



# EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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## A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell



Mayor Art McDonnell looks on as Sally Lynch and Gerry Biedenstein cut the ribbon on the new Farmers Market Greenway, during Earth Day festivities, April 24.

Spring is popping out and beautiful all over, with dogwoods, red buds, cherry trees, tulips, and nature's splendor and the miracle of birth. Speaking of birth, there are two very proud grandfathers in our City government. City attorney John Hessel has a new granddaughter, Hannah Rose, and I have a new granddaughter too, Anna Virginia. Both are beautiful and healthy!

I hope everyone is filling out your community survey that arrived in April with your utility bill. We look forward to hearing your opinions about the future of Kirkwood as we commence a period of strategic planning.

The City's new water tower on Rose Hill is just about finished. This is part of the City Council's plan to improve the City's water infrastructure. We recently passed legislation to increase funding for this important effort. Visit the City's Website to view photographs that document the construction progress of the new tower. Thank you, citizens!

Kirkwood recently received the Arbor Day award for the Urban Forestry's Junior Tree Keepers program. Hundreds of third-grade students in local schools participate in this enriching adventure, learning about different trees and receiving a special certificate from the City at the end of the program. Well, that's all for this month. I hope you can get out and enjoy Spring - get out those bikes and take a ride or enjoy a walk through Kirkwood!

## KIRKWOOD IN BRIEF



### STYROFOAM® RECYCLING COMES TO KIRKWOOD!

Do you cringe every time a restaurant hands you your leftovers in a polystyrene container? Never sure what to do with all that Styrofoam™ packaging that protects your new electronics?

What about all those "peanuts" you've been holding onto in hopes of re-using them? Maybe your kids are older now, and all those egg cartons you've been saving for the school are just taking up space? Beginning today, you can take all of those materials to the Scheidegger Recycling Depository, at 350 S. Taylor.

Expanded polystyrene foam #6, also known under the trade name "Styrofoam™," will be accepted for recycling at the Depository, effective immediately. The City has contracted with Midwest Recycling and Shredding to recycle the following:

- Foam packaging applications, including block or shape forms and "peanuts"
- Food packaging that has been cleaned, such as disposable plates, cups, meat trays, egg cartons, carry-out containers. Please Note: Food containers must be completely clean. We cannot accept containers with any oil or food stains left behind. These cannot be recycled.
- Foam sheets from commercial and flat roofing insulation
- Ice chest coolers, wine shippers, molded-end caps and corners

Polystyrene foam is a petroleum-based plastic. While its light weight and durability make it an ideal insulator and packing material, it is also a serious environmental pollutant. It takes more than 500 years for polystyrene foam to decompose. It often ends up in landfills or as litter. Even though this foam is 95 percent air, more than 1,300 tons of it are deposited in American landfills each year. By volume, it accounts for between 25 and 30 percent of total landfill use in the United States.

**Note: Please do not place polystyrene recyclables in your curbside recycling cart. Polystyrene is not accepted by our single-stream recycling facility. To recycle polystyrene, please take it to the Scheidegger Recycling Depository and place in the Midwest Recycling & Shredding trailer.**

### SAVE THE DATE(S): TWO IMPORTANT PUBLIC FORUMS FOR KIRKWOOD RESIDENTS IN MAY

#### May 10, Forum on Proposed Architectural Review Guidelines for New Homes and Additions in Kirkwood.

New residential development can impact how existing residents and visitors perceive and experience Kirkwood's community character. This Public Forum will give residents, architects, builders, and real estate agents the opportunity to learn about, and provide input on, the architectural review process and the new guidelines currently under consideration by the City Council.

In response to comments and concerns expressed in the community, Kirkwood's City Council embarked on a period of research and evaluation in 2009. Citizen input was solicited during this time, and in the months since, Kirkwood staff and Council members have worked together to formulate and write new residential design guidelines. The goal: Encourage infill housing that protects and enhances the community's overall image and character while respecting neighbors' quality of life. Forum Discussion Topic: The architectural review process and guidelines for additions to existing single family residences and new single family residences throughout the City of Kirkwood. **Location/Time: Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Road, Room 200A-B, 7:00 p.m. Call 984-5907 for additional information.**

**May 12, Forum on New Park Design.** A "Design Charette" for the newest addition to the Kirkwood Parks System. Anyone interested in offering input on the new park to be developed at 221 - 225 Avery Drive should plan to attend, especially residents in the immediate vicinity of the new park. Residents will have the opportunity to interact with other residents and express ideas to the design team and the Kirkwood Park Board. This initial session will allow for brainstorming of ideas in what is often referred to as a "Blue Sky" approach. **Thursday, May 12, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., North Kirkwood Middle School Cafeteria, 11287 Manchester Road. There is no need to register. For additional information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 314-822-5855.**

### THIRD ANNUAL ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DRIVE MAY 21

An electronics recycling drive will be held May 21 at Kirkwood High School, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is the third year for this event, sponsored by Kirkwood High School, Integration Controls, and Web Innovations and Technology Services (WITS), a nonprofit that refurbishes your donations and sends them back into under-served areas of the community. Volunteers are needed to work 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 314-821-3400. In 2009, 156 tons of electronics were collected, and in 2010, 225 tons were collected.

What can be donated: Consumer electronics (TVs, VCRs, projectors, speakers); consumer appliances (small and large, microwaves, coffee makers, refrigerators, washers/dryers); computer equipment (CPUs, laptops, printers, accessories); lawn equipment; batteries; and more. NO paint or liquid waste will be accepted. For more information, call 314-382-1650.



