



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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Mayor Art McDonnell stands in front of the new Kirkwood Electric Substation on Alfred Avenue.

A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

While judging soups at Manor Grove's "Soups On" event Sunday; while visiting the Blues Zero Room on Monday; while attending the concert last Wednesday at Jazz at the Bistro; while attending a St. Louis Symphony concert on Saturday – almost wherever I go, when people learn that I am the Mayor of Kirkwood, they all say: "I wish I lived in Kirkwood." "What a neat town." "I visit it often..." The Farmers' Market, the great shops and restaurants, the inviting walkable community, the smiling people, the tree-lined streets, the great schools, the beautiful houses, the excitement of our business community, the new homes being built, the famous Greentree Festival and the Winter Fireworks. It all makes you proud to be Mayor of this special city. YOU, ALL OF YOU make it that way. Thank you.

The City budget for the next fiscal year had its public hearing last week. We approved two grant applications to East-West Gateway for funds to (1) reconstruct West Essex from Kirkwood Road to Geyer, and (2) to resurface

North Geyer from Adams to Manchester Road. We hope they will both be granted. We also approved a \$826,717 contract with Kelpo Contracting for concrete street reconstruction of various streets in Kirkwood for this Spring. The City is on the move to get our streets in good shape. The two City parks affected by January floods, Emmenegger and Geentree, have all been mostly cleaned up. Repairs are being considered by the Kirkwood Park Board. The Municipal Park Grant Commission awarded \$525,000 to the Parks department for improvements to Fillmore Park.

I hope you have a great March. If you are going on spring break, have a safe and happy time. Enjoy spring as it approaches, take a walk, enjoy a corned beef sandwich and green beer on St. Pat's Day, the St. Peter St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the spring flowers that will be popping up shortly. Read about our candidates for City Council and Mayor, and enjoy a good donut. See you about town. If you need to chat, please call 314-497-4036. Thanks.

KIRKWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES UV-C DISINFECTION LAMP FOR VEHICLES

The Kirkwood Fire Department has purchased a new UV-C Disinfection Lamp for use in all KFD ambulances and buildings. The new lamp will be used to help disinfect ambulances and fire houses in the City. These lamps have been shown to protect the public and fire department personnel from exposure to contagious organisms. When used regularly, they will provide 99.9 percent disinfection, killing all known bacteria, viruses, mold, protozoa, and yeast. When used in conjunction with topical disinfection, this technology provides a safer environment for patients and staff.



Firefighter/Paramedic Matt Mathes cleans an ambulance with the UV-C lamp

KFD personnel will incorporate the new lamp into their weekly deep cleaning efforts. The lamp is portable and can be moved between fire houses and vehicles. Tentative goals are to purchase additional lamps in the future. In addition to using the lamps inside ambulances and other vehicles, crews can use them to disinfect living spaces, such as bunk rooms, to stop transmission of disease before it causes an outbreak of colds or flu. This is especially important in fire departments, where crews share living space 24 hours a day. The goal is to keep our fire department staff healthy and the fire houses clean for all who visit or tour our facilities.

What is a UV-C Light? UV-C is shortwave ultraviolet radiation and is in the invisible "C" band ultraviolet rays that make up part of the sun's light spectrum. Primary uses have been for destruction of bacteria and other microorganisms in the air, in liquids, and on surfaces. UV-C is germicidal. It deactivates the DNA of bacteria, viruses, mold, and other pathogens, destroying their ability to multiply and cause disease. Since the first UV irradiation system was used, the disinfection of medical equipment using UV has been a common and reliable practice.

CITY WINS GRANT TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PATTERNS ON KIRKWOOD ROAD

Kirkwood Electric and the City of Kirkwood were awarded a federal grant to improve traffic signals and traffic light synchronization along Kirkwood Road between Manchester and Big Bend. The "Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality" (CMAQ) project will consist of upgrading traffic signals and communications among the 12 traffic lights on this section of Kirkwood Road. The lights will "talk" to each other, creating essentially a "Smart Roadway."

The project is intended to improve travel times, provide enhanced safety for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists, and improve air quality. The improved timing associated with the interconnected signals will decrease idling times in the downtown Kirkwood business district and reduce stopped times at intersections. The new intersection equipment will utilize energy-efficient LED signals, and each intersection will be enhanced to conform to the latest Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

The CMAQ project will have an estimated cost of \$4.968 million. The CAMQ grant will fund 80 percent of that, or \$3.974 million, with the City of Kirkwood paying the remaining 20 percent, or approximately \$993,000. Project design is expected to begin in Spring 2016, with construction slated to start in October 2017 and completion in September 2018.

