



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

By the time you read this on Thanksgiving morning, the Kirkwood High School Pioneers will be in possession of The Bell (we hope!). Go Pioneers! Are you running in (or did you run in) today's Turkey Day Run? We had more than 4000 folks registered to run, so the streets between Kirkwood and Webster will be full of bodies this morning. A few of the energetic runners participated in both the 3K and the 5K. If you missed it, plan to take part next year. You can walk or run.

Did you know the City has a new Mobile App for customer service requests? See the story below. Search for it on your phone and download it. It's a lot of fun and easy to use! You can notify us about potholes, street lights out, code problems, and more!

Get on the Train! Walk, bike, or take the train to Kirkwood for

your holiday shopping. Don't forget that November 28 is Small Business Saturday. Come shop and dine. Buy a gift for someone in need. You can give to KirkCare – there's a food donation box at City Hall – or donate a new, unwrapped toy at one of two places. "Stuff the Truck" with toy donations for St. Louis Children's Hospital at Mosby Building Arts, 645 Leffingwell Ave., on Saturday, December 12. Or "Stuff the Ambulance" with toy donations (new, unwrapped) on December 11 and 12. See story below for details.

Don't get stressed. Relax and enjoy the season, hug your kids and family, pray for peace, share the last few holiday cookies, walk a mile, and smile. Be sure to come to the Winter Fireworks on December 26! I will see you around town. If you want to chat, please call me at 314-497-4036.



Mayor McDonnell (left) with the Amtrak train conductor on a recent trip to Washington, Missouri, from the Kirkwood station.

DONATE FOOD AT CITY HALL FOR KIRK CARE

The City is accepting donations of canned and packaged foods for KirkCare at City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, during normal business hours. The holiday food drive will continue through mid-December.

WINTER FIREWORKS! Saturday, December 26, in Downtown Kirkwood

Mark your calendars for the Downtown Kirkwood Winter Fireworks on Saturday, December 26. Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m., with fireworks at 6:30 p.m. Wind or ice reschedule date: December 27. Arrive early to shop and dine. Dinner reservations recommended.



2015 FIREWORKS DISPLAY and holiday festivities...

DOWNTOWN KIRKWOOD WINTER FIREWORKS FESTIVAL
Saturday, December 26th from Kirkwood City Hall
Festivities begin at 5 p.m. Fireworks at 6:30 p.m.
Arrive early to shop and dine. Dinner reservations recommended!

Thank you to the Fireworks Festival Sponsors:

- Des Peres Hospital •Riggs Construction & Design
- Adams Place Retirement Community •BRIC Partnership, LLC
- Billy G's Kirkwood •Kirkwood-Des Peres Area Chamber of Commerce
- Kirkwood Station Restaurant & Brewing Co. •Gaffner Realty
- Hardy R. Washington Jr., State Farm Insurance Agent--Kirkwood
- Spencer's Grill •Barb & Jim Byerly •Barbara & Art McDonnell
- Downtown Kirkwood Special Business District

Celebrate during the Holiday Walk on November 21

- Santa arrives at 9:30 a.m. •In-store specials •Trolley rides
- Sponsored by BRIC Partnership, LLC, McArthur's Bakery
- Kirkwood Station Restaurant & Brewing Company

Small Business Saturday is November 28

- Photos With Santa at the Train Station
- Dec. 3 & 10 from 5-7 p.m. & Dec. 11 from 11 a.m. -1 p.m.

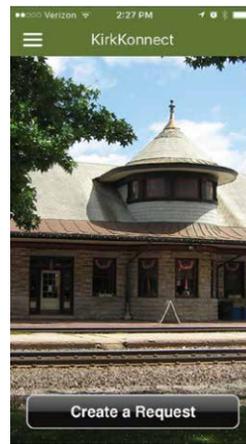
*Wind or Ice Reschedule Date: December 27 www.downtownkirkwood.com

STUFF THE AMBULANCE WITH TOYS FOR TOTS

This holiday season, the Kirkwood Fire Department will again team up with the United States Marines for a "Toys for Tots" collection. On Friday, December 11, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., and on Saturday, December 12, 10:00 a.m., to 3:00 p.m., a Kirkwood Fire Department ambulance will be stationed on the parking lot of the Walmart store at 1202 S. Kirkwood Road, where the public is invited to "Stuff the Ambulance" with new, unwrapped toys. The Marines will be on hand, and we'll have coloring activities for children. For anyone unable to make these two dates, toys can be dropped off at Kirkwood Fire House #2 now through December 11, during regular business hours.

STAY IN TOUCH: CITY LAUNCHES NEW CUSTOMER SERVICE MOBILE APP

Kirkwood Connect is the City's new FREE Mobile Application that allows residents, business owners, and visitors to report issues, request assistance, and get in touch with City departments and administration. For example, maybe after a month of snow, there's a pothole you keep hitting every morning on your way to work, but by the time you get to work, you've forgotten about it. Now you can use the City's mobile application to report it before it slips your mind. (But please pull over and send your request safely from a side street or parking lot.)



