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Dear Wildwood Residents,

The summer months are upon us, and we expect our parks in the Wildwood Park District (WPD) to be very busy this summer season. We have all realized homebound quarantine times over the past two years relative to the potential spread of the Covid-19 virus. Additionally, the price of gasoline is at an all-time high which will likely reduce travel and cause people to vacation at home.

Wildwood Park District has eleven (11) parks, four (4) beaches, and manages Valley Lake as well as sections of Gages Lake. Over the years, the busier parks with foot traffic are Sunset Beach Park, Pebble Beach Park, Willow Point Park, and Rule Park. Sunset Beach Park and Pebble Beach Park have boat ramp launches and beach area. Vehicle parking is very limited at all parks. Parking in park parking spots is reserved for Wildwood Residents who have obtained a current 2021-2022 parking sticker issued by the Wildwood Park District Office (located at 33325 N. Sears Boulevard). Non-Resident guests can purchase "Temporary" daily parking passes for a single day use for \$10.00. These temporary passes are only valid for one park per day.

The Parks and greenspaces are public facilities but the parking in the park parking spots, is limited to Wildwood residents only (save the aforementioned Non-Resident guest passes). Wildwood Park District Safety Staff work as ambassadors of the Park District and its Ordinances and Rules associated with parking, boat launch operation, and activity in the parks themselves. Park Safety Staff are part-time seasonal employees and are scheduled during the anticipated peak operating hours of the Parks. The schedule dictates having one Safety Staff employee six-seven hours per shift/day to patrol all parks 3pm-9pm and 4pm-10pm); and Boat Ramp Monitor Staff at Pebble Beach Park & Sunset Beach Park (who share in the responsibility of patron communication on Wildwood Park District Ordinances & Rule assurance) six hours per shift on Fridays (11am-5pm), Saturday (9am-3pm), & Sunday (9am-3pm), plus holiday weekends as needed).

Our Staff work to assure compliance with all Wildwood Park District Park Ordinances and parking requirements. Staff directs action to move the vehicles that do not belong, issue warnings and, as circumstances dictate, will take the necessary action to have vehicles towed which violate the posted parking signage after an initial warning and/or refuse to remove the vehicle when asked.

Overflow parking tends to cause people to park on the street. This often results in fire hydrants and driveways being blocked, streets being clogged with parked vehicles, intersections and traffic control devices being visually obscured. Wildwood Park District Safety staff cannot enforce these actions as the public right of way roads are Warren Township Highway Department Property. However, Park District Safety Staff do take action in notifying the Lake County Sheriff's Office to respond and address those violations (should any blockage of fire hydrants, driveways, Stop Signs, or No Parking Signs occur on the street or Park property).

We encourage all Wildwood Residents to obtain a free current parking sticker. The sticker can be obtained at the Wildwood Park District Office at 33325 N. Sears Boulevard. Office hours are Monday-Friday 9:30am-4:00pm as well as the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month 9:00am-12:30pm May-August. The current 2021-2022 Resident Parking sticker is

valid through December 31, 2022. The sticker should be affixed to the inner windshield passenger side at dashboard level for our Staff to clearly see while on patrol.

We also encourage Residents to assist in assuring our Wildwood Park District Parks remain safe and people abide by the Ordinances and Rules. If you SEE SOMETHING – SAY SOMETHING. Communicate to the Park District Office by calling 847.223.7275 or Text Park Safety at 847.309.1478. For violations that require a law enforcement response please contact the Lake County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at 847.549.5200. Any further questions or concerns pertaining to street parking please direct calls and questions to the Warren Township Highway Department at 847.244.1101 ext. *301.

Sincerely,

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