EMPLOYEES WILL BE RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO CITY

The following employees will be recognized by the City of Kirkwood at the annual employee awards luncheon on April 14.

Recent Retirees:

- Susan Zito, Purchasing, 1982-2015
- Cliff Kierstead, Police, 1974-2015
- Timothy Smith, Electric, 2001-2015
- Timothy Dixon, Police, 1995-2015
- Debra Wandling, MIS, 1981-2015
- Thomas Openlander, Fire, 1997-2005, 2007-2016

35 Years:

- Robert Blackwell, Fire (Retired)
- Jon Dietz, Fire
- Jennie Faenger, Sanitation/Street
- Murray Pounds, Parks/Recreation
- Keith Short, Fire

30 Years:

- Denise Cox, Police
- John Folluo, Police
- Cliff Pope, Police
- Jerry Redmond, Sanitation

25 Years:

- Edward Brinkman, Fleet
- Paul Fischer, Fleet
- Hiram Gardner, Street
- Mary Nolte, Police
- Steve Olsen, Police
- Roger Simmons, Electric

20 Years:

- Johnnie Bay, Fire
- Robert Bruhy, Police
- Tim Dixon, Police (Retired)
- Nancy Goss, Fire
- Craig Hayes, Fire
- Gary Krafft, Fleet
- Jackie Tabers, Police
- Dennis Wigge, Police

15 Years:

- Becky Barczewski, Bldg Comm Office
- Judy Fore, Police
- Charles Howard, Street
- Don LaChance, Recreation
- Daniel Novak, Parks
- Karrie O'Brien, Police
- Phil Smith, Bldg Comm Office

10 Years:

- Jim Chrisco, Electric
- Shane Drazic, Police
- Brian Jundt, Police

5 Years:

- Daniel Berni, Fire
- Jerry Bishop, Water
- Daniel Fischer, Fire
- Crystal McCune, Police
- Colin McNamee, Recreation
- Anthony Stemmler, Police
- Joseph Veselsky, Police
- David Weidler, Purchasing

CITY COMPLETES SECOND PHASE OF TREE INVENTORY WITH HELP OF TRIM GRANT FROM MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

The City of Kirkwood has completed the second year of a multi-year Tree Inventory it started in 2014, after receiving a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). The City received a second grant in 2015. The MDC grant awarded up to \$10,000 to be used towards the City's work on an inventory of public trees. The City completed this phase of the inventory in December 2015, and the results are now posted on the City's Website as an interactive map.



The Tree Inventory is a useful management tool for the City's thousands of publicly owned trees but is especially effective in light of the Emerald Ash Borer as it has moved into the St. Louis area. The inventory identified the number and location of ash trees the City owns and their condition. The second phase of the inventory covered the part of Kirkwood that is west of Geyer Road and south of West Adams as well as an area west of Geyer and north of Manchester. This part of the work uncovered a higher concentration of ash trees than the first phase, which covered the southwest portion of the City and the downtown area. The City will apply in 2016 for another TRIM grant and hopes to complete the inventory for the remainder of the City at that time.

The Emerald Ash Borer is a beetle accidentally introduced into North America more than a dozen years ago. The beetle has now been detected in St. Louis and St. Louis County. Its larvae feed on and kill ash trees. Learn more about the Emerald Ash Borer at the MDC website at <http://mdc.mo.gov>.

The City contracted with Arbor Pro to conduct the inventory, which compiled information on public trees in Kirkwood and included information such as common and botanical name, diameter, height, condition, and location. The inventory appears as a GIS map and can be found on the City's Website at www.kirkwoodmo.org/CityMap

— Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

- 3/2 Planning/Zoning Commission, 7pm
- 3/3 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 3/7 Aquatic Advisory, 6:45pm at Community Center
- 3/7 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 3/8 Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
- 3/9 Landmarks Commission, 6:30pm
- 3/10 Council Work Session, 7am
- 3/14 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 3/16 Library Board, 5:30pm, at Library
- 3/16 Planning/Zoning commission, 7pm
- 3/17 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 3/21 Park Board, 7pm, at Community Center
- 3/21 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 3/22 Arts Commission, 5pm
- 3/22 Urban Forestry Commission, 7pm
- 3/23 Greentree Planning, 7pm, 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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