



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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Before and After: The new main level conference room at City Hall under construction and after completion, during the Open House on August 19.



Ribbon is Cut on Renovated Kirkwood Public Library: Randy Miltenberger, Chair of the Library's Building Committee, and Sarah Erwin, the Library's Director, cut the ribbon at the Grand Opening on August 16. Others pictured, left to right, are, second row: Amy McBride Barker, Steve Hazan, Lois Bliss. Third Row: Scott Stream, Paul Paese, Mayor Art McDonnell, John Staples (hidden), Alan Cotten. Last row: Eric Schmitt, Rick Stream.

A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

Kirkwood citizens experienced the ribbon cuttings of two landmark buildings this month with the renovations of The Kirkwood Public Library and Kirkwood City Hall (see photos). Our community is indeed fortunate. The Library dedication on August 14, to a happy crowd, showcased the library's new reading areas, beautiful gift shop, and large meeting rooms.

The renovated Library building has preserved the main hall of the old library, with a classic collage of historic photos at one end, and is, most importantly, staffed by a very friendly and knowledgeable staff, under the direction of Sarah Erwin. The Library Board of Trustees and the Building Committee's Chair Randy Miltenberger are to be complimented on their thorough and successful job.

Kirkwood City Hall also has a new look. Planning for the renovation of City Hall started two years ago with the goals of making the building more efficient for staff, providing more room for board and commission meetings, making customer service more convenient, providing better security, improving energy efficiency, and making everything brighter and fresher. Many thanks to our architect Laura Neri Baebler and her staff, as well as Hercules Construction Management and Bingman Construction Company, our general contractor, for a job well done.

The Greentree Festival is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year with lots of great things planned, including the annual Tennis Tournament, Fallen Heroes' Bike Ramble, a Pool Tournament and Bingo event for the seniors, and the first-ever Homecoming Dance (see article below for details). You won't want to miss a minute of it, and of course don't forget the Parade on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. See you there!

Finally, to all the children of Kirkwood: Have a wonderful and safe school year. Study hard, but have fun, and be sure to talk to your parents. They appreciate hearing about your days.



KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Downtown Summer Concert Series, 6:30 p.m., Station Plaza

- 9/2: Brother Chaos, Sponsored by Bar Louie
- 9/9: Ben & Jimmy, Sponsored by Country Financial
- 9/16: Project 3-2-4, Sponsored by Bar Louie
- 9/23: Brotha D and the Woo Daddies, Sponsored by Bar Louie

Pool Dates in September:

- 9/6: Last Day at the Pool: The Kirkwood Aquatic Center will close for the season at 6:00 p.m. See you next year!
- 9/7 and 9/9: Dog Pool Parties, 5:00 p.m.

Kirkwood Greentree Festival: Dancing Through the Decades

9/17, 9/18, and 9/19: See story for hours and events

KIRKWOOD MEETINGS CALENDAR

- 9/1 Planning/Zoning, 7 p.m.
- 9/2 City Council 7 p.m., WS 6 p.m.
- 9/9 Council Work Session, 7 a.m.
- 9/11 Landmarks Public Hearing, 7:30 a.m.*
- 9/13 Board of Adjustment, 7 p.m.
- 9/14 Human Rights, 6:30 p.m.
- 9/15 SBD, 7:30 a.m.
- 9/15 Planning/Zoning, 7 p.m.
- 9/16 City Council 7pm, WS 6 p.m.
- 9/20 Architectural Review, 7 p.m.
- 9/23 Farmers' Market Cmte, 7:30 a.m.
- 9/27 Park Board, 7 p.m., Comm Ctr
- 9/28 Urban Forestry, 7 p.m.
- 9/29 Greentree, Comm Ctr, 7 p.m.
- 9/30 Council Work Session, 7 a.m.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are typically held at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road. Please check the Meetings Calendar on the City's Website for agendas or any last-minute changes.

