
KIRKWOODS NEWSLETTER

July 2015

1545 Kirkwood Drive, Geneva IL 60134

Visit our website: www.kirkwoodhomes.org

Kirkwood hotline: 630.557.5200

KIRKWOOD HOMEOWNERS MEETING MINUTES:

Kirkwood's meeting took place on June 15th at 6:30 pm. Six Board members were present.

Homeowners Forum:

- It was stated that 1546 and 1548 are scheduled for roof replacement, with 1548 also getting a new radon system installed.
- Homeowner observed pool gate is not always closing properly. It was stated that a solution to this problem will be sought.

Regular Reports:

- Window replacement application for 1510 was reviewed and approved by Board.
- Financial- Darrell E. Financials are strong. Budgets for maintenance projects were discussed.

New Business:

- Landscaping- Trimming of Vinca and shrubs currently taking place.
 - Open issues- Standards of Uniformity with regards to storm doors was discussed.
 - Clubhouse project- Committee has met. It was decided that a Homeowner Survey will be composed for submission to homeowners to determine what is needed/desired in a clubhouse/pool facility. It was stated that no special assessments or loans will be used for the funding of this project. Rather, it has been proposed that monies be set aside for the eventual funding of this project, in much the same fashion used previous Boards to pay off H.O.A loan debt. An architect was brought in to examine the structure of current clubhouse. It was determined that any fashion of "remodeling" would not be feasible or cost effective on such a structure, given the age and condition.
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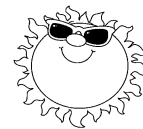
Upcoming Events:

Next Board Meeting: July 20th, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the clubhouse

Neighborhood Garage Sale: July 24-25th, 2015. Contact Heidi Hunter (1580) if you'd like to participate. Sale signs provided.

Clubhouse Rental: Contact Connie Porter for more info:
Connie7813@aol.com

Happy Summer!



2015 Board of Directors:

President: Rand Briggs

Secretary: Jim Forni

Treasurer: Darell Edwards

Directors: Sandy Smith, Jim Van Spankeren, Doug VanderMark & John Bray

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. **ATTENTION!** There have been sightings of people using our pool that are **NOT** Kirkwood homeowners or authorized guests. This is a problem as all Kirkwood homeowners are liable for any incidents that may occur involving these non-authorized individuals. The Board will now request the following in order to access the pool:
 - a. A pool pass must be with you at ALL times when using the pool (Reminder: homeowners are allowed up to 8 pool passes, which is the maximum amount of people per household allowed in the pool)
 - b. All individuals who are using the pool must sign in on the sign in sheet for that day
 - c. Make sure the gate to the pool is locked, and not propped open, at all times

Furthermore, the Board requests that you please question anyone you do not recognize without a pool pass and politely ask them to leave if they are an unauthorized individual. Please call the hotline and choose the pool option if you are need of replacement pool passes.
2. Raccoon season is upon us! HOA is not responsible for raccoon trapping and removal. County animal control should be called if necessary. Please avoid leaving pet food out overnight and make sure garbage can lids are secure as it can attract unwanted wildlife that can cause damage to our residences. If you notice unwanted wildlife near your property, try a product called Critter Ridder, which is said to be distasteful to the animals, discouraging their attraction to our buildings.
3. The city was out and patched the potholes and will be looking at street condition next year to see about adding it to the list for repaving (but that may be several years out).
4. Roof and concrete work will be starting in the next month or so. Decks and downspouts will also be looked at to see what is needed there. Homeowners are reminded that they are responsible for deck repair and staining.
5. It is a city ordinance to pick up after your dogs. Please a kind dog walker and pick up after your pets.
6. Reminder: Only one of the tennis court nets is up this year so that kids can ride their bikes, skate, play, etc. there instead of playing in the streets. One side of the tennis court will still be available for those who wish to play tennis.
7. Real estate available in Kirkwood: 1501, 1514, 1536, 1590, 1598



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
- **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 Kirkwood's website or the City of Geneva website: <http://www.geneva.il.us/index.aspx?nid=629>

Community Events!

Naper Nights!

Rock out to great music at Naper Settlement's Naper Nights Community Concert Series and dance the night away on 12 beautiful acres of grounds. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, your family and friends for a summertime tradition that features cold drinks and great food and fabulous music! July features discounted food from Maggiano's Little Italy and August features discounted food from Kick's Chicken Café. Upcoming shows include:

7/24: Unfortunate Sons (Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute) from 6-7pm & **Daryl Stuermer** (from Genesis and Phil Collins' band who will play hits from the 70's-90's from 7:45-10 pm

7/25: Think Floyd (Pink Floyd tribute) from 6:30-10 pm

8/21: Heartless (Heart tribute band) from 6-7:30 pm & **Mike and Joe** (rock hits from the 90's-today) from 8:15-10 pm

8/22: Deacon Blues (Steely Dan tribute) from 6-7:45 pm & **Simply Elton** (a recreated music and stage presence of Sir Elton John) from 8:15-10 pm

Find more information and clips of the bands, visit:
<http://www.napersettlement.com/index.aspx?nid=236>

Veggie Fest

Come visit one of the largest vegetarian food festivals in North America! International food court, live music, and vegetarian food demos! Don't miss out on talks by health experts, talks on spirituality, children's activities, meditation classes, family fun, free parking and much more!

