

## Summer Is Coming: Get Your Pool Pass Now!

### Pool ID Cards:

Resident and Non-Resident ID cards are available at the Community Center front desk during normal business hours. Cost is \$5 (R) or \$30 (NR), both for originals and replacements. Resident ID cards are good for three years from issue date, and NR ID cards are valid until the end of each pool season. In order to obtain an ID card, each purchaser 16 and over must present a valid and current photo ID showing residential address and a current utility bill (gas, water, electric or phone), bank statement, or voter ID card, issued to their home address within the last three months. Purchasers age 15 and under must be accompanied by a person living at the same address who can present the documents listed above. Everyone 4 and over must have an ID card.

**Season Passes:** Benefits of a season pass – ID cards are included. Free early morning lap swim. Half-price Tot Time season pass. Discount on parties. Please visit this page of the City website for full details and costs: [www.kirkwoodmo.org/pool](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org/pool).

**Swim Lessons:** We offer morning, evening, Saturday, and private swim lessons as well as dive lessons.

- Morning sessions will run June 3 thru 13, June 17 thru 27, July 8 thru 18, and July 22 thru August 1. Two class times are available: 10:40 to 11:10 a.m. and 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.
- Evening sessions will run June 4 thru 27 and July 9 thru August 1, 7:40 to 8:10 p.m.
- Saturday sessions will run June 8 thru 29 and July 13 thru August 3. Two class times are available: 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. and 9:20 to 9:50 a.m.

## Kirkwood Electric Wins Award For Safety Practices

Kirkwood Electric has earned the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2018. The City-owned utility earned a Second Place award in the category for utilities of the same size.

"Safety programs are paramount to the well-being of employees that work for electric utilities," said Keith Cutshall, Chair of the APPA's Safety Committee. "The utilities receiving this award have proven that safety is of the utmost importance in the operation of their companies." More than 325 utilities entered the annual Safety Awards program, which is the highest number of entrants in the history of the program.



KE Distribution Engineer Rick McKinley (center)



**SCUBA Camp:** Ages 8-14. The Seal Team Scuba Camp is a pool-only, activity-filled introduction to the exciting world of SCUBA. Under the direct supervision of certified SCUBA instructors from Y-kiki Divers, participants will complete a new "AquaMission" each day to learn new skills. Two sessions: July 29 thru August 2 and August 5 thru 9, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Daily admission or season pass available.

### OLD FAVORITES RETURNING:

- **Tot Time:** During this time in the family pool, kids 0-5 years can splash and play with their peers. Children 6-11 are welcome when accompanied by an adult and a child 0-5. Monday thru Friday, May 28 thru August 14, 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.
- **River Walk Club:** The River Walk Club gives participants the chance to walk against the current in the Lazy River (8 laps = 1 mile). No instructor is provided, making this an ideal environment to work out at your own pace. Registration or All Fitness 10-Punch Card accepted for entry. May 28 thru August 24 (no class July 4): Days/Times: Monday, Wednesday, Fridays, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Tuesday/Thursdays, 7:40 to 8:40 a.m. Saturdays, 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.

For more information about any of these programs, including costs and how to register, please visit the Parks and Recreation website at: [www.KirkwoodParksandRec.org](http://www.KirkwoodParksandRec.org).

## Do You Have One Minute A Month To Help Make Kirkwood Better?

Do you want to make Kirkwood better but don't have the time or ability to attend meetings? You are invited to join the new FlashVote community. Resident input is essential to the City's decision-making process, and civic participation has never been easier. Surveys take about one minute – that's all! Give us your input on issues that matter. The surveys are free, fast, and easy. Take a survey anywhere, at your convenience. The surveys work on any

device, even your smart phone.

Your answers and personal information are protected. FlashVote is independent from the City. All your input is anonymous. And, you will get full results as soon as the survey ends. Your voice matters. Sign up at: [www.flashvote.com/KirkwoodMO](http://www.flashvote.com/KirkwoodMO). This link is also available from the City's website, at the bottom of every page.

## Kirkwood Electric's Outage Center

Kirkwood Electric customers no longer have to call the office or the Police Department when the power goes out. The new meters in the KE system generate real-time detailed outage maps for crews and provide the necessary information on every individual service to get all customers back in business as soon as possible. As an added bonus, the new Kirkwood Electric website at [www.KirkwoodElectric.org](http://www.KirkwoodElectric.org) provides a scaled-down version of that map so customers can see where the power is out – as soon as the power goes out. If the power is out, the outage center will work on mobile devices as well.

**Note to customers:** If your power is out and you see other outages in your area but don't see an outage indication for your house, that means our simplified map is processing a large volume of messages and can only show a few locations at once. This internal system is monitored around the clock with detailed information on every customer location. No one ever gets left out, and Kirkwood Electric crews pride themselves in restoring power to every single customer as quickly as possible. Please do not call 911 to report a power outage.

