



# EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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## A Message from the Mayor by Art McDonnell

Over the years, many of you have come to my business to talk about some of your Kirkwood concerns. It has been a pleasant way for us to communicate ideas with one another. Abraham Lincoln, with whom I share a birthday (February 12), often said he learned a lot from conversations he had around the pot belly stove at the general store.

On October 6, I will retire as owner of McDonnell's Market Place and Catering Company, and after 75 years of successful operation, my store will close. I will miss my wonderful customers and exceptional employees. I will also miss all of you who have visited me at the store to talk about Kirkwood affairs. I have been trying to think of ways to continue to have those conversations with you. Here are a few ideas.

Next month, I will publish in this column a cell phone number on which you can reach me. As always, you can also call City Hall and get a message to me (822-5804). As other communication options become available, I will publish them here.

I plan to spend some of my new free time walking and biking around the neighborhoods of Kirkwood, getting exercise, but also visiting with you. The Farmers' Market is one place I will spend some time, hoping to see many of you, and offering an opportunity for us to talk and laugh.



Mayor Art McDonnell waves to the crowd in the Greentree parade.

photo by Bill Burkhalter

There will also be certain hours where I will be at City Hall and would enjoy talking to you. As soon as I have a regular schedule, I will publish it here in the Eye.

Communication is so important to the City Council and to me. We all can do our jobs governing so much better when we hear from you. I hope you all enjoy the beautiful Fall weather. Carve a pumpkin and enjoy some gooey s'mores. See you around town!

## KIRKWOOD IN BRIEF

### KIRKWOOD'S GREENTREE FESTIVAL ON FACEBOOK

This year's Greentree Festival, despite rainy weather on Sunday, was a great success. Photos of the festival have been posted on Flickr (you can access the link at [www.greentreefestival.com](http://www.greentreefestival.com)) and on Facebook (Kirkwood Greentree Festival). Next year's dates are: September 14, 15, and 16. THANK YOU to our sponsors and to everyone who attended.



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### KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER ON OCTOBER 22

Two big community-building events on Saturday, October 22, in Kirkwood, offer an opportunity for residents to connect with neighbors and friends in a variety of ways. Hands-on-Kirkwood, a neighbors-helping-neighbors community volunteer project (details below) still needs people to sign up to help out. The "Community Coming Together" Symposium (details below) provides an opportunity to explore and celebrate the value of diversity in Kirkwood and the region. So whether you want to join the dialogue on diversity or put your skills and energy to work helping those in need, October 22 in Kirkwood is THE day to get involved!

### HANDS ON KIRKWOOD: MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY IN KIRKWOOD

Hands-on-Kirkwood (HOK) is a one-day volunteer event, when every Kirkwood resident is encouraged and empowered to serve. No matter your age, skills, or interests, projects are available where you can make a difference. HOK is a collaboration of churches, local nonprofit organizations, and individuals to find neighbors, projects, and agencies who need a helping hand.

Do you need help or do you know somebody who needs help? Or would you like to get involved and help someone who needs it? Visit [www.handsonkirkwood.org](http://www.handsonkirkwood.org) for full details about volunteering. Some projects will need volunteers prior to October 22, and others need help ON October 22. Here is a sampling of the projects that are planned:

- **Home Projects:** Yard work and home repairs for neighbors who do not have the time, funds, skills, or abilities.
- **Kiddo-Palooza:** A festival for children, located at the Kirkwood YMCA and Walker Park. The Kirkwood Police Department will also be on hand to host its traditional Kid Safety Program.
- **Donation Drive:** Collecting, sorting, and distributing needed items for local agencies.
- **Neighborhood Bag Drop:** Dropping donation bags at homes to collect items for KirkCare, Nurses for Newborns, and other groups.
- **Nursing Home Visits:** Children visit facilities throughout the Kirkwood community, delivering goodie bags, songs, and smiles to seniors. (Pre-K to 3rd grade.)
- **Winter Car Check:** Volunteers will check tires, batteries, and fluids, helping residents discover any items that need repair.
- **Honeysuckle Removal:** Every year, Kirkwood Parks & Recreation is grateful to have your help to remove and trim back this invasive species in our parks!
- **MSD Drain to Stream:** Installing warning labels on storm drains to prevent polluting.
- **RECYCLING EVENTS:** St. Louis Community College is sponsoring area-wide electronics recycling events in conjunction with HOK. Two million tons of electronic equipment is dumped

in landfills each year. SLCC has teamed up with Midwest Recycling Center to offer FREE Electronic Recycling events around the area (see dates below). What you can recycle: Anything with a cord! Recycling electronics helps create new jobs, conserve natural resources, and improve the health of the community. The times for all dates below are: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The locations are all St. Louis Community College sites (addresses listed below or visit their Website at <http://www.slccc.edu/green/>):

- September 24:** Forest Park campus, 5600 Oakland Ave., 63110, Parking log A-B
- October 1:** Florissant Valley campus, 3400 Pershall Rd., 63135, Parking lot 17
- October 8:** SCEUC, 4115 Meramec Bottom Rd., 63129, main parking in front of building
- October 15:** Wildwood campus, 2645 Generations Dr., Wildwood, 63040, main parking in front of building
- October 22:** Meramec campus, 11333 Big Bend Rd., 63122, Parking Lot A, corner of Big Bend and Couch
- October 29:** Harrison Center, 3140 Cass Ave., 63106, main parking in front of building

### A COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER: A SYMPOSIUM ON DIVERSITY, OCT. 22

Sponsored by the City of Kirkwood's Human Rights Commission, the Symposium on Diversity will be held at Kirkwood High School, in the Keating Center, on October 22, 2011, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. U.S. Representative Emanuel Cleaver, D-Kansas City, will be the keynote speaker. Rabbi Susan Talve will deliver introductory remarks, and a panel discussion will be moderated by KETC's "Donnybrook" moderator Alvin Reid. The audience is encouraged to ask questions and make comments during the panel discussion.

