



# EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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## DON'T WAIT FOR THE LONG LINES: GET YOUR POOL ID NOW!



The Kirkwood Aquatic Center opens on Saturday, May 24, 2014, but if you wait until even mid-May to obtain your season pass or ID card, the lines will be very long. So don't wait. Here's what you need: Residents can enter the pool by

paying resident daily admission or by purchasing a season pass. For daily admission, you will need to present a Kirkwood Parks and Recreation-issued ID card. No other form of ID will be accepted. Resident ID cards are \$5 each, both for originals and replacements, and they are good for up to three years. To obtain an ID card, each purchaser 16 and older must present a valid and current Missouri Driver's License, showing current address, and a current utility (gas, water, electric, phone) bill, bank statement or voter ID card, issued to their home address within the last three months. Purchasers age 15 and younger must be accompanied by a person living at the same address who can present these documents. Everyone 4 and older MUST have an ID card. Each ID card holder will be allowed up to four guests per day, with a maximum allowance of 16 guests per family per day. All guests will pay the nonresident guest daily admission fees.

PLEASE check your ID card's expiration date. All cards that expired in 2013 must be renewed this year, with the above-mentioned documents.

**NONRESIDENTS (anyone who does not live in Kirkwood,**

**Glendale, or Oakland) - NEW:** In addition to entering the pool as a guest of a resident, nonresidents (NR) may purchase a NR ID card or a NR season pass. The NR ID card costs \$30 per year per person and will allow the nonresident to pay the NR daily fee of \$8. NR season passes cost \$120 for youth (4-17), \$145 for an adult (18-64), \$120 for a senior citizen (65+), and \$315 for a family of three (each additional family member costs \$30). To obtain a NR ID card, each purchaser 16 and older must present a valid, current Missouri Driver's License showing current address. Purchasers age 15 and younger must be accompanied by a person living at the same address who can present the documents listed above. Everyone 4 and older must have an ID card. Each ID card will be allowed up to four guests per day, with a maximum allowance of 16 guests per family per day. All guests will pay the nonresident guest daily admission fee.

**SWIM / DIVE LESSONS:** The Parks & Recreation Department offers morning lessons, evening lessons, and Saturday lessons, in multiple sessions, for ages 12 months through adult. We also offer a competitive swimming class, a diving class, private swimming lessons, the Pioneer Polo program for grades Kindergarten through 12th grade on Sundays, and the Swim and Dive Team for ages 5 to 18. Swim/dive team is for Kirkwood, Glendale, and Oakland youth who have the appropriate swimming or diving skills, with practices on weekday mornings and meets on weekday evenings (and evening practices for 13 and older only). A new-team-member skills assessment will be held on April 19 and 26 on the campus of St. Louis Community College

at Meramec. Preregistration is required for the assessments. Call 822-5855. For full details about any of these classes or teams, please consult the Spring/Summer Program Guide or the Aquatics page on the City Website. Registrations may be completed online at [KirkwoodMO.org/Recreation](http://KirkwoodMO.org/Recreation).

### SUMMER PROGRAMS:

• **Tot Time** continues this summer for ages 5 and younger and their caregiver, Monday through Friday, May 27 through August 18 (no Tot Time July 4, 14, or 15), 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$2.50 for daily admission with an ID card or buy a season pass for \$50. Nonresident daily admission is \$4.

• **River Walk Club:** Walk against the current in the Lazy River. Times: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. 7:40 to 8:40 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., Saturdays. Resident cost for the season is \$69; nonresident cost is \$93. Or purchase a 10-admission ALL FITNESS card for \$45 (residents) or \$55 (nonresidents). The fitness card can be used for the Aqua Zumba and the Water Fitness classes as well (more details on the Website and in the Program Guide).

• **Early Morning Lap Swim:** Monday through Friday, May 27 through August 29, 6:00 to 7:30 a.m. \$60/residents, \$85/nonresidents (half price for season pass holders).

• **SAVE THE DATES:** Dive-In Movie: "Finding Nemo," Friday, June 27. Family Night: Friday, July 11, 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. Middle School Night: Friday, August 8, 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. Dog Pool Parties: September 2 and 4.

## A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

I had to take an Advil last night after trimming rose bushes and raking up 25 bags of leaves. Spring is around the corner – thank goodness. The sidewalks have been loaded with walkers and runners, while many neighbors who have been strangers all winter are catching up with the news.

Your Street Department, after being busy all winter plowing snow, is now out fixing all those potholes and removing dying trees in the right-of-way. The Sanitation Department is preparing to pick up all the extra yard waste bags that happen this time of year, while also setting up new commercial accounts. The Fleet department is busy as always, keeping all the City vehicles running. Their skills and efficiency make a big difference in the service City departments deliver.

By the time you receive the paper and this article, Kirkwood's

Chief Administrative Officer Mike Brown will be one day from retirement. His leadership will be missed. The City Council has been working with our consultant to select Mike's replacement. There were 159 applications for his job, and that number has been narrowed down to five excellent finalists. The Council will be hosting them on the weekend of April 4 and 5. There will be a Meet and Greet Reception on April 4 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The public is welcome. Please come meet the candidates, and tell us what you think.

The City Council has passed the FY2014-2015 Budget. It is a \$64 million budget that will continue providing the outstanding services you count on – without a tax increase. It is available to read on the City Website. We thank the Citizens' Finance Committee, Mike Brown, and all the Department Heads for their work on this

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Mayor Art McDonnell wishes Kirkwood resident Betty Lemmie a Happy 80th Birthday and presents her with a plaque proclaiming her birthday "Betty Lemmie Day in Kirkwood."



year's budget. Almost every year, we spend about 5 percent less than we budgeted, because our department heads know how to keep costs contained – thanks!