How Do You Get the App? It's Easy: First, search for "Kirkwood Connect" in your Google or Apple App Store from your phone. It's FREE. Then download it and install. After installation, click on the icon, and the application will open up. Click on "Create a Request," and then select "Create [with] photo/video/audio" or without, and the map page pops up. You can slide the map around with your finger, and zoom in or out to find your location, or you can type in the location at the top of the page and the app will find it for you. Then hit "next" and select a report type, enter a description, and hit submit. You can use the app to track the progress of your report later on. If you need a response, be sure to provide a name and contact information

OFFICER BALDRIDGE HONORED

Kirkwood Police Officer Gary Baldrige was recognized by the Drug Enforcement Agency for a case he investigated this past year while he was assigned there. Each year, the DEA recognizes their best cases for the year and the officers responsible. Beginning in early 2016, Officer Baldrige will assume the responsibilities of Officer Jim Cox as the City's new Community Services Officer when Officer Cox retires.



CITY HOLIDAY CLOSING INFORMATION

THANKSGIVING

City Hall, the Community Center office, and most City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, for Thanksgiving.

- There will be no sanitation collected on Thanksgiving Day. Thursday routes will be collected on Friday.
- The Ice Rink will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.
- The annual Turkey Day Run will take place on Thanksgiving Day starting at 7:30 a.m. East Adams / Lockwood will be closed, and traffic will be detoured.

CHRISTMAS

City Hall, the Community Center, and most City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25, for the Christmas holiday. The Community Center office will be open Saturday morning, December 26, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

- Sanitation will be unaffected. All trash, recycling, and yard waste will be collected normally all week, including on Christmas Eve. Special pick-ups will be done on Thursday this week, instead of Friday. Please schedule before noon on Wednesday, December 23.
- The Ice Rink will be closed on December 25 but will have a skating session on December 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S 2016

City Hall, the Community Center, and most City offices will be closed on Friday, January 1, for the New Year's holiday.

- Sanitation will be unaffected. However, special pick-ups will be done on Thursday this week, instead of Friday. Please schedule before noon on Wednesday, December 30.
- The Community Center office will close at 4:30 p.m., on New Year's Eve and will be open on Saturday, January 2, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

CFL EXCHANGE PROGRAM DISCONTINUED

The City will continue to accept CFLs (compact fluorescent lightbulbs) for recycling at the Finance window at City Hall and at the Community Center. However, we no longer will provide new CFLs in exchange. CFLs are not accepted for trash collection because they are a hazardous waste. Residents can recycle them with the City or take them to the County's Household Hazardous Waste facility in Lemay. To schedule a drop-off, call 314-615-8958.

— Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

- 12/2 Planning/Zoning, 7pm
- 12/3 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 12/4 Citizens' Finance Committee, 7am
- 12/7 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 12/8 Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
- 12/9 Landmarks Commission, 6:30pm
- 12/10 Council Work Session, 7am
- 12/11 Citizens' Finance Committee, 7am
- 12/14 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 12/14 Park Board, 7pm, Community Center
- 12/15 Arts Commission, 5pm
- 12/16 Library Board, 5:30pm, at Library
- 12/17 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 12/21 Architectural Review Board, 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.

LOOK FOR ANNUAL SANITATION BROCHURE IN DECEMBER UTILITY BILLS

The City gets calls and questions all the time about sanitation rules and guidelines, a few of which are addressed below. To help residents stay on top of sanitation holidays, costs, recyclable materials, and other important sanitation information, the City produces a sanitation brochure each year. In the past, the brochure has accompanied utility bills in February. However, this year, the brochure will go out to residents in December. If you receive your utility bill by email and don't get a hard copy in the mail, you can request a copy of the brochure be mailed to you by calling 822-5894.

- Have all materials (trash, recycling, yard waste) at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your sanitation collection day.
- Bad weather and other circumstances can slow down collection. Therefore, please leave all uncollected materials out until they have been picked up, and notify the Sanitation office the following day for things not removed (822-5828).
- The City provides one 50-bag roll of plastic trash bags each year in August. Additional bags can be purchased at City Hall for \$7.00 per roll.
- The City will collect up to five disposable bags or disposable containers.
- Special Pick-Ups: To schedule a special pick-up, call 822-5828 by noon on Thursday for a Friday collection. There is an additional cost for this service.
- **2016 Sanitation Holidays:** Martin Luther King's Birthday (Jan. 18), Washington's Birthday (Feb. 15), Memorial Day (May 30), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (Sept. 5), Thanksgiving (Nov. 24). On these holidays in 2016, sanitation will not be collected, and collection will be delayed by one day for all the days that follow the holiday, all week.

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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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