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NEW TREE ORDINANCE – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



These trees in the right-of-way have been trimmed improperly. This is a heading cut or “topping” of trees, which is prohibited in the right-of-way.

Kirkwood City Council passed a new “Tree” ordinance in December 2018, a copy of which can be found on the City website on the Urban Forestry Commission page: kirkwoodmo.org/UrbanForestry. A new “Tree Manual” is also available to review on the same page of the website. Below are a few questions and answers about the new ordinance. The full set of FAQs will be mailed to residents with their February utility bills.

Q. What is a “public” tree vs a “private” tree?

A. Private trees are located on private property. Public trees are located in the City’s right-of-way (ROW) areas. Typically, but not always, this means in the area at the front of a dwelling or business, in the space between the curb and the sidewalk. When there’s no sidewalk, the ROW extends into the front yard of the property. To be certain, property owners can consult the title drawing they received when they purchased the property. The Kirkwood City Map located on the City’s website also shows property lines and ROW areas. (See instructions below.)

Q. What are my responsibilities as a property owner?

A. Property owners are responsible for clearance pruning of public and private trees, as outlined in the Nuisance Code. These requirements are:

- Trees must be trimmed to a minimum of 7 feet above sidewalks or walkways.
- There must be a minimum height and vertical clearance of 12 feet at the curb line on the street and a vertical clearance of 14 feet above the center of the traffic lane.
- There must be a clear line of sight for at least 75 feet on the approach to all traffic signals or signs.

Q. Do I need a permit to take down a diseased or dead tree?

A. No. No permit is required to take down a tree for any reason on private property.

Q. What about trees in the ROW – do I need a permit to take those down?

A. Yes. To take down or perform any maintenance above the responsibilities outlined in the Nuisance Code (as outlined above), a permit must be obtained from the City’s Urban Forester.

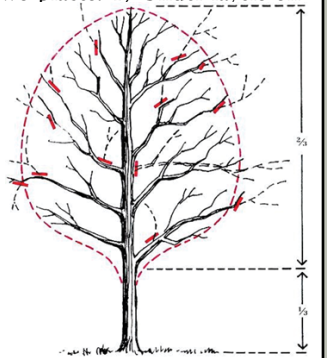
Q. How much pruning is too much?

A. Pruning beyond the clearance requirements is too much without a permit. For example, heading cuts or “topping” of trees, tree removal, or thinning of trees located in the City’s ROW is restricted. See photo for an example of what “topping” or heading cuts look like.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE KIRKWOOD BASEMAP ON THE CITY WEBSITE:

To access the ROW markings on the City’s online map, visit www.kirkwoodmo.org/citymap, choose the “Kirkwood Basemap,” and then find your property by typing in the address in the “Find address or place” search bar in the upper right-hand corner. You can also click on the “target” icon, below the plus/minus icons on the left side, and it will zoom in on your location. Then turn on the aerial view. You can find this in two places: 1) Under layers on the right side. 2) Using the basemap icon located at the top of the map on the left side. This icon looks like a block of four squares.

Once in aerial view, you will be able to see where the trees on your property are and if they fall within the right-of-way area or not. You can use the zoom keys to zoom in and out or use your mouse to do the same.



Drawing indicates proper tree pruning.

~ KIRKWOOD CALENDAR ~

CITY OFFICES CLOSED ON WASHINGTON’S BIRTHDAY

City Hall and most City offices will be closed on February 18 in observation of Washington’s Birthday/ Presidents’ Day. Sanitation will not be collected on the holiday and all routes will be delayed by a day all week.

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

- February 15 – 17: Gem and Mineral Show. For full details, visit www.cabinfeverprod.com.
- March 2 – 3: Artists’ Boutique. For full details, visit www.artistsboutique.org

URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR: NOMINATIONS OPEN NOW

Nominations are now open for the Urban Forestry Advocate of the Year Award. This award is given “in recognition of those whose exceptional efforts have encouraged and sustained effective urban forestry

practices.” The nomination form is due March 15 and can be found on the City’s website at www.kirkwoodmo.org/urbanforestry

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR 2019 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

The Kirkwood Human Rights Commission Award for Excellence is presented to individuals who embrace and exemplify the spirit and intent of the Commission and have worked to promote the following:

- Respect for the awareness and appreciation of diversity
- Encouraged positive human relationships within the community
- Efforts to eliminate 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.

