

# KIRKWOODS

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**KIRKWOOD'S WEBSITE  
www.kirkwoodhomes.org**

## Kirkwood Homeowners Meetings

The December Kirkwood Homeowner's Meeting was on December 15, 2008. Several Board members were absent due to illness and no homeowners were present.

The usual discussions were given on each committee report. In the Financial report, there is a substantial reserve, but the Board is looking forward to 2011 when the loan (cedar siding/painting) is paid off and more operation capital can be used for Kirkwood amenities. As of this point, they do not want to increase the monthly assessment, but keep on budget.

Landscaping, pool and tennis court maintenances were all discussed too. The web site and getting ads to help pay for costs were approved Other topics included signage issues, roofing projects for 2009, drainage project and other issues for 2009.

There will be no Kirkwood Homeowners Meeting in January, but the Board will meet to do a work station on the Rules and Regulations changes. The meeting adjourned rather quickly due to the frigid temperatures outside and in.



**Kirkwood  
Winter Wonderland**



It's been a real white winter so far and we still have January, February and March to get through and the forecast is for more snow.

Besides spending \$3000 on roof maintenance recently, the cost of removing snow in Kirkwood has been about \$6,400 so far. Though the KHA budgets for snowplowing, every plow over budget takes another bite out of the budget.

Let's hope Spring comes early!

**There is no Board Meeting for January 2009.**

# Kirkwood Board Notes

*And some Reminders:*

## **HOLIDAY DECORATIONS** *(see Handbook R&R p.28)*

**Exterior winter holiday decorations may be displayed after Thanksgiving and must be removed by January 15th of the following year.**

Lights or decorations may not be nailed to the exterior of any homes. (Use plastic light clips if necessary) Lights or decorations should be limited to trees or shrubs. Decoration of trees is prohibited except for temporary seasonal lights.

Decorations such as inflatable or plastic displays are not allowed in front yards or common areas. For all other holidays, decorations shall not be set up earlier than seven (7) days before a holiday and must be removed no later than seven (7) days after the date of the holiday.

In the event the Board deems any decorations, objects or artifacts excessive, offensive, unsightly or to cause a nuisance to community standards, the Board reserves the right to require removal of such decorations.

## **CLUBHOUSE PARKING** *(see Handbook R&R p.33)*

Unauthorized overnight parking in Clubhouse parking spaces, by residents or residents' family members or friends, may result in notification of a violation and the subsequent towing of the vehicle if it is not removed. Moving the vehicle from one space to another does not constitute removal from the property.

### **Hidden Danger: Keep Your Pet Safe from Electric Shock**

Winter's chill may have settled in your neighborhood, but your energetic pooch still wants to go for walks in the great outdoors. Take it slow and steady, pet parents. According to our experts, the danger of stray voltage on city streets can turn a simple stroll into a devastating event for our furry friends.

Most common in northern climes and urban areas, stray voltage occurs when dormant utilities leak excess electricity. Combined with wet streets and salt-based ice melts, this current can shock, injure or even prove fatal for those in its path. Since salt used to treat icy streets is a great conductor of electricity, the risk of shock from stray voltage is that much higher during the winter months. The following tips will help you avoid potentially hazardous areas, and advice on what to do if your pet has suffered an electrical shock:

Keep your dog away from metal fixtures, such as lamp-posts, grates or manhole covers. While these spots may

be your pet's favorite place to relieve himself, they may also conduct hazardous electricity.

Your dog's snazzy, rubber rain boots may look good, but they won't protect your pooch from a strong current. Don't depend on them to keep your pet safe. Some boots—those with metal studs, for example—may even make the situation worse.

Observe your dog's behavior. Is he skittish, frightened, angry or upset for no apparent reason? These sudden behavioral changes could be an indication of electric shock.

If your dog is incapacitated due to shock, don't try to touch or move him without protective gear. Your pooch may pass the current to you, rendering you both incapable of seeking help. Instead, call your local fire department immediately.

Know of an area in your neighborhood that could be affected by stray voltage? Contact city services to alert the proper authorities.

## Kirkwood Neighborhood Notes

### KIRKWOOD'S ART INSTITUTE TAPESTRY TRIP WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17, 2008

About twenty neighbors and friends attended Christa Thurman's, curator of the Department of Textiles, exhibit, "The Divine Art: Four Centuries of European Tapestries at the Art Institute. Christa's personal tour was informative, interesting and simply amazing. There have been several articles in the newspapers recently about this wonderful exhibit and those of us who went to see it will agree it was a "once in a lifetime" opportunity. Thank you, Christa.



## Winter Tips 2009

If you go away on vacation during the cold weather, please be sure to leave your heat on at least 60 degrees to keep pipes from freezing. In addition, you should leave all of your cabinet and closet doors open while you are away so that the heat can get to the areas of the walls with pipes behind them.

We strongly encourage the owners to salt their own walks and stoops during icy conditions.

**If you have any questions about the snow plowing status during any snowfalls this winter season, please contact the Hillcrest Property Manager at 630-627-3303. One thing to remember: Our contract has a 3" clause meaning that we don't call out the snow contractor unless there is 3 inches of snow on the ground-and we don't salt sidewalks.**

# January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes:				1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 <b>No KHA Mtg.</b>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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### KIRKWOOD NEWSLETTER ADS

**Do you know someone who would like to advertise their business or service in our newsletter?**

Advertise your business or service in Kirkwood. Depending on preference, ads will run in the newsletters and also on the Kirkwood website. Ad size is approximately a business card size, but it may vary depending on space available. See the contract inserted in this newsletter for more information.

### Kirkwood Online

Check out Kirkwood's website. Get the latest information, print out your landscape/architectural forms, look up the Rules & Regulations and a whole lot more.

**Log on to [www.kirkwoodhomes.org](http://www.kirkwoodhomes.org)** To access the Homeowner Secure Area links, please use the following:

USER NAME: khomeowner PASSWORD: I500geneva *(These codes are intended for Kirkwood use only.)*

### Neighborhood News Briefs:

*Do you have an upcoming event, or special occasion that you would like us to post? Just drop it in the Red Mailbox or e-mail to [Denmarks923@aol.com](mailto:Denmarks923@aol.com).*