. Children will enjoy three Inflatables activities, a Four-Stage Bungee Jump, Swings, a Two-Person Gyro, a children's Mechanical Bull ride, and playing golf on simulators. A charge is assessed for each use.

For visitors who would rather just kick back and relax, there will be several bands slated to play over the two-day Barbecue Bash. Bands that weekend slated to entertain crowds include St. Louis area favorites like Gumbo Head, Lenny Frisch Trio, Non-Stop Classic Rock Band, and Klose'nuff.

And since this year's Barbecue Bash coincides with Wildwood's two-day, Fifteenth-Anniversary Celebration and activities planned for it, there will be a plethora of entertainment and activities for every member of the family, such as a Classic Cars show and a special Wildwood Scavenger Hunt. For a full list of Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration activities, see the "City's 15th Anniversary and BBQ Bash" article in this edition of the Gazette.

So be sure to be at Wildwood's Town Center on September 25 and 26. The City and St. Louis Home Fires Barbecue Bash will be serving up fun, food and good times for everyone all weekend long.

# Water Conservation — It Starts With Each of Us

Warm weather places an increased demand on our water resources. The Department of Natural Resources has identified water conservation as the most cost-effective and environmentally sound way to reduce the demand on our water supply and the aquifer that provides water to many of the City's rural households. To help conserve this vital resource, the City of Wildwood encourages residents to be mindful of the amount of water they use for everyday household chores.

Below are a few things residents can do to reduce groundwater use. If every household would implement even some of these water-saving steps, the demand on our water resources would be lessened.

## Outdoor

1. Avoid over-watering lawns. A heavy rain eliminates the need for watering for up to two weeks. To determine if a lawn needs watering, step on the grass. If it springs

back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. If watering is necessary, water between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to reduce evaporation. Also, if installing irrigation devices, install types that are the most water efficient, such as micro and drip irrigation, and soaker hoses.

2. Avoid over-fertilizing a lawn. Applying fertilizer increases the need for water.
3. Plant grasses and shrubs that need less water (drought-tolerant species). The City has prepared a Sustainable Plantings Guide that provides information on trees, shrubs, and grasses that are suitable for Wildwood and low-water users.
4. When washing cars, use a hose with a shut-off nozzle that can be adjusted to a fine spray, rather than leaving the hose running the full time.
5. Use a broom or blower to clean driveways and patios instead of a hose.
6. Place a layer of mulch around trees and plants. Chunks of bark, peat moss, or gravel slow down evaporation.
7. Use a cover for swimming pools to cut down on evaporation.

## Indoor

1. Before pouring wastewater down the drain,

consider if there may be another use for it. (i.e. water garden or indoor plants)

2. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth, washing your face, or shaving.
3. Shorten showers by one or two minutes. Also, install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors.
4. Avoid pre-rinsing pots, dishes, and glasses before placing them in the dishwasher.
5. Fix leaky faucets and plumbing joints.
6. Retrofit household faucets by installing aerators with flow restrictors.
7. Wash only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.
8. Dispose of tissues or other similar waste in trash receptacles, rather than the toilet.
9. Replace older toilets with low-volume models.
10. Install a toilet displacement device to cut down on the amount of water needed to flush, but don't use a brick as it may dissolve and loose pieces could cause damage to the toilet. A one-gallon plastic jug of water placed in the tank where it doesn't interfere with the operational parts will displace water flow.

Please be a good neighbor and remember every drop counts! It's everyone's responsibility to maintain our water resource.

## Have You Tested Water From Your Private Well This Year?

Residents with private wells should be aware the St. Louis County Department of Health recommends private wells be tested annually for bacteria. To determine if residents' water supply is safe to drink, the County's Environmental Health Laboratories offers testing for total coliform, fecal coliform bacteria, and total viable organism. If contamination is found, the County will provide residents with a procedure for disinfecting their well and plumbing system (called shock chlorination).

To encourage Wildwood residents to test their private wells, the City has partnered with St. Louis County to collect and transport drinking-water

samples. Residents can obtain water-sample kits at Wildwood City Hall, then return them to City Hall for transportation to St. Louis County Health offices in Clayton for testing.

