

History of Kirkwood City Councils

In April 1984, under a new form of Home Rule Government, the people elected a Mayor and six Council Members to be elected at large. Initially, the three individuals receiving the largest number of votes were elected to four-year terms and the other three to two-year terms, instituting the staggered term system. Those serving to date under the current Charter, since 1984 (in reverse chronological order), are:

2026-2028

Elizabeth W. Gibbons, Mayor
Justin Arnold
Sheila Burkett
Gina Jaksetic
Deb Lavender
Mark McLean
Paul Schaefer

2024-2026

Elizabeth W. Gibbons, Mayor
Gina Jaksetic
Nancy Luetzow
Mark McLean
Al Rheinnecker
Paul Schaefer
Mark Zimmer

2022-2024

Timothy E. Griffin, Mayor
Maggie Duwe
Liz Gibbons
Nancy Luetzow
Bob Sears
Mark Zimmer
Wallace Ward (resigned in July 2023)
Kara Wurtz (appointed in August 2023)

2020-2022

Timothy E. Griffin, Mayor
Maggie Duwe
Liz Gibbons
Nancy Luetzow
Bob Sears
Wallace Ward
Mark Zimmer

2018-2020

Timothy E. Griffin, Mayor

Maggie Duwe

Ellen Z. Edman

Nancy Luetzow

Mark Zimmer

Wallace Ward

Kara Wurtz

2016-2018

Timothy E. Griffin, Mayor

Maggie Duwe

Ellen Z. Edman

Nancy Luetzow

Bob Sears

Paul Ward

Mark Zimmer

2014-2016

Arthur J. McDonnell, Mayor

Timothy Griffin

Gina Jaksetic

Gerry Biedenstein

Paul Ward

Bob Sears

Nancy Luetzow

2012-2014

Arthur J. McDonnell, Mayor

Iggy Yuan

Gina Jaksetic

Gerry Biedenstein

Paul Ward

Bob Sears

Nancy Luetzow

2010-2012

Arthur J. McDonnell, Mayor

Iggy Yuan

Timothy E. Griffin

Gina Jaksetic

Gerry Biedenstein

Paul W. Ward

Bob Sears

2008-2010

Arthur J. McDonnell, Mayor

Iggy Yuan

Joseph E. Godi

Timothy E. Griffin

Gina Jaksetic

Gerry Biedenstein

Paul W. Ward

2006-2008

Mike Swoboda, Mayor

Michael H.T. Lynch

Arthur J. McDonnell

Iggy Yuan

Connie Karr (elected to 2nd term)

Joseph E. Godi (elected to 2nd term)

Timothy E. Griffin

2004-2006

Mike Swoboda, Mayor (elected to 2nd term)

Michael H.T. Lynch (elected to 2nd term)

Arthur J. McDonnell (elected to 2nd term)

Connie Karr

Joseph E. Godi

Thomas J. Noonan

Timothy E. Griffin

2002-2004

Mike Swoboda, Mayor

Michael H.T. Lynch

Arthur J. McDonnell

Paul W. Ward

Connie Karr

Joseph E. Godi

Thomas J. Noonan

2000-2002

Mike Swoboda, Mayor

Richard G. Byrd – elected to State House in November 2000

Michael H.T. Lynch

Timothy E. Griffin

Arthur J. McDonnell

Thomas J. Noonan

Paul W. Ward

Joseph E. Godi – elected April 2001 to fill Byrd's unexpired term

1998-2000

Marjorie B. Schramm, Mayor

Barbara J. Byerly

Richard G. Byrd (elected to 2nd term)

Charles Fuszner

Timothy Griffin (elected to 2nd term)

Tom Noonan

Mike Swoboda

1996-1998

Marjorie B. Schramm, Mayor (elected to 2nd term)

Barbara J. Byerly (elected to 2nd term)

Richard G. Byrd

Charles Fuszner (elected to 2nd term)

Timothy Griffin

Carl J. Lumley

Mike Swoboda (elected to 2nd term)

