



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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WINTER IN KIRKWOOD: ICE RINK, SKATING, & HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES!

Ice Rink: Public skating sessions are held year 'round. Some sessions may be canceled or changed. The monthly skating calendar can be accessed from the City's Website at www.kirkwoodmo.org/IceRink, or stop by the Rink to pick up a monthly calendar. To be eligible for the Kirkwood Resident admission price, you must have a Recreation Station ID Card, issued at the Community Center office during regular hours. ID cards cost \$5 each and are valid for three years. Bring a current picture ID (Missouri driver's license, etc.) that shows your Kirkwood address along with a current utility bill, bank statement, or personal property receipt for that same address.

Some skating sessions may not include entire ice surface due to group lessons. Skate buckets are available to children 8 and under on a first-come, first-served basis. Full hockey equipment is strongly discouraged during public skating. Skate sharpening is available for \$5 (ready by next business day after 3:00 p.m.).



Rink Closings:

- Thanksgiving Day, November 26
- Christmas Day, December 25

Holiday Programs and Sessions:

- **Day Before Thanksgiving:** Additional public skating session on Wednesday, November 25, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Regular policies and fees apply.

• **Holiday Ice Show.** Saturday, December 12, 3:45-5:15 p.m. FREE.

• **Skate with Santa.** Saturday, December 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Come skate with Santa during the public session (normal admission policies and prices apply).

• **Additional winter holiday sessions will be added the weeks of December 21 and 28.** Please check the calendar for specific times.

• **Martin Luther King's Birthday Special Session.** Monday, January 19, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Regular policies and prices apply.

• **Washington's Birthday Special Session.** Monday, February 15, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Regular policies and prices apply.

Skating Programs:

• **Stick 'n Puck.** Get on the ice with your own hockey stick and puck. HECC-approved helmet (with cage if under 18), hockey gloves, stick, and puck required. \$5 per hour, residents; \$6 per hour, nonresidents. For times, visit www.kirkwoodmo.org/IceRink, or stop by the Community Center to pick up a calendar.

• **Gateway Speed Skating Club.** GSSC offers speed skating for all ages. Practices are Wednesday evenings and Thursday and Sunday afternoon. For full details, visit www.gatewaysskating.org.

• **Kirkwood Youth Hockey Association:** League play for ages 4-16. Learn to play through advanced levels. For information, visit www.kyha.org.

• **Freestyle Sessions.** These offer figure skaters the chance to work on jumps, spins, dance routines, and more. Hourly admission fees are \$5 for Kirkwood residents and \$6 for nonresidents. For times, visit KirkwoodMO.org/IceRink or stop by the Community Center to pick up a calendar.

Ice Skating Lessons: Learn to skate! Kirkwood Ice Rink offers a wide range of lessons for ages 4 through adult. Lessons offered Monday through Saturday (Saturdays during Winter only beginning November 7). Group, custom group, and private lessons. For more information, call Susie Smith at 314-984-5950 or call the Ice Rink at 314-822-5825. Lessons run 25 minutes and include half-price skate rental during the lesson. Optional USFSA Basic Skills Membership is available. Registration typically begins about three weeks prior to the start of a session. Fees are \$8 per class, residents; \$9 per class, nonresidents. Total fees vary depending on length of session. Kirkwood Resident ID Card is required for resident rate (see above under Ice Rink). Upcoming sessions:

- November/December Session. Starts November 2. Registration is now open.
- January/February Session. Starts January 4. Registration opens in early December.

OTHER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING

• **Kirkwood/Webster Turkey Day Run.** November 26. Three- and six-mile races on courses between Kirkwood and Webster. For full details, visit www.kirkwoodmo.org/TurkeyRace

• **Candy Cane Hunt.** Saturday, December 12. Ages 2-10. Kirkwood Park, Lions' Pavilion. Hunt begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. Costs: \$3 if you pre-register, \$5 on day of hunt. Call 822-5855 to register.

• **Winter Fireworks.** Saturday, December 26, in Downtown Kirkwood. Festivities start at 5:00 p.m., with fireworks at 6:30 p.m. Arrive early to shop and dine. Reservations recommended. Wind or ice reschedule: December 27.

A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

Greetings. The Metro Mayors, some of whom are in the picture on the right, are an important organization that discusses common problems and successes in their cities and acts as a lobbying group for issues that affect us all before the state legislature. Metro Mayors is made up of St. Louis County mayors along with the mayors of St. Charles, St. Peters, and Washington, Missouri. As a group, we represent more than 600,000 citizens. Currently we are developing lobbying efforts for the legislature to raise the gas tax by 6 cents to help repair roads and bridges. If you want to help, call your state senator or representative.

Do you need a short vacation? Hop on the Amtrak train at the Kirkwood station and travel to Hermann, Washington, or Kansas City. The ride is pleasant and not very expensive. If you want to shop for the holidays, Kirkwood is the place. Lots of shops in downtown Kirkwood or along Manchester Road are filled with a bundle of gift possibilities.

We have some great new businesses opening in Kirkwood, including the Mizzou gift store at Station Plaza, a new Raising Canes on South Kirkwood Road, and the new Mc Arthurs bakery – which moved across the street from its previous location, where they have expanded both the lunch menu and seating. Construction on the new Fresh Thyme grocery store has begun on the southeast corner of Kirkwood Road and Manchester. The office and retail building to the east on Manchester is scheduled to be demolished and a new building will replace it with a variety of retail shops and offices. That work will start in the spring.