To test the quality of their well water, residents should complete the following steps:

1. Pick up a sampling kit (including instructional form) at Wildwood City Hall.
2. Collect a water sample as outlined in the instructional form provided with the kit.
3. Complete the form provided with the kit.
4. Return the collected sample along with the completed form and \$15 in check or cash to Wildwood City Hall on **Mondays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** (checks must be made payable to "City of Wildwood")

- The City of Wildwood will deliver these kits to St. Louis County on Monday afternoons.
- Samples must be transported within 30 hours of their collection. Therefore, samples should be collected on Sunday evenings or Monday mornings.

St. Louis County requires two days to complete testing. The results of the testing will be mailed directly from the laboratory to the individual property owner.

If residents have questions regarding the water collection process, or the testing completed on this sample, they should contact the St. Louis County Environmental Health Laboratories at (314) 615-8324, or visit their Web site at [www.stlouisco.com/doh](http://www.stlouisco.com/doh).

# Major Road and Bridge Work Completed

Over the summer, the City of Wildwood completed two major Public Works projects—a substantially-improved bridge on Strecker Road over Caulks Creek and an improved one-half-mile section of Manchester Road. These two improvements will increase safety and the visual appeal in those areas.

For decades, the bridge rails on Strecker Road near Church Road have on a weekly basis traded paint with vehicles trying to traverse the tight S-curve across Caulks Creek. The new bridge now in place provides motorists improved width and alignment, and has been elevated to prevent future flooding, which had in the past occasionally been a problem. The appearance of the new bridge has also been improved with battered steel rails traded in for decorative stone-barrier walls. The adjacent land will also be enhanced with landscaping later this fall.

Farther to the south in the Wildwood Town Center, a one-half-mile section of Manchester Road has dramatically been improved. The addition of separate bike lanes and sidewalks between Taylor Road and Schnucks at Wildwood Crossing provide a safer means of transportation for everyone to and from parts of the Town Center. The addition of street lights and street trees, in accordance with the Town Center Streetscape Design Standards, add to the beauty of this stretch of Manchester Road.

Other sections of Manchester Road are slated for similar improvements in the future. A section farther to the west, between East Avenue and Route 109, is currently in design with construction scheduled to begin in 2012. Other sections between these two projects should fill in as additional development activity occurs along this corridor.



*Improved bridge on Strecker Road over Caulks Creek is now wider, more attractive and has been elevated to prevent future flooding.*



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# Shredding Event 2010

- WHAT**
- Shredding Event to be held in the Wildwood Town Center.
  - Free to the public, non and Wildwood residents are welcome.
  - All materials are recycled, no landfill.
  - Limit 10 boxes per car.



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 2, 2010  
from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Wildwood Town Center  
16860 Main Street  
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
  - Medical Waste (medicine/needles/etc.)

## Shredding Event Discourages Identity Theft and Doesn't Add to Landfills

Identity theft is on the increase and one good way to decrease your chances of becoming a victim is to shred bank and credit statements, credit applications and other documents that might provide crooks access to information they could use to tap into your accounts or establish new ones in your name without your knowledge. If you're like many people, however, you already have a stack of papers that needs to be shredded, but you don't have the time or means to get it done. So the papers either sit in drawers and boxes, or you throw them out and hope the information isn't misused.

The good news is that on Saturday, October 2, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the City of Wildwood will host a free shredding event at the Wildwood Town Center to help address your document-disposal woes. The free event is open to both residents and nonresidents, and all materials will be recycled, not sent to area landfills. Participants can bring up to 10 boxes per car to be recycled.

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 no going through stacks 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 is a list of 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
- Medical Waste (medicine/needles/etc.)

Wildwood Town Center is located at 16860 Main Street, in Wildwood, Missouri 63040. 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).

