

# Kirkwood

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### ***Start:ME offers free local business training***

Start:ME is a free, intensive, 14-session business training program for promising local small businesses in East Lake and Kirkwood. Start:ME takes businesses to the next level by providing entrepreneurs with business training, a robust network of mentors and peers, and access to a \$10,000 grant pool. Applications close on Nov. 5 for the Winter 2019 program.

“I came into Start:ME operating and spending the vast majority of my time working ‘in’ instead of ‘on’ my business,” said Kirkwood business



As a result of his participation in the Start:ME program, Smugs Fitness owner Sam Mugavero (second from left) increased his sales and received a grant.



Johnathan Pascual, owner of Taproom Coffee & Beer, was a Start: ME mentor.

owner Sam Mugavero of Smugs Fitness. “The Start:ME program provided me with mentors who helped me develop direction, skills, and knowledge for how to work *on* the business each week, which led to the highest sales Smugs has ever had in a quarter! I’d recommend Start:ME to anyone looking to start or

grow their new business!”

The program also leverages skilled volunteer business mentors to support entrepreneurs’ growth and development. As Kirkwood business owner and Start:ME mentor Jonathan Pascual

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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 7:00 PM at the Turner Monumental A.M.E. Church, 66 Howard St. NE.

Everyone is welcome!

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## KNO Calendar of Events

### Tuesday, Nov. 6

Election Day

### Wednesday, Nov. 7

Kirkwood Neighbors Night at the Pullman

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**6:30 PM:** Zoning Committee meeting

**8:00 PM:** Public Safety Committee meeting

### Saturday, Nov. 10 • 7:00-8:00 PM

KNO Meeting, Turner Monumental AME Church

### Wednesday, Dec. 5

Kirkwood Neighbors Night at the Pullman

### Monday, Dec. 10 • 7:00-8:00 PM

KNO Meeting, Turner Monumental AME Church

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**DeKalb Atlanta Senior Center** 25 Warren Street SE

**Dulce Vegan** 1994 Hosea Williams Drive

**GBG Market** 2033 Hosea L Williams Drive

**Guitar Shed** 1610 Hosea Williams Drive Ste. E

**Indigo Wellness** 1963 Hosea Williams Drive #R107

**Kirkwood Feed and Seed** 1998 Hosea Williams Drive

**Kirkwood Library** 11 Kirkwood Road – *not during renovation*

**Langford's Barber Shop** 1947 Hosea Williams Drive

**Le Petit Marche** 1963 Hosea Williams Drive

**LIV Fitness** 1853 Memorial Drive

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**The Pullman** 1992 Hosea Williams Drive

**Spotted Trotter** 1610 Hosea Williams Drive Ste. A&B

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**Taproom Coffee** 1963 Hosea Williams Drive #R106

**Toomer Elementary School** 65 Rogers Street NE

**Urban Pie** 2012 Hosea Williams Drive

**Valero** 1989 Hosea Williams Drive

**All KNO and NPU-O meetings & neighborhood events**

# Urban Pie celebrates expansion with reopening party

Urban Pie began as a corner neighborhood pizza joint in 2006 and, much like the neighborhood, has grown and evolved over the past 12 years. On Oct. 21, the restaurant held its grand reopening.

Owner Lisa Curtis had a vision of providing Kirkwood's largest patio and showpiece bar, and that is now a reality. The recent renovation took the restaurant from 783 to 3,000 square feet, including expansions of both the dining area and patio as well as the addition of a horseshoe-shaped bar. And large-screen TVs are throughout.

Craft beer, wine, and signature cocktails complement the thin, crispy artisan pies and casual fare of salads, calzones, and wings. The cocktails were a huge hit at the event, especially



the Jackie O – a blend of Cathead honeysuckle vodka, elderflower, cassis, citrus, and sparkling wine.

According to Curtis, their vegan pies have a cult following. The restaurant also offers gluten-free crust and keto-friendly crustless pizzas.

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drink specials during the week, and on Sundays, you can listen to live acoustic music on the new covered patio.

