



# EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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## A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

What a fantastic day Kirkwood and its thousands of visitors had at the Great Race on June 20. Beautiful old cars in perfect condition left Kirkwood for Santa Monica, California. The streets of Argonne and Kirkwood Road were filled with thousands of excited people. Kirkwood's shops and restaurants had full houses and the race got off with only one train interfering. If you missed it, look for photos on the City's Facebook page in the coming days.

The rain was almost unending this last week, but the Magic House had banner attendance, over 4500 on Friday and over 3000 on other days.

The Kirkwood Public Library also had banner days, especially in the Children's department. Kirkwood Pool saw attendance dip, but this week that could change.

This Sunday, I participated in preparing over 10,000 meals for the needy in other parts of the world. Each food bag provided a dinner for five people consisting of rice, dried protein, and seasoning that is ready to cook with a little water. We cooked some - very tasty. It would be great to have prepared 50,000. The Presbyterian church will sponsor this event again.

Get ready for the July 4th Fireworks. It should be very special. I hope your summer is developing into a relaxing and fun one. We all need to take some time off to read a good book, have a beer with the neighbors, go to the Kirkwood Pool, enjoy all the home-grown produce, take an evening walk around Walker Lake in Kirkwood Park, watch the sun set. Take a bike ride with your children. Appreciate all the beautiful blooming flowers. Go to one of our outdoor concerts. Whatever you do, enjoy yourself. See you around town. If you would like to chat, please call 314-497-4036. All the best.



Mayor Art McDonnell and Public Information Officer Beth von Behren test out a car built by Great Race organizer Herb Clark.

### CITY'S CREDIT CARD PAYMENT SYSTEMS DOWN FOR MAINTENANCE JUNE 29

The City is working with its payments vendor to both improve security for residents who pay their utility bills online and to fix current problems with the payment system when it is used in a Firefox or Chrome browser. Therefore, credit card payments, both online and in-person, will be down for maintenance all day on Monday, June 29. This affects the following:

- All online utility payments that you would normally pay with a debit or credit card.
- All utility payments in-person at City Hall that you would normally pay by debit or credit card (checks and cash will be accepted all day).
- Any payments for trash bags or yard waste bags (cash or check only).
- Any payments for building permits of any kind (cash or check only).

Residents who must pay their utility bills on June 29 should be prepared to do so via check or cash. If paying by check, you can use the drop-box in the parking lot at City Hall, but if paying by cash, please be prepared to come inside to the Finance window. Thank you for your patience while we improve this very important service.

### GREENTREE BOOK FAIR NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

It's that time of year again. Do you have used books you would like to clear out of the house? The Greentree Book Fair will take them. Collections began June 13 and will continue for several weeks. The collection bins are located at the Kirkwood Train Station, outside, on the northwest corner. Once the bins are gone, no additional donations will be accepted. Please consider donating the following: Books (fiction, nonfiction, children's), sheet music, VHS tapes, DVDs, audio books, recorded music. Please NO encyclopedias, textbooks, software, or magazines. The Book Fair will be held at Kirkwood Park during the annual Greentree Festival on September 18, 19, and 20. All proceeds benefit the Kirkwood School District Band and Orchestra programs.

### MAKING MUSIC CONCERT SERIES IN KIRKWOOD PARK



Kirkwood ARTS COMMISSION

All concerts start at 7:00 p.m. in the Lions' Amphitheatre in Kirkwood Park. The series is sponsored by the Kirkwood Arts Commission, with generous support from the Kirkwood Arts Foundation, and by Kirkwood Parks and Recreation. Concerts are free, but donations are welcome.

**June 27:** Gateway City Big Band has been coming to the Making Music concert series for years and never fails to entertain the crowds. It's a 17-piece dance band with two vocalists who have been entertaining audiences in St. Louis and beyond since 1966. For more information about the band, visit their Website at [www.gatewaycitybigband.com](http://www.gatewaycitybigband.com).

**July 11:** Samba Bom. Samba Bom is a Midwest-based music ensemble that plays authentic Brazilian music in a unique mix of popular music styles, including samba, Bossa Nova, Brazilian jazz, Olodum, Forro, and Chorinho, among others. For more information, visit [www.SambaBom.com](http://www.SambaBom.com).

**July 25:** Funky Butt Brass Band is a New Orleans-style brass band, playing everything from traditional jazz to 70s funk, with a little Chicago blues, southern rock, and St. Louis R & B in the mix. For more information, visit their Website at [www.funkybuttbrassband.com](http://www.funkybuttbrassband.com).