## 1-2-3 Green Event Makes it Easy to Be Green!

Going green will be as easy as 1, 2, 3 for residents who attend Wildwood's 1-2-3 Green event from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Saturday, October 16, at the Wildwood Campus of St. Louis Community College. This family-oriented eco-festival will feature easy ways to live a greener life. That day residents can drop off unwanted electronics for recycling by MERS/Goodwill, attend gardening seminars or mini informational sessions on ways to live green, and check out multiple eco-friendly vendors of products and services. There will also be hands-on activities for families.

Residents who want a safe, eco-friendly way to dispose of documents will want to take advantage that day of the document-shredding ser-



A Family Eco-Festival

# 1·2·3·Green!

at St. Louis Community College  
at Wildwood

vice provided by Cintas. Residents can bring up to five boxes of documents for shredding.

The 1-2-3 Green event is free and open to everyone. If residents have questions, they can call Debbie Ward at (636) 422-2241, or e-mail her at [dward106@stlcc.edu](mailto:dward106@stlcc.edu).

# Mayor & Council Member Attendance Record

Session	3/8		3/22		4/12		4/26		5/10		5/24		6/14		6/28		7/12		7/26		8/9		8/23	
	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C	WS	C
Mayor Woerther																								
Thibeault (W1)																								
Geile (W1)					ab	ab							ab	ab										
Parks (W2)																					ab	ab		
Marshall (W2)							ab	ab																
Baugus (W3)											ab	ab												
Shea (W3)																								
Wise (W4)																								
Vedvig (W4) <i>Luter as of 4/26</i>											ab	ab					ab	ab			ab	ab		
Schaefer (W5)													ab	ab			ab	ab						
Roppolo (W5)													ab	ab										
James (W6)																	ab	ab						
Sewell (W6)					ab	ab			ab	ab														
McCulloch (W7)																								
Porter (W7) <i>Kranz as of 4/26</i>																								
Ferris (W8) <i>Goodson as of 8/09</i>																								
Bauer (W8)																								

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

## Council Committee Meetings Attendance

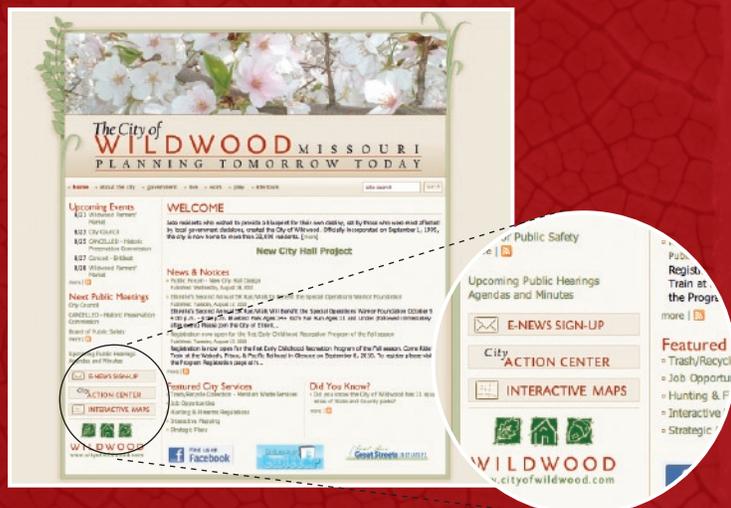
### Administration/Public Works Committee

	3/2	4/13	New Members	5/4	6/1	No meeting in July	8/3
Thibeault (W1)	ab		Geile (W1)				
Marshall (W2)							
Baugus (W3)							
Vedvig (W4)			Wise (W4)				
Schaefer (W5)	ab						
Sewell (W6)	ab		James (W6)	ab			
McCulloch (W7)			Kranz (W7)				
Ferris (W8)			Goodson (W7)				

### Planning/Economic Development/Parks Committee

	3/25	4/20	New Members	5/18	6/15	7/27	8/17
Geile (W1)			Thibeault (W1)				
Parks (W2)							
Shea (W3)							
Wise (W4)			Luter (W4)				
Roppolo (W5)				ab		ab	
James (W6)			Sewel (W6)	ab			
Vacant (W7)			McCulloch (W7)		ab		
Bauer (W8)							

Absent = ab Canceled = c



## Wildwood E-Newsletter Keeps You in the Know

If you want to stay on top of what is happening around town, be sure to sign up for Wildwood's weekly E-Newsletter. Not only is the E-newsletter filled with information on City events, it also keeps residents up to date on other local events, businesses, City Council actions, roadway projects, green tips, and much more.

