



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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SHARE THE ROAD WITH CYCLISTS IN KIRKWOOD



The City has installed a large number of bicycle markings on roadways throughout Kirkwood. These markings include dedicated bicycle lanes and Shared Lane Markings. The markings are being installed in an effort to implement the community-supported 2015 Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, which designated various bicycle routes. All motorists and cyclists should remember that

cyclists are permitted to operate legally on all roadways within Kirkwood and that both the motorist and cyclist should always use extreme caution when operating in the same space.

Here are a few tips for cyclists:

- Always wear a helmet.
- Always ride with the direction of traffic.
- Follow the rules of the road (e.g., stop at stop signs, use a hand signal for turns, etc.)
- Remain alert at all times and ride defensively.
- Ride as far to the right as possible while maintaining safe distance between yourself and parked cars or other obstacles.

Here are a few tips for motorists:

- Remember that cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers.
- Pass cyclists as you would vehicles, always giving sufficient room.
- Be especially alert when crossing a cyclist's path to turn right or merge into a parking lane.
- Do not park across dedicated bicycle lanes.

For more information about the Pedestrian Bicycle Plan, visit the Long Range Planning page on the City website, or contact City Planner Jonathan Raiche at 314-984-5926 or raichejd@kirkwoodmo.org.

HELP CELEBRATE KIRKWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY ON OCTOBER 27

Help us celebrate the 100th anniversary of Kirkwood's Fire Department's founding. This past July 25 marked the 100-year anniversary of the "career" fire department in the City of Kirkwood. On that date in 1918, the first paid, full-time fire department went on duty in Kirkwood. This new department replaced the all-volunteer fire company that had been organized after a large fire wiped out the City's armory on April 30, 1904. A volunteer bucket brigade had also served the City prior to that, beginning in 1853.

The current Fire Department is served by 54 men and women. These proud members deliver an all-hazards response service from three strategically located fire stations in the City, serving both the cities of Kirkwood and Oakland. The anniversary celebration will be held Saturday, October 27, at Fire Station #1, 137 W. Argonne Drive, in downtown Kirkwood. The ceremony will be at 10:30 a.m., and the Open House will run from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

CITY WILL HOLD CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING FOR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The City of Kirkwood will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for its new Performing Arts Center on Thursday, November 8, at 4:00 p.m. The site for the new Center will be at the corner of South Taylor Avenue and Monroe Avenue in downtown Kirkwood. The groundbreaking ceremony will be held there. The public is invited to attend.



The new Performing Arts Center is scheduled to open in late spring 2020. The City anticipates that STAGES St. Louis will open for their 2020 season as the first tenant to occupy the new space. Other tenants will include Kirkwood Theatre Guild and the Kirkwood Youth Theatre program. Both STAGES and Kirkwood Theatre Guild have contributed financially to the development of the Center.

Planning for the Center has been underway for about two years now, and construction is expected to begin immediately. Renderings of the new Center will be on display at the groundbreaking for the public and the media to review.

COUNCIL MEMBER LUETZOW RECEIVES OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

Kirkwood Council Member Nancy Luetzow has earned the Certified Municipal Official designation from the Missouri Municipal League's Municipal Governance Institute. To earn this, an official must complete 16 credit hours of training conducted or endorsed by the Institute. Council member Luetzow received training in parliamentary procedures, the Open Meetings and Records Law, conflicts of interest, and the State Ethics Law, to name just a few.

VOLUNTEER IN KIRKWOOD PARKS!

Volunteers are needed for three separate days to help with removal of invasive bush honeysuckle at Meramec Highlands Quarry at Dee Koestering Park, 1703 Marshall Road. Bush honeysuckle is an invasive plant that takes over in wooded areas. Your help is needed. No experience is necessary. Individuals, families, groups, and organizations can volunteer. The dates are: October 27, November 3, and November 10. Volunteers are encouraged to bring handsaws, loppers, or other tools. For more information or to volunteer, call Kylie Christanell at 314-984-5993 or email her: kparkv@kirkwoodmo.org.

