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Route 66 Cars and Guitars Festival Returns to Kirkwood on June 9

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Kirkwood, Missouri: Kirkwood will host its 2nd annual Route 66 Cars and Guitars Festival on Saturday, June 9, 2018, in downtown Kirkwood from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. The festival's "Cars & Guitars" theme speaks to the transportation and music history of the region. Live music and vintage vehicles will anchor this outdoor event.

The City of Kirkwood, the Downtown Kirkwood Special Business District, and the Kirkwood-Des Peres Area Chamber of Commerce are coordinating the event.

Kirkwood Electric is the festival's Presenting Sponsor.

Festivities include:

- Live music from six bands, on two outdoor stages (staggered start times)
- A vintage car show
- A Beer Wagon, hosted by local service clubs, serving beer and wine
- Vendor booths
- Food and drink from downtown merchants and from area service clubs

Musical entertainment on the two outdoor stages (schedule TBD);:

- Funky Butt Brass Band
- Soulard Blues Band
- Big Love (a Fleetwood Mac cover band)
- PowerPlay (R&B/Motown)
- Trip Daddys (Rockabilly, Rock Classics)
- Matching Shoe

Thank you to our sponsors:

- Kirkwood Electric, Presenting Sponsor
- Kirkwood Water
- City of Kirkwood
- Downtown Kirkwood Business District
- Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber
- Kirkwood Arts Commission
- Kirkwood Arts Foundation
- Vermillion Speed

The Guitar Will Be Back! The Kirkwood Arts Commission will again sponsor the display of Brian Watson's large-scale guitar sculpture, titled *Heritage*. Brian's sculpture was a highlight of the 2017 event, and it will be back!

Most of Downtown Kirkwood's numerous stores, locally owned boutiques, and restaurants will be open during the event. Festival activities will be located on North Kirkwood Road and on the two blocks of Jefferson that intersect Kirkwood Road.

Road Closures: These two blocks of Jefferson, between N. Clay and N. Taylor Avenues, as well as Kirkwood Road between Argonne Drive and Adams Avenue, will be closed to vehicular traffic starting at 2:00 a.m., on June 9.

Updates and announcements about the Festival will be posted on the City's Website at www.Kirkwoodmo.org/CarsandGuitars and on the Festival's Facebook page at: www.Facebook.com/KirkwoodMORoute66Festival.

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