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Are You Ready for Spring Fling? Woot!

by Kristine Lucas

Spring is here, and that means the Kirkwood Spring Fling is, too! Thanks to the festival founders and the Kirkwood community members who made up the planning committee during its early days, the event is still going strong 15 years later. After several months of hard work by the 2017 planning committee, Bessie Branham Park is the place to be on Saturday, May 20, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

This year's festival will host some fantastic entertainment, a variety of food from local restaurants and food trucks, and sweet treats in push carts. There will also be a large kids' area with bounce houses, the Bubble Man, and much more.

For adults over 21, look for additional beverage stations offering local Georgia craft beer selections as well as the Fling's signature sangria.

Music Stage

The music committee has

put together an eclectic line-up of dynamic artists and bands for the live music stage (see page 11). For example, Russell Gunn's Krunk Jazz Orchestra incorporates jazz, African drums, dub step, trap beat, and EDM into their songs. You can get a preview of their unique sound from their front man's *The Sirius Mystery*, released last August. The music begins at 11:00 AM and wraps up at 7:15 PM.

Artists Market Expands

More than 100 artists will be displaying their wares, including Kirkwood's own Peach Davis of Peach or

Plum. She'll be showcasing her sophisticated and whimsical watercolors in a wide variety of ways, including original designs on greeting cards, calendars, and hand-stitched notebooks; unique state-shape prints incorporating each state's flower, fruit, and bird; geometric animal prints; and custom wedding, engagement, and home portraits. See samples of her work in her Etsy store at peachorplum.com.

5K Road Race

Cheer on the runners who'll begin heading east on Hosea from the library at

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Two-time Grammy-nominated composer and trumpeter Russell Gunn hits the stage with his Krunk Jazz Orchestra at 3:30 PM. **See page 11 for the complete line-up of music.**

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Kirkwood Neighbors' Organization (KNO) is a racially and economically diverse civic organization devoted to the revitalization of Atlanta's historic Kirkwood community.

KNO meets on the 10th of each month at 7 pm at the Turner Monumental A.M.E. Church, 66 Howard Street NE.

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Wine Stroll Wrap-Up: Good Times Benefit Good Causes

by Keely L. Herrick

The 2016 Kirkwood Wine Stroll may be a pleasantly blurry memory to most of us, but three local organizations are putting profits from the event to good use. Each received donations from the Kirkwood Business Owners' Association, and each group is excited for the fresh support.

Toomer Elementary PTA

Treasurer Jay Carlson expressed the group's gratitude for the \$1,000 donation this way: "Each year FATE PTA uses funds that we've raised for a special project. Thanks to the generosity of KBOA, FATE parents, and members of the Kirkwood community, we have purchased three benches for the school's new inclusive playground."

The photo above shows one of these recently installed benches.

KirkCats

Inspired by the Lifeline Animal Project's Catlanta program, KirkCats was founded in 2014 by Cathy Rice, Rose Nathan, and Catherine Tipton to trap, neuter, return, and care for our feline neighbors.

The organization teaches volunteers to humanely trap kitties and bring them to Lifeline so that they can be vetted, vaccinated, and spayed or neutered. They also check for microchips in order



The benches purchased with the help of KBOA's donation to the FATE PTA are made with recycled plastic and personalized with one of the school's three values: respectful, honest, and hard-working.

to return a possibly lost pet to his or her owner. In just two years, the group treated over 200 cats in Kirkwood and re-homed 40 kittens and tame cats.

Cathy said, "Most of our costs are paid by volunteers chipping in. We were thrilled when KBOA contacted us to donate funds from the Wine Stroll to our efforts. As part of Kirkwood, we are amazed at the support from the donation of \$500 from KBOA. These funds have been so helpful in fixing and vaccinating community cats and caring for sick and injured cats. We can't thank you all enough."

Anyone interested in helping to care for our neighborhood cats is welcome to join the group. Look for the KirkCats group on Facebook or e-mail thekirkcats@gmail.com.

Drew Charter School PTA

Co-President Maggie Stewart said their \$500 donation

"will go directly to Drew Charter PTA programs and events that support Drew Charter School students with funding for enrichment programs, classroom materials, teacher support, and parent resources that would otherwise be unavailable at the school."

Drew is a Title I public school within the Atlanta Public School system that enrolls a large percentage of students from low-income households, from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Maggie said, "Donations from our community partners, like KBOA, are essential to the success of the students at Drew Charter."

