

**2007-2008
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Kirkwood Homeowners Meetings

AUGUST MEETING:

There were no comments for the Homeowner's Forum although 10 homeowners were present.

- **Pool Chairs:** The cost to replaced straps would be about \$35 for each chair. Donations are welcome and Sandy Smith will organize a pool chair day. (See page 3 for more information)
- **Pool:** The bottom grate drain will be replaced for safety after a federal notification about a pool drain incident. Electric and gas bills for the pool are approximately \$1000 a month. It will be closed September 2nd and winterized. A solar cover was discussed.
- **Tennis Courts:** Patrick Mauer sprayed for weeds and will remove the nets in the fall.
- **Landscaping:**
 - Work Project to clean up area around clubhouse and swing set area on following Saturday-volunteers welcome.
 - At 1500, railroad ties to be removed. Call Mike K. for assistance.
 - Drainage area by 1544-1546 to be improved on to prevent clogging. Check into the drainage area behind 1512 also.
 - Barb Lacina and Kevin Busath trimmed several trees on a Sun day morning.
 - Two trees scheduled for removal.
- **Traffic Light:** A "Left on arrow only" discussion, but all new traffic lights will have this feature. The light should have been turned on by July 31, but there have been electrical problems with Com.Ed.
- **Web Site:** Tech Pro will transfer the Kirkwood web site and maintain it since there were problems accessing/editing from the old host. Denise Marks will prepare a survey which will be included in the annual meeting mailing, to find out how many people do use the Kirkwood web site. George Orebaugh added the site to Yahoo.com group-Kirkwood HOA.
- **Management Report:** The 2009 budget is completed. See Jim V. for a copy of the budget. *There will be no assessment increase.* The annual board meeting was discussed.
- **Insurance Compliance:** 85%-95% of Kirkwood is now in compliance.
- **Painting:** The painting project is still in progress with four homes to go. Then all the units will have the new Kirkwood color.

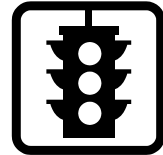
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**The next regular Board Meeting with the new Board is
October 20th at 7 PM.
All Homeowners are welcome-your involvement is important.**

Kirkwood Homeowners Meeting (continued)

- Roofing: Working on getting bids for 3-4 roofs and more flashing work for next year. Years ago they used galvanized tin instead of aluminum for flashing. The Board is aware of this problem and until the roofs are replaced and the problem corrected then, we will have to live with this. Five roofs were done this year.
- Rules & Regulations: The Board will re-inspect the decks to see who has complied with staining. Fines have been imposed and secondary fines may be imposed again. A reminder that fines need to be paid before refinancing or selling your home.
- A proposal for Snow Removal/Landscaping is needed from Accurate Edge.
- Gutters: What is happening? A discussion on gutter guards, costs and what to do.

As of this writing, the signs on Kirk Road indicate that the new traffic signal at Kirk and Averill will be activated on September 12, 2008. After many years of residents' involvement to accomplish this, it will be great to safely make a left hand turn anytime, but especially during rush hours. Thanks to all past and present homeowners for their help.



Kirkwood Annual Meeting and Board Nominations

Another year has gone by and it's that time for our annual Homeowners Meeting. This year the Board will have four open positions. If you would like to make a difference in Kirkwood or get involved in the decision making process of running Kirkwood, please think about including your name to the nominations. Information and forms have been sent out by the management company.



**KIRKWOOD ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2008
1:00 PM
AT THE GENEVA PUBLIC LIBRARY
127 James Street**

There are four (4) Directors to be elected each for a two (2) year term. The law states that you must be the Home Owner to run for a position on the Board. We encourage each and every Home Owner to give serious thought to serve on the Board whether or not you have previously served on an association board.

Should you wish to place your name in nomination, please complete and return the Candidate Come Forward form to Hillcrest Property Management by no later than Monday, September 15, 2008.

No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Kirkwood's Neighbor in the News.....

