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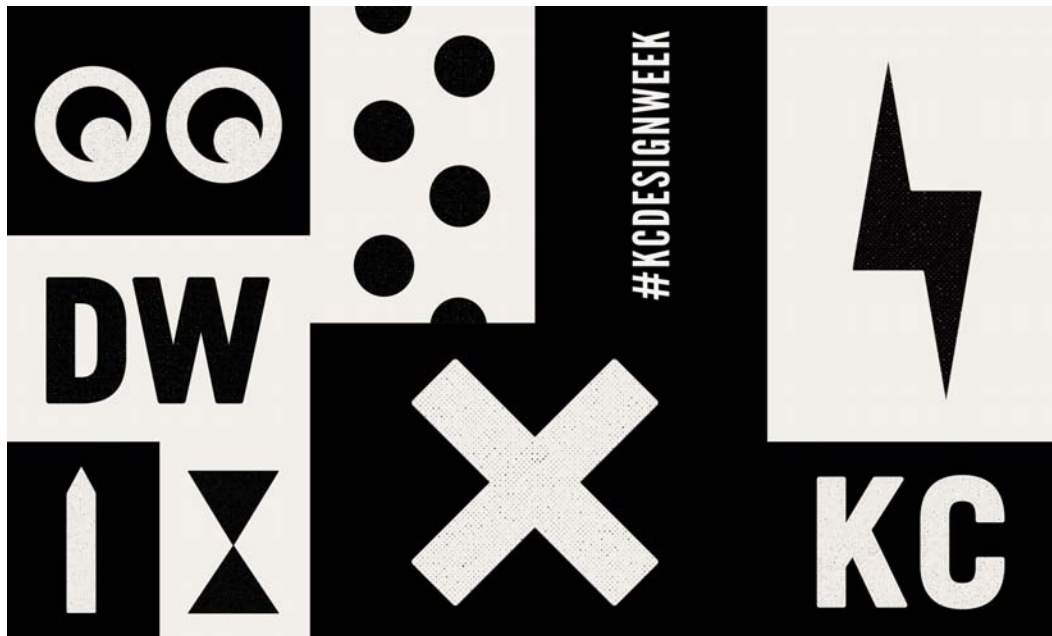
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## Kansas City Design Week 2016: Start Here.



### Events are filling up fast so Register Today!

Join us Apr. 7-16 to experience a week of exciting events that will inspire you to take the next step in your creative journey.

Learn more about KC Design Week and Register Today at [www.kcdesignweek.org](http://www.kcdesignweek.org)

*A couple of events to keep your eye on:*

### Open Studio Night & Opening Party

April 8 (5:30pm & 8:30pm)

First come and join us on a beautiful Spring evening in the Crossroads and tour many of the great Design Studios in Kansas City during the Open Studio Night. Twenty-five firms will be opening their doors for all to see plus they have some cool activities going on that night (ping pong tournaments, napkin sketch contests, first looks at exciting upcoming projects, etc). If you are a student this is your chance to learn more about what kind of studio you want to join. If you are looking for a collaborator to work with on an exciting new project, now you can get an inside look and meet new people. Or maybe you just want to check out the Crossroads

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After roaming through the studios, be sure to attend the KCDW Opening Party, April 8, from 8:30-11:30pm at the Monarch Room. The Opening Party is a separate ticketed event; tickets available for \$15 or \$20 at the door. [Find more details here.](#)

### Branding the RideKC Streetcar

April 14 (11:30am)

Kansas City's first modern streetcar has arrived, and will welcome passengers starting in May. Come hear panelists describe the process of branding not just a streetcar but a regional transportation system. Get the inside scoop on the KC Streetcar names that were considered but discarded. Learn why the timing of this new/old mode of transportation is spot on for Kansas City's renaissance. [Find more details here.](#)

Click here for more KC Design Week [event information and ticket purchases.](#)

## Member Highlight: Erin Ollig

Erin Ollig, AICP is a planner with Shockey Consulting Services, LLC in Lenexa, KS. She has worked for Shockey since 2005 after working for the City of Gardner Community Development Department. She has worked on a lot of interesting projects ranging from community visioning plans and comprehensive plans and conducted extensive public outreach activities for wastewater and stormwater management plans, and transportation projects. If you've ever wondered how your sewer system works, just ask Erin – she can even describe grit boxes and smoke testing.



Erin has a master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Kansas and a bachelor's degree in Sociology from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Before becoming a planner she was a Sandwich Artist™ and worked with people with disabilities.

She has been involved with the Kansas Chapter of the American Planning Association since 2010 and currently holds the office of Treasurer. She has actively been involved with the Chapter's Annual Conferences as well as with the Bi-State and Quad State Planning Conferences with the KC Section.

She is a proud Olathe resident who enjoys spending time with her husband and two kids, Avery and Griffin. She likes to bowl, watch movies, and play Candy Crush in her spare time. She is also big Chiefs fan, but cheers for her husband's team, the Vikings, in desperate situations.

## Planner Volunteer Needed

The AIA Kansas City Pillars Leadership Program is teaming with the Oak Park Neighborhood to create a development plan for the northeast corner of 39th and Prospect. The group is in need of an urban planner that could offer some guidance on the plan. This is a volunteer position that would participate in two, four hour sessions in April and May.

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## Facing the Future: Leveraging Parks and Green Space for Long-term Prosperity

April 7 | 8:30am - 11:00am

Town Square at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center

4801 Rockhill Road

Kansas City, MO

This year's forum focuses on the value of integrating parks and green space into your communities planning efforts. Investing in parks and green space not only serves as recreational spaces for families, it also demonstrates to employers that your community wants to provide a healthy ecosystem for potential employees.

### About the Speaker

Susan Trautman is the executive director of The Great Rivers Greenway District, a regional park district located in the St. Louis metropolitan area covering 1,200 square miles and serving a population of 2 million people. She was instrumental in developing the River Ring, a 600-mile web of more than 45 greenways, parks and trails. For 35 years, she guided the development of numerous parks, trails and recreation centers. Prior to managing the district, she worked for the cities of Clayton and Des Peres in Missouri and SWT Design. Trautman was recognized by the St. Louis Business Journal as a "2011 Top 25 Influential Business Women" and currently serves as the chair for the National Recreation and Park Association.

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- **Planner/Urban Designer**
- **Planner/Senior Planner - Lee's Summit, MO**
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator**
- **Paid Summer Intern**

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