RESIDENTS ASKED TO REGISTER FOR COMMUNITY CAMERA PROGRAM

The Kirkwood Police Department is asking residents to register their exterior security cameras with the Police Department. In the event of a crime in your area, your exterior camera may capture evidence that could be useful in an investigation. The police will only have your address and will NOT request remote access to your camera. If you register your camera and there is a crime in your neighborhood, an officer might contact you about viewing your video. For more information, please contact Det. Sgt. Steve Urbeck at 314-822-5880, or access the online form on the City website.

OCCUPANT PROTECTION ENFORCEMENT DAY

Kirkwood will join efforts of statewide law enforcement on November 8 for an aggressive "Click It or Ticket" mobilization. The goal of the enforcement program is to get more motorists to buckle up – and to save more lives. Despite evidence that proves the benefits of wearing a seatbelt, 13 percent of Missouri motorists still do not wear a seatbelt. Even worse, 64 percent of occupants killed in 2017 crashes in Missouri were not using their seatbelt. "We'll be out there to remind you that seatbelts can and do save lives," said Kirkwood Police Chief Brian Murphy. Buckle Up and Arrive Alive. For more information, visit www.saveMOLives.com

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WILL HOLD FALL FORUM NOVEMBER 2

Kirkwood's Human Rights Commission will host a Fall Forum on the topic of social justice on Friday, November 2, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Road, in the small gymnasium. State Representative Bruce Franks will be the featured speaker. He will discuss the current state of social justice efforts, including his ideas about what should be the focus of current efforts and concrete actions citizens can take now and going forward. Rep. Franks was a core leader in the social action campaigns that followed the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson. He is widely recognized as a respected leader in the social justice movement in St. Louis County and beyond. This forum is free and open to the public. There will be coffee and conversation at 6:00 p.m., with a presentation by Rep. Franks at 6:30, followed by questions.

TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION BEGINS NOVEMBER 5

Kirkwood Fire Department will once again collect toys, in partnership with the United States Marines, for the Toys for Tots program. This is the fifth year that Kirkwood's Fire Department has collected toys. The Marines have been doing this toy drive for more than 70 years. The toys donated in the St. Louis area will go to families in the St. Louis area.

Toy Drop-Offs: Beginning November 5, new and unwrapped toys can be brought to Fire House 2 at 11804 Big Bend, during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday).

Stuff the Ambulance: On December 7 and 8, the community is encouraged to "Stuff the Ambulance" with toys on the Wal-Mart parking lot at 1202 S. Kirkwood Road, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7, and 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, December 8.

NOVEMBER 2018 MEETINGS CALENDAR

- 11/1 City Council 7pm, WS 5:30pm
- 11/2 Citizens' Finance Cmte, 7am
- 11/5 Architectural Review Board 7pm, WS 6pm
- 11/7 Planning & Zoning, 7pm
- 11/8 City Council Work Session, 7am
- 11/8 Performing Arts Center Groundbreaking, 4pm
- 11/12 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 11/12 Park Board, 7pm, at Community Center
- 11/13 Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
- 11/13 Municipal Court, 7pm
- 11/14 Landmarks Commission, 7pm
- 11/15 City Council 7pm, WS 5:30pm
- 11/19 Architectural Review Board 7pm, WS 6pm
- 11/22 THANKSGIVING: CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- 11/22 Turkey Day Run, 7:30am
- 11/23 THANKSGIVING: CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- 11/27 Urban Forestry Commission, 7pm
- 11/29 Arts Commission, 5pm, at Community Center

Except where noted, meetings are typically held at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 South Kirkwood Road. Please check the Meetings Calendar on the City's Website for agendas, room locations, or any last-minute changes. Meeting agendas are also posted at City Hall.

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Kirkwood City Council: Mayor: Timothy E. Griffin. Council Members: Nancy Luetzow, Maggie Duwe, Ellen Z. Edman, Mark Zimmer, Wallace Ward, Kara Wurtz. **Kirkwood Administration:** Chief Administrative Officer: Russell B. Hawes. City Clerk: Betty Montano. To reach the City Clerk or Council, call 822-5802. To reach City offices, call 822-5800 for a list of extensions. The City Council meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road. The public is invited to attend. For information about other meetings, City services, and events, visit the City's Website: www.kirkwoodmo.org.