



# EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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## ROUTE 66 FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE THE START OF THE GREAT RACE

The City of Kirkwood and the Downtown Special Business District will host the first-ever Kirkwood Route 66 Festival in the downtown area on Saturday, June 20. This first festival will feature the start of the 2,400-mile Hemmings Motor News Great Race, a vintage car rally and race that will start in Kirkwood and finish up eight days later in Santa Monica, California. Thank you to our event sponsors: Carr Lane Manufacturing, Adams Place, and an anonymous donor, in honor of Kirk Hutchison.



### What You Will Find at the Festival:

- Family area with a giant inflatable slide, performances by Disney characters, a "touch-a-truck" area with a Big Wheel vehicle and more, face painting, and hands-on activities from The Magic House and Kirkwood Public Library.
- Vintage cars from all over the world, including eight cars being shipped to Kirkwood directly from Japan that have never been seen in this country before.
- Live music at Kirkwood Farmers' Market, 10:00 a.m. to noon, and at Kirkwood Station Plaza (across from City Hall), 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Photos with "Belle," "Cinderella," and a special-guest character from "Frozen."

- Arrival of the Great Race cars in downtown Kirkwood, starting at 8:00 a.m.
- A Great Race program at the Train Station, at 9:45 a.m. with local dignitaries, a color guard, and the singing of the National Anthem.
- Start of the Great Race at 10:15 a.m. Cars will leave in 45-second intervals from the Train Station and head south on Kirkwood Road.
- Batmobile Raffle: A ride in the historic Batmobile, owned by MotoExotica, will be raffled off at 10:00 a.m. on the day of the event. The winner wins a ride in the Batmobile. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance at Kirkwood City Hall and at the Downtown Kirkwood Special Business District offices at 130 E. Jefferson during normal business hours. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the event at the Information Booth or from roaming ticket sellers. Tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$25.

### What You Need to Know for the Day of the Event:

- Starting by 8:00 a.m., and possibly earlier, traffic in the downtown area will be heavy, and parking will be at a premium.
- An event map will be available at the Information and First Aid booth on West Argonne, across from the Train Station, on the day of the event.

- Parking will be available on the street, in lots around the downtown area (some free and some pay-to-park), in the Station Plaza garage on Madison, and at Nipher Middle School on S. Kirkwood Road. Parking signs will be posted on the day of the event. A parking map will be available on the City of Kirkwood's Website beginning in early June: [www.kirkwoodmo.org/Route66Festival](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org/Route66Festival).

- Kirkwood residents are strongly encouraged to walk to the event if at all possible.
- Downtown retail merchants, Kirkwood Farmers' Market (150 E. Argonne Drive), and restaurants will be open all day.
- Another way to enjoy the Race is to watch it from South Kirkwood Road (aka Lindbergh Blvd.) anywhere between the Downtown area and I-44.

### Street Closures:

- Kirkwood Road from Jefferson Avenue to Monroe will be closed to vehicular traffic starting at 7:00 a.m. and continuing through approximately 3:00 p.m.
- West Argonne from Kirkwood Road to Clay Avenue will be closed from 5:00 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m.
- The western-most section of East Argonne between S. Taylor and Kirkwood Road, will be closed to vehicular traffic from 7:00 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m.

## MAYOR'S COLUMN

This graduation season is an exciting one for me. My younger son Alex received his law degree and MBA from Washington University this month. It was a thrill to see all those beautifully robed young people march forth into the world. They are our future and our hope. May they all be successful and compassionate and be the fine leaders we need to make our country a better place. Congratulations to all the graduates out there – high school, college, graduate school – and even the little kindergarteners graduating to primary school. May their futures be bright.

The fencing around City Hall is about to come done, and more planting will begin. Large planters will be placed on the two columns in the front and filled with beautiful flowers. The front doors will be painted, and all should be ready for the Thursday night concert series at Station Plaza. Come sit on the wall benches, or bring a chair and listen to the concerts from the two plazas in front of City Hall. Be prepared to dance. For a full schedule of concerts, visit [www.downtownkirkwood.com](http://www.downtownkirkwood.com).

Speaking of concerts, the "Making Music" concerts kick off on June 13 in Kirkwood Park with a Johnny Cash tribute band. See the June schedule under "Coming Up." And on Saturday mornings, there is usually live music at the Farmers' Market during the "Tunes @ Ten" series. There's a lot going on in Kirkwood, including a special Memorial Day service in the Memorial Walkway next to City Hall on Monday, May 25. Please come and remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

While there, you might look at the peaceful plantings near the memorials and the outstanding gardens near the Train Station on both sides of Kirkwood Road. Thank you to the Kirkwood Garden Club for once again planting those beautiful flower beds at the Station.

And...Ready...Get Set...Go! The Great Race will take off from the Train Station in Downtown Kirkwood at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, June 20. There will be 120 vintage cars leaving that morning. Come early to see them all and stick around for the first-ever Route 66 Festival that day. We have a lot planned. Until then, enjoy the Memorial Day holiday. Be careful. Take a walk. Grill some good steaks, have a beer with your neighbor, play catch with your kids, or check out the pickle ball court at Kirkwood Park. See you around Kirkwood. If you wish to chat, call me at 314-497-4036.

