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### **Wildwood Crest given strong financial rating by Moody's**

WILDWOOD CREST – The Borough of Wildwood Crest has recently been issued an excellent Aa3 rating by Moody's Investor Service in its most recent report of the borough's finances.

In the report issued Dec. 22, Moody's rated Wildwood Crest's financial position as robust, its credit overview as good, its economy and tax base as very healthy, and its debt and pensions liabilities as manageable.

"Wildwood Crest's solid financial position is the result of day-to-day planning, controls, budgeting and sometimes unpopular decisions made for the long-term fiscal health of the borough," said Alicia Belansen, the borough's chief financial officer. "This ultimately benefits the taxpayers. Our elected officials and staff have always attempted to maintain a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility."

The Moody's report also cited Wildwood Crest as having "a very strong financial position, a healthy socioeconomic profile and a solid tax base." It also stated that Wildwood Crest's adjusted net pension liability compared to operating revenues is favorably under the U.S. median.

"This excellent report from Moody's is a direct reflection of the strong work done on a daily basis by the dedicated staff of the borough, in particular the finance department led by our CFO Alicia Belansen," said Wildwood Crest mayor Don Cabrera. "In today's economic climate, it is often a difficult task to remain vigilant with regard to sound financial practices and Alicia, the entire finance department and all borough staff continue to do an excellent job in this regard."

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