



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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Marge Schramm

Spring Passages, From The Mayor by Art McDonnell

Last Friday, we ordered the lowering of flags in Kirkwood for a very special person, former Mayor Marge Schramm. She was an exceptional, outreaching, forward-looking Mayor, whose leadership in Kirkwood extended from 1980 to 1992 as a Councilmember and from 1992 to 2000 as Mayor. The Kirkwood Pool, Ice Rink, and our extensive system of sidewalks are among the noticeable accomplishments from her time as mayor. She also established the M7 group, her "cabinet" of connected women who met each Monday for breakfast. Besides having lots of fun, they helped make Kirkwood a better place. Thanks, Marge, for all you did.

The City Council is working on a strategic plan for the next five years. Lots of thoughtful discussion is taking place. A flyer will appear in April utility bills asking for your comments and suggestions for the future of the City. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and send it in.

In April, we will have the annual employee recognition luncheon, where we get together each year to honor those who have served the City for 10, 20, 30, and even 40 years. There is a real commitment among Kirkwood employees to give the best service to you, the Kirkwood Citizens. For a complete list of employees being honored, please visit the City's Website. Have a great month, a beautiful spring, and a wonderful spring break. It's time to Grill Baby Grill.

Mayor Art McDonnell and Councilmembers Bob Sears (center) and Iggy Yuan showed off their Irish green ties before the Council's Work Session on St. Patrick's Day.



KIRKWOOD IN BRIEF

CURBSIDE RECYCLING UPDATE: KIRKWOOD CITIZEN-RECYCLERS HAVE DUG IN

Kirkwood residents have done it again! In January alone, Kirkwood households recycled 372 tons of recyclable materials, or an average of 74 pounds per home. That resulted in a 44 percent diversion rate (the rate of waste that is diverted from going into landfills). According to Gary Gilliam, the City's representative at Resource Management, this is the highest participation rate in a start-up program he has ever seen.

Resource Management handles recycling for 91 percent of St. Louis County homes. Gilliam attended the City Council's March 3 meeting, with the goal of presenting the City with its first recycling payment in person. After Kirkwood residents place their recycling at the curb, City sanitation crews take it to Resource Management's Material Recovery Facility in Earth City, where it is sorted, processed, and sold to markets that will transform these recycled materials into new products.

Gilliam presented the City Council with a check for \$15,245.78 and noted that the City had saved an additional \$13,757.71 in landfill fees in January due to the recycling participation rate of Kirkwood households. The City's land fill cost is typically \$37 per ton of trash.

In previous years, the City has received payment for recyclables collected at the Scheidegger Recycling Depository, based on market rates, which at various times resulted in no payment at all (i.e., when there was no market for the materials). In 2010, the City received about \$60,000 for the materials collected at the Depository all year. With the Resource Management contract, the City is guaranteed a flat fee per pound of recycled material collected.

The City's goal is a 50 percent diversion rate, so we have a bit more work to do, but we are well on our way to meeting that goal. Look for the City's booth at the April 23 Earth Day celebration ("A Spring Eggstravaganza") at Farmers' Market, in the new Greenway area, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring your questions!

SOCIAL MEDIA DEMONSTRATION AT CHAMBER MARKETPLACE EXPO

The City will host a booth at the Kirkwood-DesPeres Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Grand Marketplace Expo on April 5. The Expo will be held at the Holiday Inn Southwest Viking Conference Center, on the corner of Watson Road and Lindbergh Blvd. This event is FREE and open to the public and runs from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. City staff will be on hand to host a social media demonstration and answer your questions about how to use Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and other social and informational networking sites. We will talk about creating a profile, protecting your privacy, how to upload photos and videos, and how to keep your message short and effective, including the use of URL shortening function

SIGNS OF SPRING



Volunteers spruce up the Community Garden at Kirkwood Park on an early spring day. Photo by Terri Krueger.

— Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

4/4 Architectural Review, 7 p.m.
 4/6 Planning/Zoning, 7 p.m.
 4/7 City Council, 7 p.m., WS 6 p.m.
 4/11 Bd of Adjustment, 7 p.m.
 4/12 Human Rights, 6:30 p.m.
 4/13 Landmarks, 6:30 p.m.
 4/14 Council Work Session, 7 a.m.
 4/18 Architectural Review, 7 p.m.
 4/18 Park Board, Comm Ctr., 7 p.m.
 4/20 Downtown Bus Dist., 7:30 a.m.
 4/20 Library Board, 6 p.m., at Library

4/20 Planning/Zoning, 7 p.m.
 4/21 City Council, 7 p.m., WS 6 p.m.
 4/26 Urban Forestry, 7 p.m.
 4/27 Greentree Cmte, Comm Ctr., 7 p.m.
 4/28 Farmers' Market Cmte, 8:30 a.m.*

* 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.



KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 4 – MAY 2: Art at the Station. An exhibit of works by the Kirkwood High School Advanced Placement Art Studio students, who are preparing their final submissions for the Advanced Placement program. Works by 18 students will be on display at the Kirkwood Train Station, 110 West Argonne. An opening reception will be held Thursday, April 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Train Station. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. Donations are welcome. For additional details, visit their Website at www.kirkwoodareaarts.org.

APRIL 9: Open House at the new Park Operations Center on "Visit a Park Day," April 9, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Residents and visitors are invited to view the new building from both inside and outside. The new building is located inside Kirkwood Park, at 614 West Adams, next to the water tower, and is accessible from West Adams. For more information, call 822-5855.

APRIL 12: English Tea at the Kirkwood Public Library. The Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library will sponsor its annual English Tea, focusing on English Gardens, at 1:00 p.m., in Epworth Hall at the Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 201 West Adams. Open to the public. Free to Friends and \$5 for non-members. Call by April 9 to reserve your spot: 314-821-5770, ext. 1023. Leave your name and phone number. Tea and other refreshments will be served.

APRIL 12: "Poets at the Station" Returns! Marjorie Stelmach will read her poetry from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kirkwood Train Station. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by Kirkwood Area Arts Council.

APRIL 23: 2011 Downtown Kirkwood Earth Day Festival: A Spring Eggstravaganza! Farmers' Market, in the new Greenway area. Greenway Dedication at 9:30 a.m. Earth Day festivities 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Live music by Michael "Supe" Granda of the Ozark Mountain Daredevils. Meet the "Chicken Duo" and the Kirkwood Easter Bunny. Treats for kids. Backyard poultry exhibits by Kirkwood chicken keepers, OK Hatchery, and Purina. Silent auction of chicken-related arts and crafts, created by Kirkwood High School students. Special chicken-related foods and merchandise offered by Downtown Kirkwood restaurants and merchants. Recycling, waste reduction, composting, and energy efficiency exhibits by Kirkwood Living Green.

APRIL 26: Poets at the Station. David Clewell reads his work, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Kirkwood Train Station. Free and open to the public.

UPCOMING PARKS & RECREATION DATES

Advance registration is required for all classes and events or programs. Call 822-5855 for details or to register for any of the following:

Events/Programs:

APRIL 15: Adult Egg Hunt, 8:00 p.m., Wehner Park, 5200 Shrewsbury Ave., 63119

APRIL 19: Teddy Bear Picnic, 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (two times), Kirkwood Park, Scout Shelter

APRIL 22: Teen Egg Hunt, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., Kirkwood Park, Lion's Pavilion

Class Registrations:

Ballet Classes, Ages 3.5-10, Tuesdays, starting April 5
Tennis Lessons, all ages and skill levels, April thru July
Boot Camp, begins April 11, Monday-Thursday, 5:45 a.m.
Taekwondo Classes, all ages, Wednesday or Thursday evenings

ALSO: KIRKWOOD AQUATIC CENTER POOL PASSES ON SALE NOW!

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