

Fire Department's New Tech Keeps Important Information on the Wall

Kirkwood's Fire Department has a new technology that will help fire personnel know at a glance what's going on in the Fire House and with fire crews. The new PSIN (Public Safety Information Network) digital notification dashboards are displayed on a television-sized screen housed in multiple rooms at all three fire houses (Houses 1 and 2 are up and running, and House 3 will be installed soon). These displays provide valuable content and notifications to staff.

The dashboard cycles through displays every 25 seconds, showing staff who the duty officer is, what's on the schedule for that day, which personnel are on duty for that shift day and for the next shift day, which vehicles and equipment are out of service, what the weather forecast is for that day, and if any community events are scheduled.

When an EMS call comes in, it takes precedence and populates across all screens in the fire house. This "alarm" screen stays in view for two minutes – the amount of time the crew has to get out the door. The alarm screen gives the crew the location for that call, indicates which units will be involved, and shows both a street map and a Google 360-degree view of the building so crews can quickly familiarize themselves with their destination, including the location of nearby fire hydrants, before they leave the fire house.

The new screens are not interactive but they can play training videos for staff. In all three Fire Houses, the screens are or will be installed in the kitchen, bay area, and bunk halls. Fire House 2 will have a 4th screen in the administration offices.



Fire Captain JT Wiley demonstrates the new PSIN system at Fire House 2 on Argonne Drive.

Old Foot Bridge in Kirkwood Park Will Be Replaced



The foot bridge in Kirkwood Park that will be replaced.

A new footbridge to replace the one leading from the Community Center parking lot over the water and into the park was scheduled to arrive for installation on Wednesday, March 27 (after this newsletter has gone to press). This work involves freeing the old bridge from its mooring, raising it out, and setting it aside by crane. The new structure will then be craned in and set on the existing abutments. The old bridge was more than 30 years old. Photos of the new one will be posted on the City's website and on its Facebook page.

Other Upcoming Park Projects: Plans are also underway to build a new pavilion in Kirkwood Park between the Lions'

Amphitheater and the concession stand. The new pavilion will be approximately 35 x 35 feet, with a capacity for 60 to 70 people. A 16-foot gazebo structure is also being planned for Kirkwood Park in the area just south of the tennis courts. Construction on both projects is expected to begin in June and take four to six weeks to complete.

Planning is also expected to begin soon for a new playground in Mitchell Park for 5 to 12-year-olds. A neighborhood input session on the playground is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Grace Episcopal Church, 514 E. Argonne Drive. All of these projects have been funded by a generous donation from Brett and Lisa Campbell.

Turf Growth: The strong and gusty winds of March wreaked havoc with the turf growth tarps being used on athletic fields in Kirkwood Park. The tarps are used to promote growth of new grass during winter months by concentrating sunlight and keeping the ground beneath warmer. This in turn spurs the growth of new grass during a period of time where growth is not normally seen. Because of the heavy use of the fields during the rest of the year this opportunity to generate growth of athletic field turf is critical. The winds were so strong that the tarps were blown from under the sand bags around their perimeters. All the tarps were recovered, and their use has resulted in growth of one to two-inch grass on much of the area they were covering.

Nominate a "Favorite Building" for Recognition



315 Altus Place, a Kirkwood Landmark that was awarded a Rehabilitation of Merit award in 2018.

May is National Preservation Month - the perfect time to show how Kirkwood's history honors the past and helps build the future. Nominations are currently being sought for "Favorite Buildings in Kirkwood." Buildings or places that are deserving of recognition contribute to the architectural character of Kirkwood. Nominees need not be a designated Kirkwood Landmark. Members of the Kirkwood Architectural Review Board and Landmarks Commission will review all nominations to select this year's recipients. The Favorite Building Awards will be presented on May 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Nominate: A nomination form is available on the Landmarks Commission page of the City website at: www.kirkwoodmo.org/landmarks. Nominations should be submitted by April 10, 2019, to: Amy Lowry, Building Commissioners' Office, City Hall, 139 South Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122 or e-mail lowryag@kirkwoodmo.org.