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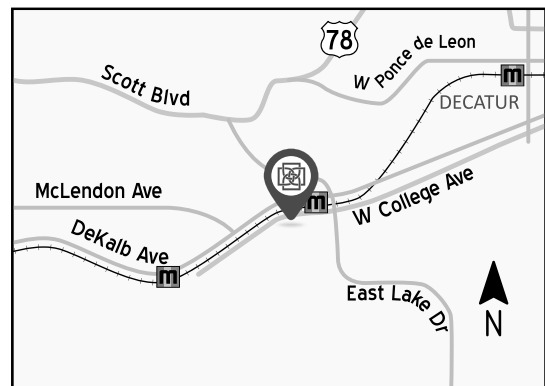


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Upcoming Events

Monday, May 1

Perfect Attendance Popsicle and Dance Party recognizing students with perfect attendance in April.

May 1 – 5

Community members are welcome to shop or volunteer at the Buy One Get One Book Fair. Contact eric.carpenter@apsk12.org.

Thursday, May 11

5:30-7:30 PM

Join us for the 6th Annual Science Night, with a focus on hands-on, fun earth science.

Friday, May 12

Annual Field Day

Saturday, May 13

1:30-4:00 PM

2nd and 3rd grade FATE students compete against other local school teams in the Kickball Jamboree.

Saturday, May 20

Cheer on staff members running in the Spring Fling 5K (look for FATE tanks!) and visit the FATE booth.

End-of-Year Awards Ceremonies

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Monday, May 22, 8:30 AM

1st and 2nd grades

Tuesday, May 23, 1:00 PM

3rd and 4th grades

Wednesday, May 24, 8:30 AM

5th grade

Tuesday, May 23, 8:30 AM

by Jennifer Kraften

Emily Max was acknowledged for her fantastic, empathetic teaching by Atlanta Families' Awards for Excellence in Education in a surprise ceremony on March 28. She will use her award to help build social emotional skills in our classrooms. Jalisa Johnson, 3rd grade, has been named FATE's Teacher of the Year, and Freddie Hicks, custodian, as Support Staff of the Year. Congratulations to these valuable, amazing members of the school community!

You've probably noticed some recent landscaping changes. A big thank you to Kirkwood UCC for the beautiful new planters at our front entryway, and to FATE parent and landscaper extraordinaire Mr. Walls for the curb appeal on Rogers Street.

And thank you to our students for showing all of their hard work and learning this year, including the 3rd through 5th graders who participated in the Georgia Milestones assessments in April.

Some of the best thinkers and problem-solvers at the school are the Students of the Month:

- Pre-K: Oana and Henry
- Kindergarten: Kayson, Elliotte, and Destiny
- 1st grade: Jaya, Lena, Makenzie, and Hamilton
- 2nd grade: Zio, Jice, and Mia

- 3rd grade: Samiya, Nicholas, Essence, and Chaisen

- 4th grade: Harmony, Erin, and D'Sean
- 5th grade: Jada and Tyler



Working with Hands On Atlanta and the Atlanta Children's Shelter, FATE students' "Gift of Love and Giving" project won second place at the Communities in Schools Choose Success Awards, held at the Georgia Aquarium on April 18. In the front row are Nyimah, Kayla, Demarcus, Demarco, and Keyshawn — some of the 23 students in 3rd through 5th grade who showed their commitment to our community — with teacher Mr. Carroll, Principal Ashley Adamo, and teacher Ms. Vincent.

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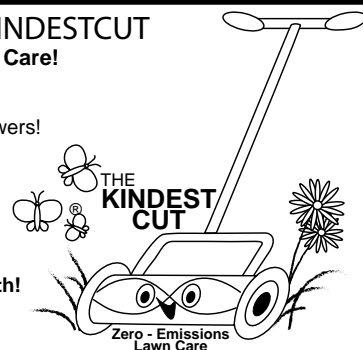
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Saturday, May 6, 1:00 PM

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Music Together with Ms. Jennifer

Wednesday, May 17, 10:30 & 11:15 AM

Space is limited for these two musical story times! Call to register or sign up at the library. Ages up to 4.

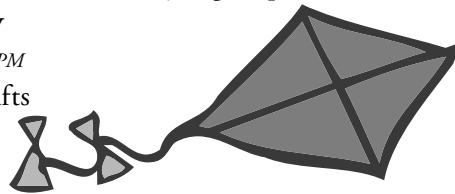
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Kite Making, noon

Learn how to make and fly your very own kite with the experts from the Atlanta World Kite Festival. Kirkwood Library lawn. All ages.

