



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

Spring is showing its beautiful color all over Kirkwood. Have you taken time to smell the lilacs or the wisteria? Outdoor planting is beginning and the Kirkwood Street Department said they are busy filling potholes. One crew said they had emptied their truck of asphalt by noon and needed a refill. The Water Department is moving forward with repair and replacement of many water mains. Road construction is about to begin all over Kirkwood. The Farmers' Market is open, and the darkness and gloom of winter has been replaced with the sunshine and cheer of spring. The BBQ pits are being lit, the laughter of children playing outdoors can be heard, and visiting with neighbors has begun. Take time out for a walk, smell the spring flowers, and smile at those you meet.



Thank you to all who voted in the April 6 election. By the time you read this, new City Council members will have been sworn in, and the new Council will be hard at work for you. See you around Kirkwood!!

KIRKWOOD IN BRIEF

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARJORIE WILLIAMS

Marjorie submitted the winning design for the Greentree Festival's 50th Anniversary Logo. Marjorie is a student at St. Louis Community College at Meramec. Six entries were submitted by students from the college's graphic arts department. Look for her logo on all Greentree publications this year. Save the Date for Greentree 2010, Dancin' through the Decades: September 17 – 18 – 19.

KIRKWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT OFFICES HAVE MOVED

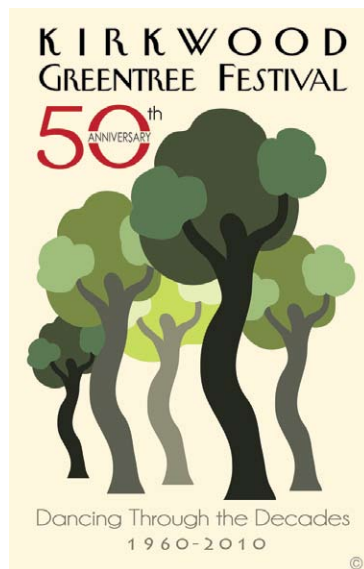
The Office of the Municipal Court is now housed inside the Kirkwood Police Department at 131 W. Madison Avenue. Their hours are Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The phone number is 314-984-5949. Court is held the first four Tuesdays of every month, except for holidays, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Please check the City Website for additional information.

CITY HALL RENOVATION

Bingman Construction has been named general contractor for the Kirkwood City Hall renovation project, which began April 19. Please excuse the dust and noise if you visit City Hall. Parking will be slightly limited, but visitors can make use of the FREE City parking lot across the street on Madison, behind the SSM Rehab building. The renovation project will be ongoing through mid-July. Thank you for your patience.

CITIZEN HERO

Kirkwood resident Steve Harf will be honored at the May 6 City Council meeting with the Kirkwood Citizen Service Award. The award is presented by the Kirkwood Police and Fire departments in recognition of his attempt to rescue his neighbor when he discovered her house was on fire on March 30, 2010. Kirkwood Police Officer Dan Ennenbach will receive a department award for his actions during the same incident. The Council meeting begins at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road.



ONLINE UTILITY BILLING IS HERE

Beginning with the May utility bill, Kirkwood utility customers can register to view and pay your bill and manage your account online. You will be able to make payments, view your payment history, sign up for AutoPay, and view your consumption, billing history, and service summary. More details, as well as instructions for signing up online, will be coming in May utility bills. If you have any problems with the registration process, please call the City's utility billing customer service department at 822-5843.

FAVORITE BUILDING AWARDS

The following awards will be given at the annual Landmarks Commission Favorite Buildings Awards ceremony on May 12, at 7:00 pm., at the Kirkwood Train Station: Preservation of Merit (2 awards); Restoration of Merit; Features of Distinction (2 awards); Whimsical Landscaping; and Save This House (3 awards). Special recognition will be given to the Downtown Kirkwood National Historic District with a "Neighborhood of Distinction" award, in honor of its national historic designation.



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.

Parks and Recreation: Advance registration is required for all classes, events, or programs. Call 822-5855 for details or to register for any of the following:

Kirkwood Aquatic Center Pool Passes ON SALE NOW: Call 822-5855 for details, or visit the Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Rd. Bring a valid Missouri driver's license or state ID and a recent utility bill as proof of residency. Everyone who uses the pool must have a valid Pool ID. See the May utility billing insert for dates, hours, and costs (also posted on the City Website).

Kirkwood Teen Camp. Grades 6 – 8. Field trips, swimming, and more! June 7 thru July 16.

Star Gazing. May 22, 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. Kirkwood Park. FREE. Youth Archery (Offered at Buder Park, in Valley Park). All equipment provided. Ages 7-15. Call today for dates and times! \$5 per person

Community Center:

Model Car Show. Sunday, May 2, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$4/ adults. \$12/Early Bird admission. Call 822-5855 for more information.

Six Flags Tickets Now on Sale. Buy your Six Flags (single-day and season passes) and Silver-Dollar-City tickets at the Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Rd. For prices, visit the City's online community calendar or call 822-5855.

Art at the Station:

Bill Burckhalter and Diana Linsley, photographers. May 3-31. Opening Reception, May 6, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Kirkwood Train Station, 110 W. Argonne, corner of Kirkwood Road. FREE.

KWD Public Library: A "Killer" Evening with Ridley Pearson: May 11, Greenbriar Hills Country Club. Keynote address: "From Flaming Fingernails to Peter Pan: An Author's Journey." Silent auction, 6pm. Dinner, 7pm. Presentation, 8pm. Ridley is the author of "Killer Weekend," "Killer View," and "Killer Summer," as well as a series of young adult novels he co-authored with humorist Dave Barry. Tickets are \$50 for Friends' members and \$60 for non-members. Proceeds will benefit the Kirkwood Public Library. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, May 4. Call (314) 821-5770, Ext. 1023 for more information.

Memorial Walkway Dedication: Sunday, May 23, 2:00 p.m. Dedication of walkway in memory of the public servants who lost their lives on February 7, 2008. Meet at walkway, which is directly north of City Hall.

Kirkwood Meetings Calendar – May

- 5/3 Architectural Review, 7pm
- 5/5 Planning/Zoning, 7pm**
- 5/6 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 5/8 Council Work Session, 7am
- 5/10 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 5/12 Landmarks, 7pm Event***
- 5/17 Aquatics Advisory, Comm Ctr., 6:45pm
- 5/17 Architectural Review, 7pm
- 5/17 Park Board, Comm Ctr., 7pm
- 5/19 Downtown Special Bus District - Council Chambers, 7:30am*
- 5/19 Library Board, 5:30pm
- 5/19 Planning/Zoning, 7pm**
- 5/20 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 5/25 Human Rights, 6:30pm
- 5/25 Urban Forestry, 7pm
- 5/26 Greentree, Comm Ctr, 7pm
- 5/27 Farmers' Mkt, Meet at market, 8:30am

*Unless otherwise noted, meetings are typically held at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road. However, due to ongoing City Hall renovation in May, some meetings may be moved. Please check the City's Website for additional information.

**Planning/Zoning Sub-Committee meetings are held off-site. Check the City Website at www.kirkwoodmo.org for dates, locations, and agendas or call 822-5822.

***The regular May Landmarks meeting will not be held. In its place, the Favorite Buildings Awards ceremony will be held at the Kirkwood Train Station. See article for more details.

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