Kirkwood Electric Director Mark Petty (left) and Mayor Art McDonnell pose with the 2014 RP3 award for reliable power delivery.

### KIRKWOOD ELECTRIC RECEIVES RP3 AWARD FOR THIRD-CONSECUTIVE PERIOD

Kirkwood Electric received its third RP3 award from the American Public Power Association in May. The RP3 recognition (Reliable Public Power Provider) was given to only 191 public power utilities - out of a field of more than 2,000. Kirkwood Electric also received this prestigious award in 2011 and 2013, when the award was given for a two-year period. This year it was awarded for a three-year period.

The APPA designation recognizes utilities that provide consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service. The recognized utilities have demonstrated proficiency in four key disciplines - reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Criteria within each category are based on sound business practices and represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.

"We are honored to receive the RP3 designation," said Mark Petty, Director of Kirkwood Electric. "Our utility staff put in a lot of hard work to serve the residents of Kirkwood. The RP3 award represents a much-appreciated recognition of their hard work." The APPA is the national organization representing more than 2,000 nonprofit, community-owned, and state-owned electric utilities. This is the 10th year the RP3 recognition has been awarded.

### KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY FIREWORKS JULY 4

The annual Kirkwood Community Freedom Festival and Fireworks kicks off in Kirkwood Park at 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, July 4, with the music of Fanfare, followed by fireworks at dark. Tropical Moose will be open, and during the festival the Kirkwood Lions will be serving beer, ice cream and soda. Several local food trucks will have food available for purchase. **STREET CLOSURE:** West Adams will be closed between Geyer and Couch from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., due to the large volume of pedestrian traffic. Thank you to our sponsors:

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### HOTDOG DAYZ OF SUMMER

Hotdog Dayz of Summer Kicks off June 26, at Meacham Memorial Park, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring the kids for a hotdog lunch and games. Sponsored by Kirkwood's Police Department and Parks & Recreation Departments. This is a great opportunity for Kirkwood children to get to know the Police Department in a fun setting. Additional dates (subject to change due to weather), all from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.:

- July 10: Walker Park, corner of Washington and Taylor
- July 17: Monfort Park, corner of Briargate and Barberry Lane
- July 24: Loewnau Park, corner of Oakland and Sappington
- July 31: Fillmore Park, corner of Fillmore and Clinton

### COMING UP IN KIRKWOOD

- **Art at the Station:** In July, Art at the Station will feature the oil and mixed media work of Margaret Sayers, June 29 through August 3. Opening reception will be held Thursday, July 2, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., at the Kirkwood Train Station, 110 W. Argonne Drive, corner of 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 the Kirkwood Arts Commission, with generous support from the Kirkwood Arts Foundation.
- **Thursday Evening Concert Series in Station Plaza:** July 2: Killer Whales. Tourism Night, sponsored by Amtrak's Missouri RiverRunner. Concerts run 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- **Community Day at Avery Park:** Saturday, July 18. The second of four community days in Kirkwood parks will be held at Avery Park, 225 Avery Drive, from 10:00 a.m. to noon on the 18th. Stop by and meet your City staff and elected officials in a fun, informal morning gathering. Light refreshments will be served.

### CITY OFFICES CLOSED JULY 3 FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

City Hall and most City offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. Sanitation will be unaffected. The Community Center office will be open on Friday, July 3, but closed on Saturday, July 4.

### ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE ON CITY WEBSITE

Kirkwood residents can access the 2014 Water Quality Report on the City's Website at: [www.KirkwoodMO.org/2014MO6010430](http://www.KirkwoodMO.org/2014MO6010430). For a hard copy of the report, please call 984-5936.

### Kirkwood Meetings Calendar

7/1	Planning/Zoning, 7pm
7/2	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
7/6	Architectural Review Board, 7pm
7/8	Landmarks Commission, 6:30pm
7/9	Council Work Session, 7am
7/9	EnVision Steering Committee, 6:30pm
7/13	Aquatic Advisory, 6:45pm, at Pool
7/13	Board of Adjustment, 7pm
7/14	Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
7/15	Library Board, 5:30pm, at Library
7/15	Planning/Zoning, 7pm
7/16	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
7/20	Architectural Review Board, 7pm
7/20	Park Board, 7pm at Community Center
7/21	Arts Commission, 5pm
7/22	Greentree Planning Committee, 7pm at Community Center
7/28	Urban Forestry Commission, 7pm

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 Biedenstien, 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](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org).

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