



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

July has been an exciting month for me, and I hope it was for you. My grandchildren are here and that means constant activity. My daughter-in-law is visiting too, and she looks forward to her walks around Kirkwood. We have visited the Magic House (two times already, probably another visit soon), the Kirkwood Pool (many splashes of the big bucket and lots of miles on the Lazy River), and Kirkwood Park (I still have the sand buckets rattling around in the back of my car). We have checked out good books and movies from Kirkwood Public Library, enjoyed the Making Music concerts in Kirkwood Park and the Thursday night concerts at Station Plaza, watched "Anything Goes" presented by Stages at the Community Center, and had many good meals in Kirkwood restaurants. We will

miss our grandkids and daughter-in-law when they leave – their laughs and hugs and even the Lego construction projects. I hope your July in Kirkwood has busy and fun too.

In August, City Council will view the proposed plans for a new Kirkwood Community Center and a new Kirkwood Center for the Arts in downtown Kirkwood. There is lots of excitement about this, but there are a few more steps before digging can begin. Our goal is to pay for these community improvements with no tax increase. More details will follow.

Construction projects in Kirkwood are making progress. At the Manchester/Kirkwood Road intersection, demolition has begun to make way for the new Fresh Thyme Grocer on the southeast corner, and CVS will start

to transform the southwest corner soon. Raising Cain's has begun construction on South Kirkwood, and McArthur's will open a new bakery and café soon. To stay on top of development updates, be sure to sign up for the Kirkwood Happenings e-newsletter by sending an email to Info@KirkwoodMO.org or just check out the City Website, where updates are posted on the home page.

Keep COOL this August: Go to the pool, eat some watermelon, drink some lemonade, don't rush, play some board games, and enjoy a sweet peach or some home-grown tomatoes and corn from the Kirkwood Farmers' Market. Enjoy these last days of summer. See you around Kirkwood. If you want to chat, call me at 314-497-4036.



Mayor Art McDonnell (L) presented Police Officer Cliff Kierstead (R) with a proclamation at Cliff's retirement party on July 7. Cliff has been with the Kirkwood Police Department for 41 years, and many residents may know him as the Railroad Safety Officer.

55TH ANNUAL GREENTREE FESTIVAL: SAVE THE DATE

The theme for the 2015 Greentree Festival is "Greentree Circus Parade." The Festival is held annually in Kirkwood Park, located at the intersection of South Geyer Road and West Adams Avenue. Here are just a few highlights, but look for the full schedule in the August 28 edition of *Eye on Kirkwood* and on the Festival Website at www.GreentreeFestival.com. Please Note: Parade Applications are now open. Arts & Crafts Booths are FULL. Food, Information, and Game Booths are still open.



- Festival Dates: September 18, 19, 20
- Festival Hours: Friday night, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. (No arts and crafts booths will be open Friday night, but many food and information booths will be open). Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- The Motown Revue takes the stage on Friday night at 6:30 in the Lions' Amphitheatre.
- The annual Greentree Parade steps off at 10:00 a.m., Saturday morning. See the Festival Website for route and street closures.
- Wine Garden Hours: Friday, 5:00-10:00 p.m. Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, Noon to 5:00 p.m.
- Book Fair Hours: Friday, 5:00-10:00 p.m. (Early Bird Viewing is 5:00-7:00). Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Folklife Festival Hours: Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Other highlights: 180 Arts & Crafts Booths. Kids' Dog Show and Canine Frisbee Contest Friday night. Classic Car Show and Sailboat Regatta on Sunday.

SAVE TIME AND POSTAGE: PAY YOUR MONTHLY UTILITY BILL AUTOMATICALLY

The City of Kirkwood can debit your monthly electric, water, and sanitation bill directly from your personal bank account – saving you the hassle of writing a check, addressing an envelope, and tracking down a stamp. With Automatic Pay, you don't have to worry about your payment getting delayed or lost in the mail, and you don't have to worry about your bill not being paid when you're out of town or on vacation.

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CITY COUNCIL AND MAYORAL CANDIDATES FILE FOR OFFICE

The City of Kirkwood's Charter provides that there be a six-month filing time for anyone who is interested in serving as an elected official. The next General Election will take place in April 2016, and opening day to file occurred at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 24, 2015. Pictured in the first photo are Scott Scream (L) and Tim Griffin, queueing up outside City Hall to file for Mayor. Pictured in the second photo are Betty Montano, City Clerk (L), and Mark Zimmer, who filed for Council Member. The April 2016 election will be for Mayor and three Council Member seats. Petition packets are available at the City Clerk's Office, and filing is open until 5:00 p.m., January 19, 2016.



