

## Labor Day Weekend

Labor Day Weekend brought sunny skies and fun activities for all to enjoy. The morning of Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> began with the Annual 5K/10K and Kids Fun Run. Over one-hundred runners participated in the race with the Kids Fun Run starting them off. As the kids crossed the finished line, they were rewarded with purple ribbons bringing smiles to their faces. The 5K/10K runners then began their ascent of the mountain trails for their challenging run. New this year, all of the proceeds from this race benefitted the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD). After the race wrapped up, the 'Thin Air' Chili Cook Off, sponsored by the District and benefitting the KVFD, brought a sizable crowd in to taste chili, beer and wine. There were eighteen different chili teams competing for cash prizes in two categories; Crowd Favorite and Best Chili as determined by visitors a panel of judges. Kirkwood Mountain Resort Chef, Jason Bucholz took first place in the Crowd Favorite category with his "Kirkwood Comstock Chili". The panel of judges including Amy Roth, Bob Ende, Jack Longinotti, Bruce Gianola and Rick Ansel selected Nicole Rimple's "Chiliwee" for Best Chili. Mo'z Motley Blues played live music throughout the afternoon that had people dancing and the Kid's Zone was popular with games and face painting by Skye Schumaker. Combined, the events raised close to \$10,000 for the KVFD. The District's new General Manager, Erik Christeson, and his family attended the Chili Cook Off and had the opportunity to meet many members of the community. Erik enjoyed attending with his family, saying "I've been coming to the Chili Cook Off for years, but this one was more special as the new General Manager of the District." During the Chili Cook Off Gary Derck, CEO of Kirkwood Village Development presented the vision for the build-out of Kirkwood. Visit the Kirkwood Real Estate Office to learn more about plans for the future of the Kirkwood community. District staff and several community members rounded out the day by attending Michael Sharp's retirement party at the Wall Bar. Guests had a chance to thank Michael for his many years of service to the community and to wish him the best for a well-deserved retirement. After much hard work from District Staff and several volunteers the weekend was declared a success!



## District Summer Projects

The District continues performing repairs and preventative maintenance from last winter, completing summer projects and getting ready for the 2017/18 winter season. Heavy snow and excessive runoff damaged the District's T-1 Communication Line which has now been repaired and improved to prevent any future damage. Three electrical cabinets have been replaced around the Valley to improve the electrical service to District customers. As many of you know, last winter was very hard on the asphalt around Kirkwood so, the District contracted Colbre Paving to complete repairs on District property. Manhole #99 in the meadow near Base Camp required repairs due to the amount of water moving through the meadow during the spring melt. Fire hydrant repairs, valve exercising for water and propane and the playground clean-up are being wrapped up before the snow flies.



## Winter Preparations

Mother Nature got everyone's attention, delivering 5 inches of snow to Kirkwood on September 21st and 22nd. Now is the time to make sure your home is ready for winter! Some of the items which may need to be on your Winter Prep checklist include:

- Snow Removal Contract Executed
- Snow stakes for marking cars in place
- Water shut-off marked and accessible
- Furnace serviced and filter replaced
- Smoke & carbon monoxide detectors batteries replaced
- Wood stocked
- Hoses and landscape tools stored
- Needed insulation in place; reinforce caulking as needed
- Chimney checked and cleaned
- Propane meter protection installed

**REMINDER!** Excavation restrictions begin on October 15<sup>th</sup>.



September 21, 2017

## Chipper and Defensible Space Program

Over the summer, many Kirkwood homeowners have taken advantage of the FREE wood chipping program offered by the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department. If you still have limbs and downed trees on your property now is the time to get those chipped. Take advantage of this great program and reduce the risk of fire on your property. The Chipping Program will end when snow prohibits. Please remember that construction debris cannot be chipped and when stacking limbs to be chipped the diameter of each limb must be 6 inches or less and no more than 5 feet in length. Place your stack of limbs along the edge of the roadway with the thick end of the branch facing the road and District staff will chip the material back onto your property. Items that cannot be chipped will be left behind.

## eScrip

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