APRIL 2019 MEETINGS CALENDAR

- 4/1 Architectural Review Board, 7pm, WS 6pm
- 4/3 Planning & Zoning, 7pm
- 4/4 City Council 7pm, WS 5:30pm
- 4/8 Board of Adjustment, 7pm
- 4/9 Human Rights Commission, 6:30pm
- 4/10 Landmarks Commission, 7pm
- 4/11 Council Work Session, 7am
- 4/15 Architectural Review Board, 7pm
- 4/15 Park Board, 7pm, Community Center
- 4/16 Arts Commission, 5pm, Community Center
- 4/17 Library Board, 5:30pm, Library
- 4/17 Planning & Zoning, 7pm
- 4/18 City Council 7pm, WS 5:30pm
- 4/23 Urban Forestry Commission, 7pm
- 4/24 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.

KIRKWOOD CALENDAR

Art at the Station Presents Kirkwood High School AP Art Students in April

Kirkwood High School AP Art students are a perennial favorite at Art at the Station. Don't miss this year's exhibit, which opens Monday, April 1, and runs through the end of the month. An opening reception will be held at 5:30 p.m., on April 4. This year's exhibit is curated by Kirkwood High School Art Department teacher Kim Powell. View student work at: [Twitter.com/KHS_VisualArt](https://twitter.com/KHS_VisualArt). Since 2009, the Kirkwood Train Station has been the home of Art at the Station, a community visual arts program 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.

Notice of Public Meeting

The City will hold a public open house on its upcoming Quan Avenue Reconstruction project on Tuesday, April 2, from 4-6:30 p.m., at Tillman Elementary School, 230 Quan Avenue. All who attend will be given an opportunity to make comments on the proposed design of the Quan project.

Preliminary plans, maps, environmental documentation, and other detailed information will be available at the meeting. These are also available for public viewing and copying at the office of the Public Service Department, Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, during regular business hours. For anyone who is disabled and requires special services, please contact Mike Romay at 314-213-6107.

Coming Up in Kirkwood:

- April 6: Kirkwood Farmers' Market opens for the season
- April 6: Tween Egg Hunt, 7:30 p.m.
- April 11: Kirkwood Youth Theatre presents "Seussical the Musical, Jr.," through April 14, at the Community Center
- April 13: Trailnet Community Bike Ride through historic Kirkwood. Full details on website.
- April 20: Dog Egg Hunt, 2:00 p.m.
- April 20: Arbor Day Tree Planting, 9:00 a.m., City Hall (north side), 139 S. Kirkwood Rd.
- April 26-27: Snores 'n Smores Family Campout

For full details on any of the above events, please visit the City's website calendar at www.kirkwoodmo.org.

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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.

City Clerk: Laurie Asche. To reach the City Clerk or Council, call 314-822-5802. To reach a City department, call 314-822-5800 and choose from a list of extensions. For additional information, news items, and a full calendar of events, visit the City's Website: www.kirkwoodmo.org.

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Lisa Allen (Missouri State Forester), Maggie Duwe (Kirkwood City Council member), David Slane (Chair, Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission), Austin Lampe (Chair, Missouri Community Forestry Council).

Kirkwood Wins Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence

Kirkwood was honored on March 14, 2019, with the Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence. This award is given to just one Missouri municipality each year by the Missouri Department of Conservation. It recognizes a municipality for “Improving Missouri communities through stewardship of our community forests.” Kirkwood was awarded the honor after accomplishing several milestones over the past few years, including hiring an Urban Forester, completing

a city-wide inventory of public trees, implementing a comprehensive forestry program for public trees, and passing a tree ordinance. The award was accepted on behalf of the City by Council Member Maggie Duwe, who served on the Urban Forestry Commission prior to joining City Council, and Urban Forestry Commission Chair Dr. David Slane, who is also an ISA-certified arborist. The City of Kirkwood previously received this award in 2011.

