



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

We in Kirkwood should be very proud of our community. Resource Management, the company that processes our recycled materials, reported last month that they have never had a city that recycles at such a high rate as Kirkwood. We outpace all others in St. Louis County. Congratulations! But let's not stop there. Our next goal is to recycle, or "divert," 50 percent of our trash from the landfill by the end of this calendar year, and our next goal is to get that number up to 60 percent! We can do it!

We can also be proud that thanks to Kirkwood voters, the Kirkwood School District will add needed classrooms, science facilities, gymnasiums, and athletic fields to many of our schools. Kirkwood schools continue to be among the best in St. Louis County – our students' ACT scores are above the state average in every category – and now they will be even better. Three Cheers for the Red and White!

The Kirkwood Roots display at the Missouri History Museum (see story below) is outstanding as well. The exhibit explores the stories of 11 early African American neighborhoods whose residents enriched the fabric of Kirkwood since its founding in 1853. Thomas Sleet and the



Mayor Art McDonnell presented a proclamation honoring Conner Hansen upon the completion of his Eagle Scout badge.

curators of the Museum deserve great praise. Don't miss it!

Summer is winding down, with just a few more concerts at Station Plaza and the last "Making Music" concert of the season at Kirkwood Park (see story below). Grab your lawn chairs and enjoy the music, and before you know it, it'll be time for that other spectacular Kirkwood Tradition: See you at the Greentree Festival on September 16, 17, and 18!

KIRKWOOD IN BRIEF

KIRKWOOD'S GREENTREE FESTIVAL ON FACEBOOK

This year's Greentree Festival will be held September 16, 17, and 18 in Kirkwood Park. The parade steps off at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, September 17. A full entertainment and program schedule is being mailed with the August utility bills to all Kirkwood households. A schedule is also included in the Fall/Winter Parks & Recreation Program Guide currently being mailed to residents. For additional information or registration forms for any events, visit the Website: www.greentreefestival.com. *And don't forget to follow us on Facebook for important updates: Kirkwood Greentree Festival.*



The 2010 Greentree Parade makes its way down Kirkwood Road.

CALL FOR "50 TREES" SITE NOMINATIONS

Because last year's street-tree planting campaign, "50 Trees for 50 Years," commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Greentree Festival, was so successful, the organizers decided to continue the "50 Trees" program again this year. Nominations for possible planting sites are now being accepted for locations along public rights-of-way. These must be free of overhead power lines and underground utilities. Cash donations are also welcome! For more details, or to download a nomination form, visit the home page of the City's Website at kirkwoodmo.org.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY SURVEY REQUEST

St. Louis County expects to receive approximately \$10 million in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2012 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. These funds can be used for housing and community development projects. St. Louis County wants you to have a voice in how the County invests this money and is asking interested citizens to participate in a county-wide survey. The survey is available on their Website until September 16. To access the survey, visit the City of Kirkwood Website at www.kirkwoodmo.org and click on the link on the home page.

FEEDBACK REQUESTED ON PLAN FOR AVERY DRIVE PARK

Kirkwood Parks and Recreation and the Kirkwood Park Board will host a public review and comments session on the recently completed conceptual plan for the new City park property at 221-225 Avery Drive. A review session is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the North Kirkwood Middle School Cafeteria, 11287 Manchester Road. The public is invited to attend. There will be a presentation by the design team from Planning Design Studios at the beginning of the session, and then those in attendance can offer feedback on the plan to the design staff and Park Board members. That feedback will be considered as final plans are created for the park.

KIRKWOOD PARKS SURVEY

The Warren Poll will conduct a public interest survey regarding the Kirkwood Parks and Recreation Department and the Kirkwood parks system beginning September 20. The survey, commissioned by the Park Board, will gather information on the community's satisfaction with current park facilities and recreation programs. It will also examine the level of interest in future developments and improvements to the park system. The four-page printed survey will be mailed to 2,000 randomly selected Kirkwood households beginning September 20. The Warren Poll estimates the survey should take about 10 minutes to complete, so if you receive one in the mail, please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it. Instructions will be provided with the survey. The responses we receive will be invaluable in guiding future planning for the park system.

KENDUCKY DERBY AUG 27 BENEFITS MUDD'S GROVE

The Third Annual KenDUCKY Derby heads out of the gate at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday, August 27, at the Kirkwood Aquatic Center in Kirkwood Park. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25 and may be purchased in advance or at the door on the evening of the event. All proceeds benefit Mudd's Grove, and your donation is tax deductible. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Frontenac Bank, 301 N. Kirkwood Road; Highlands Brewery, 105 E. Jefferson Avenue; and Kirkwood Historical Society, 302 W. Argonne (Sunday thru Thursday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.). Cash prizes will be awarded to the first and second place ducks. This is a fun family event, but you do not have to be present to win!



