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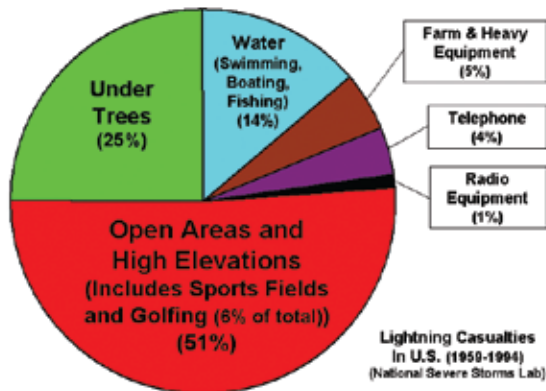
A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

Summer is alive and well in Kirkwood! The relative cool of the morning air quickly evaporates into the steam of a Missouri plains day. If you are up early, the sunrises are beautiful, and the singing of the birds will put you in a good mood. Now is also the time for everyone to be a little more careful and concerned about safety. Don't overdo it when cutting the grass or bicycling through Kirkwood. Better still, beat the heat by relaxing at the Kirkwood Aquatic Center. The slide is thrilling. Or take in a concert in the park, sponsored by our parks and recreation department, the Kirkwood Lions, and the Kirkwood Area Arts Council (see calendar for dates). The Thursday night concerts at Station Plaza are a hit again this year too. Finally, don't miss out on the great fireworks display scheduled for Sunday night, July 4, at dusk. A Kirkwood summer is not to be missed!

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KIRKWOOD IN BRIEF

JUNE 20-26 IS LIGHTNING SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK



It may seem like a hassle when the lifeguard at Kirkwood Pool tells you to get out of the water because thunder has been heard, but the scary truth is that water is a deadly place to be when lightning strikes occur (see pie chart). July is the deadliest month for lightning strikes, followed closely by June and August. Here are a few things to keep in mind when trying to avoid being struck by lightning [Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration] – for a full list, visit the City's Website at www.kirkwoodmo.org or NOAA's Website at www.noaa.gov.

- Each year in the U.S., there are about 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning strikes
- Lightning kills an average of 73 people per year in the United States.
- **Never seek shelter under a tree in a lightning storm!**

THE HOT DOG DAYS OF SUMMER ARE HERE

Not much goes down better on a hot summer day than a good old fashioned hot dog. The Kirkwood Police Department, Police Chaplains and Parks & Recreation Department have partnered to provide lunch and recreational activities to area youth at several Kirkwood and Oakland locations. Every Friday through August 6, we will serve the first 100 kids at the parks and locations listed below on the following dates, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.:

- June 18: Fillmore Park (S. Fillmore at E. Clinton Ave.)
- June 25: Walker Park (N. Taylor at E. Washington Ave.)
- July 2: Loewnau Park (Oakland Ave. at Sappington)
- July 9: McEntee Park (W. Madison at S. Clay)
- July 16: Ella and Charles E. Monfort, Jr. Memorial Park (2036 Briargate)
- July 23: Westchester School playground
- July 30: Tillman School
- August 6: Meacham Memorial Park (New York at Orleans)

While the police officers are serving up hot dogs, the Parks Department will be entertaining kids with some special activities and recreation. If you have any questions or suggestions, please send an e-mail to Officer Jim Cox: coxjd@kirkwoodmo.org. See you in the park!

FOURTH OF JULY IN KIRKWOOD PARK

Join us for music with Fanfare at 7:00 p.m. and then for fireworks at dusk on Sunday, July 4, in Kirkwood Park, for the annual Fourth of July Freedom Festival. Thank you to our major sponsor, **Des Peres Hospital (Starburst Sponsor - \$5,000)**, and to all our sponsors, including the Citizens of Kirkwood, the Kirkwood Park Board, and the following donors:

- **Rocket Sponsors (\$3,500):** City of Des Peres, Kirkwood Park Board
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- **Event Coordinators:** Kirkwood Rotary Club Members, Barb Byerly, Clyde Farris, Mayor Art McDonnell