1994-1996

Marjorie B. Schramm, Mayor

Barbara J. Byerly

Charles D. Fuszner

Timothy E. Griffin (elected to 2nd term)

Mike Swoboda

Richard G. Byrd

Carl J. Lumley

1992-94

Marjorie B. Schramm, Mayor

Barbara J. Byerly

Charles D. Fuszner

Agnes Garino

Michael Gibbons – left office in 1993; elected to State House

Timothy E. Griffin -- elected in special election 1993 to fill Gibbons vacancy

Mike Swoboda

Ruth Van Goor

1990-1992

Herbert Jones, Mayor
Michael Gibbons
Dana Campbell
Francis Scheidegger
Marjorie B. Schramm
Ruth Van Goor
Agnes Garino

1988-90

Herbert Jones, Mayor
Phyllis Evans
Michael Gibbons
Dana Campbell
Francis Scheidegger
Marjorie B. Schramm
Ruth Van Goor

1986-1988

Herbert Jones, Mayor
Phyllis Evans
Gary Reim
Francis Scheidegger
Marjorie B. Schramm
Ruth Van Goor
Michael Gibbons

1984-86

Herbert Jones, Mayor (4 year term)
Phyllis Evans (2 year term)
Gary Reim (4 year term)
Francis Scheidegger (4 year term)
Marjorie B. Schramm (4 year term)
Ruth Van Goor (2 year term)
Roger VonderBruegge (2 year term)

Prior to adoption of the current City Charter, the following individuals led the City of Kirkwood. This is the history of elected officials from 1865 to 1984, in chronological order.

Trustees of the Town of Kirkwood, 1865-1899

1865-66

Hiram W. Leffingwell, Chairman

Albert G. Edwards

Richard S. Elliott

William T. Essex

Lucius D. Morse

Francis Berg -- resigned May 3, 1865

Henry T. Mudd -- to fill Berg vacancy

1867-68

William T. Essex

Lucius D. Morse

Henry T. Mudd -- resigned February 17, 1868

J.W. Sutherland, Chairman

Francis Berg

Albert G. Edwards

Richard Holme --to fill Mudd vacancy

1869-1870

John W. Sutherland

Francis Berg

Albert G. Edwards -- resigned August 3, 1869

Dr. John Pitman, Chairman

Joshua L. Tracy -- resigned April 19, 1869

August Mitzelfeldt

Thomas L. Mills -- to fill Tracy vacancy

A. O. Grubb -- to fill Edwards vacancy

1871-72

Dr. John Pitman, Chairman

August Mitzelfeldt

Thomas L. Mills

Lemuel G. Pardee

Theodore Heege

Michael Higgins

1873-74

Lemuel G. Pardee

Theodore Heege
Michael Higgins
Dr. John Pitman, Chairman
Joseph R. Matthews
William Armentrout

1875-76

Dr. John Pitman
Joseph R. Matthews, Chairman
William Armentrout
A.B. Garrison
Matthew W. Leet
Levi House

1877-78

A. B. Garrison, Chairman -- resigned as chairman December, 1877; resigned as member April 17, 1878
Matthew W. Leet
Levi House -- resigned January 21, 1878
John W. Andrews
William T. Essex, Chairman -- to fill Garrison vacancy
Joseph R. Matthews -- resigned April 19, 1878
James B. Roberts -- to fill House vacancy
Henry A. Hyatt -- to fill Garrison vacancy

1879-80

John W. Andrews
William T. Essex
Charles A. Lawton
George W. Tracy
Matthew W. Leet, Chairman
H.A. Hyatt -- to fill Matthews vacancy (see 1877-78)

1881-82

Charles A. Lawton
George W. Tracy
Matthew W. Leet, Chairman
George H. Gill
John W. Andrews
Dr. John Pitman

1883-84

George H. Gill
John W. Andrews
Dr. John Pitman
H. A. Hyatt
George W. Tracy
M. W. Leet, Chairman

