



# ALL HANDS ON DECK: THE CITY OF KIRKWOOD NEEDS YOU!

## Volunteers Needed for a Variety of Activities and Groups:

- ◆ **The Arts Commission** needs volunteers for a Subcommittee to spearhead the “Making Music” Summer Concert Series in Kirkwood Park. The concerts are held each year on Saturdays during the summer. The subcommittee will plan future concerts and will meet two to three times per year.
- ◆ **KPAC (Kirkwood Parks’ Assistance Corps)** needs volunteers who would like to work in park settings with an organized volunteer program. KPAC volunteers work with the City’s horticulturist to care for plants and trees, help rid the park of invasive species, learn what tools to use in maintaining park grounds, and make new friends. Bonus: You’ll have an opportunity to learn CPR and first aid.



**Above:** Kirkwood Arts Commission members recently served as judges for the Human Rights Commission’s Art Fair for Kirkwood students in 4th thru 12th grades. L to R: Zoe Perkins, Agnes Garino, Darnel Frost (HRC), Mary Hanson, and Jim Weidman.



**Left:** Kirkwood Parks’ Assistance Corps (KPAC) volunteers at work in Spring 2014.

## How to Get Involved:

- ◆ **For KPAC:** Call 314-984-6981.
- ◆ **For Arts Commission:** Send an email to [Arts@KirkwoodMO.org](mailto:Arts@KirkwoodMO.org) or call 314-822-5894.
- ◆ **For Boards/Commissions:** Call 314-822-5802 or complete the online application at [www.KirkwoodMO.org/Volunteer](http://www.KirkwoodMO.org/Volunteer)

**Boards and Commissions:** Every year, Kirkwood’s City Council looks for new individuals to serve on the City’s 20+ Boards and Commissions. Each group has a membership of between five and nine individuals, and on average, most terms are for three or four years. The number of open positions varies each year as members rotate off. Most positions do not require expertise in the subject—just a willingness to learn and a desire to serve. Most groups require a time commitment of about two to four hours per month (exception: the Planning and Zoning Commission may be more time intensive and may require more expertise).

### ***A Sampling of Kirkwood Boards and Commission:***

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| ~ Architectural Review Board  | ~ Board of Adjustment          |
| ~ Citizens’ Finance Committee | ~ Kirkwood Arts Commission     |
| ~ Landmarks’ Commission       | ~ Library Board                |
| ~ Park Board                  | ~ Planning & Zoning Commission |



## NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE CITY OF KIRKWOOD

### EnVision 2035 Invites Citizens to Help Shape the Future in Kirkwood

Planning that will shape Kirkwood and lead the City into the future is underway. A new 20-year Comprehensive Plan is the goal, but it needs the input of the Community. That's why you, the citizens of Kirkwood, are important to the planning process.

The City's EnVision 2035 Comprehensive Plan will steer the growth of the Kirkwood community over the next 20 years. A number of meetings, workshops, and presentations will solicit input and the opinions of the public. The first workshop will be held:

- ◆ Tuesday, May 19, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Nipher Middle School, 700 S. Kirkwood Road, in the north gym
- ◆ Come-and-go format. For more information: [www.Kirkwood2035.org](http://www.Kirkwood2035.org)
- ◆ Additional workshop dates will be added at a later date.

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### Kirkwood Water Implements Infrastructure Renewal Charge

Kirkwood Water has been working for several years to preserve and improve the reliability of the City's water distribution system. The need to fund deteriorating public infrastructure across the United States has been the topic of much discussion at both the national and local levels (read a report on that on the home page of the City's Website). In 2011, Kirkwood City Council established goals as part of the City's Strategic Plan to improve the City's public infrastructure, including water distribution.



The Plan's objectives included replacing a minimum of 1 percent of the City's aging water mains each year. To meet this goal, the City commissioned a Master Plan (also on the City Website) to evaluate the system and develop a rate structure to fund the plan. The Master Plan concluded that more than \$50 million was needed over the next 20 years to preserve the water distribution system's reliability.

To fund these improvements, Kirkwood's City Council authorized implementation of a new Infrastructure Renewal Charge (IRC) to be added to water bills in the City, effective April 1, 2015. The charge will be assessed at \$1.04 per 100 cubic feet of water used (or 748 gallons) by each customer. To help offset the IRC, the City will suspend the monthly fire hydrant fee of \$2.33 per month. It remains the City's goal to provide a reliable, high-quality public drinking water system to its current and future citizens in an equitable and fiscally sound manner. Any questions can be addressed to Kirkwood Water at 314- 984-5936.