Signing up for the newsletter is easy. Just go to the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com) and click on the "E-News Sign-Up" button at the bottom left-hand corner of the City's home page. Once signed up, you'll be amazed at how easy it is to stay current on everything happening in Wildwood.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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

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# City Helmet Law for Kids Saves Lives and Prevents Head Trauma

According to Wildwood's Municipal Code, when in the City children under the age of 17 must wear a helmet when they are on a bicycle, scooter, roller skates, roller blades, or skateboard. It is the responsibility of the child's parent or guardian to ensure their child is wearing a helmet whenever they are engaging in one of these activities. If Police see a child who is acting in violation of this code, they can issue the parent/guardian an equipment violation notice. The notice could be dismissed, however, once a helmet is purchased and verified.

What is most important is the fact that it's dangerous for a child to engage in these activities without a helmet. Accidents involving bicycles, scooters, roller skates, roller blades or skateboards are much more likely to cause death or serious head trauma if a helmet isn't worn. Parents can help protect their children by ensuring before they go out to skate, skateboard, or ride their bike or scooter, they first strap on their helmet.

Parents can encourage their kids by themselves using helmets when they engage in these activities. Even though adults are not required by law to wear helmets, they are not immune to head injuries either and should consider wearing a helmet. It can prevent serious injuries and also sets a good example for children.

To raise awareness of this regulation and safety concern, this fall the City of Wildwood will install signs throughout the community. The signs, which were provided through a grant from the St. Louis County Department of Health, will be installed at entrances to major residential areas, near community pools and other areas where children are present.

In addition, the Metro West Fire Protection District recently launched the new Metro West Bicycle Helmet program to help reduce youth injuries. The program provides helmets to any child who needs one. Helmets will be fitted to the child and distributed at each Metro West station at no cost to the public. The helmets are branded Metro West Yellow with the district logo on one side. For more information, residents can contact the Metro-West Fire Protection District at (636) 458-2100.

Residents who would like to read the full Municipal Code requiring children under the age of 17 to wear helmets can access it from the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com) and click on the "Municipal Code" link from the "about the city" drop-down box. The Code is under Section 340.420.





September - October 2010

# Wildwood

# Parks & Recreation

## Plenty of Special Events Still Planned for 2010

As we move from the summer months into fall, the City of Wildwood still has plenty of major events scheduled for residents through the end of the year. These events cover a wide range of interests and venues, and should provide something for everyone. Best of all, many of the City's events are free or have only a nominal charge, and all are family-friendly.

Below is a list of event highlights for the remainder of 2010. Residents can find more details on events and meetings happening in Wildwood by visiting the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com), its Facebook page, or Twitter account. In addition, residents can have all the latest Wildwood information delivered directly to their e-mail address every week by signing up for Wildwood's E-Newsletter. To sign up, just go to the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com) and click on the "E-News Sign-Up" button at the bottom left-hand corner of the City's home page.

So, if you like to stay close to home, but enjoy all this area has to offer, keep reading!

### Early Childhood Recreation Program Provides Special Times for Preschoolers

Wildwood's Early Childhood Recreation Program is conducted eight months out of the year and offers different monthly activities for children ages two through five. The program's fall session kicks off with a train ride that is sure to delight children and caregivers alike. On Wednesday, September 8, the Wabash Frisco and Pacific Railroad Association in Glencoe will provide children and their caregivers a scenic ride along the Meramec River. The two-mile round trip on a 12-inch gauge live steam railroad will give children and caregivers an extraordinary glimpse of the scenery along the Meramec River valley, just as the fall colors begin to paint the foliage.

Although this is a free program, pre-registration is required and space is limited, so early registration is recommended. Two train trips are scheduled for that day—one at 10:00 a.m. and another at 1:00 p.m. Registration is available online through Wildwood's Parks and Recreation section of the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com).