### EMPLOYEE HONORED FOR 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

Price "Bull" Fields was honored at the annual Kirkwood City Employee Luncheon on April 14 for 45 years of service to the City. Price started his career with the City in 1965 as an equipment operator. He worked for a few years as the Roller Rink Manager but eventually returned to the street department and today is a Street Supervisor. Tony Bonastia, street division director, says Bull is a perfectionist and a good role model for the younger workers. He teaches the newer guys how to do the job right, according to Tony. He also has a vast knowledge of the City's street replacement history. He could tell you, for example, exactly when your curb was last replaced, without a second's hesitation. Mr. Fields has no current plans to retire. Congratulations, Bull, and thank you.



## KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Additional information about most events and programs can be found on the City's Website Calendar at [www.kirkwoodmo.org](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org).

**MAY 1: Model Car Show.** Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Rd., 10 a.m.

**MAY 1-7: "Curtains."** Kirkwood Theatre Guild. Call 821-9956 for tickets.

**MAY 3: Poets at the Station.** Howard Schwartz will read from his works, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Kirkwood Train Station. Free and open to the public. Donations accepted. Underwritten by Agnes and David Garino. Visit [www.kirkwoodareaarts.org](http://www.kirkwoodareaarts.org) for more details.

**MAY 5: Artists' Reception, Art at the Station.** Nick Ventimiglia, Digital Photography exhibit. Reception 5:00-7:00 p.m., Kirkwood Train Station. Exhibits are open when the station is open for passengers. Visit [www.kirkwoodareaarts.org](http://www.kirkwoodareaarts.org) for more details.

**MAY 7: Learn about Meteorites!** Kirkwood Parks & Recreation presents Dr. Ryan Zeigler, who will talk about meteorites and how and why they are collected in Antarctica. Stargazing immediately after. Kirkwood Park Amphitheatre. Seating at 7:30 p.m. Presentation at dusk. More information: 314-822-5826.

**MAY 7: Snores & S'Mores.** Emmeneger Park. All ages. Register by May 5. Call 822-5855.

**MAY 7: Medical Equipment Drive.** Sponsored by St. Louis HELP (Health Equipment Lending Program). Recycle your used medical equipment so that the elderly, disabled, uninsured, and underinsured can put it to good use. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Accepting: Manual and power wheelchairs, scooters, canes, crutches, walkers, shower chairs, grab bars, elevated toilet seats, portable commodes, lift chairs, seating cushions, back supports, folding ramps, and more (no oxygen tanks, please). Visit [www.stlhelp.org](http://www.stlhelp.org) for details and locations (or call 314-422-0030).

**GET YOUR POOL PASSES NOW! The Aquatic Center opens May 28.** Season passes are on sale now at the Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Road at Adams. Registration for swimming lessons has opened as well. You must have a photo I.D. to use the pool. Call 314-822-5855 for full details! It's going to be a hot summer. You'll want to spend it at the Pool!!

### UPCOMING KIRKWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS - CALL 821-5770 FOR DETAILS

**Book Club Kits:** KPL has 60 Book Club Kits available for check-out. The kits go out for six weeks and include nine copies of the book (one in large print) for any interested book clubs. The kits also include a leader discussion guide. Titles include "The Help" and "Saving CeeCee Honeycutt." The reference desk has a full list of titles (x1012).

**Adult Programs. April 30:** "Keeping Your Home Up-to-Date: Landscaping," with Matt Linenbroker, front lawn, 9:00 a.m. **May 10:** Cinema KPL, "The Queen," 1:30 p.m. **May 18:** Mystery Readers' Book Club, "Book of Air and Shadows" by Michael Gruber, 2:00 p.m. **May 24:** Cinema KPL, "Young Victoria," 1:30 p.m.

**Summer Reading Kick-Off Party:** May 21, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sign up all day long. Drop in for fun activities and special performers.

**Ridley Pearson: "Killer" Fundraiser with Ridley Pearson, Friends of KPL, May 11, Greenbriar Hills Country Club.** Keynote address: "From Flaming Fingernails to Peter Pan: An Author's Journey." Tickets are \$50, which includes dinner. Silent auction at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Presentation at 8:00 p.m. Call for details or tickets.

### — Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

- 5/2 Architectural Review, 7 p.m.
- 5/1 Planning/Zoning, 7 p.m.
- 5/5 City Council 7 p.m., WS 6 p.m.
- 5/9 Aquatics Advisory, 6:45 p.m., Comm Ctr
- 5/9 Bd of Adjustment, 7 p.m.
- 5/10 Human Rights, 6:30 p.m.
- 5/11 Landmarks, 6:30 p.m.
- 5/12 City Council WS, 7 a.m.
- 5/16 Architectural Review, 7 p.m.
- 5/16 Park Board, 7 p.m., Comm Ctr
- 5/18 Special Bus Dist, 7:30 a.m.
- 5/18 Library Board, 5:30 p.m.
- 5/18 Planning/Zoning, 7 p.m.
- 5/19 City Council 7 p.m., WS 6 p.m.
- 5/24 Urban Forestry, 7 p.m.
- 5/25 Greentree, 7 p.m., Comm Ctr
- 5/26 SBD/Market Cmte, 8:30 a.m., Meet at Market

**NOTE: Unless otherwise 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.**

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