Kirkwood is home to some very special, and interesting people. One of those people is Christa Thurman Sala, a modest and soft-spoken woman who liked to swim every morning in the Kirkwood pool when she could. I asked Christa, a curator at the Art Institute of Chicago, to write about a project she has been working on for a very long time. Included in this newsletter is her remarkable story.

Is there someone else in Kirkwood we should know? Just let me know or send me your story. DM

Kirkwood Pool Chairs and Picnic

**Come join your neighbors on Saturday, September 13th
(rain date, September 14th)
at 10:00 AM for a fun and worthwhile cause.**

We are repairing our POOL CHAIRS!!!

We are gearing up to repair the Kirkwood Club House pool chairs. Many need to be re-strapped and repaired. Chuck Pedersen has ordered the strapping materials and we have perfected the strapping technique but need some helping hands and muscle. Please contact Sandy, Connie, or Chuck to let them know you will be available to help.

A picnic for all to celebrate the completion of our hard work will be held at the clubhouse at 6:00 PM on the 13th.

Please join us whether you worked on re-strapping or assisted with the funding.

We are counting on your help!

To sign up for an hour or all day, please contact one of the following: Sandy Smith (1558) 630-232-6930,
Chuck Pedersen (1548) 630-262-9796 or Connie Porter (1529) 630-232-7813.

Kirkwood Neighborhood Notes



Kirkwood Garage Sales

Friday, &
Saturday,
Sept. 26th &
Sept. 27th

8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Private Kirkwood family preview
will be Thursday evening
Sept. 25th
From 7:00 PM-8:00 PM
Please join in and find great bargains!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN IN!

Please call (630-262-0189),
stop by 1525, or e-mail
barblacina@comcast.net

Kirkwood House Walk

Due to scheduling conflicts,
the Kirkwood House Walk
by the Social Committee will be
POSTPONED
until Spring '09

So get those home-improvement projects and
spring cleaning done early, and get ready to
show your home!

We are hoping for a great turnout!

This will be a wonderful way to meet our
neighbors and celebrate our beautiful
Kirkwood homes.

If you have any questions, concerns, or sug-
gestions regarding next Spring's House Walk,
please contact Carly Pagano at
(630) 485-1541 or carlypagano@sbcglobal.net.

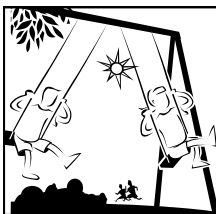
Please check your mailboxes next Spring for
more information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Kirk Road Traffic Light Begins	13 10AM Kirkwood Pool Chairs & Picnic
14 (Rain Date For Pool Chairs)	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Kirkwood Garage Sales 8-3	27 Kirkwood Garage Sales 8-3
28 1:00 KHA ANNUAL MEETING	29	30		Notes:		

*A Reminder:
Don't forget to fill out your Kirkwood Web site Survey and drop it in the Red Mailbox by the clubhouse or bring it to the annual meeting.*



AT THE
KIRKWOOD
ANNUAL MEETING



LANDSCAPE NOTICE: Recently, members of the Landscape Committee cleaned up the area behind the clubhouse. The cleanup included carrying brush that had been left there to the side of Kirkwood Drive to be picked up by the City of Geneva Public Works Dept., along with trash and other items.

It was noticed, since the cleanup, that brush has again been put in the area that was cleaned up. Please do not put brush, tree limbs, trash or other waste materials there, as **that area is not a dumping ground for any of us.** Let's all try to keep the area free from debris as we have a lovely swing set and slide for our children and grandchildren in the same area.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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 To access the Homeowner Secure Area links, please use the following:
USER NAME: khomeowner PASSWORD: I500geneva (These codes are intended for Kirkwood use only.)