Get out those shorts, color some beautiful Easter eggs, appreciate the spring blooms, get your income tax returns finished, talk to your neighbor, go to the Kirkwood Public Library for a good book (don't forget the Library's used book sale in April), and I will see you around town. If you want to chat, call 314-497-4036.

### WHAT'S COMING UP IN KIRKWOOD

• **Art at the Station:** The work of Kirkwood High School Advanced Placement Art students will be on display in April at the Train Station, 110 W. Argonne Drive. The opening reception will be Thursday, April 3, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Art may be viewed when the Station is open for passengers. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. Donations are welcome.

• **Meet the CAO Candidates:** April 4, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road. Reception for the five individuals who are the final candidates to fill the position of Kirkwood Chief Administrative Officer. Open to the public.

• **Kirkwood Farmers' Market Opens:** April 4. Vendors this year include Brad's Kettle Corn, CJ's Produce and Plants, Farrar Out Farm, God's Green Earth, Legacy Chutney, Menard Farms, Missouri Wildflowers, Missouri Rhine Valley Association, My Coconut Kitchen, Old Ways Soap Company, On the Wind, Robinson Family Farm, Summit Produce, Three Spring Farms, and Tropical Moose/Walkaway Waffles.

• **Electronics Recycling Drive.** Saturday, April 19, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Hosted by Kirkwood Sanitation, at the Public Works Building, 345 S. Fillmore Avenue. For a list of accepted materials, please visit [www.RNAWorldwide.com](http://www.RNAWorldwide.com). Televisions: The first one dropped off, per car, is free. After that, there will be a \$15 charge per set. All other electronics will be accepted at no cost.

• **Earth Day at the Farmers' Market:** April 19. This year's celebration includes Edgar Denison Day.

• **Kirkwood Rail Safety Day and Open House at the Train Station:** April 19, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Kirkwood Police and Fire, Missouri Operation Lifesaver, National Museum of Transport, Morse Telegraph Club, and Amtrak will be on hand. Also featured: Operating model train layout, and a drawing for free Amtrak tickets to Chicago or Kansas City. Food will be available from the American Legion. Live music by the Station Players from 10am to 1pm.

• **Kirkwood Public Library Book Fair:** April 23-27, 12309 Old Big Bend (in the former McDonnell's Market). Visit [KirkwoodPublicLibrary.org](http://KirkwoodPublicLibrary.org) for times.

• **Taste of Webster-Kirkwood.** Sunday, April 27, 5:30 p.m., at the Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Road, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. For additional information, call 395-0988.

### FAVORITE BUILDING AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

May is Preservation Month - and the perfect time to show how your community's history honors the past and helps build the future. Nominations are currently being sought for "Favorite Buildings in Kirkwood." Design plans, buildings, or places that are deserving of recognition and that contribute to the architectural character of Kirkwood are eligible. Nominees need not be a designated Kirkwood Landmark. Members of the Landmarks Commission and the Architectural Review Board will review all nominations to select this year's recipients. The awards will be announced in May. Nomination forms are available on the City's Website (home page), at City Hall, Building Commissioner's Office (139 S. Kirkwood Road), at the Kirkwood Community Center (111 S. Geyer Road), and at Kirkwood Public Library (140 E. Jefferson Avenue). Nominations should be submitted by April 15 to: Building Commissioner's Office, Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, 63122, or by email to: [LowryAG@KirkwoodMO.org](mailto:LowryAG@KirkwoodMO.org).

### PLEASE TAKE THE BIKE-WALK SURVEY

The City of Kirkwood, in partnership with Trailnet, is developing a Pedestrian-Bicycle Master Plan in 2014. The Kirkwood Bike-Walk Master Plan will provide a blueprint for the development of pedestrian and bicycle improvements throughout the community, making it safer and easier to reach local destinations, including parks, schools, transit, and commercial areas. As part of this process, the City is seeking input from residents, in the form of this very quick survey. It should only take five to ten minutes to complete. All Kirkwood households will receive a copy of the survey with their utility bills in April. The online version can be accessed on the home page of the City's Website at [KirkwoodMO.org](http://KirkwoodMO.org). Your time and input is greatly appreciated.

### LANDSCAPE CHALLENGE OPENS FOR KIRKWOOD RESIDENTS

Wild Ones, a nonprofit organization, teaches people about the benefits of growing native wildflowers in their yards. Since 2006, the St Louis Chapter, along with Shaw Nature Reserve and the Missouri Prairie Foundation, have collaborated on a Landscape Challenge. The goal of the Challenge is to encourage homeowners to landscape with native plants and to educate the public about the beauty, practicality, and eco-friendliness of native landscaping. This year, one lucky Kirkwood home will be chosen for a native landscape front yard makeover. For full details, please visit the City Website or the Wild Ones Website at: [www.STLWildOnes.org/Landscape-Challenge/2014-application/](http://www.STLWildOnes.org/Landscape-Challenge/2014-application/). Submissions are due May 26, 2014.

### DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON APRIL 8

#### Kirkwood Meetings Calendar

- 4/2 Planning/Zoning Commission, 7pm
- 4/3 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 4/7 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 4/8 Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
- 4/9 Landmarks Commission, 6:30pm
- 4/10 Council Work Session, 7am
- 4/14 Aquatic Advisory Committee, 6:45pm @ the pool
- 4/14 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 4/16 Library Board, 5:30pm, at Library
- 4/16 Planning/Zoning Commission, 7pm
- 4/17 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 4/21 Park Board, 7pm, Community Center
- 4/21 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 4/22 Urban Forestry Commission, 7pm
- 4/23 Greentree Festival Committee, 7pm @ CC

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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