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A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

March has been a busy month. We had another great St. Peter School St. Patrick's Day Parade, with innovative costumes and lots of happy children. Father Jack had the luck of the Irish because the rain held off until the parade ended. And how about our new Dunkin' Donuts? They had a tremendous opening and brisk business ever since. Love those cream donuts.

Trains and children (of all ages) go together. It's magical. Through the generosity of Bill and Sally Canfield of Kirkwood, the Magic House has a new model train exhibit that represents Kirkwood. Wait 'til you see it. Thank you, Bill and Sally.

The Kirkwood School District honored the Byerly family, the Woodruff family, the John Glunt family, Blanton and Peg Whitmire, and Earl and Mertle Walker for their gifts to the outstanding Science Building at Kirkwood High School. If you have not seen this very advanced science facility, ask for a tour. And the groundbreaking for the \$170 million Aberdeen Heights development is being held on March 30. We are all excited about this outstanding new senior living campus being built on the old St. Joseph's property.

On March 18, the Kirkwood City Council passed the new City budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. This \$65 million budget is smaller than last year's, has no tax increase, and includes provision for more than \$2.5 million in street repairs and millions of dollars in water infrastructure repairs, plus funds for curbside recycling (coming in 2011). You can view the budget on the City's Website.

The month of March is always especially exciting for me because my second son, Alex, was born on the 31st, 25 years ago this month. That was and still is a day of joy for Barbara and me. Enjoy March Madness!!

KIRKWOOD IN BRIEF

CENSUS DAY IS APRIL 12: Residents should have begun receiving 2010 Census forms in the mail the week of March 15. If you do not receive a form by April 1, contact the Census Bureau at 816-994-2000.

CENSUS GEO-CODING: Each Census form is "geo-coded" with a bar code that pinpoints your exact location. The address that appears on the front of your form or on the envelope addressed to you is for the Post Office's use ONLY and has no bearing on how you are counted. Please be sure to complete your form and mail it back in the enclosed envelope. Be Counted in 2010: We can't move forward until you mail it back.

ELECTION DAY IS APRIL 6: Don't forget to vote. For information about candidates and ballot issues, visit the St. Louis County Elections Board Website at: www.co-st-louis.mo.us/elections

FARMERS' MARKET OPENS APRIL 1: Kirkwood Farmers' Market will open for its 34th season Thursday, April 1. Located in the heart of downtown Kirkwood just east of the historic Kirkwood Train Station, at 150 East Argonne, the market serves as a local landmark and a place to eat, shop and gather with friends. Below is a preview of the vendors you will find at the market this season. For a complete list of vendors and upcoming events, visit www.downtownkirkwood.com, and look for a longer article in the March edition of Kirkwood E-News.

- **Produce:** CJ's Produce & Plants, Farrar Out Farm Organic Produce & Poultry, Healthy Harvest Gardens, On the Wind, Summit Produce & Nursery.
- **Poultry, Meat, Seafood and Cheese:** Baetje Farms and Artisan Goat Cheeses, CJ's Produce & Plants, Diamond D Organic Meats, Farrar Out Farm Organic Produce & Poultry, Sunset Seafoods
- **Prepared Foods & Baked Goods & Soaps:** Brad's Kettle Korn, Cafe Manila, Carolyn's, El Chico Bakery, Great Harvest Bread Co., Hanley Fold Farm, Old Tyme Jerky, Princess Delights, Tropical Moose Shaved Ice
- **Cut Flowers & Bedding Plants:** CJ's Produce & Plants, Missouri Wildflowers Nursery, Summit Produce & Nursery, Plus cut flowers from our local farmers!

KIRKWOOD FARMER'S MARKET IS NOW ON FACEBOOK:

Follow KFM as a "Fan" and get news and updates delivered to your Facebook home page. New Market Manager: Please welcome new Market Manager Kori Thompson (see photo).



CITY OF KIRKWOOD BUDGET APPROVED:

The Kirkwood City Council approved an operating and capital budget for the coming fiscal year (2010-2011) at its March 18 meeting. For a copy of the full budget, visit the City's Website www.kirkwoodmo.org.

LONG-TIME CITY EMPLOYEES HONORED:

The City employees listed below will be honored for their long service and dedication to the City at the annual employee recognition luncheon on April 8. For a complete listing of employee service recognitions, visit the City's Website.



- Charlie Meier, Electric Department, 45 years (pictured)
- Robert Kosyan, Police Department, 40 years
- Wayne Werner, Police Department, 40 years
- Gary Leibach, Fire Department, 40 years
- Gary Quint, Police Department, 40 years
- Joe Miller, Electric Department, 40 years

KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN:

Kirkwood Parks and Recreation invites you to participate in the new community garden program. The garden is located at the southwest corner of the Walker Lake dam. For more information, please contact Kirkwood horticulturist Pete Laufersweiler at lauferpj@kirkwoodmo.org, or call 314-822-5855.