*Meet at Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Rd., Room 300

KIRKWOOD IN BRIEF

RAILROAD CROSSING ROAD WORK ONGOING

You may have noticed a lot of road work at Kirkwood railroad crossings in August. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has authorized the installation of concrete medians at each of the five Union Pacific railroad crossings in the City of Kirkwood in order for the City's Quiet Zone to remain in effect. The Quiet Zone was established by the FRA to eliminate train horns through the City. Due to several minor accidents at the Kirkwood Road crossing, the City was in jeopardy of losing the Quiet Zone unless some alternative form of protection for the crossing was approved by the FRA. Most of the work is done, but some work does remain (see photo of Geyer Road). If you have any questions about this, please contact public works director Todd Rehg at 314-822-5820.



Geyer Road Left Turn Changes: Effective August 17, traffic can no longer turn left, or south, onto Geyer Road from Monroe. Southbound traffic on Geyer also can no longer turn left, or east, onto Monroe. Medians have been installed.

ROAD CLOSINGS

With the railroad crossing work, ongoing street replacement throughout the City, and other road work, on any given day in Kirkwood, there may be two or three roads closed to traffic or severely limited with regard to traffic flow. You can now access road closing information with one click, right from the home page of the City Website at www.kirkwoodmo.org. Simply click on the

ROAD CLOSED icon directly above the main green navigation bar (it alternates with employment), or click on "Road Closings" in the red mini navigation bar at the very top of the page.

CONTACTING CITY STAFF

If you need to reach a City department or staff person, you have several options for tracking down the phone number you need. First, try the City's Website: www.kirkwoodmo.org. On the home, or main, page, on the gold-colored, right-hand navigation, select "Contact Us." From there, you get several options, including "Staff Directory." Another option is the printed Staff Directory that we mail with utility bills in May of each year. If you lost yours and would like another copy to hang on your refrigerator, please send an email to: info@kirkwoodmo.org with your request.

PRE-GREENTREE EVENTS COMING UP

Greentree Festival Homecoming Dance: "Dancing through the Decades." Join us on Saturday, September 11, as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Greentree Festival with this special kick-off event to be held between Kirkwood City Hall, at 139 S. Kirkwood Road, and the Train Station on Argonne. Dance to the tunes of the Apollos from 7:00-10:00 p.m., while reminiscing about Greentree Festivals of the past. Don't miss the "Bubble Bus," presented by Tekno Bubbles. Sponsored by Amtrak. Saturday, September 11, 7:00 p.m. FREE.

KIRKWOOD FALLEN HEROES' MEMORIAL BIKE RAMBLE: Saturday, September 11. Bike ride begins at 7:30 a.m. Registration Cost: \$12 per person in advance, \$15 per

person on the day of the Ramble. Rain or shine, all registered participants will enjoy a light breakfast and beverages. FREE tee-shirt to first 500 riders. Begins and ends at the Kirkwood Aquatic Center, 111 S. Geyer Road. This is a leisurely, 10-mile, non-competitive, casual ride through historic Kirkwood. All participants must wear a helmet for safety. A registration form is available on the City's Website at www.kirkwoodmo.org. Click on Greentree Festival on the right-hand navigation and then select "Schedule of Events." You can also pick up a form at the Community Center, 111 Geyer Rd.

OTHER PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS: Senior Pool Tournament, September 16, 10:00 a.m. Senior Bingo, September 16, 11:00 a.m. Greentree Tennis Tournament, September 9 through 16, sponsored by Mistretta Chiropractic. Cutest Baby Contest, entries due by September 13. For more information about any of these events or the festival in general, please call 314-822-5855.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC: The 50th Anniversary Greentree Festival is held in Kirkwood Park, at the corner of Geyer Road and West Adams Avenue. For a full schedule of events, please visit the City's Website. A schedule of events was also mailed out in August utility bills. General festival hours: Friday, September 17, 5:00-10:00 p.m. Saturday, September 18, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 19, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PARADE: Saturday, 10:00 a.m. See Website for route: www.greentreefestival.com.



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