



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET®



Mayor Art McDonnell poses for a picture with Mayor-for-a-Day Manning Asyre, a sixth grader at Kirkwood's North Middle School. Manning says his favorite subjects at school are P.E. and math.

Spring Is Just Around The Corner by Art McDonnell

It's great to feel those warm breezes in February. We are all so tired of the snow and cold weather: People riding bikes, runners gracefully gliding along, and new buds showing up on the bushes. Goodbye coats. Hello shorts! Renewal has begun.

Last week, the Harrison Avenue Baptist Church celebrated its new home. It has been rebuilt on the same spot with many enhancements. The music and warmth of the congregation made everyone feel welcome. Pay them a visit – you will be impressed. Another renewal. (Speaking of churches, have you seen the sign at St. Peter Church: "Looking for a sign from God? This is it." Awww, the good humor of Monsignor Jack!)

A new middle-eastern restaurant, Ranoush, is coming to Kirkwood in the spot which many of you will remember as the old Velvet Freeze (corner of Kirkwood Road and Jefferson). The former parking lot will be transformed into patio seating, with a large red awning. Watch for the renewal of this long-vacant property.

The Kirkwood City Council has been hard at work on the new City budget: No tax increases and a promise to continue the great City services you expect. Everyone on the City's staff is committed to giving Kirkwood citizens the very best. Have a great month and a beautiful and warm spring, and get your green ready for St. Patrick's Day!!

KIRKWOOD IN BRIEF

CURBSIDE RECYCLING UPDATE: WHAT EXACTLY CAN WE RECYCLE?

Now that most of the logistics have been worked out with cart delivery, day of the week delivery schedule, and holiday schedules, more and more Kirkwoodians are asking questions about what exactly they can recycle. Here are a few questions and some answers and ideas.

Q. I know I can recycle water bottles and plastic soda bottles, but what about the plastic caps?

A. YES. The caps can be recycled, and YES, the caps can be left on the bottle when you throw it into the recycling cart. If it's a sweet drink, such as soda, you may want to rinse it first to keep animals away.

Q. What about the metal caps on beer bottles?

A. YES. Recycle those too!

Q. Can I put my recycling in a plastic bag first and then put it in the cart?

A. NO. Please do not put ANY plastic bags in the recycling cart. These can do significant damage to the automated sorting machines at the recycling facility.

Q. Does it matter which direction my cart faces at the curb?

A. YES. The handle should face AWAY from the street. This will be even more important in late spring when our first automated truck is put into service. If the cart is facing the wrong way, the truck will pick it up, but the lid will not close, and on rainy days that will be a problem.

Q. What happens on holiday weeks?

A. On any week when there is a sanitation holiday (which happens when the landfill is closed), all routes that are scheduled to be collected on or after the holiday will be delayed by one day. For example, if the holiday falls on a Monday, Monday routes move to Tuesday and so forth. If the holiday falls on a Thursday, only Thursday and Friday routes are delayed by a day. On holiday weeks, Friday routes will always move to Saturday.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA?

The City is considering offering a short workshop on social media – how and why to use it, how to protect your privacy, how the different social media platforms function, etc. If you are interested in attending a FREE session (probably on a Saturday morning), please send an email to: vonbehen@kirkwoodmo.org.

SHOULD I BE WORRIED ABOUT CARBON MONOXIDE AT THE KIRKWOOD ICE RINK?

Concerned residents and Ice Rink patrons have been calling and emailing the City with questions about possible carbon monoxide emissions at the Ice Rink, after seeing a report on this topic that recently aired on NBC. Please be reassured that there is no danger and the City has been on top of this for a long time. Want to know more? Visit the City's Website (city departments / parks and recreation / facilities / ice rink) for more details.

ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON TWITTER?

The City sends out all kinds of information about upcoming events, road closings, power outages, water main breaks, and City office closures, as well as retweets of information from some of our regional partners such as the City of St. Louis and MODOT. The City's 220 followers received important updates during last month's snow storms, including notice that the Municipal Court had been canceled and whether or not sanitation routes were affected by the snow. You can get this information too – and you can get it on your mobile phone. Just sign up for an account at Twitter.com and then search for us @kirkwoodcity and hit "Follow."



FAIR HOUSING STATEMENT

The City of Kirkwood is committed to fair housing for all of its citizens. It is unlawful to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, handicap, or familial status. The City of Kirkwood has enacted a Fair Housing ordinance, which prohibits discrimination and spells out the process for filing a complaint. If you believe you have been discriminated against, call the City at 822-5801.



Hungry Kirkwoodians stand in line at the February 17 Police Pancake Supper. As usual, by 5:30 p.m., the line was out the door. The Police Department sold 532 tickets, an increase of about 100 over the previous year. Thank you to everyone who attended! Proceeds benefit the Police Benevolent Fund.

KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 28 – APRIL 4

Art at the Station, the Watercolor & Acrylic works of Evalyn Rogers. Opening reception March 3, 5:30-7pm. Exhibits and reception are free and open to the public. The Exhibit is viewable when the station is open for passengers. For details, call 965-7100 or visit www.kirkwoodareaarts.org.

MARCH 5

Designer Handbag Sale, Community Center, 10am-2pm. Call 567-4434 for details.

MARCH 5

Artists' Boutique and Fine Art & Crafts Show, Community Center, 10am to 4pm.

MARCH 5 – 12

"The Heiress," presented by the Kirkwood Theater Guild at Robert G. Reim Theatre, Kirkwood Community Center. Call 821-9956 for times and ticket prices.

MARCH 19

Parade of Magic, presented by the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Reim Theatre, Community Center, 2pm and 7:30pm. Call 898-3545 for details.

— Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

- 3/2 Planning/Zoning, 7pm
- 3/3 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 3/7 Architectural Review, 7pm
- 3/8 Human Rights, 6:30pm
- 3/9 Landmarks, 6:30 pm
- 3/10 City Council WS, 7am
- 3/10 Farmers' Market Cmte, 8:30am*
- 3/14 Aquatic Advisory, 6:45pm
- 3/14 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 3/16 Downtown Bus Dist., 7:30am
- 3/16 Library Board, 6pm, at Library
- 3/16 Planning/Zoning, 7pm
- 3/17 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 3/21 Architectural Review, 7pm
- 3/21 Park Board, 7pm
- 3/22 Urban Forestry, 7pm
- 3/30 Greentree Festival, 7pm, Comm Ctr

* Meet at SBD Office

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are typically held at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road. Please check the Meetings Calendar on the City's Website for agendas, room locations, or any last-minute changes.

LANDMARKS COMMISSION PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENT

The City's Landmarks Commission requests comments from the public regarding drafted design guidelines for landmarks & historic districts. The Public Outreach event will be held on March 9, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., in the main-level conference room at Kirkwood City Hall.

Recent designations of local historic districts Jefferson-Argonne and North Taylor, characterized by a variety of architectural styles, necessitate an update for design guidelines. City staff and commissioners have crafted a publication intended to be readily understood by citizens. Its primary purpose is to put into

writing existing standards and guidelines for new construction, additions, and exterior modifications to historic places regulated by ordinance. A supporting purpose is to educate, inform, and assist property owners with maintaining and rehabilitating their historic properties.

A draft copy of the guidelines are posted on the City's Website at www.kirkwoodmo.org under "About Kirkwood" and "Historic Preservation." Comments can be sent to Alan Lamberg, staff liaison for the Commission, at City Hall by mail (139 S. Kirkwood Road, 63122) or email: lamberab@kirkwoodmo.org.

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