1885-86

H. A. Hyatt
George W. Tracy
M. W. Leet, Chairman
John W. Andrews
George W. Gill
Dr. John Pitman

1887-88

John W. Andrews -- resigned March 19, 1888
George H. Gill
Dr. John Pitman
Cecil A. Kitchen -- to fill Andrews vacancy
H. A. Hyatt -- Chairman
T. D. Kimball
E. S. Buckner

1889-90

T. D. Kimball, Chairman
H. A. Hyatt
E. S. Buckner
R. M. Fry
Charles A. Lawton
Charles W. Catlin

1891-92

R. M. Fry
Charles A. Lawton
Charles W. Catlin
T. D. Kimball, Chairman
E. S. Buckner

H. A. Hyatt

1893-94

T. D. Kimball -- resigned November 11, 1892

E. S. Buckner -- resigned November 11, 1892

H. A. Hyatt -- resigned November 11, 1892

A. N. Edwards -- Chairman, resigned November 11, 1894

Douglass H. Donovan

George C. Burr

Alex C. Good -- to fill Kimball and Hyatt vacancies

William Bryan -- to fill Kimball and Hyatt vacancies

George D. Dana -- to fill Buckner vacancy; elected Chairman, November 11, 1894

1894-95

A. N. Edwards -- Chairman

George C. Burr

William M. Daly

D. H. Donovan

George G. Landers

Frank E. Nevins

1895-96

Trustees elected for 1895-96 were the same as above.

1896-97

F. E. Nevins, Chairman

William M. Daly

George G. Landers

John W. Good

Louis P. Hemm

Theodore Bopp

1897-98

Trustees elected for 1897-98 were the same as above.

1898-99

John W. Good, Chairman

Louis P. Hemm

Theodore Bopp

Dennis Lane

John Geiger
C. S. Armentrout

Aldermen of the City of Kirkwood, 1899-1930

1899-1900

T. D. Kimball, Mayor
L. P. Hemm
N. B. Weeks
Louis Blankemeier
G. D. Dna
Fred Heege
Dr. John Pitman

1900-01

W. M. Daly, Mayor
N. B. Weeks
Theodore B. Bopp
W. F. Warner
R. Pagenstecher
George Doerr
Fred Heege
Maurice Cronin

1901-02

W. M. Daly, Mayor
G. F. Kendall
W. F. Warner
Theodore B. Bopp
Thomas McCullough
Charles G. Ricker
Maurice Cronin
Dennis Lane
R. Pagenstecher

1902-03

W. M. Daly, Mayor
G. C. Landers
G. J. Kendall
Fred H. Hoch

Theodore B. Bopp
Thomas McCullough
Charles G. Ricker
M. W. Cronin
Dennis Lane

1903-04

W. M. Daly, Mayor
D. H. Black -- resigned
G. C. Landers
J. W. Evans
Fred H. Hoch
Theodore Spinner
Thomas McCullough
J. P. Schmitz
M. W. Cronin
M. S. Good -- to fill Black vacancy

1904-05

Charles G. Ricker, Mayor
T. B. Boyd
B. G. Crosby
Alex Keszler
J. W. Evans
W. M. Daly
Theodore Spinner
George L. Edwards
J. P. Schmitz

1905-06

Charles G. Ricker, Mayor
T. B. Boyd -- resigned
W. M. Daly
George L. Edwards
Alex Kessler
W. H. Marvin
M. C. Thaxton
E. A. Michel
M. W. Cronin
F. M. Dodge -- to fill Boyd vacancy

1906-1907

H. C. Ochterbeck, Mayor

W. F. Warner

Joseph N. Wilson

William Donworth

A. L. Ossenfort -- resigned

E. A. Michel

M. W. Cronin

M. C. Thaxton

W. H. Marvin

J. P. Schmitz -- to fill Ossenfort vacancy

1907-08

H. C. Ochterbeck, Mayor

George C. Floyd

W. F. Warner

J. C. Page

Joseph N. Wilson

W. M. Daly

William Donworth -- resigned

M. W. Cronin

J. P. Schmitz

R. Pagenstecher -- to fill Donworth vacancy

1908-09

J. H. Knierim, Mayor

Dr. H. G. Wyer

George C. Floyd

F. T. Rott

J. C. Page

R. Pagenstecher -- resigned

W. M. Daly

J. C. Berthold

M. W. Cronin

H. H. Hyatt -- to fill Pagenstecher vacancy

1909-10

J. H. Knierim, Mayor

J. R. French

Dr. H. G. Wyer
J. C. Page
F. T. Rott
T. W. Corley
J. W. Weber
John Millikin
J. C. Berthold