The goals and expectations for the Symposium are: Educate, uplift, and empower. Provide information. Improve long-term community building. Provide a road map of where we've been and where we're headed. Bring people together. The event is FREE and open to the public. To ensure enough seats, please let us know you are coming. Please send your RSVP confirmation by email to: [Info@kirkwoodmo.org](mailto:Info@kirkwoodmo.org). OR call 314-822-5894. **Details:** Saturday, October 2, Program: 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. **Informational booths:** 12:30-1:30 p.m. & after the program. **Location:** Keating Center, Kirkwood High School, 801 West Essex (park and enter from Essex). Light refreshments will be served.

### — Kirkwood Meetings Calendar —

- 10/3 Architectural Review, 7pm
- 10/5 Planning/Zoning, 7pm
- 10/6 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 10/10 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 10/11 Human Rights, 6:30pm
- 10/12 Landmarks, 6:30pm
- 10/13 Council Work Session, 7am
- 10/17 Park Board, 7pm, Comm Ctr
- 10/17 Architectural Review, 7pm
- 10/19 Library Board, 5:30pm, Library
- 10/19 Planning/Zoning, 7pm
- 10/20 City Council 7pm, WS 6pm
- 10/22 Symposium on Diversity, 12:30pm\*
- 10/25 Urban Forestry, 7pm

\*The Symposium will be held at Kirkwood High School. Please see details in article on this page. 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.



## KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ANNUAL PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST: PRE-REGISTER TODAY

Open to all ghosts and goblins, young and old alike. Gather your team of up to eight people and practice those carving skills. We provide the pumpkin and the carving tools. You bring the creativity! Pumpkins will be judged at the end of the evening and prizes awarded in several categories. **PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TODAY, SEPTEMBER 30.** The contest will be held in the Kirkwood Farmers' Market Greenway beginning at 5:30 p.m., on Friday, October 7. Participants must pre-register by calling 822-5855.

### ART AT THE STATION

The Kirkwood Area Arts Council's Art at the Station presents the digital photography of M&M Photography and the oil paintings of Diane Reising, October 3 through 31, 2011, at the Kirkwood Train Station, corner of Argonne and Kirkwood Road. Opening reception is October 6, 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.kirkwoodareaarts.org](http://www.kirkwoodareaarts.org).

### KIRKWOOD-OAKLAND "DAY OUT" OCTOBER 1

The annual "Night Out" has been scheduled for Saturday afternoon, October 1, at the Kirkwood Police Department, 131 W. Madison Avenue, Noon to 4:00 p.m. Come meet the following participants: The Magic House, Powder Valley Nature Center, Kirkwood's Human Rights Commission, Missouri Concerns of Police Survivors, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, Operation Lifesaver, St. Louis County Animal Control, Target Department Stores, Tropical Moose Shaved Ice, Kirkwood Electric, Kirkwood Fire Department, Kirkwood Parks & Recreation, Kirkwood Police Chaplains, Kirkwood Downtown Special Business District, and the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT). FREE food while it lasts (hotdogs, chips, beverages). Free Child Picture ID cards available to children with a parent or guardian present. For more information, contact Officer Jim Cox at 314-822-5868.

### DINE DOWNTOWN KIRKWOOD, OCT 2-8

Downtown Kirkwood restaurants and specialty food stores will host a restaurant week, Dine Downtown Kirkwood 2011, from Sunday, October 2, to Saturday, October 8. Participating restaurants will offer specials for \$20.11, and specialty food stores will offer \$2.11 specials. UJ & the Downhome Blues Band will play from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Station Plaza on Friday, Oct. 7. The culmination of the week's activities will be the annual Fall Festival of Local Flavor on October 8 (see below).

### KIRKWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY FRIENDS' FALL PROGRAM OCTOBER 5

The Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library will host a program with Patrick Murphy on October 5, at 1:00 p.m., in the library's lower-level meeting room. Murphy has been the voice of KETC Channel 9 for more than 30 years. The program is FREE and open to the public, but advance reservations are required by October 3. Call 821-5770, ext. 1023.

### FALL FESTIVAL OF LOCAL FLAVOR, OCTOBER 8

This annual event is a celebration of all things homegrown, locally owned, and environmentally friendly. Visitors who SHOP KIRKWOOD FIRST can spend the day shopping the sales and specials at downtown Kirkwood's locally owned shops, where shoppers will find unique items for the home and garden, great gift ideas for the holidays, and fall fashion ideas too! Then finish off the day with dinner out at one of our many fine restaurants (see specials above). During the festival, Kirkwood Living Green will present environmentally focused information at the "Smart Living" area located at the Kirkwood Train Station. Learn more about how you can "reduce, reuse, and recycle."

### HALLOWEEN WALK, OCTOBER 27, DOWNTOWN KIRKWOOD

Children love this annual event where they can dress up in their Halloween costumes and trick-or-treat at participating downtown Kirkwood businesses. Thursday, October 27, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Downtown Kirkwood Special Business District. In the event of inclement weather, the event will not be rescheduled.

### SAVE THE DATE: HAPPY HOLIDAYS BOUTIQUE NOVEMBER 2

Holiday Inn Southwest Viking Center, 11am to 2pm. Sponsored by the Kirkwood-Des Peres Area Chamber of Commerce. More than 80 booths to shop. FREE.

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