(The website may be in the process of updating when you access it)

Kirkwood's Neighbor in the News:

Christa Thurman Sala

My name is Christa Thurman Sala. My husband, Arsenio and I moved to Kirkwood over five years ago. I am on staff at the Art Institute of Chicago as Chair (senior curator) of the Department of Textiles in the Museum with training in Art history, museology, and knowledge and experience in conservation. This means that I am responsible for 15,000 textiles in all, direct a staff of six and three part time employees.

I oversee all matters that pertain to textiles and the historic collection the Art Institute owns. The holdings range from archeological through and including contemporary textiles. It does not include costume unless it is church regalia, i.e. liturgical vestments. I also oversee the textile conservation laboratory, a facility that was developed by myself with the assistance of a young architect in 1975 and I am furthermore responsible for all textile exhibitions and publications developed by my Department.

In 1967 I was asked to come to Chicago to accept this position and the charge was: "Develop the Department, its facility, staff, collections, conservation laboratory, exhibitions, publications, a public profile and lecture programs from every point of view" and after forty-one years I am still steadily working on this mandate!

My recent task has been to do something with the large historic, pictorial pieces, the so - called tapestries that you may have seen in European castles on your travels. The Art Institute has about 100 of these large pieces and many of them were in dire need of conservation. As such work requires major funding that was never available for such an enormous project, the tapestries had to wait for many years to be properly attended and cared for.

That moment finally arrived in the early 1990's. The undertaking of tapestry conservation along with all other textile conservation is very specialized and requires specific equipment, vast areas of space and a staff that has been trained to conserve such vulnerable and often times fragile pieces. It took me twenty-five years to find such a facility. I looked in this country, and I looked abroad, and I finally found the right laboratory that met all my requirements. I found it in Belgium, the leading country that initially introduced and produced thousands upon thousands of historic tapestries from the 15th Century onward. The right place indeed!

To make the story short , eighty-seven tapestries were identified for greatly needed conservation. A trial piece indicated that the results would be spectacular. And from this trial piece we managed to conserve an additional thirteen tapestries that belonged to the same set - the Story of Cleopatra, Caesar, Zenobia and Aurelian. After that, the Institute embarked on further conservation in groupings of the rest of the pieces that needed conservation.

The project took thirteen years to complete and required fifteen round trip shipments to Belgium. For each shipment, the needed funding had to be found - a gamble in itself, but Chicago, as many

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of you perhaps know, is a very generous city. And the support for repeated begging letters, telephone calls and arm twistings were successful. Individuals and support groups came forth and so it looked as if it would be possible that little by little, we might be able to do the entire tapestry collection. This risky assumption turned out to be true and in May of 2008 the last group of six tapestries flew back with me...or better said, I with them!

In the meantime, the Institute at large, and its publications department realized that a highly potential scholarly publication based on this collection was in order. Application for an Andrew W. Mellon Fund was made and received. Other critical facts fell into place- such as for me to get a research fellowship at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles for three months in 2004. Funding for a research assistant was equally high on the list.

What also fell into place was the fact that a young Belgian art historian who had specialized in tapestry studies for many years and completed his doctorate with flying colors, became available part time. This was ideal, as the largest component of the collection contains Flemish, Belgian, Southern Netherlandish examples dating from the 17th and 18th Centuries. Very shortly thereafter, this young man became principal author and jointly we invited four additional international authors with specialized research areas to form the Chicago Tapestry Team.

The result became a 407 page volume that is just being published and will be available by mid-October of this year. Without computers, e-mail and the internet this kind of research across the ocean and across the US could not have been done a decade ago-this meant that the right tools were on hand at the right time as well.

Therefore, and to celebrate the completion of the tapestry conservation as well as the research about these pieces, an enormous, spectacular exhibition has been planned and will open on November 1, 2008 for all of Chicagoland and for those who travel from afar to enjoy and to see over the holidays. It will be shown at the Art Institute in Regenstein Hall where all the large and major exhibitions are generally presented.

If I have enticed you, enough why don't you plan a trip with some of your Kirkwood neighbors to see this exhibition and take a peak at the publication! The exhibition is up from November 1, 2008 to January 4, 2009.

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