RECYCLING TIP OF THE MONTH: Develop a Recycling Mindset

Recycling doesn't begin and end with setting out your recyclables on sanitation pick-up day. It's a mindset. It's just as important, in fact, to reduce and reuse as it is to recycle. Start out by using items longer. That laptop you bought two years ago that runs slowly and you're thinking about replacing? You may be able to upgrade the hard drive for about a hundred dollars (whereas a new computer may run you more than a thousand dollars). Got some Christmas or birthday gifts you've never used? You can try re-gifting them, or donating them to charity. The same goes for items you no longer use. Goodwill Industries is a good place to recycle gently used clothing, small appliances, knick knacks, furniture, and other items. With a recycling mindset, before you know it, you'll have a "green" routine. Next month: Electronics recycling.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE UTILITY BILLING

If you have not yet signed up to manage your utility account and pay your bill online, you can still do so. Information about how to do this and what you need to sign up is available on the home page of the City's Website at www.kirkwoodmo.org. To get started, go to www.kirkwoodmo.org/utilities.

SUMMER POOL SAFETY

Statistics show that drowning is the second leading cause of injury-related deaths among children ages one to 14, and most of these involve residential pools. The Kirkwood Fire Department wants you to be safe and has created a Tip Sheet to remind everyone about pool safety. You can find it on the home page of the City's Website.



KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For more information or additional events, visit the Online Community Calendar on the City's Website at www.kirkwoodmo.org/calendar.htm. To submit an event for the calendar, send an email to vonbehen@kirkwoodmo.org. Events eligible for listing must be related to Kirkwood or have value for Kirkwood residents.

Kirkwood Area Arts Council

Art at the Station presents the photography of Patrick Jones, July 5 to August 2. Opening reception Thursday July 8, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Making Music 2010: Saturday, July 3: The Gateway City Big Band, a 17-piece dance band. Sponsored by the Kirkwood Lions.
Saturday, July 17: Brian Vaccaro Jazz Trio. One of St. Louis' own, the trio plays hard-bop style OGD jazz. Both concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Lions' Amphitheater in Kirkwood Park.

It's Peach Festival Season in Kirkwood: July 17

Search for bargains during the **Downtown Kirkwood Sidewalk Sale** and then head over to the Farmers' Market and celebrate everything "peachy" at the annual **Peach Festival** on July 17. The Sidewalk Sale runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout downtown Kirkwood. Participating merchants will display their sale items on red and white, checked tablecloths. Then from 10 a.m. to noon, cast your vote for the best locally grown peaches; sample peach pies, cakes and other baked goods; and enjoy live music by the Maple Jam Band at the Market. After all that shopping and tasting, enjoy lunch or dinner at one of downtown Kirkwood's unique restaurants. For more information, visit www.downtownkirkwood.com.



Fun Peach Facts: Did you know that the peach is a member of the rose family? It was first cultivated in China and revered as a symbol of longevity. The image was placed on pottery and received as a gift with great esteem. **Selecting:** When selecting fresh peaches, look for ones that are soft to the touch, blemish free, and have a fragrant smell. Choose fruit that have a background color of yellow or cream and a fresh looking appearance. Peaches may have some red "blush" depending on the variety, but this isn't a sign of how the fruit will taste after it's ripened. At home peaches can be ripened at room temperature in a brown paper bag in 2 to 3 days. Peaches are highly perishable, so don't buy more than you plan to use.

Kirkwood Meetings Calendar – July

- 7/1 City Council 7 p.m., WS 6 p.m.
- 7/8 Council Work Session, 7 a.m.
- 7/12 Board of Adjustment, 7 p.m. **CANCELLED**
- 7/13 Human Rights, 6:30 p.m.
- 7/14 Landmarks, 6:30 p.m.
- 7/15 City Council, 7 p.m., WS 6 p.m.
- 7/19 Park Board, Comm Ctr., 7 p.m.
- 7/19 Architectural Review, 7 p.m.
- 7/21 Downtown Business District, 7:30 a.m.
- 7/21 Library Board, 5:30 p.m. *Meet at 140 E. Jefferson*
- 7/21 Planning/Zoning, 7 p.m.
- 7/22 Farmers' Mkt, Meet at market, 8:30 a.m.
- 7/27 Urban Forestry, 7 p.m.
- 7/28 Greentree, Comm Ctr., 7 p.m.
- TBD Aquatics Advisory, Comm Ctr., 6:45 p.m.

*Unless otherwise noted, meetings are typically held at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road. Please check the city's website for additional information.

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