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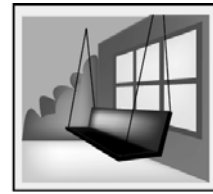


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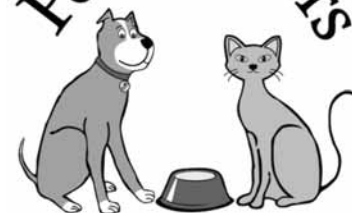


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# DIY: Restore the finish on your wooden front door

by Duncan Cottrell

Our southern weather is not kind to wooden entry doors, especially original doors on historic homes. As the temperature finally cools off a little, many homeowners are considering sprucing up their front doors, in preparation for holiday visitors.

Let's look at what's involved in refinishing a wooden door. And a word of caution before you begin – it will be three to four days before you can securely lock the door again. Take this into account when you plan your project.

First, remove the door. Get a couple of sawhorses and pad them with towels. Then lay the door across them. Remove the hardware from the door.



Sand the flat portions of the door. A random orbital sander is a good choice, using 80-grit followed by 100- or 120-grit paper. Next, tackle the gunk that has collected in the corners, edges, and raised decorations

on the door with a small, sharp scraper. Be sure to pull the scraper *with* the grain, and be very careful to avoid gouging the wood.

Work on the profiles next. A door profile is the joint where the door panel and



the sticking come together. Use folded sandpaper or a sanding sponge to get into the profile, using long strokes over the length of the molding.

Clean away all the dust by brushing and then vacuuming the door. Now you're ready to seal the edges, before you stain and seal the whole thing. Leave the door on the sawhorses and give both the top and bottom edges a good coat of finish.

It's a good idea to put the door back on its hinges before you apply the stain. You can very easily damage the finish on the door if you hang it after you're done with the refinishing. Do it now so you're more likely to end up with a perfect finish on the door.

What finish should you choose?

You can always paint the door – a practical and easy solution that will provide the longest protection against the sun and the weather. Use two coats of enamel over a primer.

But a beautiful stain or natural color followed with a clear finish will really set your door apart from its neighbors. Follow the staining directions to get the color you want, and then choose an appropriate finish. Marine spar varnish is an excellent choice – it's tough and will stand up to

the sun.

After the first coat, let the door dry overnight before you close it completely.

Next, sand it with fine sandpaper (220 grit) – *gently*. You're not trying to get down to bare wood! Dust the door, then wipe it down with a tack cloth. Add a second coat of finish, and let it dry overnight again.

At this point, you're just one coat away from a fully refinished wood door. Sand the door once more with 220-grit sandpaper, then dust and wipe it down before applying the final finish coat.

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## Kirkwood's stars behind the lens

by Emily Wimbush

Kirkwood is fortunate to have a thriving business community with several clusters of professional office spaces, service companies, and brick-and-mortar retail

locations. However, there's a whole group of businesses based from home that are just as important. The Kirkwood Business Owners' Association introduces you to four of its members, all working in the photography industry.

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Harry Hayes worked in advertising – creating television commercials for Budweiser, AT&T, CDW, and many other brands – for over 20 years. He worked with some of the top commercial directors and learned the video production process first-hand.

Ten years ago, he directed his first web video, and since that time, new cameras and technology have made production easier and more affordable.

At Content Puppy, Harry produces, directs, and edits *every* project, so each client benefits from his branding and advertising experience. He also works with companies to solve marketing problems, position products, and develop strategies.

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### Stephanie Howard

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Stephanie Howard's portfolio features incredible kids doing incredible things. It also includes some creatively designed and decorated homes that she photographed for Meyler & Company Locations, the company she has worked for in both Los Angeles and Atlanta.

"It's always magical to be invited into someone's personal space to document them and the nest they've built for themselves," she says.

Stephanie grew up on Long Island in New York and in Miami, Florida.

In 2015, she and her husband bought a home in Kirkwood.

Stephanie has taken photographs for the LATimes.com, Newsweek, Metromix, Sprite, Regan Books, Cleis Press, Yahoo, Chicago's CITY 2000 archive, various Chicago and LA theater companies, children for Ford Models kids' division, and a myriad of private events. She works with private clients and does corporate headshots and personal documentary projects.

