

**The City's Historic
Preservation
Commission meets on the
4th Thursday of the
month. All meetings are
open to the public.**

**We invite you to join us
and become a part of
reconstructing
Wildwood's history.**

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ESSEN LOG CABIN

**Project by The Wildwood Historic
Preservation Commission**

Reconstructing Wildwood History





THE STORY

With the increased costs in the reconstruction of the cabin, due to it not being properly tagged prior to removal, the Historic Preservation Commission is seeking donations to offset some of the costs to the City for this project. no amount is too small and all donations will go directly to this exciting project!

**Come see the process of tagging
and identifying the logs on
September 17th (rain date 9/18)
on the upper level of the
municipal parking garage at
216 Plaza Drive, 63040.**

ESSEN LOG CABIN

THE CABIN

Built in the 1870s, the Essen Log Cabin had stood atop a hillside along Eatherton Road (Highway 109) for more than 140 years. The family approached the City and its Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to discuss its donation for public use. After review and discussion, the HPC recommended, and the City Council approved, the acceptance of the donation. The City's plans were to reconstruct the cabin, on public property, and make it available for public viewing/use.

THE THEFT & RECOVERY

Prior to the City having the cabin properly tagged for its relocation and reconstruction, it was stolen. Sometime between November 24 and 29, 2015, the cabin was destroyed and the logs stolen with the intent of selling them to the highest bidder. The approximately fifty (50) logs were recovered by police and are now in storage. The roof, foundation, and windows were discarded on the property and destroyed during the theft.

NEXT STEPS

Given the theft of the logs, the City now has to have additional work completed to layout and tag them, so the cabin can be reconstructed. After this occurs and the ease of the reconstruction can be determined, the City will decide on a location for the cabin's next home and how it will be offered to the public for use.