Author Reading, 1:00 PM

Join Pamela Weidmann and Erin Ward as they read from their book *Picasso Moves In*, the story of a parrot that teaches two kids a very important lesson. Ages 6-12.



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Saturday, May 20

Summer Reading Kickoff

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Kirkwood Restaurants Help Raise Funds for Home Meal Delivery

by Mike Gerber

Two of our neighborhood establishments, Kirkyard Public House and The Pullman, each donated a significant portion of their day's proceeds

on April 26 to Open Hand Atlanta in support of Dining Out for Life, an annual fundraising event for the non-profit organization that provides home-delivered meals and nutritional education to those with chronic disease.

This year saw a record number of restaurants – more than 100 – supporting the cause, and the Kirkwood community showed up with their families and friends.

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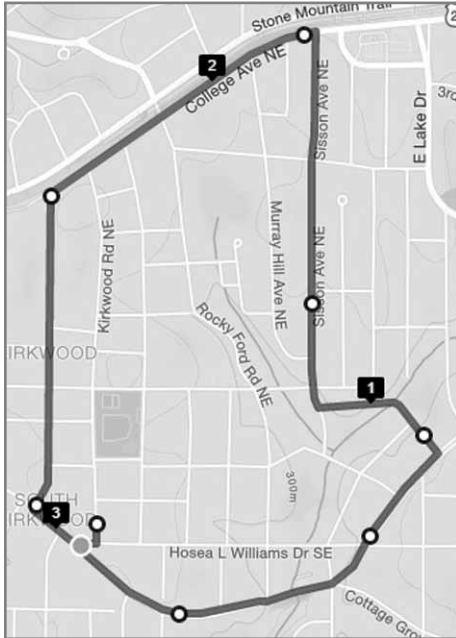
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8:30 AM. The route has changed slightly, so the starting line is closer to the finish near the Hosea/Oakview split, and



there will be road closures around the race.

Sign up online at kirkwoodfling.com/5k-road-race by May 18, or in-person for an additional \$5 during packet pick-up on May 19 and 20.

Tour of Homes

See the results of loving renovations and new additions, enjoy the tree-lined streets and home gardens, and get interior design ideas from classic to funky-chic. Eight residences throughout the neighborhood are open to explore on both Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5:00 PM. Tour tickets are \$20.

Sign Up to Volunteer

All of this can't happen without lots of help, and it's not too late to raise your hand. Show your support for Kirkwood by donating 2-3 hours of your time at the festival or in the homes on the tour. Volunteers receive a free T-shirt, drink

Spring Fling Music Line-Up

11:00 – 11:45 AM

Control Burn

12:00 – 12:45 PM

Slow Parade

1:15 – 2:00 PM

Ruby Velle Acoustic Duo

2:15 – 3:00 PM

Yani Mo

3:30 – 4:30 PM

Russell Gunn's Krunk Jazz Orchestra

4:45 – 5:30 PM

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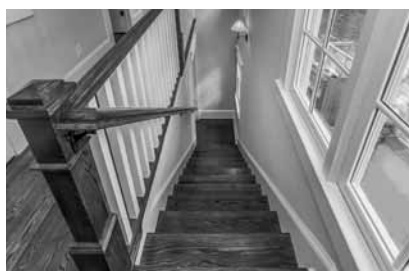
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BATL Connects Locals with Civil War Past

by Henry Bryant

The Battle of Atlanta Commemoration Organization offers walking tours and events as a way to connect residents and visitors to Southeast Atlanta's past and to promote learning through cultural tourism.

Tours begin in the East Atlanta Village, are an easy walk, and generally last around an hour and a half.

The anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta is on July 22, and there will be

a special Frontlines Tour offered as part of this year's commemoration events.

The 158th anniversary also brings a special artist talk with photographer Jeff Beekman at the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum on July 20. He has traveled to various Civil War battlefields to create works that compare and contrast the scenes with current culture in moving ways. The East Atlanta Library will show his work in June and July.

Upcoming Tours

The Frontlines Tour

Saturday, May 13, 2:00 PM

BATL's oldest and most popular tour, with the most experienced tour guides, is a walking tour of the battlefield in East Atlanta. You'll hear about the movements in the battle, the personalities of its major players, and some local history.

Tickets are \$15, advance reservations required.