## KIRKWOOD CALENDAR

### ART AT THE STATION PRESENTS JEFF KAPFER IN MAY

Jeff Kapfer will be the featured artist in May at Art at the Station. Jeff earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Webster University, with an emphasis in graphic design. He combines his graphic design influence with his childhood obsession with birds to create vibrant light-hearted paintings inspired by friends, family, and everyday life. His work has been shown throughout St. Louis, including at the Houska Gallery, SIBA Gallery, and the St. Louis Art Fair in Clayton. 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.

### MEET COUNCIL AT COMMUNITY DAY AT THE PARK

The City will sponsor a Community Day in the Park on Saturday, April 27, at Kirkwood Park in the Lions' Pavilion, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This is your chance to meet with and talk to City Council members and City staff. Bring your questions and comments. Or just stop by and say hello. See you there!

### HONEYSUCKLE PROJECT AT DEE KOESTERING PARK:

Volunteers are needed to help bring Dee Koestering Park back to life by removing bush honeysuckle. This nearly 10-acre park was once the site of an active quarry that produced stone for area buildings and the 1904 World's

Fair. Features in the park are nearly obstructed due to the dense invasive bush honeysuckle overtaking the park. Contact Kylie Christanell by phone at 314-984-5993 or email at [kparkv@kirkwoodmo.org](mailto:kparkv@kirkwoodmo.org) for more information or to register to volunteer.

- Where: Meramec Highlands Quarry at Dee Koestering Park, 1703 Marshall Road
- When: Saturday, April 27, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Who: Volunteers over the age of 12

### COMING UP IN KIRKWOOD:

- May 4: Making Music Concert Series Spring Kick-Off Concert in Kirkwood Park, Lions' Amphitheater, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., featuring Ross Bell Band, Rosewood, and Serapis. FREE concert. Donations welcome. Hosted by Kirkwood Arts Commission.
- May 8: Favorite Buildings Awards, Kirkwood City Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- May 25: Kirkwood Pool opens for the season at 10:00 a.m.
- May 27: City offices closed for Memorial Day. No sanitation will be collected on the holiday, and all routes will be delayed by a day all week.
- May 31: "The Boy from Oz," presented by STAGES St. Louis opens at the Kirkwood Community Center and runs through June 30. For times and tickets, visit [www.stagesstlouis.org](http://www.stagesstlouis.org).

For full details on any of the above events, please visit the City's website calendar at [www.kirkwoodmo.org](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org).



## MAY 2019 MEETINGS CALENDAR

5/1	Planning & Zoning, 7pm
5/2	City Council 7pm, WS 5:30pm
5/6	Architectural Review Board, 7pm, WS 6pm
5/8	Landmarks Commission "Favorite Building Awards," 7pm, Meeting at 6pm
5/9	Council Work Session, 7am
5/13	Aquatic Advisory, 6:45pm, Community Center
5/13	Board of Adjustment, 7pm
5/14	Human Rights commission, 6:30pm
5/15	Library Board, at the Library
5/15	Planning & Zoning, 7pm
5/16	City Council 7pm, WS 5:30pm
5/20	Architectural Review Board, 7pm, WS 6pm
5/20	Park Board, 7pm, Community Center
5/21	Arts Commission, 5pm, Community Center
5/22	Greentree Festival Committee, 7pm, Community Center
5/27	CITY OFFICES CLOSED
5/28	Urban Forestry Commission, 7pm

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.

**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](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org).

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## New City Website Debuts

The City launched its redesigned website at the end of March. The new site has a new look and a slightly different organization. One of the goals of the redesign was to make it easier for site users to quickly find what they need. In the main navigation at the top of the home page, there are six tabs. City departments will be found under the “Government” tab, and frequently requested items may be found under “Services,” “Our City,” and “Business.”

Under “Services,” users will find utilities and bill paying, customer service requests, road closings, public safety services such as car seat installation, and community organizations, to name just a few. Under “Our City,” users can quickly jump to the Greentree Festival and “Rent the Train Station,” among other frequently requested pages. Users will find the information under “Business” on how to open a business or apply for a business license reorganized and easy to navigate.

Under “Recreation,” users will find quick links to the new Parks and Recreation subsite – which has its own URL at [www.KirkwoodParksAndRec.org](http://www.KirkwoodParksAndRec.org) – and to the new “Arts and Music” section, among other recreation options. Finally, under “I want to…” users will find a list of quick links to

some of the website’s most requested pages, such as “Move into Kirkwood,” “Apply for a Permit,” and “Talk to Somebody.”

Kirkwood Electric now has its own subsite and URL, where site visitors can learn about energy efficiency, energy assistance, and clean energy – and where they can access both utility billing and the new Outage Center during power outages. The URL for Kirkwood Electric is: [www.KirkwoodElectric.org](http://www.KirkwoodElectric.org).

New features of the redesigned home page include “Hero” images at the top of the page that showcase some of the great things happening in Kirkwood; “Call to Action” buttons in the middle of the page – with quick links to the Ice Rink, service requests, sanitation, and more; the City’s Diversity Statement in an open-and-close toggle section; a spotlight area with some important news stories; and at the bottom of the page a section shared by “City Calendar” and “News,” between which users can toggle.

