

Join Kirkwood's Newest (and Youngest) Commission

On April 15, 2021 Kirkwood City Council unanimously approved the newest City Commission, the Kirkwood Youth Advisory Commission. Composed of 11 members this commission was "created and established for the purpose of providing the youth of Kirkwood with an awareness of matters and activities taking place within the city, and to allow the members of the Youth Advisory

Commission to provide input to the City Council, the Administration and designated boards and commissions." Any Kirkwood resident aged thirteen (13) to nineteen (19) is eligible to apply for an appointment to this commission. This commission meets twice a month at Kirkwood City Hall. All applicants must complete an application and volunteer profile form.



Vision Zero Planning Underway



The City of Kirkwood is developing an action plan known as Vision Zero to continue safe travel initiatives in our community. Vision Zero is a vision for zero traffic-related deaths or severe injuries based on the premise that people make mistakes, but mistakes should not be fatal. Its emphasis includes design solutions that account for human error and awareness to improve human behavior. Reducing pedestrian and bicycle collisions will be Kirkwood's primary goal for the plan.

Vision Zero is the next step in Kirkwood's investment in walking and biking facilities with safety in mind. High

visibility crosswalks, enhanced pedestrian signals, bicycle wayfinding signs, and other walking and biking facilities are among recent improvements for travel safety. While Vision Zero is in development, the City is also exploring the possibility of a Complete Streets policy, which would support transportation planning for all modes of travel.

During the coming months, the City will conduct an extensive data review involving traffic fatalities and serious injuries and a technical evaluation of high-risk locations. In addition, transportation demonstration projects will be evaluated and the public will be asked to participate in Vision Zero's development.

Public Input Opportunities

Creating a plan that reflects community priorities is important to City officials. Beginning later this month, we're asking residents, businesses, and other stakeholders to help advance walking and biking safety in our community by learning more and providing input for the Vision Zero Action Plan. Look for our table at the Summer Concert Series on Station Plaza at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 12th to give us your ideas on how to improve walking and biking safety.

Stay tuned for additional opportunities for public input through announcements in City newsletters, social media, and on the City's website at kirkwoodmo.org.

Making Music Concert Series in Kirkwood Park



There will be two Making Music Concert Series concerts in August. You don't want to miss the Roadhouse Kings featuring all-star classic country music, and the Southside Creole Playboys featuring authentic creole, cajun and zydeco music.

- **Saturday August 21, 2021 at 7:30pm**
- Roadhouse Kings
- **Saturday August 28, 2021 at 7:30pm**
- Southside Creole Playboys

The Making Music Concert Series at Kirkwood Park is widely acclaimed for top-notch performances in a variety of genres and musical styles. This unique concert series produced by the Kirkwood Arts Commission promotes community engagement and celebrates the joy of fine music on summer Saturday evenings at Lions' Amphitheater in Kirkwood Park.

As always, concerts are free and open to the public. Donations are welcome at the concerts. This dynamic series is made possible through support from presenting sponsor Kirkwood Electric, Kirkwood Arts Foundation, and Kirkwood Parks and Recreation.

Hot Dog Dayz of Summer 2021

The Kirkwood Police and Kirkwood Parks & Recreation Departments have been reaching out to children in Kirkwood and Oakland this summer. On select Fridays officers and employees have visited parks and provided hot dog lunches, played games with children and conversed with parents. The Kirkwood Library has also joined the fun by providing books for children, and Kirkwood's own The GymGuyz have provided fun, energy burning, exercise drills for the whole family. Only TWO FRIDAYS remain, so don't miss these last Hot Dog Dayz events, coming to a park near you!

The remaining Hot Dog Dayz of Summer events will be held from 11am to 1:30pm at the following parks:

- Friday August 6, 2021 in Avery Park at Harrison and Avery
- Friday August 13, 2021 in Meacham Memorial Park at New York and Orleans

Dates and times are subject to change due to inclement weather.

Kirkwood Greentree Rotary Ramble

The 2021 Kirkwood Greentree Festival Rotary Ramble is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2021, at 7:30am starting at the Aquatic Center in Kirkwood Park. The 9th annual Ramble will feature certified 5K and 10K runs and a one-mile Fun Run.

The event is sponsored by the Kirkwood Rotary Club and all proceeds will benefit Kirkwood Firefighters Outreach, Kirk Care, Kirkwood School District Project NOW, and Moms of Meacham.

Back again this year is the School Challenge. This event is an arm of the Kirkwood Rotary Ramble specifically designed for elementary and middle school kids. Each Kirkwood area middle and elementary school competes to register the most runners. The middle school and elementary school with the most runners registered will receive \$500.

Middle school aged children run in the 5K race starting at 7:30 on Saturday, September 11, but pay a reduced rate of only \$10, pre-registered, instead of the normal \$35 registration fee.

Parents may stay with their children before and after the race at the Kirkwood Park Aquatic Center parking lot, and cheer from the sidelines for their child. Alternatively, parents may run with the children if they pay the general registration fee of \$35.

Elementary school aged children in grades K-5 run in the Fun Run starting at 8:30 on September 11 and pay only \$10, pre-registered. The route is just under one mile. Each student receives a t-shirt and, and if they complete the course, they will also receive a medal. Parents may run the course with their child for free, but many parents choose to cheer from the sidewalk along Geyer Road and meet their child at the finish line.

To register and for additional information go to RotaryRamble.Org