Two other events scheduled for the program's fall session will be a pumpkin decorating event at City Hall on October 20 and 21, and a lively music program featuring Babaloo on November 17 and 18. Parents, grandparents, or caregivers are asked to stay on location with their child for the entire session at these events. Registration and more specific information on the October and November activities are available on the City's Web site. The October and November events are also free, but preregistration is required.

Residents who have questions about these or any other programs can call Wildwood's Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440.

### Skywarn – Know What to do When Severe Weather Strikes

Severe weather is no stranger to our area, but do you or your family members know what to do when it strikes? Severe weather emergencies can develop quickly and while you can't stop them from happening, training on the proper ways to respond can help keep you and your family members safe if and when severe weather occurs.

To better equip residents to understand and respond to threatening weather conditions, the City of Wildwood will host the Traveling Weather Show, L.L.C., from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., on Friday, October 22, at Wildwood City Hall. This one-evening class is free and will cover a range of topics everyone should know in the event of severe weather and how to protect lives when it strikes.

Residents can get more information about this class on the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com), or by calling the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. Make sure to be at this important presentation, and don't forget to bring your umbrella!





## Concert - Smash Band

**When: September 17, 6:00-8:30 p.m.**  
**Where: Town Center Plaza**  
**Cost: Free**

Make sure you're at Town Center Plaza early for this concert by one of the St. Louis area's favorite bands. Smash Band's repertoire crosses all genres, from Rock to Country, Rhythm and Blues to Oldies, even standards made famous by music icons like Frank Sinatra. No matter what style of music you prefer, Smash Band's performances have something for everyone. So join with friends and family and come out for what is sure to be a very popular event.

This is the second of three outdoor concerts the City will host this year. In addition to great music, the City provides kettle corn, water, and soft drinks to all in attendance. Seven hundred hot dogs, chips, and shaved ice treats will also be served on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees can also bring their own food and non-alcoholic beverages, but glass containers are prohibited. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating.

## Amazing Taste Event

**When: September 19, 1:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**Where: Wildwood Town Center**

Cost: \$30 at the door; advance price of \$25 per ticket or \$20 per ticket with group-ticket purchase of 10 or more; \$40 per ticket for limited, premium-reserve tickets (Proceeds from event will go to Angels' Arms foster care)

Bring your appetite for this special event that will feature food and drink from several of Wildwood and West County's best, independent, non-chain restaurants. Participating restaurants includes local favorites like Table 3, Indigo Joes, Wildwood Grill and others, all of which will provide sample items from their menus.

For those looking for an exceptional tasting experience, premium-reserve tickets will be available exclusively through Lukas Liquor in Ellisville. Only 100 premium tickets will be sold. In addition to food tastings, premium-tickets include tastings of super premium wines, spirits and beer. Premium-ticket hold-

ers will receive a complimentary Riedel glass for sampling that day. To purchase premium-reserve tickets, call Lukas Liquor at (636) 227- 4543, or visit them at 15921 Manchester Rd. in Ellisville.

Purchase of regular advance tickets can be made through Angels' Arms foster care, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing loving homes for foster children by keeping brothers and sisters together within a nurturing family until a forever home is found. To purchase regular advance tickets, go to the Angels' Arms Web site at [www.angelsarms.org](http://www.angelsarms.org) and click on the "Events" tab at the top, then on the "Amazing Taste" link in the left column. Residents can also call Angels' Arms at (314) 726-6899, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## St. Louis Home Fires' Barbecue Bash

**When: September 25-26**  
**Where: Town Center Plaza**  
**Cost: Free admission**

Follow your nose to Town Center Plaza when the City of Wildwood again hosts the annual St. Louis Home Fires' Barbecue Bash. Over 165 contestants and vendors will be on hand to give your taste buds a culinary treat. In addition to concerts and family-oriented entertainment, most BBQ teams will sell their products, and other food items and beverages will be for sale. For more details, see the special Barbecue Bash article in this edition of the Gazette.

