



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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THE GREAT RACE IS COMING TO KIRKWOOD!

The City of Kirkwood will host the start of the 2015 Hemmings Motor News Great Race on Saturday, June 20. The race will start at the Kirkwood Train Station, in Downtown Kirkwood, and proceed south on Kirkwood Road. In conjunction with the Race, the City will host its first-ever "Kirkwood Route 66 Festival" the same day.

The Great Race will bring 120 of the world's finest antique and vintage automobiles to Downtown Kirkwood, including 18 rare vehicles from Japan that are being shipped here. The race starts in Kirkwood and finishes on June 28 in Santa Monica, after following a 2400-mile route along parts of Route 66, through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. The cars will leave the starting line in one-minute intervals on the morning of the 20th, beginning at approximately 10:15 a.m. Prior to the departure of the first car, there will be an opening ceremony, a color guard presentation, and the singing of the National Anthem.

As part of the Kirkwood Route 66 Festival, the City plans to host a children's area, with bounce houses, face painting, and art activities. Food and drink will be available from vendors, and live music performances will take place on Station Plaza and at City Hall. Some streets will be closed to vehicular traffic, including West Argonne, from about 5:00 a.m. until about noon, Kirkwood Road, from Jefferson to Madison, between approximately 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., and one lane of East Argonne for most of the day.

Traffic notices with finalized closure information will be posted in the downtown area, on the City's Website, and on the City's Facebook page in the week prior to the event. On the day of the event, an information booth will be located at the Train Station, with a site map and schedule of events planned for the Festival.

Residents can receive regular updates by liking the Festival's Facebook page, at Facebook.com/KirkwoodMORoute66Festival. To learn more about the Great Race, visit their Website at www.GreatRace.com.



The 2014 Great Race winners, Barry and Irene Jason of Keller, Texas, cross the starting line in St. Paul, Minnesota, in June 2014, in their 1935 Ford.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

City Hall and most City offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day. There will be no sanitation collected on the holiday, and all routes will be delayed by one day all week. The pool opens for the season on Saturday, May 23, at 10:00 a.m. Holiday weekend hours for the Community Center office are: Saturday, May 23, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Sunday, May 24, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and on the holiday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

THANK YOU, CITIZENS OF KIRKWOOD

To the Citizens of Kirkwood: Thank you. Thank you for voting on April 7 and for showing your support by passing Proposition 1, the City's Fire/EMS Sales Tax initiative. Thank you for trusting us. We promise to work hard to live up to that trust and have already begun initiating efforts to hire additional firefighter/paramedics to staff the City's third ambulance. This will allow us to provide the best possible emergency medical and fire protection service to the Kirkwood community. We are grateful to the voters and to all those who worked so hard to make this happen. Thank you.

Thomas Openlander, Fire Chief
Russell Hawes, Chief Administrative Officer
Arthur J. McDonnell, Mayor

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ISSUES DISABILITIES SURVEY

Please consider completing the Disabilities Survey for yourself, a friend or family member, or for anyone you know who may visit the City of Kirkwood. Your input will help the City respond to needs you have identified that may help assist and support people with disabilities. The goal of the survey is to determine what actions need to be taken, if any, to address the needs of individuals with a physical or mental disability and help them enjoy our community more fully. The survey was printed in the March 26 edition of Eye on Kirkwood and can still be accessed on the City's Website at www.kirkwoodmo.org. A hard copy of the survey can be picked up at Kirkwood City Hall (139 S. Kirkwood Road), the Kirkwood Community Center (111 S. Geyer Road), and at Kirkwood Public Library (140 E. Jefferson). The deadline to return completed surveys is May 29.



Left to right: Kirkwood Police Lt. Cliff Pope, Mayor Art McDonnell, Police Chief Jack Plummer, Chief Administrative Officer Russ Hawes, UPRR Police Lt. Matthew Havard, UPRR Director of Public Affairs Lindsey Douglas, and Train Station Manager Bill Burckhalter.

KIRKWOOD EARNS UNION PACIFIC SAFETY SPIKE

The Union Pacific Safety Spike is awarded to communities and police departments that significantly assist with bringing awareness to train safety. The City of Kirkwood's Police Department was recognized with this award in March. Officer Cliff Kierstead is Kirkwood's officer in charge of railroad safety and enforcement activities, as well as public education.



