



Happy Holidays - from Kirkwood City Council and Staff

Year In Review: 2014 in Kirkwood



← The St. Louis area was blanketed in January with 10.5 inches of snow, the biggest snow storm in several years. Low temperatures made things even worse, preventing street salt and chemicals from doing their job. Two more storms in February added up to a very cold winter in Kirkwood.

In April, a new Council was sworn in, and former Council Member Iggy Yuan (Left, with Mayor McDonnell) was recognized for his eight years of service to Kirkwood. ↓



← Kirkwood Recreation Superintendent Jason Valvero (left, with his family) won the “Distinguished Service Award” in February from the Aquatic Section of the Missouri Parks & Recreation Association, for his service to residents and his involvement with regional aquatic associations.



← Also in April, 60 campers participated in the Family Camp-Out in Kirkwood Park. Activities included stargazing, hay rides, nature hikes, and games. Below: After Dalia Bitar was presented with First Prize in the annual Human Rights Commission Essay Contest, tornado warnings sent the remainder of Kirkwood’s City Council meeting to the lower level of City Hall (right). ▼



↑ April was a busy month in Kirkwood. Pictured above: Beautiful spring weather, after a gloomy winter, brought hundreds of people out to Kirkwood’s annual Earth Day celebration at the Farmers’ Market.

Improvements to the Courts Complex at Kirkwood Park that started in early spring—including a new pro shop / court attendant’s building, resurfacing of one tennis court, construction of two outdoor handball/racquetball courts, a resurfaced parking lot, and new landscaping—culminated in construction of a new (and extremely popular) pickleball court. ↗





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← The Pool opened for the season over Memorial Day Weekend. Also in May: New Kirkwood Chief Administrative Officer Russ Hawes started his tenure with the City, just a few months after outgoing CAO Mike Brown retired (below left, pictured walking in the St. Peter School's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in March).
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➤ Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kinder stopped by Kirkwood Public Library to read during story time after the library received an \$8,000 grant from the Missouri State Library.



▲ Kirkwood Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Sanders discusses fire safety at a Kirkwood grade school, during the annual Fire Prevention Week in October, one of several important community services offered by the Kirkwood Fire Department.

In August, Parks and Recreation → staff participated in the ALS Bucket Challenge, and construction began on the City Hall Enhancement Project.
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In July, One More Round: The Johnny Cash Tribute Band, performed as part of the Summer Concert Series in Kirkwood Park. →
~ In November, a tree grown from seeds harvested from the historic sugarberry tree in Kirkwood Park (designated a Missouri State Champion tree in 2011 and removed due to disease and old age in 2012) was planted in the park, on the site of the old tree, as part of the Arbor Day Celebration. ↓

Walker Lake at Sunset

