



EYE ON KIRKWOOD

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HOW DOES THE BUDGET PROCESS WORK?

The budget development process in Kirkwood begins in August of each year and includes input and review by a Council-appointed Citizens' Finance Committee (CFC). City department heads begin to review their current-year budget expenditures in August. They create a proposed budget for their department, which they submit to the Finance Director in September. The CFC begins meeting in September and continues for several months, discussing budget priorities. The City Council then meets with the CFC and the

City's department heads in Work Sessions over a three-month period beginning in December and continuing through February before a final budget is approved in March of each year. It's a deliberate, detailed process, but it ensures that City funds are spent efficiently and wisely.

Kirkwood's Citizen Finance Committee is a bit of an anomaly. Many municipalities do not have citizen input in the budget process. Kirkwood's committee was established so that elected officials and staff could hear from citizens about their

priorities, and our CFC takes its responsibilities seriously. Each year they compile a report with their thoughts and recommendations, and City Council gives it careful consideration. This year, Council held a public hearing on the City's proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 on February 21. They will vote to approve and adopt the budget at two meetings in March, with the final vote on March 21. The approved budget becomes effective on April 1.

NEW STORMWATER REGULATIONS TAKE EFFECT MARCH 4

The City's recently adopted Infill Development Stormwater Regulations are set to take effect March 4, 2019. Any full application package for the Architectural Review Board or the Planning and Zoning Commission received on or after this date will be subject to the new regulations.

Land development permanently alters the way in which stormwater flows across a site due to grading, compaction, and the installation of impervious cover. In an attempt to reduce these impacts, the City of Kirkwood requires, in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 5, Article VI, Infill

Development Storm Water Management, that stormwater management measures be utilized on major development projects. These measures aim to reduce the amount of runoff created by the development through Green Infrastructure Techniques. The City acknowledges these regulations will not solve all stormwater-related issues within the City; however, this is a reasonable effort to reduce impacts of development on stormwater.

Requirements: Regulated Infill Development with the following conditions are required to

provide stormwater management in compliance with the new regulations:

- Developments creating 1,000 square feet or more of net additional impervious area.
- Developments causing the total impervious area on a lot to be greater than 25 percent of the total lot area.

Please visit the City's stormwater page on its website at: www.kirkwoodmo.org/stormwater to find more information, including the ordinance, technical manuals, and maintenance checklists.

KIRKWOOD ELECTRIC RECEIVES 2019 TREE LINE USA RECOGNITION

The Arbor Day Foundation has named Kirkwood Electric a 2019 Tree Line USA recipient in honor of its commitment to proper tree pruning, planting, and care of trees in Kirkwood. Tree Line USA, a partnership between the Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters, recognizes public and private utilities for pursuing practices that protect and enhance America's urban trees. Tree Line USA promotes the dual goals of delivering safe

and reliable electricity while maintaining healthy community forests.

"Trees are a critical part of urban landscapes all across the United States," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Service providers like Kirkwood Electric demonstrate that it's possible for trees and utilities to co-exist for the benefit of communities and citizens."

Kirkwood Electric achieved the Tree Line

USA designation by meeting these five program standards: 1) Utilities must follow industry standards for quality tree care. 2) They must provide annual worker training in best tree-care practices. 3) They must sponsor a tree-planting and public education program. 4) They must maintain a tree-based energy conservation program. 5) They must participate in an Arbor Day celebration.

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR HRC AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

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

diversity; encouraging positive human relationships within the community; and, 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 are available on the City website. The nomination deadline has been extended to March 1.

~ KIRKWOOD CALENDAR ~

Art at the Station Presents Gary Gackstatter in March: Gary Gackstatter is an artist and musician, composer, and author. He has conducted the STLCC-Meramec Symphony and Orchestra since 2007 and has been active in the St. Louis art scene. His artwork is done with crow quill pen and ink and represents his interests in landscape, stone bridges, and Native American thought. You can learn more about Gary at www.garygackstatter.com. His work will be on display throughout March.

Art at the Station is hosted and produced by the Kirkwood Arts Commission. Exhibits are free and open to the public. Donations are welcome. Art can be viewed when the Station is open for passengers. The Station is located at 110 W. Argonne Drive in downtown Kirkwood.

Police Pancake Supper is March 14: The annual Kirkwood Police Pancake Supper will be held Thursday, March 14, 4:30 to 7 p.m., at Kirkwood High School, 801 W. Essex Avenue. All the pancakes you can eat. No carry-outs. \$4.00

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

- March 2 – 3: Artists' Boutique. For full details, visit www.artistsboutique.org
- Kirkwood Theatre Guild presents "August: Osage County" March 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16 at 8:00 p.m., and March 10 and 17 at 2:00 p.m.,

in the Reim Theatre. Visit www.ktg-onstage.org for more details or to purchase tickets.

- March 31: Hot Wheel and Slot Car Swap Meet, 9:00 a.m. to noon. General admission \$5 (early bird \$10 at 8:00 a.m.)

MARCH 2019 MEETINGS CALENDAR

- 3/4 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 3/6 Planning & Zoning, 7pm
- 3/7 City Council 7pm, WS 5:30pm
- 3/11 Aquatic Advisory Council, 6:45pm, Community Center
- 3/11 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 3/12 Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
- 3/13 Landmarks Commission, 7pm
- 3/14 Council Work Session, 7am
- 3/18 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 3/18 Park Board, 7pm, Community Center
- 3/19 Arts Commission, 5pm, Community Center
- 3/20 Planning & Zoning, 7pm
- 3/21 City Council 7pm, WS 5:30pm
- 3/26 Urban Forestry Commission, 7pm
- 3/27 Greentree Festival Committee, 7pm, Community Center

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road. Agendas are posted at City Hall and on the City's website.

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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 Ashe. 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.