



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

January 28, 2011 | www.kirkwoodmo.org

WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET®



Happy New Year From City Council And City Staff by Art McDonnell

Snow and cold weather seem to have taken over January. The salt at the street department building is quickly disappearing (but don't worry; we have plenty), and street department and public works employees deserve applause for the work they have done to keep our streets clean.

January has also brought curbside recycling to Kirkwood. When you look down neighborhood streets now, you will see rows of recycling containers. Kirkwood citizens have enthusiastically embraced this new program, and our sanitation workers have done a great job

with the new recycling pick-up, despite the snow. Thank you! If you have any questions about recycling, please call 822-5828.

Last Friday, January 18, four of our local business leaders were honored at the Kirkwood-Des Peres Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Installation Dinner and 65th Anniversary Celebration. They are: Citizen of the Year David Haring (Sundown Landscaping), Businessperson of the Year Sarah King (Blush), Volunteer of the Year Andrew Huber (Martha's Hands), and Lifetime Achievement winner Eric Kuhlmann (Kirkwood Florist). Thank you all for your contribution to the success of the Kirkwood community!

We have had a record number of water main breaks and repairs this year, totaling 202. The average is around 167. Tim Rajchart, our water department director, said the causes are aging pipes, very hot summers, and a very dry fall. Kirkwood City Council has increased the amount of money for the repair and replacement of water mains. If you see the water department employees out in this weather fixing those mains, give them a wave of thanks. Their job is a hard one.

City Council and I wish all of you the best in 2011. Stay warm, have some good soup or chili, and add some dollars to your utility bill (through KirkCare) for those in need. Thank you!

KIRKWOOD IN BRIEF

CURBSIDE RECYCLING UPDATE: HOLIDAY COLLECTION DATES

The sanitation department continues to receive calls about holiday collections. With the changes to sanitation service, holiday sanitation collection will be a little different too. Here's how it works: On holidays when the landfill is closed ("sanitation holidays"), we will not collect trash. When that happens (see list below), all trash, recycling, and yard waste collection will be delayed by one day for all the days after the holiday. For example, if the holiday is on Monday, all routes that week will be delayed by one day (Monday routes get picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday routes move to Wednesday, etc.). If the holiday falls on a Thursday, only Thursday and Friday routes get delayed (Thursday moves to Friday, Friday moves to Saturday). Friday routes will always move to Saturday on weeks when there is a sanitation holiday. If a holiday is on a Saturday or Sunday, however, no routes will be affected.

The following sanitation holidays will be observed in 2011: Martin Luther King's Birthday (January 17); Memorial Day (May 30); Independence Day (July 4); Labor Day (September 5); and Thanksgiving (November 24). **Please Note: Presidents' Day is not a sanitation holiday.** City offices will be closed on February 21, but sanitation routes will not be affected. The next sanitation holiday is Memorial Day.

One Last Thing: If you did not receive a recycling cart, or if you received two carts, please call 822-5828. Thank you.

RECYCLING CARTS FUNDED BY COUNTY GRANT

The City of Kirkwood gratefully acknowledges the financial assistance of Saint Louis County towards the purchase of the green recycling carts that were distributed to all single-family Kirkwood households in December. The carts were funded by a grant from the Saint Louis County Department of Health, utilizing County landfill surcharge funds. The County also publishes a Recycling Guide and maintains a great Website with helpful information about recycling at: www.stlouisco.com. Look for the "Clean, Green, and Beautiful" logo.



NEW CITY BLOG ON WEBSITE: ALL ABOARD

The City's Website now hosts a new blog, written by staff, where you can find the most up-to-date information about what's going on in Kirkwood. Informational and informal, we hope you will climb aboard and join the conversation. If you have questions or issues you would like us to address in the blog, please send them to vonbehen@kirkwoodmo.org. The blog can be reached from the home page of the Website at www.kirkwoodmo.org. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter: @kirkwoodcity.

ENERGY-SAVING TIPS

It's that time of year again when extremely cold, winter weather can drive your utility bills through the roof. Here are a few energy-saving tips to employ during these cold winter months and beyond. For a full list, visit the Electric Department page on the City's Website.

