



# Kirkwood Year in Review

The City of Kirkwood experienced an exceptionally busy, creative, and productive year in 2019. We rebuilt and installed new intersections along Kirkwood Road, completed multiple other road projects, began work on an overhaul of the City's zoning and subdivision codes, and started construction of a majestic new building – the Kirkwood Performing Arts Theater. Here are just a few highlights from this past year.

**Performing Arts Center:** The City's new 38,000-square-foot Performing Arts Center currently under construction at the corner of South Taylor and Monroe Avenues is on schedule to be finished by summer 2020. The facility will house STAGES St. Louis, Kirkwood Theatre Guild, and the Kirkwood Youth Theatre and will feature a 500+-seat main theatre, event and meeting space, and space that has been built for a future studio theater.



**Park Updates:** Thanks to a generous donation from Brett and Lisa Campbell, a new bridge (left) leading from the Community Center parking lot into Kirkwood Park was built in the spring. The Campbells also donated a new pavilion and gazebo currently under construction in Kirkwood Park as well as funds for additional playground equipment for older children at Mitchell Park. Kirkwood Park's baseball diamonds got new irrigation systems this year as well.

## Engineering / Planning in 2019:

**Zoning/Subdivision Code Updates:** Kirkwood by Design, a new steering committee, started work this year on updates to the City's zoning and subdivision codes and by October were approaching the midway point in their comprehensive review. Visit [KirkwoodByDesign.com](http://KirkwoodByDesign.com) for full details.

**Kirkwood Road Signal Project:** For most of 2019, new intersections were being built and installed along Kirkwood Road between Big Bend and Manchester that will make City roadways more efficient and pedestrian friendly. Three years of planning went into this project, which involved interconnects to coordinate signal timing and improve traffic flow, while allowing vehicle speeds appropriate to the corridor. The new signals have mast arms that replicate the design of downtown streetlights. The project also includes the addition of sidewalks between Chester Avenue and Nipher Middle School.



**Pavement Restoration Program:** The City has completed the 4th year of our ongoing pavement restoration program. Since the start of the program, we have resurfaced more than 130 streets and invested almost \$12 million to improve streets with asphalt milling and overlays, micro-surfacing, ultra-thin bonded asphalt wearing surfaces, street reconstructions and concrete slab replacements.

**Other Projects:** In 2019, City projects included the Northlin and Southlin Drive water main replacement and street reconstruction, Manchester Road enhancements, East Monroe improvements, and reconstruction of Quan Avenue and West Essex Avenue.

**New Trash Carts:** In October, the City automated trash collections by rolling out trash carts. This program not only improves worker safety and collection efficiency but also will reduce blowing trash and create a better curbside appearance on collection days.

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Kirkwood Train Station Foundation  
invites you to attend an  
**Open House**  
at the train station



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**Saturday, November 16 from Noon-3:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 30 from Noon-3:00 p.m.**

At 1:30 p.m. on both dates, you will have an opportunity to hear from Don Hussman, AIA, architect and Kirkwood resident about the station's historic significance, the repairs needed to preserve the station and updates that will keep our beloved 126-year-old station a viable landmark and functional train station for the future. There will also be informative tours of the station and the property with an explanation of why it will cost \$3.8 million to bring the station through the twenty-first century and beyond. Please visit our website for more information: [www.kirkwoodtrainstationfoundation.org](http://www.kirkwoodtrainstationfoundation.org)

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