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### Bonnie J Heath

#### **Bonnie J Heath Photography**

Bonnie Heath enrolled in a basic black-and-white photo class in college, and she



was hooked. While finishing her degree in architecture, she took every photography class North Carolina State offered. Moving toward a career with a camera, she attended graduate school at Ohio University to study photojournalism. Then she worked as a newspaper photogra-

pher for several years and dreamt of running her own business.

When Bonnie and her husband adopted their son Sebastian, she decided to make a break from corporate life to pursue freelance photography full time. Since the inception of her solo business, she has photographed hundreds of weddings and documented other important steps in a family's life.

Portraits are her current passion. Helping her clients define their business or personal brands through photography is an experience she hopes to continue through the rest of her career.

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### Addison Hill

#### **Addison Hill Photo**

"The relationship I build between people and their stories is why I love photography," says Addison Hill. "I thrive on meeting

new people, hearing new stories, and portraying these events visually.

Telling your story through the lens of my camera is not only important but the joy of my job. Whether I'm photographing your wedding, event, or your family, your story will shine through."

Addison attended Savannah College of Art and Design and graduated with a bachelor's of fine art in photography. His training through SCAD taught him the ins and outs of photography and has helped him to grow strong roots for his career.

He transitioned into a full-time professional photography career in 2009. Since then he has been capturing moments and events for corporate clients like the Georgia Aquarium, documenting live music events, and is a popular Atlanta wedding photographer – which, he explains, has taught him to stay calm under pressure.

He says it's hard for him to put his camera away. "Photography is not just my job, but also my passion."

Addison and his wife live on Hosea Williams Drive.

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# What's the issue with 911 emergency calls?

by Katie Kissel,  
KNO Public Safety Chair

In Kirkwood, we are residents of both City of Atlanta and DeKalb County, which puts us in a unique position when calling 911 for emergency assistance. Fire and police services are routed through City of Atlanta, but EMS services are routed through DeKalb County.

When you call 911 from your cell phone, depending on which tower your phone picks up, your call can go to either the city or the county. The dispatcher answering your call is supposed to answer, ask for your address, and then ask what services you need (police, fire, or EMS).

If you need to be transferred – for example, if you're a Kirkwood resident whose call went to City of Atlanta but

you need EMS services from DeKalb County – the dispatcher is supposed to stay on the line until they connect you with a dispatcher from the appropriate 911 center and ensure your needs are met.

Being initially connected to the wrong dispatch center when you call 911 shouldn't be a problem. People all over the country have been dealing with this issue. At most, it should add an extra 10-20 seconds to your call.

Another option we have is to bypass the 911 system and directly call 404-658-6666. But it's only a good alternative if you're sure that you need City of Atlanta police or fire services.

And it's not a perfect solution. This number isn't entered in the 911 queue, so your call is less likely to be answered in a timely manner. This number doesn't offer the same location services

that 911 provides either. So, if you're outside your house or can't provide your address for some reason, the dispatcher won't be able to locate you.

The problem we have, in my opinion, lies with DeKalb County's 911 center. If there's ever an issue with a transfer or hold times, it's almost always on their side. During my time as chair of public safety for the KNO, we've had no response from or interaction with DeKalb County's 911 center, while the Atlanta Police Department's Captain Smythe has been very responsive and engaged.

We, as a neighborhood, need to push our county officials to address this issue.

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# New programs at the East Lake YMCA

contributor: Henry Bryant

## Dodge, duck, dip, dive, and dodge!

The East Lake Family YMCA now offers dodgeball – for adults! Recruit your friends and neighbors to join: seven-member teams made up of all YMCA members get a discount, but non-members can play as well.

The season runs Nov. 6-Dec. 11, and games are every Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 PM. Expect to play at least five 10-minute games in the first four weeks of the season. Championship playoffs will be held in weeks five and six.

The cost is \$150-\$190 per team.

## Basketball clinics

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# Historic walking tours

by Henry Bryant

If you've been meaning to learn more about neighborhood history, or if you have out-of-town guests to entertain, consider a Battle of Atlanta Commemoration Organization (BATL) walking tour. They also offer a nice alternative to watching football on television or holiday shopping. These easy walks take approximately two hours.