Volunteers make sure the gardens at Mudd's Grove are always beautiful.

KIRKWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Kirkwood Historical Society's quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 13, at 7:00 p.m., at Mudd's Grove, 302 W. Argonne. September's featured speaker is Thomas Sleet from the Missouri Historical Society, curator of the "Kirkwood Roots" exhibit currently on display there. He will talk about the exhibit and his memories of visiting grandparents in rural Kirkwood. FREE and open to the public.

KIRKWOOD ROOTS ON DISPLAY AT MOHIST

The "Kirkwood Roots" exhibit at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park opened August 20 and will conclude sometime in February 2012. The multimedia installation explores the historic African-American communities in Kirkwood and incorporates memories, community research, groupings of evocative objects, and interviews. The exhibit features audio and video components. It is free and open to the public. For hours and full details, call 314-746-4599, or visit the Museum's Website at www.mohistory.org.

KIRKWOOD "FRIDAY HAPPENINGS" E-NEWSLETTER

If you haven't yet signed up to receive our e-newsletter in your email inbox, then you might be missing some important information and updates. Each week we send out information from MoDOT, from both the Kirkwood and Oak Bend libraries, a link to the Kirkwood City blog, a "Photo of the Week," and lots of event happenings in and around Kirkwood for the coming weekend. All of it can be sent directly to your personal or work email inbox every Friday. All you have to do is send an email to Info@kirkwoodmo.org with the words "Sign me up for the FREE e-newsletter" in the subject line.



KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ART AT THE STATION

The Kirkwood Area Arts Council's Art at the Station presents the paintings of Mary Hanson, August 29 through October 3, at the Train Station, corner of Argonne and Kirkwood Road. Opening reception is September 1, 5:30 p.m. Art may be viewed when the station is open for passengers. Exhibits and opening reception are free and open to the public. For more information, visit their Website at www.kirkwoodarearts.org.

"GEAR UP FOR BIKING" WITH KIRKWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

KPL is sponsoring this big family event, on Saturday, September 24, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This fun event is for ALL AGES. Youth 15 and younger must be accompanied by a parent on the bicycle tour. Call 314-821-5770 for more information. Details:

- **10:00-10:30 a.m.:** The Alpine Shop presents information on equipping your bicycle, fitting helmets, and basic maintenance.
- **10:30-11:30am:** Guided bicycle ride through Kirkwood, noting some historic sites. Tour ends with ice cream on the front lawn of the library.
- **10:00 a.m. to Noon:** Lemonade for cyclists wearing their helmets.

A COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER: A SYMPOSIUM ON DIVERSITY

Sponsored by the Kirkwood Human Rights Commission, the Symposium's theme will be: "The Fabric of our Community: Understanding, Celebrating, and Promoting Diversity. A Look Back and a Look Forward as we Come Together." The keynote speaker will be U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, D-Kansas City. Rabbi Susan Talve will deliver introductory remarks, and the panel discussion will be moderated by Alvin Reid. Keating Center, Kirkwood High School, 801 W. Essex. Please park and enter from Essex. Program: 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Informational booths open 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and after the program. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public. However, please RSVP so we have enough chairs. Send your RSVP to Info@kirkwoodmo.org or call 314-822-5894.

MAKING MUSIC SERIES CONCLUDES SEASON WITH A LOCAL FAVORITE

Kirkwood Area Arts Council presents the final Making Music concert for the year. Maple Jam Band will perform at Kirkwood Park, Lions' Amphitheater, on Saturday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. KAAC wishes to thank this season's sponsors: Kirkwood Parks & Recreation, the Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation, Commerce Bank, PNC Bank, the Webster-Kirkwood Times, and McDonnell's Market Place.

DOG POOL PARTIES

Bring your four-legged friends to the Pool! Sponsored by the Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation and Pool Paws for Humane Laws. Current vaccination records must be provided for admission. \$10 per dog/owner. \$3 for each additional human. Two dates: Tuesday, September 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m., and Thursday, September 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

— Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

9/1	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
9/5	No ARB meeting due to holiday
9/7	Planning/Zoning, 7pm
9/8	Council Work Session, 7am
9/8	Farmers' Mkt Cmte, 8:30am, Market
9/12	Bd of Adjustment, 7pm
9/13	Human Rights, 6:30pm
9/14	Landmarks, 6:30pm
9/15	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
9/19	Architectural Review, 7pm
9/21	SBD, 7:30am
9/21	Library Board, 5:30pm, Library
9/21	Planning/Zoning, 7pm
9/26	Aquatics Advisory, 6:45pm, Pool
9/26	Park Board, 7pm, Comm Ctr
9/27	Urban Forestry, 7pm
9/28	Greentree, 7pm, Comm Ctr

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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