In 2019, the Kirkwood Human Rights Commission continued its commitment to working with other agencies to ensure the promise of equal rights for all is fully realized in our City.

Some of the Primary Duties of Your Kirkwood Human Rights Commission:

- Formulate and conduct educational programs and initiatives to minimize or eliminate discriminatory acts and bias.
- Provide a forum for individuals who believe they have been victims of discrimination or bias.
- Cooperate with other organizations as well as private and public educational institutions to seek ways to eliminate discrimination and bias and to celebrate diversity.

Some Accomplishments Over the Past Year:

- We have continued our association and cooperation with other Human Rights organizations, including the Meacham Park Neighborhood Improvement Association, the Kirkwood Social Justice Coalition, Metropolitan Congregations United, and the Alliance for Interracial Dignity. We have extended our cooperation with the Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber in developing a program to recognize businesses which employ or train workers with diverse abilities.
- Our relationship with the Kirkwood Police Department remains strong, and we continue our regular meetings with Chief Brian Murphy about his focus on avoiding bias in all police interactions with the public.
- We have established relationships with the administration of the Kirkwood R-7 School District and with students in the district. Student organizations including the Gay-Straight Alliance and the Kirkwood High Coalition have attended our meetings to share information about their work. Our art exhibit project drew work from 6th-graders around the district.
- Our 2019 essay contest drew more than 80 entries from juniors at KHS, Vianney, and Ursuline, and winner Kiden-Aloys Smith read her winning essay at the 2020 Martin Luther King Day celebration to great applause.

KHRC members at their Greentree Festival booth

We welcome visitors at our monthly meetings, which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., at Kirkwood City Hall. We encourage you to voice your concerns, suggestions, and comments. We are here for you.
Making Music Concert Series at Kirkwood Park

2020 Season

All dates are Saturdays. Concerts are from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Lions’ Amphitheater unless otherwise indicated.

May 16 – Ralph Butler Band

*Popular hits old and new in a variety of musical genres*

June 27 – Saint Louis Wind Symphony

*50-piece professional-level wind ensemble*

July 11 – Ross Bell Band

*Traditional and Outlaw country*

July 25 – Serapis

*Rock, blues, Americana, reggae*

August 8 – Southside Creole Playboys

*Authentic Creole, Cajun, zydeco*

August 22 – Roadhouse Kings

*All-star classic country*

October 10 – Rosewood, Walker Lake, 2:00 p.m. starting time

*‘60s & ‘70s Americana and country rock*