



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO COMPLETED AND RETURNED COMMUNITY SURVEYS

We received more than 150 surveys (and they're still coming in!) from Kirkwood residents. These will be extremely valuable as we pursue our strategic planning initiative over the next several months.

One of the themes we saw related to concerns about infill housing size and bulk. I checked with Jeremy Knapp, the City's Zoning Administrator, to get a summary of the changes we made to the Zoning Code in 2008 to address those concerns. The new code: 1) Added a floor area ratio requirement. 2) Restricted all single-family heights to 2.5 stories or 35 feet in height, with no exceptions. 3) Created tighter restrictions on lot coverage, depending on lot size. 4) Added garage design requirements, including the 55% maximum width rule and restricting the projection to 10 feet in front of the façade. 5) Added separate setbacks and lot coverage requirements for accessory structures.

Thank you, Jeremy, for that great summary, and thank you, residents of Kirkwood, for participating in our strategic planning process. More details will be forthcoming. Meanwhile, enjoy the music and the fireworks on the Fourth! Stay cool, and have a great summer!



Parks and Recreation Director Murray Pounds (2nd from left), Kirkwood Tennis Pro Lucien Biesiadecki (3rd from left), Mayor Art McDonnell (4th from left), members of the United States Tennis Association, Recreation Supervisor Don LaChance (right, on the end), and Kirkwood residents who participated in the free tennis clinic all helped dedicate and open the newly renovated tennis courts at Kirkwood Park on June 4. Many thanks to the Kirkwood School District for their significant financial contribution to the renovation of the tennis courts.

KIRKWOOD IN BRIEF

CITY OFFICES CLOSED JULY 4: NO SANITATION SERVICE

City offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, and there will be no sanitation collection that day. All sanitation and recycling collection for the week will be delayed by one day (Monday routes move to Tuesday, Tuesday routes move to Wednesday, etc.). Friday routes will be collected on Saturday.

KIRKWOOD FREEDOM FESTIVAL JULY 4

The annual Kirkwood Community Freedom Festival and fireworks display starts at 7:00 P.m. on Monday, July 4, with the music of Fanfare. Fireworks follow at dusk. THANK YOU to our generous sponsors:

- **DES PERES HOSPITAL, CITY OF DES PERES, GREAT HARVEST BREAD COMPANY:** Rocket Level (\$3500).
- **WEBSTER-KIRKWOOD TIMES:** Glitter Level (\$1500).
- **ADAMS PLACE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, CITY OF GLENDALE, CITY OF OAKLAND, EAGLE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, UMB BANK:** Sparkler Level (\$1000).
- Barb & Jim Byerly, Bopp Chapel, Carrollton Bank, Commerce Bank, Kirkwood Building Group, Phyllis & Clyde Farris, McDonnell's Market Place, Riggs Building & Design, Thomas J. Noonan Law Office: Firecracker Level (\$500).



photo by Bill Burkhalter

FIREWORKS WARNING

The Kirkwood Police Department reminds everyone that possession and/or discharging of fireworks is illegal in Kirkwood, Oakland, and throughout St. Louis County for individuals. Fireworks can pose a great danger, so please leave the fireworks to the professionals, and join your friends and neighbors in Kirkwood Park as we light up the sky on July 4 at dusk! If you have any questions, call the KPD Community Services Division at 822-5868.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The "Neighbor Driving Neighbor" program sponsored by St. Louis County CORP (County Older Resident Program), a St. Louis County Human Services department, needs drivers. Many older residents never learned to drive or can no longer drive for health reasons, are unable to access public or senior transportation, and may not be able to afford taxis. Family members may live out of town or have serious health issues that impact their ability to help. Through the efforts of dedicated volunteers, CORP's Neighbor Driving Neighbor program enables seniors to stay healthy and remain living independently in the community. The program offers volunteers flexibility for designating preferred days, hours, and geographic areas. Orientation, defensive driving training, and mileage reimbursement are available. To learn more, call 314-615-4516 or email: tlabovitz@stlouisco.com.

GREENTREE BOOK FAIR

Donations are now being accepted for the annual Greentree Book Fair. The Book Fair benefits the Kirkwood Band Boosters and Kirkwood Orchestra Parent Association. Book sales at the Greentree Festival support all grade levels (4-12) of instrumental music in the Kirkwood School District. All donations are tax-deductible.



- **DONATION DROP-OFF:** The Kirkwood Train Station, corner of Kirkwood Road and Argonne, is this year's donation site. Donation bins are located outside, on the northwest corner of the building. Donors can access the bins from the circle drive.
- **WHAT CAN I DONATE:** Fiction, non-fiction, hard covers, paperbacks, children's books, videos, recorded music, and sheet music are all accepted.
- **WHAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT:** Software, magazines, encyclopedias, and textbooks.

Tax letters are available (in the bins). The donation bins will remain in place until sometime in July, depending on the volume of materials received. If the bins are gone, please hold on to your valuable donations until next year's book drive! Thank you.

KIRKWOOD'S GREENTREE FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS ARE MOVIN' RIGHT ALONG

This year's Greentree Festival will be held September 16, 17, and 18 in Kirkwood Park. The Planning Committee is hard at work to bring you another great year of food, festivities, and fun!

