

# KIRKWOODS NEWSLETTER

April 2015

1545 Kirkwood Drive, Geneva IL 60134

Visit our website: [www.kirkwoodhomes.org](http://www.kirkwoodhomes.org)

Kirkwood hotline: 630.557.5200

## KIRKWOOD HOMEOWNERS MEETING MINUTES:

Kirkwood's meeting took place on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Five Board members were present.

Homeowners Forum:

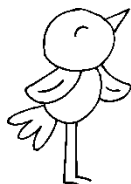
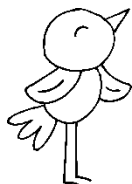
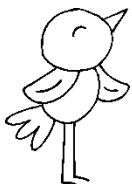
- Two homeowners came forth with tree-related concerns.
- Rules regarding satellite dish removal/ installations was discussed.
- Connie Porter agreed to coordinate clubhouse rentals and Kirkwood social events.

Regular Reports:

- Financials are strong at \$121,495. 39
- Budgets for maintenance projects were discussed. Maintenance to take place, weather permitting, include: roofing, siding, painting, and concrete work.
- Landscaping 2015 contract with Tecza was approved by the Board.

New Business:

- Rule compliance/ enforcement procedure was discussed.
- Some homeowners have been experiencing raccoon problems- Board discussed preventative measures including discouraging residents from placing food outdoors for animals.



## Upcoming Events:

**Next Board Meeting:** May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the clubhouse.

**Social Event- Meet and Greet:** May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015. BBQ. Time TBD.

**Social Event- Meet and Greet:** July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. BBQ. Time TBD.

*Welcome Spring!*



## 2015 Board of Directors:

President: Rand Briggs  
Secretary: Jim Forni  
Treasurer: Darell Edwards  
Sandy Smith  
Jim Van Spankeren  
Doug VanderMark  
Michael Robertson

## 2015 Committees:

Clubhouse Rental: Connie Porter  
Landscape: Sandy Smith  
Maintenance:  
Newsletter: Jill Frister  
Pool: Jim Forni  
Website: Denise Marks  
Welcome: Heidi Hunter



## Updates and Reminders:



1. Homeowners have reported spotting raccoons in the neighborhood. Please avoid leaving pet food out overnight as it can attract unwanted wildlife that can cause damage to our residences. If you notice raccoons, skunks or possums near your property, you can use a product called Critter Ridder, which is said to be distasteful to the animals, discouraging their attraction to our buildings. Also, please make sure that all trashcans are securely covered if you are going to be leaving them out overnight for garbage pickup.
2. Homeowners are reminded that the street is property of the City of Geneva, and as such, any complaints regarding snow plowing on-street parking or street repair, need to be addressed to the appropriate city department of action. The Homeowners Association is not responsible for these items.
3. Connie Porter has volunteered to handle club house scheduling and rentals. Please contact her with any questions regarding use of the clubhouse. Thank you, Connie, for volunteering and for cleaning the clubhouse!!
4. Homeowners are reminded of the annual requirement to fill out the **Emergency Information Form** (attached) found in your handbook. Please make sure that you include a working email address as this is the primary means that the board will use to contact homeowners regarding Board actions, meeting and activity information as well as other news important to the Kirkwood Community.
5. Any homeowner wishing to report a violation of Kirkwood Rules and Regulations may do so by submitting a **Kirkwood Violation Complaint Form**, a copy of which is available online or in your Homeowners handbook. Please place it in the red mailbox for pickup by a member of the Board.
6. It is a city ordinance to pick up after your dogs. Please a kind dog walker and pick up after your pets.
7. Get your floaties ready! The pool opens Memorial Day Weekend!
8. There is now a safer place for kids to play! Kirkwood will be putting up only one of the tennis court nets this year so that kids can ride their bikes, skate, play, etc. on the tennis court in order to encourage safety in our neighborhood and keep kids from having to resort to the street. One side of the tennis court will still be available for those who wish to play tennis.



