

Wildwood Park Annual Picnic



105th Anniversary • Saturday, Sept. 11 • Outdoors

Please come prepared for COVID safety. Tables will be spaced onto the lawn or BYO blanket!

3-4 p.m. Decorated Bikes and Parade of Pooches

Come to the point at 3 and decorate your bike (or stroller or anything with wheels) with our colorful array of streamers, pipe cleaners, balloons and more. Leash up the dogs and join the parade at 3:30. Vintage apparel welcome. Cheer us on!

3:30-4:30 p.m. Classic VW Go back in time and check out an authentic Volkswagon “bug,” pride of Portage’s Dan Mobley.

4 p.m. on: Kids activities and all-age games in the Park

New this year from 4 to 5: organized lawn games and activities for kids. From 4 to 9, all ages: giant chess, jenga, corn hole, frisbee golf, cards, etc. BYOB. Watch ASH Center fireworks about 9.

5-6 p.m. Live Jazz Wildwood-style

Kenny Bergle of Hawthorn Road is back by popular demand! Bring beer or wine and enjoy Kenny’s tunes and conversation.

5-8 p.m. Silent Auction

Neighbors donate their wares and you get to bid on them! This year expect the biggest array yet of handmade items, Wildwood memorabilia, baked goods, floral items, amazing vintage finds from Wildwood estate sales and more. Proceeds help fund Wildwood projects. Still time to donate!

5-7 p.m. Dinner: BYO Picnic, but let’s share dessert!

For COVID safety, this year please “Bring Your Own Picnic” and a dessert to share. That will eliminate the worries about the buffet line. Plan to dine with neighbors any time between 5 and 7. Consider partnering with a neighbor to split up the cooking or grab your favorite take-out. For dessert, please bring single-serve items or pre-cut pies or cakes. Soft drinks, water, plates and utensils provided. BYOB wine, beer, etc. Hopefully next year we can return to the popular Alphabet Potluck.

Our annual picnic is a fun event for the whole family and a great way to get to know new and old neighbors. This year, we will spread out a bit for COVID safety, but still enjoy each other’s company before the weather forces us indoors. To lend a hand or donate to the Silent Auction, contact Picnic Committee members Tammy Durnell, Karmen Fletcher, Joslynn Mabee, Isel Mowry, Crystal Wallstrom and Linda Harmon or any board member: Cindy Wellman, Hannah Michel, Max Dickmeyer, Julie Donnell, Jacob Duke, Bob Michel, Mike Post and Kyle Miller. We always need help with set-up, extra folding tables, lawn games, pack-up, etc.

What’s Next, Wildwood?

In the 2020s, historic districts will face both tailwinds and headwinds. How do we best prepare Wildwood for the next generation and the relentless repair, renovation and maintenance of our aging homes while still protecting our investment and preserving our historic look? Join your neighbors for a future-focused forum with Creager Smith from the city’s Historic Preservation Commission and Charlie Fritz, president of Williams-Woodland historic neighborhood.

**Sunday, Sept. 12, 3:30 pm
Under the tent**