Both tours include a lot of neighborhood history from before and after the Battle of Atlanta. Some of that history is the reason why the battle took place in our neighborhoods and not somewhere else. This battle was important not only to the outcome of the war but also to the history of our country.

## Nov. 25: Civil War to Civil Rights

The tour on the Sunday after Thanksgiving includes a Battle of Atlanta overview, covering the troop movements as well as a couple of the most important sites of the battle, as well as stories of some of the individuals who fought and died here. How did the Union nip the surprise attack in the bud? It was a fortuitous plan (for them), realized just in time right here in our neighborhood.

One hundred years later, another era of conflict brought history to our doorsteps. You'll hear about the people who struggled during this time as well.

## Dec. 30, 1:30 PM: The Frontlines Tour

This goes along the frontlines and around East Atlanta Village, where some of the most intense fighting took place. On the Sunday before New Year's Day, you can hear the stories of the forces and individual soldiers from both sides that met there in battle.

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# Start:ME program

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of Taproom Coffee & Beer said, "Start:ME has more value and benefit for entrepreneurs than thousands of dollars worth of paid business consulting. The program not only equips entrepreneurs for the real

world but cheers them on and motivates them to confidently progress in the journey of building their businesses. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience as a mentor!"

Learn more about Start:ME, upcoming community info sessions, and volunteering as a business mentor at [startmeatl.org](http://startmeatl.org)




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## UNDER CONTRACT



671 Clover St SW, Westwood  
3 Bed/2 Bath Mid-Century Modern  
Total Reno – Mad Men Come Home!  
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724 Avery St, Winnona Park  
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Best Neighborhood in Decatur!  
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850 Piedmont Ave #2305, Midtown  
Large 2 Bed/2 Bath in the Dakota  
Heart of Midtown, Walk to Piedmont  
\$439,000 • Cam McCaa

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400 6th St, Midtown  
3 bed/2 bath Classic Brick Bungalow  
Huge private yard, garage, artist shed  
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## NEW LISTING



2211 Charleston Pointe, East Atlanta  
Updated 3 Bed/3 Bath Home  
Easy Access to Heart of EA Village!  
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1286 Jandras Ln, East Atlanta  
Lovely 3 Bed/3.5 Bath Townhome  
Largest Floor Plan in Community!  
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## SOLD



79 Lakeview Dr NE, Kirkwood  
3 Bedroom, 2 Baths  
1925 Classic Craftsman  
\$449,900 • Mike and Margie

## NEW LISTING



209 3rd St #3, The Bennett  
Updated Spacious 1 Bed+Den/1 Bath  
Heart of Midtown! Walk to everything!  
\$299,000 • David Vannort

## NEW LISTING



1124 Hawthorne St, Reynoldstown  
4 Bed/3 Bath New Construction  
Contemporary Near BeltLine  
\$620,000 • Dana Link

## NEW LISTING



898 Oak St #3302, West End  
Pristine 2 Bed/2 Bath in Historic District  
Sky Lofts, Many Amenities, Walk to BeltLine  
\$145,000 • Kathryn Mehl 404-490-9217

## NEW LISTING



20 Marietta St #13C, The Metropolitan  
Renovated Studio Unit with 1 Bath  
Steps to parks, Marta, GSU, Dining & Shops  
\$99,900 • Kirk Surgeon

## FOR LEASE



1820 Ptree St #1610, The Brookwood  
3 Bed/3 Bath Luxury Rental  
Fantastic Downtown & Midtown Views  
\$4500/mo • Jay and Jeremy

## NEW LISTING



300 Eleanor St, Kirkwood/Parkview  
4 Bed/2.5 Bath 2 Story Craftsman  
Master on Main, Amazing Kitchen!  
\$469,900 • Mike and Margie

## NEW LISTING



1365 Carnegie Ave, East Point  
3 Bed/1 Bath Restored Craftsman Bungalow  
Large Corner Lot, East Point  
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## NEW LISTING



968 N Ormewood Park, Glenwood Park  
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Home Located in Glenwood Park!  
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620 Peachtree St #1608, Midtown  
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