The full nominating guidelines for the Award are posted on the home page of the City’s website at kirkwoodmo.org. Nominations should include the name of the nominee, a description of why they deserve the award, including specific examples of achievements, and contact information for both the nominee and the person nominating. Nominations should be received by Kathie Valentine, at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, no later than 4:00 p.m., February 15, 2019. For questions, please contact Amanda Sher at 314-322-7986 or Amanda_sher@yahoo.com.



Firefighter/Paramedic Matt Mathes captured this photo of Kirkwood Fire House #2 on a recent snowy evening.

FEBRUARY 2019 MEETINGS CALENDAR

- 1/31 Special Council Work Session, 5:30pm
- 2/4 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 2/6 Planning & Zoning, 7pm
- 2/7 City Council 7pm, WS 5:30pm
- 2/11 Aquatic Advisory Council, 6:45pm
- 2/11 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 2/12 Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
- 2/13 Landmarks Commission, 7pm
- 2/14 Council Work Session, 7am
- 2/18 CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- 2/19 Arts Commission, 5pm, at Community Center
- 2/19 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 2/20 Library Board, 5:30pm, at Library
- 2/20 Planning & Zoning, 7pm
- 2/21 City Council 7pm, WS 5:30pm
- 2/25 Park Board, 7pm, at Community Center
- 2/26 Urban Forestry Commission, 7pm
- 2/27 Greentree Committee, 7pm, 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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MAJOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT ALONG KIRKWOOD ROAD WILL IMPROVE TRAFFIC EXPERIENCE AND SAFETY

A major traffic signal project along Kirkwood Road began work in mid-January and will continue through November. There will be intermittent, temporary lane closures and some traffic delays. Drivers who use Kirkwood Road for part of their commute or to visit Downtown should expect delays during construction. Signs will be posted along the route, and traffic updates will be communicated on the City's website and social media pages.

When finished, the project will result in improved safety for pedestrians and motorists as well as a smoother traffic experience. The new traffic signal infrastructure will be interconnected to enhance signal system efficiency, resulting in better traffic flow and fewer idling cars, which will help to reduce emissions.

Safety improvements for pedestrians include ADA-compliant lighted intersections all along the route, with pedestrian push buttons and sidewalk connections across the BNSF railroad that will enhance accessibility. New ADA-compliant, wider sidewalks from Nipher Middle School south to Chester Avenue will improve student pedestrian safety as well.



Rendering of proposed intersection changes, with new light poles and horizontal signals.

The project also includes some aesthetic improvements. Horizontal signal heads will differentiate the Kirkwood corridor of Lindbergh and allow for improved views of the City's downtown character. The horizontal mounting style is compliant with state and federal regulations. These distinctive signals will also feature decorative mast arms with edge-lit street signs and luminaires that replicate the design of existing downtown Kirkwood street lights.

What to Expect During Construction:

- Construction work from January through April, along Kirkwood Road from Manchester on the north to Big Bend on the south, will involve intermittent lane and sidewalk closures. Work on the BNSF railroad crossing began in January and will continue into February, with the outer northbound lane closed 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Conduit installation for the fiber optic cable also was scheduled to start in late January or early February.
- Major construction will start in May and run through November at 11 intersections along the route. Crews may work on more than one intersection at a time, but work at each intersection will be continuous until it is finished and re-opened. Kirkwood Road will remain open throughout construction, but temporary lane closures will be necessary. Electronic message boards along the route will provide drivers with advance notice of lane closures.

Full details about the project can be found on the City website. Questions about the project can be directed to Kirkwood City Engineer Ted Dunkmann at 314-822-5820 or by email: dunkmatj@kirkwoodmo.org.



RECREATION REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1

Spring Recreation Guides will be mailed out at the end of January, and registration for all classes and programs – except camps – opens on February 1. Here are a few other dates and programs to remember:

Let's Party Like it's 1999: The pool turns 20 this year, and to celebrate, we are offering an Anniversary Sale price on season passes to the pool – but only during this period: **March 1 thru 20**. Celebrate 20 years of summer fun at the pool by taking \$20 off your season pool pass price during this sale (one discount per household). The sale ends March 20, so don't delay!

