

# May is National Water Safety Month



## Are You and Your Children Safe in the Water?

Drowning is the second-leading cause of injury-related deaths among children one to 14 years of age. Every year, drowning claims more than 6,500 lives in the U.S. alone. Nearly 90 percent of all drowning deaths occur within ten feet of safety. What can you do?

### 8 Simple Water Safety Tips:

- 1) Know how to swim! Teach children water safety and swimming skills as early as possible. [The City of Kirkwood offers affordable swimming lessons all summer long, and the PARC / Courtney Shupe Scholarship program assists families facing economic challenges. Call 822-5856 for information.](#)
- 2) Always swim with a buddy, never alone, even if you are an experienced swimmer.
- 3) Never leave a child unattended in a pool.
- 4) Maintain **constant visual contact** with children in a pool or pool area. Always watch your child when he or she is in or near water.
- 5) Obey “No Diving” signs. This means the area is unsafe for headfirst entries. You should always enter the water feet first if you don’t know the depth.
- 6) Don’t use flotation devices (wings, rings, loungers, etc.) as a substitute for supervision.
- 7) Keep children away from pool drains, pipes, and other openings to avoid entrapments.
- 8) Don’t assume you will hear a child who’s in trouble in the water. Drowning is a silent death, usually with no splashing to alert anyone that the swimmer is in trouble.



For more tips on home pools and spas, visit the City of Kirkwood Website and click on “Safety and Emergency Management” on the gold navigation list on the right side of the screen.



## *Tennis, Anyone?*

## Meet Your Vetta Tennis Pros!

Kirkwood’s Parks & Recreation will continue its partnership with Vetta Sports and its Concord Tennis programs in 2014. This partnership brings the following pros to the new tennis courts in Kirkwood Park:

- ◆ Kevin Ebert, director of player development, has been a USPTA (United States Professional Tennis Association) certified pro with Vetta since 2005, teaching beginner clinics. Kevin loves introducing new players to the game.
- ◆ Dave Fuhrig, junior tennis director and a USPTA certified teaching professional, has been with Vetta since 2006 and has nearly a decade of experience, teaching adults and juniors of all ages and skill levels.
- ◆ Jason Falzone, a teaching pro, has taught tennis for 15 years. He is a Quickstart Tennis guru and believes in having fun on the court with the kids.

Kirkwood’s tennis sessions consist of SEVEN 60-minute classes. Bring a NEW can of tennis balls to your first class and a racquet to all classes. Resident cost is \$63 per session; nonresident cost is \$84. Visit the City Website—[KirkwoodMO.org](#) (under Departments/Parks & Recreation/Tennis) for session times and dates, or call 314-822-5855.

# City of Kirkwood Direct-Dial Department Directory

## **POLICE, 131 W. Madison**

<b>Emergencies:</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
Non-Emergencies	822-5858
Police Chief	822-5866
Shift Supervisor	822-5881
Code Enforcement	822-5805
Community Relations	822-5868
Municipal Court/ Traffic Violations	822-5840
Records/Reports	984-6915

## **FIRE**

### **To Report a Fire or Medical**

**Emergency, ALWAYS dial: 9-1-1**

Administration/Fire Chief	822-5883
House #1, 137 W. Argonne	984-6950
House #2, 11804 Big Bend	984-5906
House #3, 1321 West Essex	984-6980

### **CITY COUNCIL (Phone & Email)**

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Chief Administrative Officer	822-5806
Asst. Chief Admin. Officer	822-5801
City Clerk	822-5802
Human Resources	822-5809
Public Information Officer	822-5894

### **BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

Building Commissioner	822-5814
Building Permit Review	822-5817
Inspections & Permits	822-5823

### **FINANCE**

Billing (Utilities)	822-5843
Business Licenses	984-6944

### **PURCHASING, 212 South Taylor**

Purchasing Director	822-5850
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## **PARKS & RECREATION**

Community Center: 111 S. Geyer Road	
Front Desk	822-5855
Room Reservations	822-5859
Park Maintenance	822-5897
Park Reservations	984-5986
Park Ranger	210-1299
Ice Skating Rink	822-5825
Pool / Pool Front Desk	984-6971
Pool Manager	984-6972
Tennis Courts	822-5864
Fields/Athletics/Events Hotline	433-4313

### **MEETINGS**

Architectural Review Board	822-5816
Arts & Culture Commission	822-5894
Board of Adjustment	984-6943
City Council	822-5802
Human Rights Commission	822-5806
Landmarks	984-6965
Library Board	821-5770
Park Board	822-5855
Planning & Zoning	984-5907
Urban Forestry	822-5801

### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

Engineering	822-5822
Streets	984-6948
Sanitation	822-5828
Recycling Depository: 350 S. Taylor	
Kirkwood Water	984-5936

### **UTILITIES (Kirkwood Electric & Water)**

Customer Service/Billing	822-5843
Power Outage	822-5842
Water Main Break	984-5936
After-Hours Power Outage or Water Main Break	822-5858
Moving In or Out	822-5843
Electric Administrative Offices	822-5842
Water Administrative Offices	984-5936
Construction & Maintenance: Electric	822-5842
Water	984-5936
Report Street Light Outage	822-5842
Locate Underground Electric Cables or Water Lines:	1-800-DIG-RITE

### **OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS**

Kirkwood Farmers' Market/Downtown Special Business District/Downtown Gift Certificates	822-0084
Kirkwood Public Library	821-5770

## **Other Helpful Numbers, *continued***

Kirkwood Train Station	984-8617
Kirkwood Post Office	966-0638

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~ For more information, visit the City Website at: [www.KirkwoodMO.org](http://www.KirkwoodMO.org)

~ For road closings and event information, follow the City's posts on Facebook: City of Kirkwood, MO (Government)

~ To sign up for the Weekly Happenings e-newsletter, send an email to: [Info@KirkwoodMO.org](mailto:Info@KirkwoodMO.org)

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