



# EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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## A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell



Mayor Art McDonnell poses with H.B.D. Construction President Mike Perry, Library Director Sarah Erwin, and former Library Board President Randy Miltenberger. H.B.D. received a Keystone Award in November for the library's renovation.

Happy is Thanksgiving! Those delicious smells of turkey roasting, pies cooling, potatoes waiting to be mashed with sweet cream and butter. All after a victorious Kirkwood-Webster annual football game, with the railroad bell in the hands of the Kirkwood Pioneers!

Then our thoughts turn to Christmas celebrations. The lighted holiday wreaths hung throughout downtown

Kirkwood, the brightly decorated shop windows, the joy of finding that right gift. It is important to Shop Kirkwood First, from Manchester Road to Watson – everything is there for you AND the sales tax stays in Kirkwood and helps pay for City services.

Don't forget those who are less fortunate. Give to the 100 Neediest Cases (through the St. Louis Post-Dispatch) KirkCare, or someone you know who needs love or a helping hand. The great spirit of "Hands on Kirkwood" needs to continue throughout the year. Happy Holidays!

Happy to hear from you during my new City Hall office hours: Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (most days). Phone: 314-497-4036. Email: [McDonnaj@kirkwoodmo.org](mailto:McDonnaj@kirkwoodmo.org).

## KIRKWOOD IN BRIEF

### ONE-DAY DOWNTOWN PARKING PASSES AVAILABLE NOW

Anyone planning to spend a day in downtown Kirkwood shopping and running errands can now purchase an all-day parking permit at Kirkwood City Hall for \$5. The passes can be purchased up to 30 days in advance or on the day you plan to shop. Most downtown off-street, public parking spaces have a two-hour parking limit. The parking limit was established with the goal of making parking available to as many shoppers as possible. However, someone visiting multiple merchants on the same day may need to park for longer than two hours, or a downtown business may need longer parking for a banquet or other event.

The Downtown Special Business District therefore brought a proposal to City Council to offer a limited number of full-day parking permits, and Council passed the resolution at its November 10 meeting. A maximum of 50 permits will be sold on any given day for use in any off-street, hourly public parking space downtown. This does not apply to private parking lots or to on-street parking. Individuals or businesses may purchase a maximum of 20 permits per day, to accommodate event parking, but 10 of the 50 permits sold each day will be reserved for single sales. The passes can be purchased at the Finance window at City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, during normal business hours (8:00 a.m., to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday).

### NEW WATER TOWER IN SERVICE NOW



The new Kirkwood Water Tower on Rose Hill is now in service. The new tower stands 110 feet tall and has a 600,000-gallon capacity. The total project cost is projected to be \$1.5 million (funded through certificate of participation bonds). Construction began in late summer/early fall of 2010. It was completed and ready for painting in April 2011. The old tower will be dismantled sometime this winter.

### RECYCLING CARTS: WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE

Have you noticed something different about the City's recycling trucks? They're new! They now have robotic arms that pick up your recycling carts. Those robotic arms are BIG, about seven feet long, and they need space to move. Please help our sanitation staff collect your recycling materials safely by practicing the following Correct Cart Placement:

- Do not place items on top of the cart.
- Do not lean items (bags or cardboard) against the cart or place items in front of the cart (between cart and the street).
- Carts need to have three (3) feet of clearance from all obstructions—other carts, trash bags, mail boxes, shrubs, light posts, utility poles, with one exception: PARKED CARS. Carts need to be FIVE FEET from all parked cars.
- Since collection is automated, the cart handle and wheels should face the house.
- These trucks are WIDE. If you live on a narrow street, please do not park directly across from another car. The trucks may not be able to get through.



What's wrong with this picture? Trash bags should be placed on the ground, at least three feet away from the recycling cart.



The robotic arm is seven feet long and needs a lot of space in which to operate.

### ZONING CODE REVIEW UNDER WAY

The City of Kirkwood's Planning and Zoning Commission is initiating a comprehensive review of the City's Zoning Code. Originally written and adopted in the 1960s and periodically updated since, the Zoning Code is in need of modernization and reformatting. The process is expected to take approximately ten months, with multiple public meetings and opportunities for comment. Stay tuned to the Eye on Kirkwood, or visit the Planning and Zoning Commission's page on the City Website, for updates, timelines, goals, or to leave feedback.

### CITY OFFICES / COMMUNITY CENTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Hall, most City offices, and the Community Center office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, in observance of Thanksgiving. The Ice Rink will be closed on Thanksgiving Day but will be open the day after (Nov. 25). City Hall and most City offices will be closed on Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26, in observance of Christmas. The Community Center office will be open on those two days from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Ice Rink will be closed on Christmas Day. City offices and the Community Center office will be closed Monday, January 2, in observance of New Year's Day, but the Ice Rink will be open.

### CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

**Thanksgiving, November 24:** All City offices, Ice Rink, and Community Center office are closed.

**Day after Thanksgiving, November 25:** Ice rink open. City offices and Community Center office closed.

**Friday, December 23:** City offices closed. Ice Rink open. Community Center office open 8-4.

**Saturday, December 24:** Ice Rink open. Community Center office closed.

**Sunday, December 25:** Ice Rink closed.

**Monday, December 26:** City offices closed. Ice Rink open. Community Center office open 8-4.

**Saturday, December 31:** Ice Rink open. Community Center office closed.

**Sunday, January 1:** Ice Rink open.

**Monday, January 2:** City offices and Community Center office closed. Ice Rink open and Community Center fitness classes will be held.

### HOLIDAY SANITATION COLLECTION AS FOLLOWS:

**Thanksgiving, November 24:** Sanitation will not be collected. Thursday routes move to Friday.

**Day after Thanksgiving, November 25:** Thursday sanitation routes will be collected.

**Saturday, November 25:** Friday sanitation routes will be collected.

**December 23:** Sanitation will be collected.

**December 27:** Sanitation will be collected.

**January 2:** Sanitation will be collected.

**January 16 (MLK Birthday):** Sanitation will not be collected since the landfill is closed. All routes will be delayed by one day for the entire week (Monday routes move to Tuesday, Tuesday routes move to Wednesday, etc.). Friday sanitation routes will be collected on Saturday.

### THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE!

~ **Photos with Santa, December 8, at the Train Station: 4:30-7:30 p.m.** Live reindeer from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Many downtown merchants are open late on Thursdays – make it a night of shopping and dining!

~ **Ornaments on Sale Monday:** Starting November 28, donated holiday ornaments will be available to purchase at the Finance Window at City Hall, for \$3 each. Proceeds benefit BackStoppers and honor the men and women who have given their lives in service to the community.

~ **Holiday Light Recycling:** Bring your old worn-out holiday lights to the Scheidegger Recycling Depository at 350 S. Taylor through January 31. All component materials (plastic, copper, glass) will be recycled. Nothing goes into the landfill. Proceeds benefit St. Louis Green and Operation Food Search.



## KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ART AT THE STATION

The Kirkwood Area Arts Council's Art at the Station presents the Photographs from the City of Kirkwood in December. Opening reception is Thursday, December 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](http://www.kirkwoodarearts.org).

### AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

~ **Candy Cane Hunt, December 10:** Santa's Reindeer have been busy dropping candy canes in Kirkwood Park! Some have special prizes attached. Dress warmly for this outdoor event. Pre-registration required. Come early to decorate a hunting bag. Hunt begins promptly at 10am. Meet at Lions' Pavilion. Pre-registration required. \$3 per resident child; \$5 per nonresident child.

~ **Gum Drop Mountain, December 11, 6:00-9:00 p.m.** Ages 7-11. Drop-off program. Drop the kids off at the Community Center for a Winter Wonderland evening while you shop. We'll provide what they need to build a house of sugar, plus a dinner of pizza and drinks and then games in the gym. Pre-registration required. \$12/residents, \$17/nonresidents.

~ **Skate with Santa and Christmas Skating Exhibition, Saturday, December 17:** Come skate with Santa during the public session from 1:30-4:00 p.m. (normal admission policies and prices apply) and then stay for the FREE Christmas Skating Exhibition, 4:15-5:30 p.m.

### — Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

12/1	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
12/2	Citizens' Finance, 7am
12/5	Architectural Review, 7pm
12/7	Planning/Zoning CANCELED
12/8	Council Work Session, 7am
12/9	Citizens' Finance, 7am
12/12	Park Board, 7pm
12/12	Bd of Adjustment, 7pm
12/13	Human Rights, 7pm
12/14	Landmarks, 6:30pm
12/15	City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
12/16	Citizens' Finance, 7am
12/19	Architectural Review, 7pm
12/21	Planning/Zoning – NO MEETING
12/23	CITY OFFICES CLOSED TODAY Sanitation will be picked up.
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*The Library Board, Urban Forestry Commission, Market Committee, and SBD Advisory Commission will not meet in December. Otherwise, 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.*

### ADOPT A FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

For the past 18 years, Saint Louis County government employees have provided food, clothing, toys, household items, and help with rent and utilities to more than 2,800 families living in the County who were in need during the holidays. Businesses, groups, and individuals are invited to help make this worthwhile effort a success. You can help by adopting a family or donating gift cards. More information is available at [www.stlouisco.com](http://www.stlouisco.com) (click on the Adopt-A-Family icon).

### KIRKWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS: LETTER FROM SANTA

Santa needs help with his correspondence this year, so members of the Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library are once again coming to his rescue. We will send a letter from Santa to all the kids in your life, no matter how young or old! For each letter, please complete the form available on the library's Website [www.kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org](http://www.kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org). Each letter costs \$6. For requests received by December 7, every effort will be made to have the letter postmarked at the North Pole. Requests received between December 8 and 17 will be postmarked locally. All requests must be received by December 17.

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