## FAIR HOUSING STATEMENT

The City of Kirkwood is committed to fair housing for all of its citizens. It is unlawful to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, handicap, familial status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The City of Kirkwood has enacted a Fair Housing ordinance, which prohibits discrimination and spells out the process for filing a complaint. If you believe you have been discriminated against, call the City at 822-5801.



Mayor Art McDonnell congratulates his son Alex after his Washington University Commencement on May 15. Alex received a Juris Doctorate from the University's Law School and a Master of Business Administration from the Olin School of Business.

## KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY DAY AT FILLMORE PARK JUNE 13

Join your neighbors and meet your City staff and elected officials in a fun, informal morning gathering at Fillmore Park on June 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This is the first of several Community Day events the City will host for Kirkwood residents in neighborhood parks throughout the City. We will have touch-a-truck exhibits with police and fire vehicles and booths staffed by representatives from all City departments – fire, police, electric, water, parks, and more. This is your opportunity to get to know your local government, ask questions, pick up some information, find out about volunteer opportunities, and learn more about the City's comprehensive planning initiative – EnVision2035. Take a look at the City's plans for the future, and contribute your ideas and thoughts to the planning process. Fillmore Park is located on the corner of South Fillmore and E. Clinton Place, and it is equipped with playground equipment, so bring the kids too. Light refreshments will be served.

## HRC ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS:

Congratulations to the following Kirkwood students who submitted essays for the annual Human Rights Commission essay contest for high school juniors. This year's essay topic was: "What are the practical steps to improve racial justice?"

- First Place: Elia Taffa
- Second Place: Daniel Stobbe
- Third Place: Annabel Dolan
- Honorable Mention: Kendrick Loving



(GROUP SHOT) The 2015 Human Rights Commission Essay Contest winners posed with the mayor and HRC members after receiving their recognitions (L to R): Mayor Art McDonnell, HRC Chair Darnel Frost, HRC Member Denis Hart, Elia Taffa (1st Place), HRC Council Liaison/Council Member Bob Sears, Daniel Stobbe (2nd Place), Kendrick Loving (Honorable Mention), and Annabel Dolan (3rd Place).

## MSD HIRES FIRM TO STUDY AND DESIGN PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) has contracted with Parsons Water and Infrastructure to study and design the proposed improvements to sanitary and storm sewer systems in the Kirkwood area. The project involves an area located generally east of Lindbergh and north of Lockwood in the cities of Ladue, Rock Hill, Warson Woods, Glendale, and Kirkwood. Field surveys conducted by ABNA Engineering and Parsons will take place in neighborhoods beginning in May and will last for about 10 months. The goal of the project is to develop a comprehensive design solution for the project area to address concerns regarding sewer surcharging, building backups, and sanitary sewer overflows. Residents with concerns or questions should contact Edward Sweet (with Parsons) at 314-819-5058 or Jeff Smith (with MSD) at 314-768-2776.

## UTILITIES PAYMENT WEBSITE UPDATE FOR FIREFOX USERS

The City is experiencing problems with the utilities payment Website when it is accessed using the Firefox browser. Our vendor is working on a solution. However, for the time being, users are encouraged to access the payment Website using Internet Explorer. We will post updates on the home page of the Website as they become available.

## 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.

## COMING UP IN KIRKWOOD

- **Art at the Station:** In June, Art at the Station will feature the pastels of Jane McDowell, June 1 through June 29. Opening reception will be held Thursday, June 4, 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.
- **2015 "Making Music" Concert Series in Kirkwood Park for June:** The first summer concert on June 13 will feature One More Round: A Tribute to Johnny Cash. The June 27 concert will feature the Gateway City Big Band. For a description of both bands and a complete summer concert schedule, please visit the Arts Commission Website page at [www.kirkwoodmo.org/Arts](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org/Arts). Concerts start at 7:00 p.m., and are held in Kirkwood Park, 111 S. Geyer Road, in the Lions' Amphitheater. Concerts are FREE, but donations are greatly appreciated. The "Making Music" series is sponsored by the Kirkwood Arts Commission and Kirkwood's Parks & Recreation Department, with generous support from the Kirkwood Arts Foundation.
- **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 department. Visit the City Website for the full summer schedule.

## — Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

6/1	Architectural Review, 7pm
6/3	Planning/Zoning, 7pm
6/4	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
6/8	Aquatic Advisory, 6:45pm • Meet at Community Center
6/8	Board of Adjustment, 7pm
6/9	Human Rights, 6:30pm
6/10	Landmarks, 6:30pm
6/11	Council Work Session, 7am
6/15	Architectural Review Board, 7pm
6/15	Park Board, 7pm, Community Center
6/16	Arts Commission, 5pm
6/17	Library Board, 5:30pm, at Library
6/17	Planning/Zoning, 7pm
6/18	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
6/23	Urban Forestry, 7pm
6/24	Greentree Festival Committee, 7pm • Meet at 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.

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