

# KIRKWOODS NEWSLETTER

June 2016

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 **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm at the Geneva Public Library. 19 homeowners were present. Six Board members were present: Rand Briggs, Sandy Smith, Jim Forni, Jon Hauser, John Bray, Lucy Tomlin.

### Homeowners Forum:

- Many home owners agreed that the mulch looks great!
- A question came up regarding a self-seeded tree; Rand made a suggestion to pull those if they are too close to the homes because they can cause serious damage to Kirkwood townhomes.

### Regular Reports:

#### Financials:

- Financials are good, no issues thus far.

#### Maintenance:

- Roofs are all done; 1505 claims not to be done and Rand agreed it still needs to be completed, he will get on this
- Pat White should be starting driveways soon
- City Engineer came out and marked the curbs: Geneva is going to grind and resurface Kirkwood Drive, however, Kirkwood is last on the list of projects so we could go this year and if not, then next year. They will also cut/ replace curbs, grinding/resurfacing, replace storm drains. This will cause about a months' worth of access issues but not until September as the city is starting on the West and working East. The Board and city in communication with these plans.

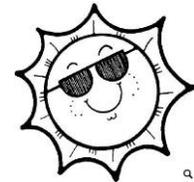


**Next Kirkwood Meeting: June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
6pm at The Geneva Public Library

**The Pool Is Now Open!!**

**10 am until 7pm**

**Happy summer!**



### 2016 Board of Directors:

President: Rand Briggs

Secretary: Jim Forni

Treasurer: Darell Edwards

Directors: Sandy Smith, Jon Hauser,  
John Bray & Lucy Tomlin

### 2016 Committees:

Landscape: Sandy Smith

Maintenance: Jim Van Spankeren

Newsletter: Jill Thomas

Pool: Jim Forni

Website: Denise Marks

Welcome: Heidi Hunter

**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*

## Real Estate:

- 1572 closed 5/19/16
- 1527 sold and closes June 15<sup>th</sup>

## Landscape:

- Almost finished with mulch
- Finishing up with some walls
- Finishing up other odds and ends

## Clubhouse Committee Report (Cindy Kruse, Maureen McKeough, Al Ball, Oleg Sladkov, Steve Trout, along with 2 Board members Jim Forni and Darrell Edwards)

- **THANK YOU** to ALL members on the Clubhouse Committee! You have worked well over 20 hours to present the following information which will ultimately enhance the community we live in!
- A good idea came through to have a demolition sale and selling all we can from clubhouse to generate money for the new plan
- Steve Trout from Lincoln Company Contractors LLC spoke on his ideas for the clubhouse and recommends: the entire foundation be removed to provide for a secure foundation, or to enable open space to remain level and not continually sink which would occur if the existing foundation was left and just filled.
- Drainage issues on the tennis courts is due to the huge slab of asphalt as the water stays trapped
- Pool will be closed for 2017, state waived requirement of bathroom/showers for us for 1 year and Kirkwood will have someone come and clean once a week
- Question was posed regarding what kind of community we are currently and what kind of community we are going to be. Other factors that influence our community include how long homes are on the market and what they are selling for as that plays a role into what people are looking for.
- Committee came up with two plans:
  - 1- PLAN ZERO- demolish the clubhouse, demolish pool and tennis courts and put in nothing but open space.
  - 2- PLAN 1- Purge the supplies and contents of the house but build a small storage facility to keep pool supplies in. Looking into pre-fab pool houses (a lot to choose from)
  - 3- PLAN 2- expand on PLAN 1 and build a small pavilion/clubhouse, picnic area, keep the pool, grill, etc.
  - 4- PLAN 3- larger clubhouse and do a small clubhouse with an expansion of a bigger clubhouse if we do not want the pool or keep the pool and do a smaller clubhouse, clubhouse with galley kitchen, counters, microwave, etc.
  - 5- PLAN 4- The biggie! Demolish the clubhouse, sell the property to a contractor and build 3-4 new townhouse units and take the revenue which is \$35-40,000 each one and doing whatever we want with it. Mailboxes will go where they were supposed to go in between every 6-7 pods of townhouses.



# Community Events!

## Kane County Cougars

'Tis the season for baseball and brats! Come out and support your local baseball team, the Kane County Cougars and enjoy an afternoon or evening of fun! This year's theme nights include: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Star Wars, 90's night, Jimmy Buffet, Superhero/Comic, Frozen, Military Appreciation, Country & Western, Minion, Ghostbusters and much more! New this year are ball park concerts that take place before Saturday games! Performers include: Too White Crew, Mr. Myers Band, Big Band Boom!, Trippin Billies, Suburban Cowboys, American English, Hi Infidelity, and Mike and Joe!  
Visit: [www.milb.com](http://www.milb.com) for more information!