DUNKIN' DONUTS IN KIRKWOOD IS NOW OPEN:

Dunkin' Donuts has re-entered the St. Louis market with its first store right here in Kirkwood. New owner Michael Geller is a Washington University alum and serious Blues hockey fan who has operated Dunkin' Donuts stores on the east coast. Geller donated 50 percent of all first-week beverage sales to BackStoppers, which provides support and financial assistance to families of fallen police officers and firefighters. The new restaurant offers the brand's complete menu of coffee beverages, baked goods, and other all-day items such as flatbread sandwiches. It will be open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., daily, with a drive-thru that will operate 24 hours. (In Photo: Mayor Art McDonnell; Backstoppers director Jerry Potthoff; Kirkwood Police Sgt. Doug Raymond; City Councilmembers Gerry Biedenstein, Joe Godi, and Paul Ward; and owner Michael Geller and members of his family cut the ribbon on opening day, March 11, at Dunkin' Donuts.)



KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

KIRKWOOD AQUATIC CENTER POOL PASSES GO ON SALE APRIL 1: Call 822-5855 for costs, pool hours, and additional information.

Parks and Recreation: Upcoming events and programs include Teen Egg Hunt (April 2), Hannibal in a Day (April 20), and Snore and S'mores Family Camp (April 24-25). Classes starting soon include: Young Rembrandts Art Class (April 1), Tennis Lessons (April thru July), and Boot Camp (April 12). Advance registration is required for all classes AND events. Call 822-5855 for times and details or to register. Visit the Parks & Recreation page on the City's Website for other great programs and classes.

Art at the Station: The Kirkwood Area Arts Council presents the photography of Chris Scavotto, April 5 through May 3, at the Kirkwood Train Station, 100 W. Argonne, at Kirkwood Road. Opening reception is Thursday, April 8, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Annual English Tea, Friends of Kirkwood Public Library – Jane Austen's Perennial Appeal: Wednesday, April 7, 1:00 p.m., at Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 201 West Adams. Friends of Kirkwood Public Library's annual English Tea will focus this year on Jane Austen. Nora Beiswenger, Ph.D., a noted Austen scholar, will present. The cost is \$5 for the general public (free to Friends' members). Due to limited seating, reservations are required. Call 821-5770, ext. 1023, to register. The deadline is April 2. Tea and other refreshments will be served after the presentation.

Earth Day Electronics Recycling Event: April 17, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Kirkwood High School, 801 W. Essex. The recycling event will be held in the rear Dougherty Ferry lot. Please enter off of Essex. Sponsored by Integration Controls and Web Innovations and Technology services (WITS). New this year: No Fees. All donations accepted at no cost. Items will be refurbished and redistributed to underserved populations or will be recycled appropriately with a 0% landfill policy.

7th Annual Taste of Webster-Kirkwood: April 18, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., Kirkwood Community Center. Benefits Shepherd's Center of Webster/Kirkwood. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Call 961-2669 or visit www.shepherdscenter-wk.org for more information.

Earth Day at the Kirkwood Farmers' Market: Saturday, April 24, 10am to 3pm. Learn about composting, building a rain barrel, rain gardens – and much more. For more information, visit: www.KirkwoodLivingGreen.org

An Actor's Guide to Shakespeare: Monday, April 29, 7-8:30 p.m., Kirkwood Community Center. Get ready for Shakespeare Festival St. Louis' 10th Anniversary production of *Hamlet* in Forest Park with this fascinating introduction to the play. Sponsored by Kirkwood Public Library. Call 821-5770 for more information.

Kirkwood Meetings Calendar – April

- 4/1 Farmers' Market, SBD Office, 8:30 a.m.
- 4/1 City Council, 7 p.m. (WS: 6 p.m.)
- 4/5 Architectural Review, 7 p.m.
- 4/7 Planning & Zoning, 7 p.m.
- 4/8 City Council Work Session, 7 a.m.
- 4/12 Board of Adjustment, 7 p.m. **CANCELED**
- 4/14 Landmarks Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 4/15 City Council, 7 p.m. (WS: 6 p.m.)
- 4/19 Aquatics Advisory, 6:45 p.m., Comm. Ctr.
- 4/19 Architectural Review, 7 p.m.
- 4/19 Park Board, 7 p.m., Comm. Ctr.
- 4/20 Human Rights, 6:30 p.m.
- 4/21 Planning & Zoning, 7 p.m.
- 4/21 Downtown Business District, 7:30 a.m.
- 4/21 Library Board, 5:30 p.m.
- 4/22 Farmers' Market, meet at market, 8:30 a.m.
- 4/27 Urban Forestry, 7 p.m.
- 4/28 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.

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