## City of Wildwood Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration

**When: September 25-26**  
**Where: Town Center Plaza**  
**Cost: Free admission**

As part of Wildwood's month-long celebration of the City's fifteenth anniversary, the City is hosting two full days of fun at the Town Center Plaza, coinciding with the annual Barbecue Bash. In addition to the games, music, and activities, some of the City's founders as well as current elected officials will be there to talk to residents about Wildwoods past and future. Residents can also test their Wildwood I.Q. with games that highlight Wildwood history and trivia. And for residents who want to show their Wildwood pride throughout the upcoming year, there will be Wildwood Gear for sale. For more details on the activities planned for those two days, see the special fifteenth anniversary article in this edition of the Gazette.





## Concert - Funky Butt Brass Band

**When: October 8, 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Where: Town Center Plaza**

**Cost: Free**

Get ready for a unique blend of New Orleans brass, with a little Motown, Southern Rock and Chicago Blues added when the Funky Butt Brass Band (FBBB) takes the stage at Town Center Plaza in this final concert of the season. The Funky Butt Brass Band was formed in 2008 by six musicians who respect and revere the New Orleans brass band tradition. Made up of members of Gumbohead, The Feed, Musica Slesa and other renowned St. Louis groups, the FBBB takes traditional New Orleans brass tunes and gives them a funky flavor. In 2010 FBBB was voted the best Funk/Soul/R&B band by the St. Louis River Front Times Music Awards.

This is the final outdoor concert the City will host this year. In addition to great music, the City provides kettle corn, water, and soft drinks to all in attendance. Seven hundred hot dogs, chips, and shaved ice treats will also be served on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees can also bring their own food and non-alcoholic beverages, but glass containers are prohibited. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating.

We play a genre-bending mix of traditional jazz, slinky funk, down-and-dirty blues and authentic New Orleans "second line" music, guaranteed to get your feet moving and your rump shaking.



## Route 66 5K Run/Walk

**When: November 6, 8:00 a.m.**

**Where: Wildwood Middle School, 17401 Manchester Road**

**Cost: \$15 if registration postmarked by October 27;  
\$20 if postmarked October 28, or later**

Compete in a timed 5K Run or Walk at your own pace on the Historic Route 66. Registration can be completed in advance of the race, or on the morning of race day. Participants may pick up their packets between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on the day before the race at Wildwood City Hall, 183 Plaza Drive, or beginning at 7:00 a.m. on the morning of the race at Wildwood Middle School. Each participant will receive a long-sleeve t-shirt and refreshments. Awards will be presented to the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth-place male and female runners in each age group; and first, second, and third-place male and female runners overall. No duplication of awards. Age groups for the race will be for ages 13 and under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over. Awards will be presented at approximately 9:15 a.m., immediately following the 1K Fun Run for Kids. No rollerblades, bicycles, or pets please.

A registration-form link will be accessible from the Special Events Calendar on the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com) once registration opens. If residents have any questions, they may contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440.



## 1K Fun Run for Kids

**When: November 6, 9:00-9:30 a.m.**

**Where: Wildwood Middle School, 17401 Manchester Road**

**Cost: Free, but preregistration required**

Children ages 12 and under can take part in their own 1K Fun Run. Participants can choose to either walk or run along a section of the Historic Route 66. All finishers will receive awards, a giveaway, and refreshments. Participants may pick up their packets on the Friday prior to the race at Wildwood City Hall, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or beginning at 7:00 a.m. on the morning of the race at Wildwood Middle School. No rollerblades, bicycles, or pets please.

Although the event is free, prior registration is required. A registration-form link will be accessible from the Special Events Calendar on the City's Web site at [www.cityofwildwood.com](http://www.cityofwildwood.com) once registration opens. If residents have any questions, they may contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440.

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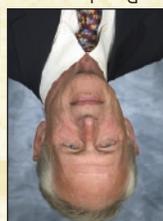
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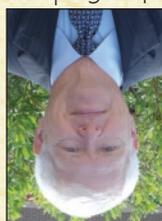
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