



# EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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## A Message from the Mayor, Happy New Year!

by Art McDonnell

As we see the sun set on this year, we can be proud as a community for all the good we have received and the great things that have been accomplished. The train of 2010 will soon leave the station on its journey, and I am confident that the ride will be a good one for Kirkwood. There will be some curves and bumps but the destinations along the way will be ones of success and greater community achievements.

The City Council wishes to thank everyone for their support and involvement in the governing process this year. Look for a Year-at-a-Glance Calendar in your utility billing insert in January, and check out the information below regarding two important Kirkwood events planned for the first half of the year. Don't stay up too late Thursday night. See you next year!!!

### IN 2010:

**New Web site Launch:** Look for announcements in the Spring about the launch date for the City's new Web site. More details to come in future editions of Eye on Kirkwood.

**Memorial Walkway Dedication:** If you've driven by City Hall recently, you've probably noticed that the Walkway is under construction. Look for information in upcoming editions and the final details for a dedication ceremony.

## CENSUS 2010: What We Can Lose

Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$300 billion to states and communities – based in part on census data. The following is just a sample of the departments and programs that are funded in our area and our state based on population data gathered through the Census:

- Community Development Block Grants
- School Renovation Grants
- Special Education – Grants to States
- Highway Planning and Construction
- Special Programs for the Aging
- Block Grants for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
- Unemployment Insurance Program
- National School Lunch Program and Head Start

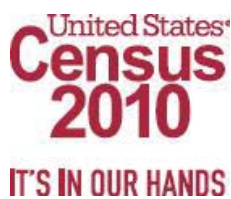
Just as an example, when FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) is called in to an area to assist with natural disasters, the number of households they can assist and the dollars they have to provide in any given region are based entirely on Census data. If an area is underreported, FEMA may not have the funds available to assist every individual or family that needs help.

Census data helps determine locations for schools, roads, hospitals, job training, child-care, and senior citizen centers. It determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives AND the boundaries of legislative districts.

**BE COUNTED IN 2010. A complete count is important. Census day is April 1, 2010.**

## Art at the Station

Art at the Station, sponsored by the Kirkwood Area Arts Council (KAAC), currently features the work of watercolorist Sandy Baker through January 3. An exhibit of the pen and ink drawings of Gary Gackstatter will open January 4 and run through February 2. An opening reception will be held for Mr. Gackstatter January 7, at the train station, 100 W. Argonne (at Kirkwood Road), 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Open to the public. Exhibits may be viewed whenever the station is open for passengers. The exhibits are free, but donations to the KAAC are greatly appreciated. Call 314-965-7100 for more information.



## Kirkwood Firefighters Join the Dream Factory to Make Wishes Come True



Deputy Fire Chief Leo Meyer and Trevor (11) at the South County Dillard's.

On December 5, several Kirkwood firefighters joined other local firefighters in the Dream Factory's annual shopping event for chronically and critically ill children. The firefighters serve as the kids' personal shopping assistant as they purchase gifts for their family and loved ones. The Missouri Mules and Firefighters Local 1889 sponsor the event, providing each child with money to purchase the gifts. To make a donation, call 314-727-6766.

## KirkCare Needs Your Help

Don't forget to check "Dollar Aid" on your utility bill to donate to KirkCare. KirkCare is a local organization and food pantry that assists people with home utility costs and delivers nonperishable food to people in need who live in the Kirkwood R7 School District. All-year long, canned and dried food is collected and delivered to homes in the community. Cash donations are also accepted and will help with utility bills. By checking off DOLLAR AID - and including an extra dollar on your utility bill - YOU can help. Please see your monthly utility bill for more information. Additional donations by check can be sent to KirkCare Inc., P.O. Box 220652, Kirkwood, MO 63122-0652. For more information, visit [www.kirkcare.org](http://www.kirkcare.org). THANK YOU.

## Christmas Tree Recycling

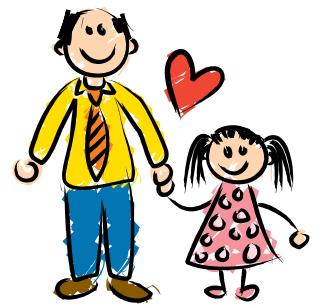


# recycle your christmas trees!

Christmas trees will be picked up free of charge on Mondays and Tuesdays (on your regular yard-waste days) in January. There will be no trash service on Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday, so trees will only be picked up on Tuesday of that week (Jan. 19). Please remove all decorations and plastic bags before placing the trees at the curb.

## News From Parks & Recreation: DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Dads, grandpas, or guardians – grab your dancing shoes and bring your beautiful daughters to the Valentine's Dance on Friday, February 5 (ages 3-10): 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Resident cost is \$20 for adult and one child and \$7 for each additional daughter. Non-resident cost is \$25 for adult and one child and \$9 for each additional daughter.



## AUDITIONS

The Crestwood-Kirkwood Youth Theatre's "Alice in Wonderland" will hold auditions Saturday, February 13. Youth 6 to 18 may audition. Call for information beginning January 13: 314-822-5855.

## E-NEWSLETTER

If you would like to join the Kirkwood Parks and Recreation Email Club, send your email address to Katy at [niemankl@kirkwoodmo.org](mailto:niemankl@kirkwoodmo.org). Have all events and programs offered by the Parks & Rec department sent to your email inbox. Join today!

**Don't forget to follow us on Twitter:  
@kirkwoodcity**

## The Kirkwood Calendar January 2010

### Calendar of Meetings:

1/1	CITY OFFICES CLOSED
1/4	Architectural Review, 7 p.m.
1/6	Planning & Zoning, 7 p.m.
1/7	City Council, 7 p.m. (WS: 6 p.m.)
1/11	Board of Adjustment, 7 p.m.
1/13	Landmarks Commission, 6:30 p.m.
1/14	City Council Work Session, 7 a.m.
1/18	CITY OFFICES CLOSED
1/21	City Council, 7 p.m. (WS: 6 p.m.)
1/25	Park Board, 7 p.m., Comm. Ctr.
1/26	Urban Forestry, 7 p.m.
1/27	Greentree, 7 p.m., Comm. Ctr.

*All meetings are held at City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are posted at City Hall and on the City's Website at [www.kirkwoodmo.org](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org).*

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