What to Expect When You Call 9-1-1

An informed caller is 9-1-1’s best caller. It’s important that you know how to help the 9-1-1 dispatcher help you. In an emergency, seconds matter, so being knowledgeable and prepared can make all the difference. When you call 9-1-1, first, expect the dispatcher to ask you a lot of questions. They are trained to ask specific questions when you call for a medical emergency. The answers you provide can help them help you until emergency responders arrive.

Please understand that these questions **will not delay any response**. While you are answering the questions, there is another dispatcher sending help to your location.

For example, when you call, you may hear or be asked:

- **9-1-1 what is the address of your emergency:** They need the address and the street or highway you are on. Also useful: The direction of travel, cross streets, exits or mile markers, or any landmarks you see, such as businesses.
- **Can you repeat that address for verification:** They will ask you to repeat this so they can verify they have it right.
- **What is the phone number you are calling from:** They need this in case you are disconnected so they can call you back.
- **Okay, tell me exactly what happened:** Tell the dispatcher exactly what happened. This will let them know if you need police, fire, or EMS – or all emergency services.

A few other questions to expect may include: How old is the patient? Are they awake? Are they breathing? Are they completely alert? These questions help your dispatcher

“code” the call for responding units, so they can follow protocols to get help to you as fast as possible. These answers will help them help you. For example, if the patient is not breathing, they will immediately begin to give you instructions on how to open their airway and for CPR if necessary.

Things everyone needs to know:

Know WHEN and WHEN NOT to call 9-1-1: 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. You should only call this if someone is hurt or in danger or if they immediately need police, fire, or medical assistance. Don’t call 9-1-1 to report a dog barking, a power outage*, or a car parked illegally. For those and all other non-emergency calls in Kirkwood, please dial: 314-822-5858.

Know the capabilities of the device you are using: 9-1-1 can be contacted from pretty much every device that can make a phone call, but the call-back and location information that is provided by your device can vary drastically between technologies and geographic regions. Know what your device can do. If in doubt, contact your service provider.

Know where you are: This is probably the most important information you can provide to the 9-1-1 dispatcher. Try to be aware of your surroundings, and make a real effort to be as detailed as possible.

Stay calm: When you are on the phone with your 9-1-1 dispatcher, you are their eyes and ears. Try not to panic, even though this may be hard. If you are crying or yelling, the dispatcher or 9-1-1 operator may not be able to understand you. Be as clear as possible so they can get the

right services to your location.

Never hang up: You may have called 9-1-1 by accident, or your situation may have resolved itself, but it is important to let the 9-1-1 dispatcher know this. If you end the call abruptly, the dispatchers will assume something has gone wrong and will either call you back or send help immediately.

For more information on being prepared for 9-1-1 calls, please visit the City website at www.kirkwoodmo.org/police.

*Kirkwood Electric customers do not need to call either the Electric office or the Police when a power outage occurs. Kirkwood Electric’s new smart meters generate real-time, detailed outage maps for crews and give us the information we need on every individual service to help us get all customers back in business as soon as possible. You can check to see if your home or business is showing on the outage map at www.KirkwoodElectric.org. More details will be coming about the new outage map in the April 26 edition of this newsletter.

City Employees Will Be Honored in April

City employees and recent retirees will be honored for their years of service at the City’s annual Employee Awards Luncheon on April 11. The individuals listed below will be recognized. NOTE: City offices will be closed on the 11th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., so that employees may attend the luncheon.

