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'TIS THE SEASON: A CLIP-OUT CALENDAR WITH EVENTS AND HOLIDAY CLOSING INFORMATION

Building Closings and Sanitation Information for November:

- Veterans' Day on November 11 is not a City holiday. All City offices will be open, and sanitation will be collected normally all week.
- City Hall and most City offices will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28. There will be no sanitation collection on Thanksgiving. Thursday routes will be collected on Friday.
- The Community Center will be closed on both Thanksgiving and the day after but will be open Saturday morning, November 29.
- The Ice Rink will be closed on Thanksgiving but will be open the rest of the weekend. Please check the City Website for the full public skating schedule: kirkwoodmo.org/IceRink.

Holiday Events and Programs in November:

- Downtown Kirkwood Holiday Walk, Saturday, November 22. Santa arrives at 9:30 a.m.
- The annual Kirkwood/Webster Turkey Day Race, Thanksgiving Day, November 27. Three- and six-mile races both begin at the Kirkwood Farmers' Market, 150 E. Argonne

Drive. The 3-mile race starts at 7:30 a.m., and the six-mile race takes off at 8:10 a.m. For more information, including a link to register, visit: kirkwoodmo.org/TurkeyRace.

- Small Business Saturday is Saturday, November 29: Shop Kirkwood First!

Building Closings and Sanitation Information for December:

- City Hall and most City offices will be closed for Christmas on Wednesday, December 24, and Thursday, December 25. Sanitation will be collected normally on December 24, but there will be no sanitation collection on December 25. Thursday routes will be collected on Friday.
- The Community Center will be closed on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day but will be open normal hours on Friday, December 26, and Saturday, December 27.
- The Ice Rink will be closed on Christmas Day but will be open the rest of the weekend. Please check the City Website for the full public skating schedule: kirkwoodmo.org/IceRink.
- City Hall and most City offices will be open on New Year's Eve, December 31, but all offices will be closed on New

Year's Day, January 1, 2015. There will be no sanitation collected on Thursday, January 1. Thursday routes move to Friday. The Community Center will close at 4:00 p.m., on December 31. The Ice Rink will have public skating sessions on both December 31 and January 1. Please check the public skating schedule on the City Website for session times.

Holiday Events and Programs in December:

- Photos with Santa, Kirkwood Train Station, December 4 and 11 (Thursdays), 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Friday, December 12, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The Swedish Council presents: Santa Lucia Christmas Pageant, December 13, 2:00 p.m. at the Kirkwood Community Center. Call 314-822-5855 for information.
- Dance Center of Kirkwood presents The Nutcracker, December 20 and 21, at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. For ticket information, call 314-821-6663.
- Winter Fireworks! The third-annual downtown Kirkwood Winter Fireworks Festival is scheduled for Saturday, December 27. The festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. The fireworks go off over City Hall at 6:30 p.m. (Bad weather date: December 28)

A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

Mayor McDonnell rode his bike to the Farmers' Market recently. Photo by Donna Poe.

Greetings! There is a lot of construction happening around City Hall and on Madison Street right next to City Hall and the Police Department. Things are taking shape, and we look forward to completion by the end of November. Thank you for your patience.

Lots of fun events come with November, including the great Turkey Day Race, the Turkey Day Game (Go Pioneers!), and those delicious Thanksgiving meals. I can smell those great aromas coming from the kitchen now. Please don't forget those who are less fortunate. You can give to KirkCare by adding a little extra to your utility payments (check the "KirkCare" box on your bill) and with donations of food. Visit their Website for information: www.kirkcare.org.

November is also the time to VOTE. Be sure to read up on the candidates and the issues. Our lives will be affected by the results of these elections. Remember: Don't let the few dictate the future of the many. Vote.

November is a busy month. It's a good time to take a walk around Kirkwood. Do you know about the Landmarks' Walking Tour? You can get a copy of the tour brochure at City Hall or at the Train Station. Maybe take the Amtrak train from downtown Kirkwood to Hermann, Missouri, to visit the wineries, or take a walk or bike ride along the Meramec River using the trail that starts in Greentree Park. Remember Veterans' Day on November 11: Fly the American Flag if you have one.

Enjoy Thanksgiving: Help someone in need, cook a good pumpkin pie, enjoy your mother's special stuffing, hug your children, don't worry about the calories, take a bike ride, play touch football, and be grateful for all your blessings. See you around Kirkwood. If you wish to chat, please call me at 314-497-4036.



KIRKWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY LAUNCHES NEW WINTER READING PROGRAM

Kirkwood Public Library's Winter Reading Program, Avalanche of Reading, will kick off November 1st and run through January 31, 2014. All ages are invited to participate. Registration begins November 1, and participation is free. Simply sign up online at kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org, or stop by the library at 140 E. Jefferson Avenue, and sign up in person. As part of this fun program, there will be four categories: Kids, Teens, Adults, and new this year, Family! Kids will read and count minutes with prizes at 300 and 600 minutes. Teens will read and count hours with prizes at five and 10 hours. Adults will read four books and receive prizes at two and four books, as well as an entry into a grand prize of a gift certificate to Citizen Kane's restaurant. For every five hours a family reads (either together or by themselves), families will be entered to win a family fun basket. And yes, patrons can double-dip in programs. For additional information, please call the Library at 314-821-5880, ext. 1015.



CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE WILL CHANGE IN NOVEMBER (ONLY)

Kirkwood City Council will change its meeting schedule for November. Council will meet on Thursday, November 6, and Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m., with a work session held immediately prior to the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on both days. There will be no early-morning work session on November 13 and no meeting or work session on November 20.

PICNIC RESERVATIONS OPEN NOV. 3

Kirkwood residents can now make their reservations for picnic sites and pavilions beginning November 3. This is a change from the past, when reservations did not open until January. The new policy, implemented in response to resident feedback, means residents can line up their picnic sites and pavilions beginning the first working day in November.

STREET CONSTRUCTION



The crews smooth out concrete after pouring it on West Madison in front of the Police Department.

ART AT THE STATION

~ **November Exhibit:** The Kirkwood Area Arts Council is featuring the fiber art and ceramics of Marianne Baer through December 1. Please join us for her opening reception on Thursday, November 6, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., at the Kirkwood Train Station, located at the corner of Argonne and South Kirkwood Road. Exhibits and receptions are free and open to the public. Art may be viewed when the station is open for passengers.

~ **2015 Art Jury:** The Kirkwood Area Arts Council will hold an Art Jury on Saturday, November 15, beginning at 11:00 a.m., at the Kirkwood Train Station, to select artists to exhibit for "Art at the Station" in 2015. If you are an artist interested in participating, please call Linda Epp at 314-821-2250, or email her at LindaEpp@peoplepc.com, for more information or to schedule an appointment. Potential exhibitors are asked to present a sampling of their work to the KAAC board during the Jury. Art at the Station is a program created by the Kirkwood Area Arts Council in cooperation with the Kirkwood Train Station, to showcase the work of local artists on a monthly basis at the historic train station in downtown Kirkwood. KAAC is a non-profit community organization whose mission is to promote various forms of artistic expression in our area. Art at the Station began in 2009 and to date has featured artists in the media of painting, printmaking, photography, drawing, and multi-media.

COMING UP IN KIRKWOOD

- Artists' Boutique at the Community Center: THIS WEEKEND, November 1 and 2. The Artists' Boutique celebrates 50 years of fine arts and fine crafts boutiques this year. FREE admission. Many vendors. Photo booth, attendance drawings, Lazer Lights, Sara's Cupcake Truck, and more. Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., both days.
- 4th Annual Happy Holidays Boutique, presented by the Kirkwood-Des Peres Area Chamber, Friday, November 7, Noon to 7:00 p.m. Holiday Inn SW - Route 66, 10709 Watson Road (corner of Lindbergh). FREE Admission. 100+ booths to shop. Free gift to the first 100 shoppers.
- Salvation Army Christmas Bazaar, Kirkwood Community Center. Friday, November 7, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 8, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Salvation Army.
- Auxiliary Holiday Bazaar, Kirkwood Community Center, Saturday, November 22, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Special guest: Marshall the Miracle Dog (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). Proceeds benefit Open Door Sanctuary.

Kirkwood Meetings Calendar

11/3	Architectural Review Board, 7pm
11/5	Planning/Zoning, 7pm
11/6	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
11/7	Citizens' Finance Committee, 7am
11/10	Board of Adjustment, 7pm
11/11	Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
11/12	Landmarks Commission, 6:30pm
11/13	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
11/14	Citizens' Finance Committee, 7am
11/17	Park Board, 7pm, Community Center
11/17	Architectural Review Board, 7pm
11/18	Arts Commission, 5:30pm
11/19	Library Board, 5:30pm, at Library
11/21	Citizens' Finance Committee, 7am
11/25	Urban Forestry Commission, 7pm
11/27-28	CITY OFFICES CLOSED

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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Kirkwood City Council: Mayor: Arthur J. McDonnell. Council Members: Gerry Biedenstein, Gina M. Jaksetic, Paul Ward, Bob Sears, Nancy Luetzow, Tim Griffin. **Kirkwood Administration:** Chief Administrative Officer: Russell B. Hawes. City Clerk: Betty Montano. To reach the City Clerk or Council, call 822-5802. To reach City offices, call 822-5800 for a list of extensions. The City Council meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road. The public is invited to attend. For information about other meetings, City services, and events, visit the City's Website: www.kirkwoodmo.org.

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