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Mayor Tim Griffin (center) poses with Westchester Elementary School 4th-grade students who participated in the Junior Treekeeper program on September 25, hosted by the City's Urban Forestry Commission. Students learned about tree and leaf identification, tree planting, and tree climbing safety. This is a pilot program for the school district and complements the science curriculum on plant structure. All 100 students completed the program and received their Junior Treekeeper Award. This program is part of the Arbor Day Foundation's requirements for a city keeping its "Tree City" designation.

## Improving Recycling In Kirkwood

When trash carts were delivered, a new label was also affixed to recycling carts. This label is part of a six-month initiative to help residents understand what materials can be recycled. Improving the quality of recyclables in our curbside program has become more important than ever. Up until fall 2018, recycled materials were sent to China for processing into new products. In 2018, the market for recyclables plummeted when China set much more stringent standards for "contamination" allowed in imports of recyclables. Contamination refers to recyclables that are dirty or mixed with non-recyclable items. These new standards have caused U.S. recycling companies to become extremely particular about the quality of recyclables, and an increasing number of them will financially penalize cities for loads of recyclables that are too contaminated. Therefore: **Recyclables must be clean to keep recycling alive.**

Kirkwood received a grant through St. Louis County Health Department's Waste Reduction program to help us better understand the types of contamination in Kirkwood's recycling. We will be sorting through loads of recyclables in November to identify the most common contaminants. This information will be used to develop a recycling education campaign. In early 2020, interactive activities that teach what can and can't be recycled in Kirkwood will be added to the City website. We would love to hear your ideas to help Kirkwood become a national leader in sustainable recycling! Remember: The green cart is for recyclables only. Please refer to the new label for guidance on what is acceptable to place in the green recycling cart. The black cart is for trash. Thank you.

## Kirkwood By Design Steering Committee Update

The Kirkwood by Design Steering Committee is working on updates to the City's Zoning and Subdivision codes and is approaching the midway point in their comprehensive review of these codes. Residents are encouraged to visit the project's website at [www.kirkwoodbydesign.com](http://www.kirkwoodbydesign.com) for regular updates summarizing the proposed (draft) sections of code and the drafted code language that has been developed by the committee.

Residents may also sign up on the website to receive email updates throughout the project. After reviewing the revised code sections on the project website, comments

and questions can be addressed to City Planner Jonathan Raiche by email at [raichejd@kirkwoodmo.org](mailto:raichejd@kirkwoodmo.org). Written comments can also be dropped off at City Hall or mailed to City of Kirkwood, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, 63122, to the attention of Jonathan Raiche.

The Committee's final recommendations will be presented to the public formally in December and at a public hearing with Kirkwood City Council in early 2020. The City kicked off this comprehensive update of its codes that regulate development in the City in April 2019.

## KIRKWOOD CALENDAR

### CITY WILL HOST MURAL PROJECT AT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER CONSTRUCTION SITE



Kirkwood's Arts Commission has sponsored a unique art project at the new Kirkwood Performing Arts Center currently under construction at 210 E. Monroe Avenue in downtown Kirkwood. The project brings together students from the high school and middle schools in the Kirkwood School District with students in the graphic arts program at St. Louis Community College-Meramec. Students have created 25 individual murals around the theme "Performing Arts" that will be printed or painted on large banners. The banners will be on display at the construction site on the fencing that surrounds it, from the corner of Taylor and Monroe Avenues and extending east along Monroe. The formal opening for the exhibit will occur on Sunday, October 27, at 2:00 p.m., with a brief presentation and light refreshments. The public is invited to attend.

### CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

City Hall and most City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, for Thanksgiving. There will be no trash collection on Thanksgiving Day. Thursday routes will move to Friday. The Community Center office will be closed Thursday thru Sunday. Check the website for other holiday information.

### DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY WALK NOVEMBER 23

Celebrate Santa's arrival in Downtown Kirkwood! Join the fun for the entire family at the annual Downtown Kirkwood Holiday Walk on Saturday, November 23, beginning at

9:30 a.m. Start the day with the arrival of Santa at the Train Station. Then check out the Gingerbread Shoppe and Christmas Tree lot at the Farmers' market. There will be photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, refreshments (hot cocoa and cookies!), musical performances, and stories with Mrs. Claus. Catch the Holiday Trolley and take a free ride around historic Downtown Kirkwood from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Youth in Action will be on hand collecting cash donations and merchandise for Nurses for Newborns at the Train Station. For full schedule, visit [downtownkirkwood.com](http://downtownkirkwood.com) and select Holiday Walk under the Events tab.

### FAMILY NERF WAR, NOVEMBER 1:

We are teaming up with Webster Groves Parks & Recreation for this battle of wit, skill, and speed. Each participant should bring a NERF gun (only one, any type) and darts. Safety glasses, extra darts, pizza, and Powerade provided. Held at Webster Groves Recreation Complex, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., \$12 per person. Pre-registration required; register by Oct. 31 at 5pm.

### AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER IN NOVEMBER

- November 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10: Kirkwood Theatre Guild presents *The Game's Afoot*. Performances at 8pm, except Sundays, when the matinees are at 2pm. More info: [www.ktg-onstage.org](http://www.ktg-onstage.org)
- November 2 and 3: Artists' Boutique: Fall Arts & Crafts Show, 10am to 4pm both days. Free admission. More info: [artistsboutique.org](http://artistsboutique.org)
- November 11 and 12: Salvation Army's Holiday Boutique, 9am to 2pm both days
- November 28: Kirkwood/Webster Turkey Day Run, 7:30am. To register or for more information, visit: [kirkwoodparksandrec.org](http://kirkwoodparksandrec.org) and click on the red call-to-action button (mid-page) labeled "Turkey Day Run"
- November 30: Small Business Saturday Craft & Vendor Fair, 9am to 3pm, free admission. Learn more at [showmecarebags.org](http://showmecarebags.org) under "events"



## NOVEMBER 2019 MEETINGS CALENDAR

- 11/1 Citizens' Finance Cmte, 7am
- 11/4 Architectural Review Board, 7pm, WS 6pm
- 11/6 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7pm
- 11/7 City Council 7pm, WS 5:30pm
- 11/8 Citizens' Finance Cmte, 7am
- 11/11 Aquatic Advisory, 6:45pm, at Community Center
- 11/11 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 11/12 Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
- 11/13 Landmarks Commission, 7pm
- 11/14 Council Work Session, 7am
- 11/15 Citizens' Finance Cmte, 7am
- 11/18 Zoning/Subdivision Code Steering Cmte, 5:30pm
- 11/18 Architectural Review Board, 7pm, WS 6pm
- 11/18 Park Board, 7pm, Community Center
- 11/18 Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
- 11/19 Arts Commission, 5pm, Community Center
- 11/19 Zoning/Subdivision Code Steering Cmte, 5:30pm
- 11/20 Library Board, 5:30pm, at Library
- 11/20 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7pm
- 11/21 City Council 7pm, WS 5:30pm
- 11/22 Citizens' Finance Cmte, 7am
- 11/26 Urban Forestry Commission, 7pm
- 11/27 CITY OFFICE CLOSED
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Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road. Agendas are posted at City Hall and on the City's website.

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