



# EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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## EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE FOR ASH TREE OWNERS

The City first reported to residents about the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in March 2013 in an informational flyer in monthly utility bills. In the two years since, the State of Missouri and local arborists and horticulturists have reconsidered their recommendations on how to and whether or not to treat local trees infested with the EAB.

**What is it?** The EAB is an exotic, invasive, wood-boring beetle that infests and kills ash trees. The adult beetle is dark metallic green, with a bullet-shaped body that is about one-half inch long and one-eighth inch wide. The larvae (the immature stage) are flat, creamy-white grubs with distinct bell-shaped body segments. Adult beetles are usually seen from mid-May through July on or near ash trees. Larvae are found under the bark of ash trees during the remaining months of the year. The native range of EAB is eastern Russia, northern China, and Korea.

**Recommendations:** Originally, the recommendation from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) was to remove ash trees before they were infested because

the consensus was that all ash trees would eventually become infested. Taking down a tree after it has died is expensive because a dead tree becomes brittle and difficult to climb and would require machinery to handle. The MDC also said two years ago that all available treatments were expensive. In the past two years, however, a new injectable treatment has been developed and tested that is safer for the environment and will last three years, making it a more affordable choice.

**What residents can do:** First, you can educate yourself about the issue on the MDC's Website here: <http://extension.missouri.edu/treepests/home.aspx>. Next, you can make an assessment of the trees on your property to determine if you have any ash trees and if you do, are they of high value or lower value. Here is a page on the MDC Website that can help with that: <http://extension.missouri.edu/treepests/EABhomeowners.aspx>. If you have trees you want to save, the final step would be to find an arborist who can treat your tree(s). We will periodically update information as it becomes available.



Kirkwood Horticulturist Pete Laufersweiler treats an ash tree in the parking lot at City Hall.



The 2015 Greentree Planning Committee wrapped up on Sunday night of the festival by posing for a photograph at the information booth.



Kirkwood Police Officer Jim Cox served as the 2015 Greentree Parade Grand Marshal. He is pictured here with his wife Denise, who also works for the KPD.

### POLICE WILL HOST ANNUAL "DAY OUT" OCTOBER 3

The annual Kirkwood-Oakland Day Out will be held at the Police Department, 131 W. Madison Avenue, on Saturday, October 3, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This year the event will be sponsored by the Mungenast Automotive Family. Activities will include:

- Police Station Open House.
- Food, fun, music, and games. Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, and refreshments will be provided free while supplies last, including from: Papa John's Pizza, Walk-Away Waffles, and Rocket Fizz.
- KHITS 96.3 will be on site with music and prizes
- Car Seat Inspection and demonstrations every hour. It just takes a few minutes to make sure your child seat is properly installed by a certified car seat installer.
- KlaasKids Foundation Print-a-thon. The Foundation fingerprints and photographs children without databasing, provides parents with DNA collection kits, pro-active child safety information, and a nine-point plan on what to do if your child disappears.
- Invited guests include: Operation Lifesaver, Powder Valley Nature Center, St. Louis County Department of Health, Target Department Store, Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT), Certified Safety Car Seat Installers, St. Louis County Department of Social Services, Kirkwood Police K-9 Department, Kirkwood Electric, Kirkwood Fire, Kirkwood Lions, Kirkwood Public Library, Missouri Poison Center, and St. Anthony's Medical Center (Bike Helmet Fittings).

### CITY WILL HOST RECEPTION FOR RETIRING FIRE CHIEF

Kirkwood Fire Chief Tom Openlander has announced his retirement from the City. The City will host a reception for Chief Openlander on Wednesday, October 7, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., at the City's Fire House #2, 11804 Big Bend. The public is invited to attend. Chief Openlander's last day in the office will be October 9. He worked for the City from January 1997 to July 2005 and from November 2007 to the present, both times as Fire Chief. Prior to that, he worked for the City of Webster Groves from 1980 to 1997. The City will name an interim Fire Chief as it conducts a nation-wide search for a permanent replacement.



### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DRIVE OCTOBER 10

Once again, the St. Louis Health Equipment Lending Program (HELP) seeks donations for its annual medical equipment drive on Saturday, October 10, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Clean out the attic, garage, or basement, and make a tax-deductible donation of your medical equipment at one of the designated Walgreen's drop-off locations. St. Louis HELP loans the donated items to anyone in need at no cost or fee. This event is sponsored by the Saint Louis County Health Department. Accepted donations include:

- Manual and power wheelchairs
- Electric hospital beds
- Shower chairs
- Canes, crutches, walkers
- Grab bars
- Elevated toilet seats and portable commodes
- Lift chairs
- Seating cushions and back supports
- Folding ramps
- Every type of item, except oxygen and medications.

A full list of donation sites can be found on the HELP Website at [www.stlhelp.org](http://www.stlhelp.org), or call 314-567-4700. The closest Walgreens locations to Kirkwood that will accept donations are:

- 9801 Manchester, at Kortwright, in Rock Hill
- 8571 Watson Road, corner of Elm
- 13992 Manchester Road, at Weidman
- 1001 Bowles Avenue, in Fenton
- #1 Grasso Plaza, in Affton (Gravois and S. Rock Hill)

### CITY ISSUES MUNICIPAL COURT WARRANT RECALL

In light of state-wide legislation that took effect in August, the City of Kirkwood Municipal Court has ordered the withdrawal of all existing warrants and re-docketing of all cases that were in warrant status. All warrants with the City of Kirkwood Municipal Court have been cancelled, and these cases are being assigned new court dates. The Court will mail notices with new court dates to all defendants formerly in warrant status at their last known address. This warrant recall only applies to municipal ordinance violation cases as filed with the City of Kirkwood Municipal Court. This also will not apply to warrants the Judge issues after September 8, 2015. For additional information on this, please refer to the home page of the City Website at [www.kirkwoodmo.org](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org).

### VOLUNTEER FOR EMMENEGGER PARK DAYS

Please join the volunteer team every Sunday in September, October, and November at Emmenegger Park. Have fun, and get some fresh air and some exercise while supporting your community park. The primary task of Emmenegger Park volunteers is to help remove invasive plant species, allowing native plants to grow. A brief orientation at the trailhead kiosk is provided to new participants. Please bring gloves, hand saw or clippers, and protective clothing with you. To register or for more information call 314-984-6981 or send an email to: [kpark@kirkwoodmo.org](mailto:kpark@kirkwoodmo.org).

- When: Sundays in September, October, November, beginning September 6, 2015.
- Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Location: Emmenegger Nature Park, 111991 Stonewood Drive
- Driving Directions: From eastbound I-44, take the Watson Road exit to Geyer Road and turn north. Go 200 yards to Cragwold Road, and turn left, or west. Go one mile to Stonewood and then south to the park entrance.

### CITY RELEASES COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The City has released its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year that ended March 31, 2015. Residents can access the report from the home page of the City Website at [www.kirkwoodmo.org](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org).

### ART AT THE STATION IN SEPTEMBER

Art at the Station presents the oil and multi-media work of Anne Horsfall, September 28 through November 2, at the Kirkwood Train Station, 110 W. Argonne Drive. The opening reception will be held Thursday, October 1, 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 —

10/1	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
10/2	Citizens' Finance Committee, 7am
10/5	Architectural Review Board, 7pm
10/7	Planning/Zoning, 7pm
10/8	Council Work Session, 7am
10/9	Citizens' Finance Committee, 7am
10/12	Board of Adjustment, 7pm
10/12	Aquatic Advisory Committee, 6:45pm at Community Center
10/13	Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
10/14	Landmarks Commission, 6:30pm
10/15	City Council, 7pm, WS 6pm
10/16	Citizens' Finance Committee, 7am
10/19	Architectural Review Board, 7pm
10/19	Park Board, 7pm, Community Center
10/20	Arts Commission, 5pm
10/21	Library Board, 5:30pm, at Library
10/21	Planning/Zoning, 7pm
10/23	Citizens' Finance Committee, 7pm
10/27	Urban Forestry Commission, 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](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org).

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