1910-11

Charles Hamilton, Mayor
J. C. Page
John Millikin
J. R. French
T. W. Corley
W. A. Simmons
W. E. Hough
F. X. Groschan
Dr. John Pitman

1911-12

Charles Hamilton, Mayor
Thomas W. Corley -- deceased December 1911
W. A. Simmons
W. E. Hough
F. X. Groschan
Dr. John Pitman
H. C. Ochterbeck -- resigned
Joseph R. Matthews
C. T. Winfrey
Stanley D. Pearce -- to fill Ochterbeck vacancy
Albert B. Chandler -- to fill Corley vacancy

1912-13

Joseph R. Matthews, Mayor
W. E. Hough
Claude T. Winfrey
Albert Chandler
Peter Prough
Frank W. Leet
Martin R. McDonnell

Thomas B. Smith
F. L. Wallace -- resigned
Albert J. Davis --to fill Wallace vacancy

1913-14

Joseph R. Matthews, Mayor
F. W. Leet
M. R. McDonnell
Peter Prough
J. W. Finlay
Dr. C. A. Dunnavant
W. A. Bopp
J. G. Hawken
George Bennett

1914-15

Joseph R. Matthews, Mayor
Peter Prough
George Bennett
F. W. Leet
Martin McDonnell
T. J. Masterson
Dr. C. A. Dunnavant
J. W. Finlay
W. A. Bopp

1915-16

Joseph R. Matthews, Mayor
George Bennett
Dr. C. A. Dunnavant
J. W. Finlay
Martin McDonnell
T. J. Masterson
Peter Prough
F. W. Leet
F. X. Groschan

1916-17

Joseph R. Matthews, Mayor
P. C. Bopp

J. W. Finlay
F. X. Groschan
J. F. Kullmar
Martin McDonnell
T. J. Masterson
Peter Prough
W. A. Rowe

1917-18

Joseph R. Matthews, Mayor
P. C. Bopp
J. W. Finlay
F. X. Groschan
J. F. Kullmar
T. J. Masterson
Martin McDonnell
Peter Prough
W. A. Rowe

1918-19

Joseph R. Matthews, Mayor
Peter Prough
Peter C. Bopp
W. A. Rowe
Martin McDonnell
J. F. Kullmar
J. W. Finlay
F. X. Groschan
T. J. Masterson

1919-20

Joseph R. Matthews, Mayor
Martin R. McDonnell
Peter Prough
H. C. Jeffries
W. A. Rowe
J. E. Brock
C. W. Disbrow
J. H. Ward
Peter C. Bopp

1920-21

Joseph R. Matthews, Mayor

Charles Disbrow

H. C. Jeffries

R. C. Houck

James E. Brock

W. O. Green

J. F. Kullmar

M. R. McDonnell

A. S. Cerny

1921-22

Joseph R. Matthews, Mayor

E. E. Beecher

W. O. Green

J. F. Kullmar

C. C. Irwin

R. C. Houck

A. S. Cerny

J. E. Brock

M. R. McDonnell

1922-23

Edward Beecher, Mayor

W. O. Green

O. E. Turner

C. C. Irwin

A. S. Cerny

Joseph Coulter

M. R. McDonnell

J. E. Brock

W. A. Bell

1923-24

Edward Beecher, Mayor

W. A. Bell

W. O. Green

C. C. Turner

Joseph Coulter

A. S. Cerny
M. R. McDonnell
J. C. A. Hiller

1924-25

Edward Beecher, Mayor -- resigned
W. A. Bell
Mrs. J. K. Broderick
O. E. Turner
C. C. Irwin
A. S. Cerny -- Mayor, to fill Beecher vacancy
Joseph Coulter
M. R. McDonnell
C. S. Sample
Robert Bovie -- to fill Cerny vacancy