## Swedish Days

Mark your calendar for Swedish Days is celebrating **67 years** this June! Swedish Days will run 6/21-6/26 this year! Come out for great sidewalk sales, Geneva's finest food, carnivals, parades and much more!  
Visit: [www.genevachamber.com](http://www.genevachamber.com) for more information



## Festival of the Fox

Come out to St. Charles June 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the ancient sport of Dragon Boat racing on the Fox River in beautiful Pottawatomie Park! Boat races take place Saturday-Sunday from 9 am- 6 pm, along with music, community performances, inflatable rides, and free games. Saturday at dusk a family movie night takes place with free popcorn! Sunday from 1-2 pm enjoy the Wonder Lake Water Ski Show, and a carnival the entire weekend. For more information, visit: [www.festivalofthefox.com](http://www.festivalofthefox.com)

## Ottawa 2 Rivers Wine Fest

Enjoy wine from 20 vintners from across Illinois, Fresh lobster, live jazz, outdoor market and more! Lobsters are flown in from Maine and will be served with corn on the cob and pumpernickel bread! \$30 for the lobster dinner bought by June 4th, \$35 at the door. Many other food vendors available! Bring a chair or blanket for the lawn and prepare to relax! Buy your tickets online before the price goes on the day of or before the sell OUT! For more information, visit: [www.ottawa2riverswinefest.com](http://www.ottawa2riverswinefest.com)

## Little Boots Rodeo, Craft and Vendors

The "Little Boots Rodeo" is an event where families help their children participate in 14 events in a non-competitive atmosphere. After completing all events, children will be certified as official Cowboys or Cowgirls on stage and receive a certificate! Some of the events include: cow milking, panning for gold, kids mechanical bull, pig puzzle, corn stripping, dino eggs, marble madness, and much more! Other family events open to the public include: wagon/pony/camel rides, butterfly tent, petting zoo, water balloon toss, and much more. Entrance fee is \$12. Visit [www.littlebootsrodeo.org](http://www.littlebootsrodeo.org) for more information

## Illinois Railway Museum

Located in Union, the Illinois Railway Museum offers over 400 Railroad and Transportation vehicles representing different aspects of United States railroading. Ride trolleys, interurban and coaches on their own railroad. The museum even offers special events including Thomas and Friends for kids! Hours of operation: May-October, 10:30 am to 5 pm. Visit their website for spring and holiday hours. For more information visit: [www.irm.org](http://www.irm.org) or call 800.BIG.RAIL

# Couscous and Cherry Tomato Salad

(serves 4- Courtesy of TheNest.com)



## Ingredients:

½ red onion, chopped  
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved  
1 tsp. garlic powder  
½ tsp. oregano dried  
¼ tsp. black pepper  
1 ½ cups water  
1 cup couscous (whole wheat)

## Directions:

1. Lightly mist a medium non-stick saucepan with canola oil spray and pre-heat over medium/ high heat
2. Add onions to pan and sauté until softened, about 2 minutes
3. Add tomatoes, garlic, oregano, black pepper, and water to pan, and bring to a boil.
4. Lower heat and simmer until tomatoes begin to soften, about 3 to 4 minutes.
5. Meanwhile, place couscous in medium mixing bowl.
6. Remove tomato mixture from heat and immediately pour over couscous. Cover and let stand 5 to 8 minutes, until couscous is tender and liquid is absorbed. Stir with fork to fluff before serving.

# How to Brew the Best Iced Tea

(From the nest.com)



1. Pour 2 cups of cold water in a pot or pan on the stove, and bring it to a boil.
2. Tie together 4 to 6 regular-sized tea bags (or 12 to 18 oz loose tea) and place them in a 2-quart pitcher that can withstand heat.
3. Pour the boiling water over the tea leaves/bags.
4. Let the tea steep for 10 minutes.
5. Remove the tea bags/leaves (don't squeeze).
6. If you want the tea sweetened, pour in your sugar or sweetener now. Variation: For "Boston Iced Tea," add two cups of cranberry juice cocktail.
7. Stir in two more cups of cold water (even more if you like a weaker tea).
8. Wait until the tea is room temperature (hot tea in the fridge can turn cloudy).
9. Chill the tea.
10. Serve.

Another option is "sun tea": Plop 4 to 6 tea bags in a 2-quart pitcher of water, cover, and leave in the sun for 3 to 6 hours. Remove it from the sun and refrigerate.