- Set your thermostat at 68 degrees or lower during the day when you're not home. Install a programmable thermostat that will automatically raise the home's temperature just before you get home from work and just before you wake up in the morning (if you turn it down at bedtime).
- Change air filters every month. Look for air filters with a MERV rating of 6 or higher.
- Have your duct work tested for leakage. Insulate ducts where they run through cold areas.
- Weatherstrip and caulk around windows, door frames, foundation cracks, electrical outlets, or anywhere you feel a draft.
- Clean dust and lint away from appliances (heating/cooling unit, refrigerators, hot-water heaters, etc.) on a regular basis so the motors run efficiently.
- Make sure gaskets on the doors of refrigerators and stoves are tight.
- Keep the fireplace chimney damper closed when not using the fireplace.
- Light only the area where you are working, not the whole room.
- Turn off lights and appliances when they are not being utilized.
- Close vents in rooms that are not being used on a regular basis and close the door. Open bedroom doors an hour before bedtime to circulate heat throughout the home.
- Don't block radiators or vents, and especially don't block cold-air returns, with furniture, drapes, or rugs.
- In cold weather, open window shades that receive direct sunlight during the day; close shades at night.



The Scheidtger Recycling Depository at 350 North Taylor remains open for business. The Depository now accepts single-stream recyclables, which means NO SORTING REQUIRED. Just take all of your commingled materials together in one container and dump. The two exceptions are cardboard and textiles, which have separate bins. For a full list of acceptable materials, please visit the City's Website.



The new water tower on Rose Hill is steadily rising skyward. To see the progress as told in photographs, visit the City's Flickr photo page, which you can access from the home page of the City's Website.



KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 3: OPENING RECEPTION FOR EDWARD BOCCIA, ART AT THE STATION

Kirkwood Train Station, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Exhibit of Boccia's oil paintings runs Jan. 30 through Feb. 28. Sponsored by Kirkwood Area Arts Council. Art may be viewed when the station is open for passengers. Email kaacemail@gmail.com for details.

FEBRUARY 4: DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Kirkwood Community Center, 6:30 p.m. Call 822-5855 for details.

FEBRUARY 17: PANCAKE SUPPER

Kirkwood Police Annual PANCAKE SUPPER to benefit Police Benevolent Fund. Kirkwood High School Cafeteria, 801 W. Essex Avenue. Donation: \$4. All the pancakes you can eat. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, milk, and applesauce. No carry-outs. Purchase tickets from the Police Department, 131 W. Madison, from any KPD employee, or at the door. Call 822-5868 for more information.

FEBRUARY 20: SOUPS ON

Fundraiser for Manor Grove. Kirkwood Community Center, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call 965-0864 for details.

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAM GUIDE AND CAMP DEADLINES

Kirkwood residents should have received their new program guides in the mail during the last week in January. Registration for general programs begins February 1. Day Camp registration for residents begins February 16. Forms and Camp Guide are available for pick-up at the Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Rd., or online at www.kirkwoodmo.org. An online version of the Program Guide is also available on the Website on the Parks & Recreation page under "City Departments."

— Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

- 2/2 Planning/Zoning, 7pm
- 2/3 City Council 7pm, WS 5:30pm**
- 2/7 Architectural Review, 7pm
- 2/8 Human Rights, 6:30pm
- 2/9 Landmarks, 6:30 pm
- 2/10 City Council Work Session, 7am
- 2/14 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 2/16 Downtown Bus Dist., 7:30am
- 2/16 Library Board, 6pm, at Library
- 2/16 Planning/Zoning, 7pm
- 2/17 City Council 7pm, WS 5:30pm **
- 2/21 City Offices CLOSED*
- 2/21 Architectural Review-Canceled
- 2/22 Urban Forestry, 7pm
- 2/23 Greentree Festival, 7pm, Comm Ctr
- 2/28 Park Board, 7pm, Comm Ctr

*SANITATION ROUTES UNAFFECTED.

** NOTE: The Work Session will begin a half-hour earlier.

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.

EYE ON KIRKWOOD • Published the last Friday of each month by the City of Kirkwood • 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122 • Editor: Beth von Behren Mayor: Arthur J. McDonnell • Council Members: Timothy E. Griffin, Iggy Yuan, Gerry Biedenstein, Gina M. Jaksetic, Paul Ward, Bob Sears. Chief Administrative Officer: Michael G. Brown

The City of Kirkwood is interested in effective communication for all people. Upon request, this newsletter can be reproduced in an alternate format by calling 822-5894. Visit the City's Website for detailed information on City services, upcoming meetings and events, and contacting elected officials and staff: www.kirkwoodmo.org

— PAID ADVERTISEMENT —