

Thank You to our Greentree Sponsors

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the 2022 Greentree Festival! We'd like to thank all the City staff, volunteers, participants, and sponsors that make this festival a fun, welcoming, and safe event each year. We'd also like to give a special shout-out and a big THANK YOU to the Police & Fire Departments for their assistance

throughout the duration of the festival. We couldn't do it without your help and support!

If you would like to get involved with planning next year's Greentree Festival, please complete a volunteer profile form here on our website: <https://kirkwoodmo.seamlessdocs.com/f/vprofile>.



Friends of the Festival: Tropical Moose, Pet Supplies Plus, Planning Design Studio, Bopp Chapel, Commerce Bank, Kiddie Academy, Carrollton Bank, Dustin Imgarten - American Family Insurance

More Parking Added in Downtown

The City of Kirkwood has reached an agreement with St. Peter Catholic Church to make 90 parking spaces available to visitors of downtown Kirkwood. The church's parking lot will be available for public parking, with the exception of Sunday church service hours and other special events hosted by St. Peter. The City is glad to work with this valued community partner to ensure there continues to be ample parking available for patrons of our historic downtown district.

Human Rights Commission Accepting Nominations for Excellence Award

The Kirkwood Human Rights Commission (KHRC) is now accepting nominations for its annual Denis Hart Award for Excellence.

The deadline to apply is November 14, 2022. The "Denis Hart Award for Excellence" is presented to an individual (or individuals) who embraces and exemplifies the spirit and intent of the KHRC and has worked to promote respect for the awareness and appreciation of diversity, encouraged positive human relationships within the community, and eliminated discrimination based on economic status, race, color religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, familial status or gender identity.

Anyone who has lived or worked within the City of Kirkwood during the past three years is eligible to be nominated for the award. Formerly known as the HRC Award of Excellence, the award was renamed in early 2020 in honor of the late Denis Hart, an HRC Commissioner. Hart served as Human Rights Commission Chair for 6 years. In 2020 Roberta McWoods received the award and in 2021 Brandi Martine and Douglas Riggs were named dual recipients.

Nominations may be submitted by mail to: The Kirkwood Human Rights Commission, 139 S. Kirkwood Rd. Kirkwood, MO 63122 or by email to Jessica Winter at winterja@kirkwoodmo.org. Nominations are due no later than 5 pm Monday, November 14, 2022. The Kirkwood Human Rights Commission will select the awardee and announce it in January 2023.

Downtown Kirkwood Halloween Walk

Downtown Kirkwood's annual Halloween Walk will be held Thursday, October 27 with trick-or-treating for children from 5-7 p.m. at participating businesses, and City Hall trick-or-treating from 4-5 p.m. Trick-or-treat locations are located throughout Downtown Kirkwood and participants will give free candy to children while supplies last.

The streets in the heart of Downtown Kirkwood will be closed to increase safety for all participants. The two blocks of Jefferson and Argonne, between N. Clay and N. Taylor Avenues, as well as Kirkwood Road between Monroe Avenue and Adams Avenue, will be closed to vehicular traffic starting at 3:00 p.m., on October 27. These areas will be open to pedestrians. Many public parking lots will still be accessible.

Participating merchants:

- Blush Boutique, 159 W. Argonne
- Christopher's, 127 E. Argonne
- Cornucopia, 107 N. Kirkwood
- Head to Toe Dancewear, 200 W. Argonne
- Junction Orthodontics, 209 S. Kirkwood
- K9 Kremery, 110 N. Kirkwood
- Kent Jewelry, 114 W. Jefferson
- Lass & Laddie, 161 W. Jefferson
- LifeSmile Dental Care, 139 W. Monroe
- Lucille Rapp Dance Studio, 153 W. Argonne
- Mark Anthony Gifts & Spa, 121 N. Kirkwood
- MOD ON TREND, 112 E. Jefferson
- paperdolls, 110 E. Jefferson
- The Refill Effect, 204 N. Clay
- Three Doors, 211 S. Kirkwood



Kirkwood Electric Rate Adjustment

Beginning October 1, 2022, Kirkwood Electric customers will see an adjustment to the per kilowatt hour (kWh) rate you are charged for electricity. The per kWh summer and winter rates will increase by 3.5 cents. This adjustment aims to recover the above-market power purchases made due to external factors that dramatically increased the cost of energy needed to keep your home comfortable.

Since 2017 Kirkwood Electric has absorbed the price spikes in the energy market that have been escalating to record levels since 2008. This adjustment will also allow Kirkwood Electric to replenish the cash reserves it utilizes in part to absorb temporary price spikes in the energy market so our customers don't see rate increases on a monthly basis as is customary for other utilities. Kirkwood Electric remains committed to keeping your electricity

costs affordable and equitable because we know our customers rely on electricity to live, work and thrive. We are continually working to strengthen and modernize our electrical system and operations so that we can stand up to changing weather, and market fluctuations to meet the energy needs of our customers.

What does this mean for overall electric rates?

The summer rate (June - September) for electricity will increase from 10.5 cents to 14 cents per kWh and the winter rate (October - May) will increase from 9.45 cents to 12.95 cents per kWh.

How will the rate adjustment impact my utility bill?

The average residential customer in Kirkwood can expect an increase of about \$25 a month on their utility bill due to this adjustment.

1st Annual Kirkwood Fire & Police Fun Run

The Kirkwood Firefighters Community Outreach is excited to hold the first annual Kirkwood Fire-Police Fun Run 5K on Saturday, October 22nd. This run is a one-day Halloween-themed event. It starts in the morning at 7:45 am beginning at Kirkwood Firehouse House 3, located at 1321 W Essex Road, Kirkwood MO, 63122, with a timed 5k run and an untimed 1-mile loop Fun Run. Bring your family, dress in costumes, and run some of the beautiful streets of Kirkwood during the peak of fall! As this is the first year of this event, we will not have awards. However, plenty of candy will be waiting for you at the finish line!

Registration is required to participate. Participants may

pick up their race packets the day before the race between 10 am and 6 pm on October 21st at Kirkwood Firehouse 3 (address above). If you are unable to pick up your packet before race day, you can pick it up on the morning of the race beginning at 6 am. Visit www.kirkwoodmo.org/FireFunRun to register.

We are also in search of volunteers for the race! If you'd like to volunteer, please visit kirkwoodmo.org/FireFunRun, click "volunteer" in the sidebar on the left, and choose which task you'd like to do. We greatly appreciate any and all help!



Human Rights Commission Recognizes Additional Employees for Hiring those with Diverse Abilities

Great Harvest Bread Company (125 W. Argonne) and The Greek Kitchen (343 S. Kirkwood Rd.) have recently been awarded window stickers recognizing their employment of individuals with diverse abilities (physical, psychological or developmental challenges).

They join previous Employment Initiative Awardees

Sammysoap, Pioneer Bakery, and Schnuck's Market. Kirkwood employers who have made this commitment can apply for a window sticker by contacting the KHRC by contacting Jessica Winter at winterja@kirkwoodmo.org or through the City's website at Kirkwoodmo.org/HumanRights.

