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Kirkwood to Hold 12th Annual Favorite Building Awards: Downtown Kirkwood National Historic District to be Recognized

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Kirkwood, Missouri: Kirkwood's annual Favorite Building Awards ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m., at the Kirkwood Train Station, 110 W. Argonne, corner of Kirkwood Road.

The event is co-sponsored this year by the City's Landmarks Commission and by the Downtown Kirkwood Special Business District Advisory Commission because this year's event will also commemorate the creation of the Downtown Kirkwood National Historic District and its inclusion on the national registry of historic districts. The historic registry recognition will help promote heritage tourism and make available tax credits for restoration of historic buildings.

Additionally, the following buildings will be recognized and celebrated:

Preservation of Merit – 2105 Briargate Lane, Osage Hills model home

Preservation of Merit – 44 Forest Glen Lane

Restoration of Merit – 216 East Argonne Drive, Landmark #28, Elliot Unitarian Chapel

Restoration of Merit – 9 Adams Lane

Features of Distinction – 423 Miriam, for installation of appropriate shutters

Features of Distinction – 139 South Kirkwood Road, Landmark #94, Kirkwood City Hall, for installation of new windows that are historically accurate and energy efficient.

Whimsical Landscaping – 401 Clark Avenue, Landmark #16, Hazard House, for treehouse and innovative water reclamation features by the porch.

Save This House! – 750 North Taylor Avenue, Landmark #27, Warner House, Need buyer to step up, nominate this home to the National Register of Historic Places, and then utilize tax credits for renovation.

Save This House! – 620 East Monroe Avenue, East Monroe National Historic District. Need buyer to step up, utilize tax credits for renovation of this National Register listed place.

Save This House! – 419 East Argonne Drive, Landmark #07, Gill House,
Jefferson-Argonne National Historic District. Need buyer to step up, utilize tax
credits for renovation of this National Register listed place.

Neighborhood of Distinction – Downtown Kirkwood National Historic District.
A private-public partnership of property owners and citizen volunteers enabled the
successful nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Property owners
and businesses will benefit from heritage tourism and tax credits for qualified
restoration of historic buildings.

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With 27,324 residents, the City of Kirkwood, Missouri, covers nine square miles and is
home to turn-of-the-century homes, a vibrant business community, and cultural and
educational institutions. Established in 1853, Kirkwood has long been known for its
small-town charm, community pride, nationally recognized schools, diverse businesses,
and involved residents.