



# EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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## ATTENTION CHARTER CABLE CUSTOMERS: CHANGE TO ALL-DIGITAL SERVICE MAY REQUIRE ACTION ON YOUR PART



Kirkwood residents who are Charter Cable customers but who do not currently have digital service will need to contact the cable company before February 18. Charter will eliminate analog service in February and will only deliver a digital signal. About 90 percent of Charter's customers already have digital service, but those who do not will need to have digital equipment installed to continue receiving cable.

"To ensure a smooth transition for non-digital households, Charter is providing free digital equipment

to customers for a specified period of time depending on eligibility," Charter wrote in a letter to the City. "These offers will vary based on a customer's current level of service and are described in greater detail in the notification customers will receive."

Charter will contact all affected customers and explain the move to digital service. This includes letters and phone calls. Additional information can also be found on their Website, at [www.charter.com/digitalnow](http://www.charter.com/digitalnow). To contact them by phone, please call 1-888-438-2427.

## A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

Greetings. I hope you are staying warm and excited about 2014. Many of our great employees were very busy with the latest big snow storms – many plows, salt, and overnight hours to keep our streets and public building sidewalks open. The Water Department repaired more than 20 water main breaks during that time. That's cold, wet work. Many thanks to them for all they did.

The City Council is working on the final details of the budget for fiscal year 2014-15, which begins on April 1. No tax increases are planned, but the excellent level of service that Kirkwood citizens are accustomed to will continue. Keep shopping and dining in Kirkwood – it helps us all.

The City and the Parks Department have entered into an agreement with Trailnet for a study of Kirkwood to develop a plan for biking and walking in the City. We

are excited about this study, and we need a committee to work with us to develop this plan. If you would like to serve, please contact me

at [mcdonnaj@kirkwoodmo.org](mailto:mcdonnaj@kirkwoodmo.org), or call Ryan Spencer at 314-984-5907.

Have a good February, remember your Valentine, bake a cherry pie for Washington's Birthday, visit your Kirkwood Public Library for a good book to read during these cold months, or sign up for one of the Kirkwood Parks & Recreation Department's Volleyball leagues. And dream about spring – it's almost here. See you around town. If you want to chat, please call 314-497-4036.



Spring is just around the corner.



**SNOOPING AROUND:** Engineers from Horner and Shifrin were transported via their "Snooper" truck to inspect the underside of the Clay Avenue overpass recently. Photo by Kirkwood Street Department Supervisor Doug Thrasher.



**NEW FENCE:** Despite the snow and freezing temperatures, workers successfully installed a new fence on the south side of the railroad tracks in downtown Kirkwood. The fence, along with signs posted last year, is intended to keep pedestrians off the tracks and safe.

## DID YOU KNOW?

~ **Unisex Restroom:** If you visit City Hall with young children, there is now a unisex restroom on the main level, with a child-changing station.



~ **Two Sanitation Reminders:** Yard waste is collected year-round by Kirkwood Sanitation, not only in the spring and summer. Also: Be sure to have all trash, recycling, and yard waste at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your regular collection day. Thank you.

~ **Recreational Bonfires:** Residents must obtain a permit from the Fire Marshal's office at least three days prior to any outdoor recreational bonfire. The permit request needs to be in writing, should include name of homeowner and address of event, time frame for the fire, materials to be used, and safety precautions in place. Please take the request to Leo Meyer, Kirkwood Fire Marshal, at Fire House 2, 11804 Big Bend.

## THANK YOU FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Kirkwood Fire Department would like to thank all the individuals, families, and businesses who generously brought gifts of food and holiday treats to the fire houses in December. The fire and paramedic crews greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of our residents and businesses. Thank you.

## WHAT'S COMING UP IN KIRKWOOD

• **Rummage Sale at Community Center Feb. 1:** Shop 'til you drop on Saturday, February 1, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Road. Free cup of coffee for the first 100 shoppers.

• **Spring/Summer Program Registration Opens Feb. 3:** Parks and Recreation Spring/Summer 2014 Program Guides should arrive in mailboxes by the first week of February. New Program Registration begins February 3. Summer pool passes and ID cards also go on sale February 3.

• **Art at the Station:** The work of ArtFiber Saint Louis will be on display through March 3. Opening reception is February 6, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., at Kirkwood Train Station, corner of Argonne and S. Kirkwood Road. Exhibits and receptions are free and open to the public. Art may be viewed when the station is open for passengers. Sponsored by Kirkwood Area Arts Council.

• **Mammography Van at Community Center Feb. 12:** Mercy Hospital's Mammography van will be at the Community Center, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 314-251-6300.

• **Washington's Birthday/Presidents' Day, Feb. 17:** City Hall and most City offices will be closed on February 17. Sanitation will not be affected. This is not a sanitation holiday.

• **CERT Training Class Starts March 3:** The next CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class begins Monday, March 3. Registration is now open. For information, visit the City Website, select Police under "Departments" in the main navigation and then "CERT Training" on the right-hand navigation.

## — Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

2/3	Architectural Review Board, 7pm
2/5	Planning/Zoning, 7pm
2/6	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
2/10	Board of Adjustment, 7pm
2/11	Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
2/12	Landmarks Commission, 6:30pm
2/13	Council Work Session, 7am
2/17	CITY OFFICES CLOSED Sanitation collected normally
2/18	Architectural Review Bd, 7pm
2/19	Library Board, 5:30pm, at Library
2/19	Planning/Zoning Commission, 7pm
2/20	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
2/24	Park Board, 7pm, Community Center
2/25	Urban Forestry Commission, 7pm
2/26	Greentree Festival Committee, 7pm Community Center

*Except where noted, meetings are typically held at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 South Kirkwood Road. Please check the Meetings Calendar on the City's Website for agendas, room locations, or any last-minute changes. Meeting agendas are also posted at City Hall. CC=Community Center*

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