Civil War to Civil Rights Tour

Saturday, June 17, 2:00 PM

Beginning near Clifton Road at the edge of East Atlanta, this tour combines stories from the Civil War Battle of Atlanta with the Civil Rights stories of the battlefield.

Tickets and advance reservations required.

Battle in Reverse Tour

(From Beginning to End and Back Again)

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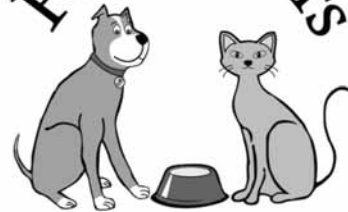
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Is Your Home Secure for the Summer?

and, to a lesser extent, spring break.

The police tell me that adult criminals will recruit kids and train them to kick in doors and steal desired items. The adult mentor watches from a safe distance but receives the stolen goods. If they're caught, juveniles are treated more leniently under the law, and the adult can avoid an arrest that will stick.

The typical method is "smash-and-grab," with a door kicked in, goodies snatched, and the intruder gone in less than five minutes. One Grant Park theft captured by the home security camera and posted

on YouTube last year was timed at just 22 seconds from kick-in to exit with TV.

Most burglaries happen between noon and 3:00 PM, when the home's occupants are at work. Some, like the one in the video, happened right after the owners leave for work. That implies the house was being watched.

Do security cameras help? They seldom deter thieves, but sometimes they can give police clues to catch them. However, the camera would have to be of good enough quality to provide a high-resolution image for identification, preferably in color. That's an expensive camera, and it would still have to be positioned just right to catch something usable.

Unless you have deep pockets, there are more effective deterrents for your money. Preventing intrusion through doors and windows is the best idea. A monitored alarm system to limit "illegal shopping" time is the second thing you should consider.

For doors:

- Steel burglar bar doors

Targeted items are:

- laptops
- iPads
- large-screen TVs
- game stations
- other electronics
- jewelry
- guns

(with their own locks) installed outside your entry door

- Reinforcement of jambs and door with unobtrusive steel hardware
- Security storm doors like Larson's "Secure Elegance"

For windows:

- Steel burglar bars
- Window pins for wood windows, or dowels for vinyl and aluminum windows
- Clear window security film with its super-strong adhesive

If you're not comfortable with a DIY approach or want to do more, a security company can help you address your concerns and figure out your options.

by Duncan Cottrell

I hate to say it, but crime statistics demonstrate that break-ins increase when school is not in session. That means summer vacation, end-of-the-year holidays,

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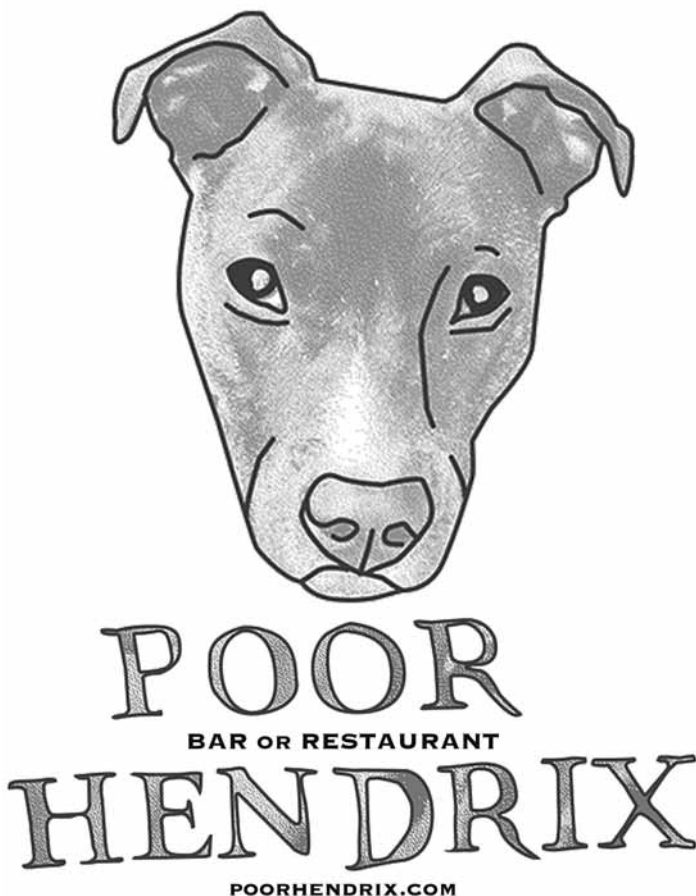
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