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## ***Kirkwood Reads Shakespeare as Part of Shakespeare Festival St. Louis' SHAKE38: Henry IV, Part 1***

**May 20, 2010**

**Kirkwood, Missouri:** City of Kirkwood will participate in Shake38, a round-the-clock reading of all 38 of William Shakespeare's plays being produced by Shakespeare Festival St. Louis. Kirkwood residents, business owners, and employees will read from *Henry IV, Part I* on Wednesday, May 26, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., at the Kirkwood Train Station, 111 W. Argonne, corner of Kirkwood Road.

Shakespeare Festival St. Louis will produce the region's first-ever city-wide marathon reading of William Shakespeare's plays. For 38 hours – each hour, on the hour – a new group will begin reading from Shakespeare's 38-play canon. The event begins at 6:00 a.m., on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, and continues all day through the evening and into Wednesday, to culminate in the first preview performance of Shakespeare Festival St. Louis' *Hamlet* at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 26, 2010, in Shakespeare Glen in Forest Park. This is the Festival's 10<sup>th</sup> year in Forest Park.

**KIRKWOOD READS FROM *HENRY IV, PART 1* ON MAY 26, AT NOON, AT THE KIRKWOOD TRAIN STATION.**

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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.