40 Years: Curt Carron, *Parks*; Patti Dodel, *Engineering*

35 Years: David Moore, *Electric*

30 Years: Scott Bailey, *Police*; Stephen Guyer, *Police*; Terry Feth, *Fire*; Ken Fore, *Facilities*; Lisa Schenck, *Street*

25 Years: Bonnie Hoylman, *Fire*; Calvin Stewart, *Fire*; Daryle Jones, *Fire*

20 Years: John Adams, *Finance*; Matt Stoll, *Building Commissioner’s Office*; Teresa Knese, *Finance*; Donald Sullivan, *Fire*; Georgia Ragland, *Administration*

15 Years: Tim Brand, *Police*; John Wiley, *Fire*; Scott Sanders, *Fire*; Bill Burckhalter, *Administration*; Billy Fair, *Sanitation*; Kathy Moore-Smith, *Court*

10 Years: Michael Hedrick, *Fleet*; Ryan Light, *Fire*; Jeff Walls, *Street*; Robert Johler, *Police*; Sean Connors, *Police*; Clarence Patterson, *Water*; Chris Pflasterer, *Engineering*; Steve Earl, *Electric*; Greg McClinton, *Electric*; Larry Nilges, *Police*; Michael Westermayer, *Street*; Laurie Asche, *Administration*; Doug Eilermann, *Parks*

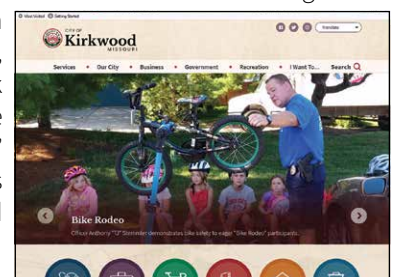
5 Years: Marques Davis, *Recreation*; Jill Hance, *Police*; Julie Pate, *Police*; Patti Wilkis, *Electric*; Jeremy Johnson, *Police*; Karl Glock, *Police*; Matt Mathes, *Fire*; Tim Hercules, *Street*; Scott Voertman, *Parks*; Sean Seckler, *Police*; John Dzafic, *Building Commissioner’s Office*; Matt Maiden, *Water*; Leonard Niehaus, *Water*; Chad Jeffery, *Electric*; Clinton Elder, *Electric*; Wes Benton, *Street*; Daniel Briggs, *Police*; Dan Gatti, *Procurement*; Richard French, *Sanitation*; Laura Janaske, *Police*

RETIREES: Jeanne Sielfleisch, *Finance, 2004-2018*; Jerry Bishop, *Water, 2010-2018*; Greg Griffin, *Water, 1976-2018*; Betty Montano, *City Clerk, 1988-2018*; Bob Bayes, *Police, 2009-2018*; Greg Hanneken, *Electric, 1981-2019*; Jon Dietz, *Fire, 1980-2019*; Jennie Faenger, *Sanitation, 1980-2019*; Leo Meyer, *Fire, 1996-2018*

Thank you for your service.

City Media is Changing and Growing

Website: The City has redesigned its website, so site visitors may notice changes to its look and its organization. More information will be coming in the April 26 edition of this newsletter, but please check it out and use the new “Feedback” widget to send us your thoughts and questions.



Eye on Kirkwood: Since you are reading this, you may already have noticed that the City’s monthly newsletter has also been updated and redesigned, with new colors and fonts and a completely new header and masthead. Reader comments are welcome! Please send your thoughts and comments to: Newsletters@kirkwoodmo.org.

Volunteer for a Board or Commission

Kirkwood City Council invites interested City residents to apply for volunteer positions on the City’s boards and commissions. Do you have a specific interest, such as the Library or Park Boards? Or maybe you would just like to get more involved but are not sure where your talents would best be used? If you would like to investigate and learn more about the various City boards and commissions, please visit this page of the City’s website: www.kirkwoodmo.org/boards. The application to apply can be found at the bottom of that page. If you would like a paper application, please call 314-822-5802 to have one mailed to you, or stop by City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, to pick one up. The City has current and/or upcoming openings on the following: Aquatic Advisory Council, Arts Commission, Board of Adjustment, Civil Service Commission, Citizens’ Finance Committee, Human Rights Commission, Landmarks Commission, Library Board, Park Board, and Urban Forestry Commission.