Booth/Parade Applications: Booth applications (Arts & Crafts and Game/Food/Information) are being accepted NOW. Parade applications are also being accepted. Both forms can be downloaded from the festival Website at greentreefestival.com.

PROFILE: GREENTREE LOGO ARTIST MARJORIE WILLIAMSON:

For last year's 50th Anniversary, the Greentree planning committee commissioned a special logo for the festival, but they liked it so much, they decided to adopt it permanently. Marjorie Williams, a local artist, designed the dancing trees logo and has updated it for us for future use.

Marjorie got into art and design in a round-about way, through the St. Louis theatre community. Her husband, actor/director Steve Callahan, talked her into doing posters for various local theatre productions and eventually she left her job as a systems analyst at AT&T and started taking art classes at what she calls "Meramec's excellent graphic design program." She took drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, design, and digital technology classes such as Photoshop and InDesign. "It's a really rich experience," Marjorie said of the Meramec program. "The teachers are excellent." In addition to theatre posters, she now does party invitations, business logos, portrait photography, and (most recently) a book cover. "I'm doing exactly what I've always wanted to do, and I've never been happier," she said. Marjorie donated a lot of her work on the logo this year, so we want to extend to her a big THANK YOU.



Marjorie Williamson



KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ART AT THE STATION

The Kirkwood Area Arts Council's Art at the Station presents Pat Brokaw: Linoleum Block Type Print, June 27 through July 25. Opening reception, Thursday, June 30, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Reception and exhibit at the Kirkwood Train Station, 100 W. Argonne. 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.kirkwoodareaarts.org.

MAKING MUSIC SERIES

Kirkwood Parks & Recreation and Kirkwood Area Arts Council present the following concerts, all of which are free and open to the public:

- Gateway City Big Band, Saturday, June 25, 7:00 p.m., Lions' Amphitheater, Kirkwood Park, corner of Adams and Geyer. Gateway City Big Band, a 17-piece dance band with two vocalists, has been entertaining audiences in the St. Louis area and beyond since 1966.
- Brian Vaccaro Jazz Trio, Saturday, July 9, 7:00 p.m., Farmers' Market Greenway, corner of Kirkwood Road and Argonne. The trio plays hard bop-style trio jazz.
- Narda Shirley and the Nation, Saturday, July 23, 7:00 p.m., Lions' Amphitheater, Kirkwood Park. The group performs inspiration music that transcends race.

HOT DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

The Kirkwood Police and Parks & Recreation Departments will once again team up over the summer to reach out to Kirkwood and Oakland children on Fridays through July 29. Come visit with Kirkwood Police Chief Jack Plummer, School Resource Officer Yvonne Bonner, Community Services Officer Jim Cox, and Becky Jones from Parks & Recreation. On the dates listed below, we will provide a hotdog lunch, play some games, and have fun! All events will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions. SEE YOU THERE!

- June 24: Walker Park (Turtle Park), corner of Washington & Taylor
- July 1: North Middle School, 11281 Manchester Road
- July 8: Monfort Park, corner of Briargate & Barberry Lane
- July 15: Loewnau Park, corner of Oakland & Sappington
- July 22: Meacham Memorial Park, corner of Meacham & Orleans
- July 29: Fillmore Park, corner of Fillmore & Clinton

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Kirkwood Public Library Summer Cinema (all movies start at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room): "A Passage to India," June 30. "The Last Emperor," July 7. "Rabbit-Proof Fence," July 12. "Princess Ka'iulani," July 21. "The Wind and the Lion," July 25.

St. Louis County's Oak Bend Library, 842 S. Holmes, hosts a wide variety of summer programs for kids, including Lego Block Party on July 2 at 2:00 p.m. and a Magic House "Water Wonders" presentation on Monday, July 11, at 10:30 a.m. For a full schedule, visit the City Website at www.kirkwoodmo.org, and click on "For Residents."

FARMERS' MARKET PEACH FESTIVAL JULY 16

Downtown Kirkwood's Sidewalk Sale and the Farmers' Market Peach Festival will be held on Saturday, July 16, starting at 10:00 a.m. Visitors will enjoy peach samples from local farmers and peach-related treats and menu items. Market customers can cast a vote for the best locally grown peach. UJ & the Downhome Blues Band will perform from 10am to noon.

DOWNTOWN KIRKWOOD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Downtown's annual summer concert series continues in Station Plaza on Thursday evenings, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The July schedule had yet to be finalized at press time. Concert goers can check with this month's sponsors, who are: Hobby Station (June 30). Bar Louie (July 7). Amigos Cantina, Grapevine Wine & Cheese, and Riggs Construction & Design (July 14 - Daddy's Cookin'). Country Financial (July 28).

— Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

- 7/7 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 7/11 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 7/12 Human Rights, 6:30pm
- 7/13 Landmarks, 6:30pm
- 7/14 Council Work Session, 7am
- 7/14 Farmers' Market Cmte, 8:30am—Meet at Market
- 7/18 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 7/18 Park Board, Comm Ctr, 7pm
- 7/20 SBD, Meet at Market, 7:30am
- 7/20 Library Board, 5:30pm—Meet at Library
- 7/20 Planning/Zoning, 7pm
- 7/26 Urban Forestry, 7pm
- 7/27 Greentree Festival, Comm Ctr, 7pm

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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