MAKING MUSIC CONCERT SERIES IN KIRKWOOD PARK

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.

- **August 8 – Lucky Old Sons.** A four-piece group (piano, saxophone, drums, and electric mandolin) focused on the piano-driven roots rock/Americana music from the 50s/60s.
- **August 22 – St. Louis Wind Symphony.** One of the Midwest's premier concert band organizations. This 65-member ensemble's musical versatility is reflected in its extensive repertoire, which embraces the classical wind literature, new compositions, patriotic showpieces and marches, Broadway show tunes, jazz, holiday music, and more. For more information, visit their Website: stlwindsym.org

POOL HOURS CHANGE AUGUST 17

Get your pool mojo on while you still can. Summer hours continue through Monday, August 17. Starting Tuesday, August 18, we transition to end-of-summer reduced hours, as follows:

Pool Hours through August 17:

- Monday through Friday, noon to 7:30 p.m.
- Saturdays and Sundays: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Last day for Tot Time: August 17

Pool Hours August 18 through September 7:

- Monday through Friday, 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Lap Pool, Family Pool, and Slides open
- Saturdays and Sundays: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All pools open.
- Labor Day, Monday, September 7: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All pools open. Pool closes for the season at 6:00 p.m.
- Last day for River Walk Club: August 29

Dog Pool Parties: A chance for your four-legged friends to enjoy the cool Recreation Station waters. Sponsored by the Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation and Pool Paws for Humane Laws. Current shot records, DHLPP and rabies, must be provided. \$10 per dog/owner; \$3 for each additional human. Two dates!

- Tuesday, September 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 10, 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. for dogs 25 pounds and smaller; 6:00-7:30 p.m. for all dogs.

ENVISION 2035 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING WORKSHOP IN SEPTEMBER

What is YOUR vision for the future of Kirkwood? Residents can help shape the future of the community by being a part of the EnVision 2035 Comprehensive Planning process in two ways. 1) Complete the monthly surveys at www.Kirkwood2035.org. 2) Attend the Open House/Workshop on September 22 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Road.



A resident attends the first EnVision2035 Workshop in the spring.

COMING UP IN KIRKWOOD

- **Art at the Station:** Featuring the photography work of Max Arens, August 3 thru 31. Opening reception will be held Thursday, August 6, 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. Through August 3: Margaret Sayers, oil and mixed media.
- **Community Day at Monfort Park, Saturday, August 15.** The third Community Day will be held on August 15 at the Ella and Charles Monfort Memorial Park, 2036 Briargate Lane, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Stop by and meet your City staff and elected officials in a fun, informal morning gathering. Light refreshments will be served.
- **Thursday Evening Concert Series in Station Plaza.** August 13: Matt Jordan, sponsored by Bar Louie. August 20: Jessica Tipton, sponsored by Bar Louie. August 27: "Kirkwoodstock" sponsored by Kirkwood United Methodist Church. Concerts run 6:30-9:30 p.m.

CORRECTION FOR BOOKS ON TAP

The Kirkwood Happenings e-newsletter incorrectly reported the location for the August Books on Tap book discussion hosted by Kirkwood Public Library. The correct location is Mike Duffy's Pub and Grill, on Wednesday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m. The book is *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. To sign up for the Kirkwood Happenings, please send an email to Info@KirkwoodMO.org, with "sign me up" in the subject line.

— Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

- 8/3 Architectural Review, 7pm
- 8/5 Planning/Zoning, 7pm
- 8/6 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 8/10 Aquatic Advisory, 6:45pm • Meet at Pool
- 8/11 Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
- 8/12 Landmarks Commission, 6:30pm
- 8/13 Council Work Session, 7am
- 8/17 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 8/17 Park Board, 7pm, Community Center
- 8/18 Arts Commission, 5pm
- 8/19 Library Board, 5:30pm, at Library
- 8/19 Planning/Zoning, 7pm
- 8/20 City Council, 7pm, WS 6pm
- 8/25 Urban Forestry, 7pm
- 8/26 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 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.

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