### More Information:

- **Want more?** If there is something you'd like to see in the newsletter, leave a note in my mailbox (1504) or email Jill at: [jkfrister@yahoo.com](mailto:jkfrister@yahoo.com)
- **Kirkwood Online/ Mobile:** Check out Kirkwood's website to get the latest information, look up the Rules & Regulations, and more.
- **The Management phone number is 630-557-5200. Leave your name, unit #, and a brief message once you get to the correct prompt.**
  - 0 - General
  - 1 - Maintenance
  - 2 - Landscape
  - 3 - Pool
  - 4 - Snow Removal
  - 5 - Finance
  - 6 - Emergency
  - 8 - Latest Kirkwood Info.
  - 9 - Board

Have you seen any coyotes??  
Information given at the City of Geneva Coyote Meeting mentioned that if a coyote approaches you and/or your dog, to put your arms up and use a strong voice. This will spook the coyote so much that he will not return and will signal to other coyotes to stay away from our area, as they feel threatened. For more information, visit:

<http://www.geneva.il.us/index.aspx?nid=629>

# Neighborhood Sound-Off:

- WANTED: Left-handed neighbor who uses latex gloves, size Medium, to hand wash your dishes. Please take the perfect left hand glove that's left over after I've punctured the right hand one -- and I'll happily take your perfect right hand one after you've punctured your southpaw one!- Barbara (1506)
- Would your child benefit from homework help, lesson re-teaching, and enrichment activities? Erin is a middle school English and Social Studies teacher and can help! Flexible hours. Competitive rates. Your home or mine. Contact [elichtfuss@gmail.com](mailto:elichtfuss@gmail.com)
- Clubhouse rentals are now available! For more information, contact Connie: [Connie7813@aol.com](mailto:Connie7813@aol.com)
- Real Estate available in Kirkwood: 1501, 1548, 1512, 1536
- WANTED: Looking for someone to open and close the pool DAILY. Paid position, \$10/ hour. Contact Jim Forni at: [Jimforni@gmail.com](mailto:Jimforni@gmail.com) or call the Management phone number (above) and leave a message.

## Community Events!

Kirkwood homeowners Barbara and G.P. Yeh (1506) have contacted me regarding an event that G.P. will speaking at on **April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** that will discuss climate crisis and solutions. This event, *Artists as Visionaries: Climate Crisis Solutions*, will take place at Water Street Studios in Batavia (160 S. Water Street). The last presenter is our very own neighbor, G.P. Yeh! Come join him as he discusses World Energy Transformation. This event is free, although donations are welcome.

For more information, visit:

<http://bataviaartistsassociation.org/>



Have you heard any fireworks lately? Well, it's official- the **Kane County Cougars** are back!! Games have already started and looking at the website the Cougars have a lot of great deals this year. Weekly specials include: **Sunday Funday's** (ballpark discounts for kids, music by famed organist Nancy Faust, kids eat free starting May 24<sup>th</sup>), **\$5 Monday's** (seats and lawn only cost \$5 starting in June), **Throwback Tuesday** (seat prices go back to prices from 1991: \$5 box seats, \$4 reserved seats, \$3 lawn), **Wiener Wednesday** (starting in June, evening game hot dogs are only 1 cent!), **Thirsty Thursday's** (select beers and sodas are only \$1). Check out [www.milb.com](http://www.milb.com) for more information.

## *Bruschetta with Mozzarella and Smashed Fresh Favas*

(foodandwine.com)



### Ingredients:

- 1 pound fresh fava beans, shelled (about 2 cups)
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 16 grilled baguette slices
- 1/4 pound buffalo mozzarella, torn into thin strips
- Aged balsamic vinegar, for drizzling
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced mint leaves

### Directions:

In a saucepan of boiling water, cook the fava beans until the skins start to loosen, 1 1/2 minutes. Drain and squeeze out the favas. Transfer the favas to a food processor and add the oil, lemon juice and zest and pulse to a coarse puree. Season with salt and pepper.

Spread the fava-bean puree on the toasts and top with the mozzarella strips. Drizzle the toasts with the balsamic vinegar, scatter the mint on top and serve.

Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share with everyone? Email me at [jkfrister@yahoo.com](mailto:jkfrister@yahoo.com) and I'll post it in the next newsletter.

## **STILL Looking For Your Input, Kirkwood!**

Is there something that you need help with at home? Is there an area that you can help others with? Something fun or exciting you'd like to share with Kirkwood (ex: community events, fundraisers, etc.)? Contact me at [Jkfrister@yahoo.com](mailto:Jkfrister@yahoo.com) or leave a note in my mailbox (1504) if you have something to add to the next newsletter. Here are some examples:

1. Do you have any celebrations you would like to share?
2. Do you know of any other community events coming up that you would like Kirkwood to know about?
3. Are you willing to house sit?
4. Are you willing to pet watch or walk? Are you looking for your pet(s) to be watched or walked?
5. Do you or does someone you know need anything? (basic home repairs, babysitting, tutoring, etc.)  
Do you have any special skills that you'd like to share? (fix computers, teach music lessons, etc.)