1925-26

R. L. Jacobsmeyer, Mayor
A. S. Cerny
J. K. Lord, Jr.
C. C. Irwin
M. R. McDonnell
Mrs. J. K. Broderick
O. E. Turner
O. E. Jordan
C. S. Sample

1926-27

R. L. Jacobsmeyer, Mayor
J. K. Lord, Jr.
Mrs. J. K. Broderick
C. C. Irwin
C. W. Wheeler
A. S. Cerny
M. R. McDonnell
O. E. Jordan
C. S. Sample

1927-28

R. L. Jacobsmeyer, Mayor

W. A. Bell
Mrs. J. K. Broderick
C. C. Irwin
C. W. Wheeler
O. E. Jordan
T. L. Moriarity
M. R. McDonnell
Frank F. Stone

1928-29

R. L. Jacobsmeyer, Mayor
Mrs. J. K. Broderick
Frank F. Stone
C. W. Wheeler
M. R. McDonnell
T. L. Moriarity
C. C. Irwin
W. A. Bell
O. E. Jordan
A. E. Kehr
Jake Rieth
M. F. Kuchenbuch
Benjamin J. Smith

1929-30

R. L. Jacobsmeyer, Mayor
M. R. McDonnell
Frank F. Stone
T. L. Moriarity
C. W. Wheeler
Benjamin J. Smith
M. F. Kuchenbuch
Mrs. J. K. Broderick
Fred C. Howell
Jake Reith
Ernest M. Dierl
George Engel
O. E. Jordan

Councilmen of the City of Kirkwood, 1930-1997

1930-34

A. S. Kinyon, Mayor
William L. Hoeman
Irvine A. McGirk

1934-36

A. S. Kinyon, Mayor
William L. Hoeman
Irvine A. McGirk

1936-38

A. S. Kinyon, Mayor
William L. Hoeman
Irvine A. McGirk

1938-1940

A. S. Kinyon, Mayor
Irvine A. McGirk -- deceased
Charles F. Hoyt
Mrs. Elizabeth McGirk -- to fill McGirk vacancy

1940-44

A. S. Kinyon, Mayor
William L. Berthold
Charles F. Hoyt

1944-48

A. S. Kinyon, Mayor
William L. Berthold
Charles F. Hoyt
Charles D. Thursby

1948-52

A. S. Kinyon, Mayor
William L. Berthold
Fred F. Farrow
A. J. Cerny

1952-56

William L. Berthold, Mayor
Fred. F. Farrow
Don A. Fischer
A. J. Cerny

1956-60

William L. Berthold, Mayor
Fred F. Farrow
A. J. Cerny
Don A. Fischer

1960-64

William H. Pfitzinger, Mayor
Ninian M. Edwards
Robert E. Staed
Robert G. Reim

1964-68

Robert G. Reim, Mayor
Ninian M. Edwards – left office 1965
Robert E. Staed
Philip Hallof, Jr.
Francis Scheidegger
Robert L. Murphy – appointed 1966 to fill Edwards vacancy

1968-72

Robert G. Reim, Mayor
Robert E. Staed – resigns 1970
Philip Hallof, Jr.
Francis Scheidegger
Robert L. Murphy
Donald C. Ainsworth – appointed 1970 to fill Staed vacancy

1972-76

Philip Hallof, Jr., Mayor
Joseph E. Godi
Herbert Jones
Francis Scheidegger
Harold Whitfield

1976-80

Philip Halloff, Jr., Mayor

Francis Scheidegger

Mike Swoboda

James Berthold

Steve Woodard

1980-84

Philip Halloff, Jr., Mayor

Marjorie B. Schramm

Mike Swoboda

Francis Scheidegger

Joseph E. Godi