Enjoy this wonderful fall weather! Bake a pumpkin pie, take a walk around Walker Lake, call a friend you haven't seen for a long time, go to a Kirkwood High football game, clean out the garage before winter, invite someone new to Thanksgiving dinner, or rake up a big pile of leaves and jump in it! The best to you all. See you around Kirkwood. If you wish to chat, call me at 314-497-4036.



Mayor McDonnell (back row, behind the planter) and other members of Metro Mayors. Metro Mayors is a group of mayors in the St. Louis region whose cities have populations of more than 10,000 residents. They meet monthly, and in August, they met at the Kirkwood Train Station.

ARTS COMMISSION WANTS YOUR INPUT ON PROGRAMMING

The Kirkwood Arts Commission seeks input on arts and music programming for the Kirkwood Community. Please consider taking one or both of the following surveys:

- Survey on Public Art: www.kirkwoodmo.org/arts
- Survey on the Making Music Summer Concert Series: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9ZSTFPK>

SAFETY ISSUE RAISED BY RESIDENTS

Several citizens have expressed concern about joggers wearing dark clothing after dark and running in the street without sufficient reflective material. This makes it very hard for drivers to see the joggers and runners. If you are a runner who runs in the street after dark, please be sure to wear sufficient reflective materials or a flashing arm band or something similar. Your safety is important. Thank you.

CITY SAYS THANK YOU TO RESIDENTS

The City would like to thank residents for passing the 1/4-cent Fire/EMS Sales Tax in April. The Fire Department is in the process of hiring seven new firefighter/paramedics. We also want to remind residents that the sales tax went into effect on October 1, so effective immediately, purchases in the City will be taxed at the new rate of 8.613 percent.

NEXT ENVISION OPEN HOUSE IS NOV 12

The City's ongoing long-term planning process, called EnVision Kirkwood 2035, continues with another Open House for residents and the community. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, November 12, 4:30 to 8:00 p.m., at Kirkwood City Hall, Council Chambers. Meanwhile, be sure to visit the Website to take the monthly surveys and to find out what others are saying in the surveys: Kirkwood2035.org.

ANNUAL "ORDER OF PLOWING" REMINDER

When snow falls, City plowing crews focus first on the main roads, such as Kirkwood Road, Geyer Road, Essex, Woodlawn, Woodbine, Couch, etc. Cleaning these streets first allows emergency vehicles to get through when needed. During this first stage, street crews also work on hills and bridges. Crews do not begin to work on secondary streets until the snow stops. Secondary streets include Taylor, Fillmore, Dickson, Quan, Rose Hill, Clay, Lindeman, Harrison, Peeke, and Ann. When all those are done, crews move to subdivision streets and clear those.

Pre-Treating: When possible, crews pretreat all City streets when a storm has been predicted. However, in some storms, when the temperatures are very low, pre-treating may not work very well.

COMING UP AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

• Annual Halloween Hamfest. October 31, 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information, call 314-638-4959.

• Artists' Boutique: Fall Arts and Crafts Show. November 7 and 8, 10:00 a.m., to 4:00 p.m., both days. For information, call 314-802-7193.

• Kirkwood Theatre Guild presents *Rumors*, by Neil Simon. November 6-8 and 12-15, in the Reim Theatre, 8:00 p.m., Friday/Saturdays and 2:00 p.m., Sunday matinees. For ticket information, call 314-811-9956.

• Salvation Army Christmas Bazaar. November 13, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and November 14, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

• ODAS Auxiliary Holiday Bazaar to benefit Open Door Animal Sanctuary. Featuring Star Wars collectibles and guest appearances by Star Wars characters. November 21, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For information, call 314-832-9892.

ART AT THE STATION IN NOVEMBER

Art at the Station presents the oil paintings of Kathleen Barnes, November 3 to 30, at the Kirkwood Train Station, 110 W. Argonne Drive. The opening reception will be held Thursday, November 5, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Art may be viewed when the Station is open for passengers. Art at the Station is sponsored by the Kirkwood Arts Commission, with generous support from the Kirkwood Arts Foundation. Exhibits and receptions are free and open to the public. Donations are welcome. Please send your donation to Kirkwood Arts Foundation, P.O. Box 220492, Kirkwood, MO 63122. Thank you for your support.

— Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

11/2	Architectural Review Board, 7pm
11/4	Planning/Zoning, 7pm
11/5	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
11/6	Citizens' Finance Cmte, 7am
11/9	Aquatic Advisory Cmte, 6:45pm, Community Center
11/9	Board of Adjustment, 7pm
11/10	Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
11/11	Landmarks Commission, 6:30pm
11/12	Council work Session, 7am
11/12	EnVision2035 Open House, 4:30pm
11/13	Citizens' Finance Cmte, 7am
11/16	Park Board, 7pm, Community Center
11/16	Architectural Review Board, 7pm
11/17	Arts Commission, 5pm
11/18	Library Board, 5:30pm, at Library
11/18	Planning/Zoning, 7pm
11/19	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
11/20	Citizens' Finance Cmte, 7am
11/24	Urban Forestry, 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.

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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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