When: August 15 & 16th

Where: New location: Benedictine University 5700 College Road Lisle, IL

For more information call 630-955-1200 or visit: www.veggiefestchicago.org

Shakespeare in the Park: July 18th

A Ravinia-style family-friendly theater event at 6:00 pm in the beautiful Island Park, in Geneva. Seating begins at 5 pm

Contact: Geneva Cultural Arts Commission
 630-845-9654

McHenry Fiesta Days

Multi-day impressive music festival with motorcycle show, amusement rides, craft fair, parade and more. July 10-19th in Petersen Park, McHenry IL. \$5 at the gate, \$15 for music entrance, children are free. Call 815-385-4300 or visit <http://mchenryfiestadays.com/> for more info.

STAGE Shakespeare in the Park: Twelfth Night

The Midsummer Theater Company presents an outdoor Shakespeare play- FREE! Sunday, July 19th, 6 pm at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. For tickets, contact: 630-260-8162

Sinatra Tribute: Peter Opisko Concert

An eight-piece orchestra backs singer Peter Opisko plays in Oak Brook at Central Park, Thursday, July 23rd at 7 pm.

For more information call: 630-990-4233

Irish Fest

Traditional Irish dancing, food & music, children's games, Irish marketplace. Fri 5-11 pm, Sat 4-11 pm at Museum Grounds, Euclid and Vail, Arlington Heights. For more info, call 847-255-1225 or visit <http://www.ahmuseum.org/irishfest/>

Anonapalooza

An alcohol-free family funfest with live music, magic, arts, food & games. Good Templar Park, Geneva. July 20th, 12-7 pm. Call 630-232-4208 for more information.

Streamwood Summer Celebration

Parade, golf outing, fireworks, carnival rides and entertainment. Hoosier Grove Park, Streamwood, IL. July 24-26th. Call 630-736-3802 or visit: www.streamwoodsummercelebration.org

Mushroom Risotto

(<http://www.gimmesomeoven.com/mushroom-risotto/>)



INGREDIENTS:

4 to 4.5 cups homemade chicken stock	1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 shallot, minced	1 cup Arborio rice
1/4 cup dry white wine	1 Tbsp. butter
16 oz. sliced cremini or baby bella mushrooms	1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

DIRECTIONS (Prep time: 5 minutes, Cook time: 25 minutes):

Heat the chicken stock in a small saucepan and keep warm over low heat. Heat the olive oil in a heavy-bottom pot over medium heat until hot but not smoking. Add the shallot and sauté for about 4 minutes, or until tender and translucent. Add the rice and stir well to coat. Cook for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the white wine and cook until all is absorbed, stirring constantly.

Continue to cook the rice, adding the chicken stock, 1/4 cup at a time (a ladle does this job nicely), stirring continuously over medium heat until the stock has been completely absorbed by the rice. Do not add more stock until the previous amount has been completely absorbed by the rice. Once all the stock has been incorporated, continue to cook until the rice is just cooked through.

In a separate pan, melt the butter and sauté the mushrooms until tender, about 8 minutes. Add the cooked mushrooms and cheese to the risotto, stirring until combined, and serve.

Dessert! Supper Easy, Three Ingredient Berry Cobbler (Honest!)

In a 13X9 glass baking pan, empty any desired fruit pie filling (21 oz can) and spread across entire bottom of dish. You can also use frozen or fresh fruit (personal favorite is blueberry or cherry). In a separate bowl, mix one box of yellow cake mix and 1 stick of unsalted butter (melted). After mixing, sprinkle crumb topping over the fruit filling and bake for 25 minutes at 350 degrees, or until topping is golden brown. Serve with vanilla ice cream and enjoy!

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

Neighborhood Sound-Off:

- Babysitter Available! Would you like a few hours for errands, lunch with a friend, or maybe a date night? As a wanna-be grandma, I find myself missing babysitting for my younger friends. One family moved to California and one mom quit her full-time job. If you are looking for a reliable, "mature" babysitter, please give me a call. Virginia Miller - 630-632-4531. References available.
- One of our young neighbors, Patricia Blazik (1540) will be showing her artwork at a Navy Pier art show later this month for new artists. Contact Patricia for purchasing tickets before the show, (\$15) or on this link, otherwise they will be \$20 at the door. Check out this website to see her work and more information:
[Patricia Blazik - RAWartists.org](http://PatriciaBlazik-RAWartists.org)
- The Board met on June 15th, and approved John Bray to replace a board member who is moving. Welcome and thank you, John!
- About 30 plus Kirkwood homeowners came out to Kirkwood's Meet and Greet the new Board and kick off the pool season. Connie Porter introduced the new president, Rand Briggs, and Darrel Edwards, the treasurer. She also managed to get the Geneva Fire Department to come out and show the kids the fire engines. A good time was had by all and the food contributed by homeowners was delicious! Thanks to Heidi Hunter who took these photos!



STILL Looking For Your Input, Kirkwood!

Contact me at 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 anything you'd like to sell or are you looking to purchase something specific?
2. Do you have any celebrations or announcements you would like to share?
3. Do you know of any other community events coming up that you would like Kirkwood to know about?
4. Are you willing to pet watch or walk or looking to have someone help you with your pets?
5. Do you have any special skills that you'd like to share? (fix computers, teach music lessons, etc.)