Finally, a new “Feedback” pop-up component has been added to the website to make it easy for users to report any problems or broken links, or to send suggestions or



comments. This component will appear on the website as a “speech bubble” graphic box at the bottom of every page on the main site and on both subsites. Click on the box, and it expands to allow a rating and comments or questions. Just hit “submit,” and comments will be sent to the City. Users can also email comments to the City at: [Webmaster@kirkwoodmo.org](mailto:Webmaster@kirkwoodmo.org).



## Performing Arts Center Construction Update

Progress continues to be made on the Performing Arts Center. Foundation walls for the stage and orchestra pit are complete, and backfilling of the stage area is done. The foundation for the house area is partially complete with only one more section to be formed before the walls can be completed. Most of the ground improvement work is also nearing completion, which means construction of the

retaining wall on the south and west sides will begin soon. Once that wall is complete, additional backfilling of the southern and western portions of the project can begin. The first of the precast concrete walls has been poured at the factory in Iowa. These sections are tentatively scheduled to be delivered around May 1.

## Development Updates From City Planner



A ribbon-cutting was held at the new Aldi store in March.

### Recently Completed

- **ALDI.** Aldi has opened its new Kirkwood location in the Kirkwood Crossings shopping center, in the space previously occupied by PetCo.
- **MAGIC HOUSE.** The Magic House is near completion of an enclosed walkway on the east side of the building that will connect two portions of the existing buildings.
- **MADISON AVE CONDOS,** 110 West Madison Avenue. A new 12-unit condo building was completed toward the end of 2018. It is immediately west of 201 S. Kirkwood Road (SSM Health). The project included a 24-space parking structure and a 24-space surface parking lot.
- **COMMERCIAL BUILDING,** 10505 Big Bend Boulevard (northwest corner of Big Bend Blvd and Fillmore Ave). A multi-tenant commercial building with approximately 4,000 square feet of space has been completed at this location.
- **STRICTLY PEDIATRICS DAYCARE,** Woodbine & Magnolia. A new daycare center is now open and includes six classrooms in a building with approximately 10,000 square feet of space.

### Approved and Under Construction

- **WATERWAY:** Waterway Gas & Wash, 10850 & 10854 Manchester Rd. Waterway has begun site work related to an expansion that includes removal of the existing 4-pump gas canopy with a larger 6-pump gas canopy, expanded parking, and enhanced landscaping.
- **CONCORDIA:** Concordia Lutheran Church, 505 S. Kirkwood Rd. The church was approved for a building expansion along Idlewild Avenue and a parking lot expansion along Clay Avenue.
- **TRINITY:** Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1110 S. Glenwood. The church was approved for a building expansion on the west end of the existing historic building and a parking lot expansion on the east side of the property.
- **TOTAL ACCESS:** Total Access Urgent Care, 915 N. Kirkwood Rd. A new urgent care building is under construction at this location.

### Approved:

- **CONDOS:** Madison/Clay Condos, 204 S. Clay Ave. A new 14-unit condominium building has been approved that includes structured parking under the building.
- **EZ Storage,** 10641 Manchester Road. A fully enclosed, drive-through self-storage business has been approved to renovate and re-use the old Shop ‘N Save building. The proposal includes additional retail tenant space in the existing building and future plans for two additional commercial buildings along Manchester Road.
- **OFFICE BUILDING:** Kirkwood Office Building, 10727 – 10741 Big Bend Blvd. A new office building has been approved at this location. It will be developed as a multi-tenant office building with a focus on offering co-working space and amenities.
- **PLAZA TIRE:** Plaza Tire, 915 S. Kirkwood Road. An approximately 6,000-square-foot minor auto repair business has been approved for this location, which was most recently occupied by Roots & Blooms.

### New Businesses under Review

- **NEW RESTAURANT:** Rush Bowls, 343 S. Kirkwood Rd. A new restaurant is proposed to open in the Pioneer Place shopping center next to My Greek Kitchen.
- **DOG DAY CARE CENTER:** Camp Bow Wow, 902 S. Kirkwood Rd. A dog day-care center with boarding, grooming, and training services is proposed to renovate the existing building and parking lot at this location previously occupied by ABC Materials.

## Kirkwood Fire Department Hires New Assistant Fire Chief

The City of Kirkwood has named a new Assistant Fire Chief. Brian Zaitz was officially sworn in on March 18. Chief Zaitz comes to the City from the Metro West Fire Protection District, where he had worked since 2001. He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy’s Executive Officer Program, internationally certified as a Chief Training Officer (CPSE), and holds a Master of Science in Human Resource development from Indiana State University. He has been an instructor at the St. Louis County Fire Academy since 2005. “Brian’s true strength is in training,” said Fire Chief Jim Silvernail. “I am excited and looking forward to the talents he brings to the Assistant Chief’s office.”



New Assistant Fire Chief Brian Zaitz is sworn in by City Clerk Laurie Ashe.