



# 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

Greetings. February is coming with Valentine's Day, maybe a little skiing, some extra school days off, beginning work on income tax, the Super Bowl, days getting longer, opportunity to play pickle ball or volleyball at the Community Center, and some more delicious crock pot meals.

Here at City Hall there's talk about the candidates running for mayor and City Council. Please take advantage of the debates that will be offered (dates not yet determined), read the stories in the *Webster-Kirkwood Times* about the candidates, and make sure you are registered to vote. You can't really complain unless you vote.

It was exciting to cut the ribbon on the new Alfred Substation. Kirkwood Electric, with the City Council's support, has been upgrading a lot of the electric department's infrastructure, and this will continue

for a number of years. All these upgrades will make your electric service more dependable and efficient. Remember: All the citizens of Kirkwood own Kirkwood Electric, and dividends from its profitable operations come back as benefits to everyone.

Give a friendly wave to all our City employees: The Water Department fixing broken water mains, the Electric workers working on the lines, the Sanitation workers picking up your recycling, the Street Department workers repairing pot holes, and the Police Department and Fire Department providing safety and help. We have more than 300 employees working for you.

See you around town. If you need to give me a call: 314-497-4036. I am glad to hear from you or to help you if I can.

### HRC ANNOUNCES 2016 ESSAY CONTEST

The Kirkwood Human Rights Commission will once again hold an Essay Contest for Kirkwood high school students who are juniors during the 2015-2016 school year. The 2016 essay topic is: "What can I do to foster human rights in our community?" The contest is open to all 11th-grade students enrolled at Kirkwood High School, Vianney High School, or Ursuline Academy, all 11th-grade Kirkwood residents enrolled elsewhere, and all 11th-grade home-schooled students residing in Kirkwood.

The essay should be five paragraphs in length, typed, double-spaced, in 12-point font size, with reasonable margins. The pages should be numbered, and the author's name should appear at the top of each page. The author's name, address, telephone number, age, and high school should accompany the essay. Deadline: Essays should be submitted in hard copy to City of Kirkwood Administration Department, attention: Kathie Valentine, Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, 63122. Essays may also be submitted by email to: [StepheKJ@KirkwoodMo.org](mailto:StepheKJ@KirkwoodMo.org), but they must be received by the deadline: No later than 4:00 p.m., Friday February 19, 2016.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA:

- Thematic Maturity: How the essay demonstrates the ability to write in a logical, organized manner that easily and efficiently conveys meaning.
- Content: How the essay expresses ideas that are substantive and workable.
- Communication: The essay's content should be understandable with good sentence and paragraph construction, attention paid to spelling and grammar, and formatted according to the instructions given.

**AWARDS:** First Place: \$100. Second Place: \$75. Third Place: \$50. Honorable Mention.

### SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS



The City of Kirkwood has implemented a new high-speed emergency notification system called CodeRED. The new system will help us reach residents and business owners in the event of an emergency or a situation that needs your immediate attention. At this time, typical emergencies associated with the system will be: Boil water alert, earthquake, tornado, train derailment, foreign or domestic terrorist attack (bombing, shooter, etc.), flood, chemical spill, major road closure, other National Weather Service warnings (ice storm, major snow), and mass civil unrest or disturbance. These events may be related to other things such as major power outages, significant water main breaks, massive fires, or other issues, and the messages the City sends can provide additional information related to those occurrences. As time goes by, the City may modify or expand system use to encompass power outages, sewer tests by MSD, or other non-emergency but important notifications.

This is a completely voluntary system. That means that to receive notifications, residents and business owners must "opt-in" or register for the system. You can do so by one of two methods: 1) Online. Visit [www.kirkwoodmo.org/CodeRed](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org/CodeRed) on the City Website and follow the jump and instructions. 2) If you don't have Internet access, you can call CodeRED directly at 866-939-0911, and they will walk you through the registration process. OR call City Hall at 314-822-5894 for assistance.

### KIRKWOOD ELECTRIC DEDICATES NEW SUBSTATION

Kirkwood Electric and the Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber held a ribbon-cutting and dedication on January 20 of the City's new electric substation on Alfred Avenue. The new substation will replace the original one built in 1959. It will be capable of delivering power to 6,000 customers if needed, which is three times the capability of the old substation. Typically, the new substation, which cost just under \$23 million to build, will serve about 2,000 households.



Above: Ribbon-Cutting for Alfred Avenue Substation.



Kirkwood Electric Director Mark Petty (L) and Distribution Engineer Rick McKinley conduct a demonstration for visitors inside the substation.

### CITY OFFICES WILL COSE FOR WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY FEB 15

City Hall and most City offices will be closed on Monday, February 15, in observance of Washington's Birthday. No sanitation will be collected on the holiday, and all routes will be delayed by a day all week. The Community Center and the Ice Rink will both be open.

### FILING HAS CLOSED FOR APRIL 5 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Filing has closed for the April 5 election of City Council Members and Mayor for the City of Kirkwood. The following names have been listed on the certified ballot filed with the Board of Election on April 22:

**For Mayor:** Timothy E. Griffin, Scott Stream, Gina Jaksetic.

**For Council Member:** Mark Zimmer, Maggie Duwe, Ellen Z. Edman, Nancy Luetzow, Kevin E. O'Brien.

### REMINDER: CLEARING SIDEWALKS OF SNOW IS A SAFETY ISSUE AND IS REQUIRED BY CITY ORDINANCE

Residents and property owners are reminded to clear sidewalks of snow, ice, and other accumulations in front of their homes or properties. Kirkwood's Code of Ordinances, Article II, Sec. 20-26, reads: "It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any building, premises or vacant lot to permit any ice, snow, dirt, mud or filth of any character to remain longer than twenty-four (24) hours on any sidewalk fronting or immediately adjacent to his building, premises or vacant lot. Where premises are occupied by several tenants, it shall be the duty of the person occupying or owning the tenement, apartment, store or portion of the premises nearest the street to comply with the requirements of this section."



Kirkwood is a walkable community. Please help keep it safe for pedestrians by clearing your sidewalks, and consider clearing the sidewalks of your elderly or disabled neighbors. Thank you.

### 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 pre-treat 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.

### — Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

- 2/1 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 2/3 Planning/Zoning, 7pm
- 2/4 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 2/8 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 2/9 Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
- 2/10 Landmarks Commission, 6:30pm
- 2/11 Council Work Session, 7am
- 2/15 CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- 2/16 Arts Commission, 5pm
- 2/16 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 2/17 Library Board, 5:30pm, at Library
- 2/17 Planning/Zoning, 7pm
- 2/18 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 2/22 Park Board, 7pm, Community Center
- 2/23 Urban Forestry, 7pm
- 2/24 Greentree Planning, 7pm, 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](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org).

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