- February 8: Camp registration opens online for residents.
- February 15: Camp registration opens in person and on the phone for residents.
- March 19, 20, 21 (three dates): Spring Break Camp! Drop the kids at the Community Center for a day or more of camp fun during KSD spring break. Grades 1-5, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. \$25 per day/residents; \$30 per day/nonresidents.
- NEW! Zumbini. Created by Zumba and BabyFirst, Zumbini uses music and movement to promote cognitive, social, emotional, and motor skill development for children. Ages 0-4 with adult. Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Cost depends on session. Register at: www.zumbini.com
- NEW! Babysitting Basics. Facilitated by Safety Basics, LLC. Bring a regular size baby doll to class to practice baby care skills. A booklet is provided along with a light snack. Ages 12 to 15 or 6th to 8th grades. February 23, 9:00 a.m. to noon. \$35/participant.
- NEW! Basics of Staying Home Alone. Facilitated by Safety Basics, LLC. Help prepare your child to stay home alone in this interactive program. Ages 9-11 or 3rd-5th grades. March 2, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. \$28/participant.
- Nature Hikes with April. Perfect for little ones and families alike. Multiple dates in February, March, April, May, June, July, and August. Check Program Guide for full information.
- Yoga for Beginners. This "back to basics" yoga class is ideal for beginners and anyone looking to strengthen their practice. Bring a yoga mat. Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Four sessions starting February 12, March 26, May 7 and June 18, five weeks each. \$35/resident rate per session; \$40/nonresident rate. \$8 per class drop-in rate.
- Photo Contest: Snap a picture of family and friends enjoying our parks, programs, or facilities and you could win: Grand Prize (\$50 activity credit), Runner-Up (\$25 activity credit), or Honorable Mention (\$10 activity credit). Activity credits good toward any Kirkwood Parks and Recreation-facilitated event or program. Your photos could appear in future Recreation Guides or on the City website. Email photos to THALLK@kirkwoodmo.org by August 31 (max of 5 photos per person). Winners will be notified by email on or before September 30.

IN THE NEW YEAR, STAY CONNECTED, STAY INFORMED!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU: HOW TO REACH THE CITY

- **By Phone:** For a list of most department extensions, call 314-822-5800.
- **By Email:** Send your inquiries to Info@Kirkwoodmo.org.
- **On the Web:** On the City website, at www.kirkwoodmo.org, click on "Contact Us."
- **On a Mobile Device:** KirkwoodKonnnect is the City's customer service mobile app. Use it to make requests, such as reporting a pothole, and then track the request to see how it is being handled. Find it in the App Store on your mobile device and download it for free.

STAY INFORMED: HOW TO STAY CONNECTED

- **In Print:** This newsletter, Eye on Kirkwood, is published on the last Friday of the month, here inside the Webster-Kirkwood Times.
- **In Your Inbox:** Sign up to have the City's e-newsletters delivered to your email inbox on Thursdays: Events and news on weeks #1 and #2. Trash Talk on week #3. The Arts Calendar on week #4. (Schedule subject to change.) To sign up, send an email to: Newsletters@Kirkwoodmo.org.
- **On Social Media:** The City maintains accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The City's Twitter handle is: @KirkwoodCity. The City's Instagram handle is also @KirkwoodCity. For Facebook, there are multiple pages:
 - The City's main page, at: [Facebook.com/CityOfKirkwoodMo](https://www.facebook.com/CityOfKirkwoodMo)
 - Police: [Facebook.com/KirkwoodPD](https://www.facebook.com/KirkwoodPD)
 - Fire: [Facebook.com/KirkwoodFire](https://www.facebook.com/KirkwoodFire)
 - Parks and Recreation: [Facebook.com/KirkwoodParksRec](https://www.facebook.com/KirkwoodParksRec)
 - Ice Arena: [Facebook.com/KirkwoodIceRink](https://www.facebook.com/KirkwoodIceRink)
 - Arts Commission: [Facebook.com/KirkwoodArtsCommission](https://www.facebook.com/KirkwoodArtsCommission)
 - Human Rights Commission: [Facebook.com/KHRC63122](https://www.facebook.com/KHRC63122)

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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: Laurie Asche. 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.

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