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COVID-19 Update on City Services



Our community and region continue to be impacted by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and as always, the health, safety, and well-being of our employees and residents remain our daily focus. We are continuously updating our best practices and following guidance from the St. Louis County Health Department and the CDC, including cancellations of events, postponing non-essential projects, instituting remote work policies and utilizing staggered work shifts. We are also employing heightened cleaning, safety, and disinfecting practices at City facilities.

These practices have resulted in delays responding to service requests and changes to other City services that

we expect to experience for the foreseeable future. Rest assured that essential emergency public safety services such as police and fire will continue as normal. Plans have been developed and implemented to guarantee that these services are delivered without interruption.

At present, public services and municipal utilities have modified their daily operations to protect staff from the virus. Departments have divided staff into split shifts and restricted the number of workers on duty to minimize the impact of any loss of staff if cross contamination, tracing and/ or quarantine issues occur. The reduction of staff on duty has resulted in an inability to process the normal volume of work requests. For the Electric department specifically, this means work orders have been prioritized to address power delivery and restoration issues at the

expense of street lighting and tree trimming service requests. We will continue to monitor the situation and modify our operations as necessary to perform at the highest level possible.

The duration and scope of these effects remain unclear and will require adjustment as we all work together to navigate and mitigate the effects of this pandemic. Our goal is to remain open throughout this pandemic in order to safely provide you with the quality public services you have come to expect from Kirkwood.

We appreciate your patience, and continued support. Stay safe and healthy and know that we, as always, remain committed to serving you.



Feed the Masses Food Drive 2020

Kirkwood is participating in a “Feed the Masses” challenge with 17 other area cities. The city that collects the most canned goods will be crowned the 2020 “Feed the Masses” champion. We are accepting donations at The Kirkwood Community Center at 111 S Geyer Rd. We will be accepting donations until the close of business on Monday November 30. Help us win the title while supporting those in need this holiday season.

At the Community Center

- Little Birdies – December 1**
St. Louis Golf Lessons’ Little Birdies program incorporates set up fundamentals along with basic swing technique for the full swing and short game. Instructors use game-based learning methods to help instill a love for the game and motor skills needed for a lifetime of success in the sport.
- Candy Cane Hunt – December 3, 10, 17, 18, 21 & 22**
Don’t miss out on this rare opportunity for Santa’s helpers to spread cheer and candy canes in your very own front yard! Get your neighborhood involved and turn your block into a real Candy Cane Lane! All Kirkwood School District residents welcome to participate.
- Kids Night Out at the Performing Arts Center – December 4 & 11**
Drop the kids off for a night of games, arts & crafts, pizza, and more at the new Kirkwood Performing Arts Center! Masks required except when eating and drinking. Pre-registration required. Pick-up and drop-off at the Kirkwood Performing Arts Center 210 E. Monroe Ave.
- Drive Up Pictures with Santa – December 19 & 23**
Looking for an opportunity to have a picture with Santa, safely? Come take a picture with us when Santa is town on December 19th from 2pm-4pm, and December 23rd from 9am-11am. This event is \$5 (residents) and \$7 (non-residents) for each child, and each child will get a cookie! Preregistration is required.
- Board Game Virtual Trivia Night – January 8**
Think your family plays a lot of board games? Think you can beat anyone on board game trivia? Then join our virtual trivia night! \$10(R)/\$12(NR) per team. Registration is open at www.kirkwoodparksandrec.org
- 80’s and 90’s Virtual Trivia Night – January 29**
Want to throw it back to the 80s and 90s? Then join our virtual trivia night! \$10(R)/\$12(NR) per team. Prizes for the team that wins! Registration is open at www.kirkwoodparksandrec.org

The Historic Kirkwood Train Station Outdoor Expo November 28, 2020

The Historic Kirkwood Train Station Foundation is hosting an outdoor expo in support of their \$4.6 million capital campaign to restore and renovate this icon of our Kirkwood community. Built in 1893 after a fire destroyed the first depot, the station has not undergone major renovation since 1941. Thanks to many generous donors, the Historic Kirkwood Train Station Foundation recently pledged \$500,000 in matching funds toward a

grant application to East-West Gateway for the planned restoration and renovation of this historic icon. Restoration and renovation of the train station will allow us to better serve the community and the thousands of train travelers each year. Ongoing fundraising efforts continue! The foundation is hosting an outdoor expo at the train station on Saturday November 28, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to give tours and distribute project information.

Support Kirkwood Firefighter’s Community Outreach Holiday Programming

Toys for Tots Drive
It’s time for the Kirkwood Firefighter’s Community Outreach Annual Toy Drive! Unfortunately, we had to cancel our drive thru event on December 5th due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we will still be accepting donations at all Kirkwood Fire stations. You may drop off new unwrapped toys at any of our fire stations listed below now through Saturday December 5th:

- Station #1 137 West Argonne
- Station #2 11804 Big Bend
- Station #3 1321 West Essex

We have also started an Amazon wish list for those that prefer online shopping!

Amazon Wish List: <https://amzn.to/3kYk9nP>

Toys can be shipped directly to our administrative offices when ordering items from an online retailer using this address: 11804 Big Bend Kirkwood, MO 63122.



Coats for Kids
The weather is unseasonably warm right now, but we know that it won’t be that way for long. If your child or a child you know is in need of a winter coat please scan our QR code above by opening the camera on your smart phone to be taken to the google form to request a coat, or you may visit <https://forms.gle/ATKrcFRfZ2Rnpftk8>.

If you have any questions or would like to make a donation please email KirkwoodFirefighters@gmail.com.



Need More Information?
Find out more information at www.kirkwoodparksandrec.org, www.facebook.com/kirkwoodparksrec, or [instagram at kirkwoodparksrec](https://www.instagram.com/kirkwoodparksrec)!

December 2020 Holiday Closures

City offices and the Community Center will be closed December 24 & 25 for Christmas. Sanitation routes remain the same and there will be no Special/Bulky pickups on December 25.