



July 2024 Newsletter

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KMPUD Community Information - Did You Know ... ?

The original native people of the Kirkwood area are the Washoe, a tribe whose history spans nearly 9,000 years. The Washoe people created a way of life that utilized seasonal migration.

In the late 1850s, Zachariah S. Kirkwood settled in the area for summer ranching, and in 1972, the Kirkwood Ski Resort opened with four chairlifts. The area also includes Kirkwood Station, which was originally a way station built by Zachary Kirkwood, but later became a hostelry, post office, and stagecoach depot.

Summer Festival Recap

The annual Kirkwood Summer Festival this past July weekend turned out to be such a lovely event and we enjoyed seeing everyone. The food and drinks provided by Kirkwood Meadows Resort (KMR) were delicious, the bands were groovy, the kids' activities were engaging and fun, and we learned so much about fire safety.

Thank you to all who came and supported us this year! While we're still tallying the overall success of the event, with the community's generous support, we expect this year to be another great success to outfit the new fire engine and support volunteer training.

This year, the Summer Festival was orchestrated by the Kirkwood Community Association (KCA) in with the support of the Summer Festival Committee and the Volunteers. We are very grateful to KCA in helping to make it an enjoyable experience for the whole community of family and friends.

We also like to send out a special Thank You to KMR as well as their Epic Promise donation along with their staff time and resources to make this happen.

Our volunteer fire fighters are sincerely grateful for your kindness and support. If you are interested in becoming part of our team, please visit the [KVFD Page](#).

While KG Walters Construction Co. work on the \$7 million Wastewater Treatment Plant Repair and Rehabilitation project continues, KMPUD in a separate project recently replaced our WWTP membranes. Membranes are used in wastewater treatment to separate contaminants from wastewater based on the size of the particles.

Eventually fouling becomes so extensive that the membrane must be fully replaced. Normal life expectancy is around 10 years, but due to regular cleaning and maintenance, KMPUD's lasted nearly 14 years! The energy and costs associated with increased membrane pressure can increase a treatment facility's operating costs.

In the meantime, we share below the changing out of the membranes of the treatment plant.

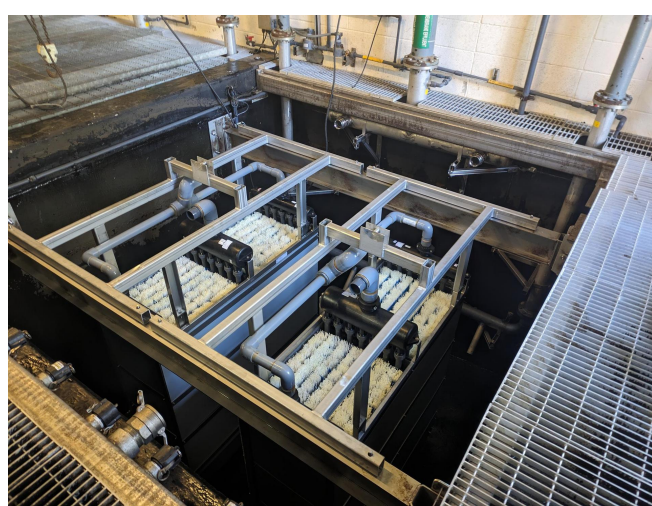
Out with the Old

The four retired membranes are in the dumpster, making room for the installation of the new membranes.



In with the New

The first photo reflects the fresh installation of a membranes. The second photo shows the new membrane successfully treating wastewater.



PLEASE NOTE



With the construction taking place at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Recycling and Trash Dumpsters, and the Green Waste Container were rearranged or relocated to make room for the construction materials and equipment.

Plastic Free July and More

Are you looking for some tips to learn how to reduce your plastic waste but not certain how to get started? The good news is, anyone can get involved. You can start out small, or really challenge yourself! Get inspired using the [menu options](#) for your home or work place.

"Plastic Free July® is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. Will you be part of Plastic Free July by choosing to refuse single-use plastics?"

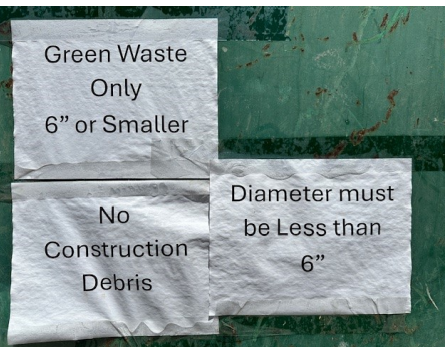


Seasonal Reminders

Green Waste Container

A 40-yard green waste container will again be available this year. Note it is at the District's maintenance shop, located on Loop Road.

Please follow the instructions posted on the bin.



This container is intended to assist Kirkwood residents in disposal of green waste defensible space-type debris only. Examples are pine needles, small tree limbs, shrubs, bushes, and willows.

This container is also **NOT** intended for tree trunks, stumps, non-vegetation items, dirt, rock, lumber, trash.

What is the Board Doing Now?



At the July meeting, the Board adopted its annual budget and approved its Wildfire Mitigation Plan, Sanitary Sewer Management Plan, and Workplace Violence Prevention Plan.

However, most of the meeting was spent discussing the future of the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department. KVFD is at a crossroads. We cannot continue operating as we have in the past due to lack of certified volunteers, unfilled shifts, and funding.

We must either secure a new source of funding to provide for paid firefighters or contract fire services or consider dissolving KVFD and relying on the respective counties for fire and emergency coverage which can be over an hour away.

We encourage the community to watch the recent meeting at [kmpud.com](#) and read the [Board packet](#). Look for communications from KMPUD on next steps to address the critical issues around KVFD.

Kirkwood is your District and your input and participation are valuable. Click [here](#) to view the Community Calendar of upcoming Board and Committee meetings. We encourage your participation at our meetings. Click [here](#) to learn about the agenda. And click [here](#) to access past Board of Directors meetings.

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