Many thanks to the Young Professionals group from Unlimited Play who recently donated an ADA-accessible swing to the City for use in Kirkwood Park. The swing is designated to help those with disabilities swing safely. Pictured here at the April 11 installation and dedication are (standing, left to right): Caleb and Amelia Freeman from the Unlimited Play Young Professionals (UPYP), Kirkwood Park Board President John Baker, Kirkwood's Playground Safety Inspector Dave Richardson, Parks and Recreation Director Murray Pounds, UPYP members Jackie Alexander and Caleb Hunter, Park Board member Scott Stream, and Mayor Art McDonnell. Unlimited Play is a nonprofit organization specializing in accessible playgrounds. For more information about them, please visit their Website at www.UnlimitedPlay.org.

POTS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN!

The Kirkwood Arts Commission will hold its first-ever art competition at Downtown Kirkwood's Mayfest on May 9. Artists of all ages are invited to design a plant container of any size and material that is suitable for indoor or outdoor planting. All designs will be displayed at the Arts Commission tent located at Station Plaza during the Mayfest activities. The public is invited to vote on their favorite creation. Votes will be tallied at the end of the day, and the winner will receive a \$50 Downtown Kirkwood gift certificate. All planters, containers, and pots will be auctioned off at a silent action that day to benefit the Arts Commission. Silent bidding will end at 2:00 p.m., and the new owners must pick up their creations no later than 3:00 p.m., or make arrangements with the attending staff. Any business, organization, or individual may participate. Any unsold planters or pots become the property of the Kirkwood Arts Commission and may be sold at a later date. For complete rules and registration information, please visit the Arts Commission page on the City's Website at KirkwoodMO.org/Arts. The deadline to register is Friday, May 8.



50 TREES GROUP SOLICITS SITE NOMINATIONS

The 50 Trees Street Tree Planting program hosted by Keep Kirkwood Green each year seeks site nominations for Fall tree planting. To promote National Arbor Day, citizens are asked to nominate sites for trees to be planted in the Fall. The 50 Trees program began in 2010 to honor the 50th anniversary of the Greentree Festival, but it's been going strong ever since. This year, the program was recognized with the 2014 Arbor Award of Excellence by the Missouri Department of Conservation. The group hopes to plant 75 trees this year, bringing the program's six-year total to 420 trees planted by local volunteers through this citizen-led initiative. For full details, including requirements, please visit the home page of the City Website at KirkwoodMO.org.

COMING UP IN KIRKWOOD

- Art at the Station:** In May, Art at the Station will feature the water color work of Amalia Lottes May 4 through June 1. Opening reception will be held Thursday, May 7, 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.
- Glendale-Kirkwood Kiwanis Wine Tasting:** Friday, May 1, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Kirkwood Train Station. Tickets are \$25 and available at the door. Wine, beer, appetizers. Proceeds benefit Kiwanis Scholarship Fund.
- Honeysuckle Removal Day:** Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. to noon, Emmenegger Nature Park, 11191 Stonewood Drive. Bring your own work gloves, eye protection, and saw or loppers. Persons under 18 must have parental signature on waiver. Thank you.
- Electronics Recycling Drive:** The City will once again sponsor an electronics recycling drive at the Public Works Building, 345 S. Fillmore, on Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please visit the City Website Calendar (kirkwoodmo.org/calendar.aspx) for a flyer listing acceptable items.
- Train Day at the Train Station:** The 9th Annual Kirkwood Rail Safety Day and Train Station Open House will be held Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in conjunction with Downtown Kirkwood's Mayfest. Featured displays include: National Museum of Transport, Morse Telegraph Club, Amtrak, and an operational model train. Attendees can enter a drawing for free Amtrak tickets to Chicago or Kansas City. Sponsored by the Kirkwood Police Department.
- Mayfest:** May 9, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Downtown Kirkwood. Visit DowntownKirkwood.com for full details.
- Favorite Buildings Awards:** Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 p.m., at the Kirkwood Train Station.
- EnVision Kirkwood 2035:** Tuesday, May 19, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Nipher Middle School, North Gym, 700 S. Kirkwood Road. Public Open House for Comprehensive Planning Process.

— Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

- 5/4 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 5/6 Planning/Zoning Commission, 7pm
- 5/7 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 5/11 Aquatic Advisory, 6:45pm @ Community Center
- 5/11 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 5/12 Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
- 5/13 Favorite Building Awards, 6:30pm @ Train Station (no Landmarks Meeting)
- 5/14 Council Work Session, 7am
- 5/18 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 5/18 Park Board, 7pm, Community Center
- 5/19 Arts Commission, 5:30pm
- 5/20 Library Board, 5:30pm at Library
- 5/20 Planning/Zoning Commission, 7pm
- 5/21 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 5/26 Urban Forestry, 7pm
- 5/27 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.

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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.