

# GEM THEATRE SUMMER MATINEES ARE BACK

Beat the heat at an affordable cost this summer! The Gem Theatre \$2 Summer Matinees Series is back with family-friendly entertainment every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., May 27 and August 7.

Return each evening to enjoy the latest blockbusters of the summer. The Gem Theatre is located at 111 Laureate Way.

### Gem Theatre Summer Matinee Schedule

June 5	<i>The Croods: A New Age</i>	July 10	<i>Abominable</i>
June 10	<i>Spirit Untamed</i>	July 15	<i>Kung Fu Panda 4</i>
June 12	<i>Small Foot</i>	July 17	<i>Harold &amp; the Purple Crayon</i>
June 17	<i>The Garfield Movie</i>	July 22	<i>Angry Birds 2</i>
June 19	<i>Trolls</i>	July 24	<i>Hotel Transylvania</i>
June 24	<i>Trolls World Tour</i>	July 29	<i>Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2</i>
June 26	<i>The Wild Robot</i>	July 31	<i>Tom &amp; Jerry The Movie</i>
July 1	<i>Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken</i>	August 5	<i>Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie</i>
July 3	<i>The Lego Movie</i>	August 7	<i>Boss Baby</i>
July 8	<i>Happy Feet</i>		

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONT’.

- JULY**
- 3, 10 Kannapolis Farmers Market**  
17, 24 Corner of Vance St. and Dale Earnhardt Blvd.
- 4 City Offices Closed**
- 10 Thursdays on Main: Band of Oz**  
6 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 14 Cruise In** | 1 p.m. | NCRC
- 12 Concert in the Park: Marshall Tucker Band** | 7 p.m. | Village Park
- 18 Movies in the Park: Twisters**  
8:45 p.m. | Village Park
- 19 Stories Under the Stars: Dog Performances, Stories with Sugar**  
7 p.m. | Kannapolis Library
- 26 Concert in the Park: Sister Sledge featuring Sledgendarly**  
7 p.m. | Village Park

Free Admission. No pets or smoking, please.  
More at [kannapolisnc.gov](http://kannapolisnc.gov).

## VILLAGE PARK SUMMER HOURS SET

The Village Park Train, Carousel and Splash Pad are now open for summer hours! The park is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and is located at 700 W. C Street.

### Train and Carousel

The train and carousel are open daily until August 10. Hours are Monday – Saturday (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.) and Sunday (noon – 6 p.m.)



and Friday, July 4, from noon – 6 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 per person per attraction.



### Splash Pad

The Splash Pad is open daily until August 11.

Hours are Monday – Saturday (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.) and Sunday (noon – 6 p.m.) and Friday, July 4, from noon – 6 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 per person.



The splash pad at Atrium Health Ballpark is open during park hours and is self-operated. There is no cost.

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## CITY LAUNCHES NEW “DISCOVER KANNAPOLIS” WEBSITE

The City of Kannapolis has launched a new website, [DiscoverKannapolis.com](http://DiscoverKannapolis.com), to provide a quick, easy location for the public to find current information on entertainment hosted by the City.

[DiscoverKannapolis.com](http://DiscoverKannapolis.com) offers information about the City’s events and activities happening at three major entertainment venues: The Gem Theatre, The Swanee Theatre and Atrium Health Ballpark. The site also offers information for City events held in Kannapolis parks and other venues.

Looking for a night out filled with fun, nostalgia and excitement? Look no further than Kannapolis! Whether you’re in the mood for a movie, live music, a baseball game or a delicious meal, the City has something for everyone.

In the heart of the entertainment district are two beloved historic theatres. The Gem Theatre, one of the oldest single-screen movie theatres in the country, continues to delight visitors with first-run films at unbeatable prices.

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JUNE

- 5, 12 Kannapolis Farmers Market**  
19, 26 Corner of Vance St. and Dale Earnhardt Blvd.
- 7 Concert in the Park: The Fray**  
7 p.m. | Village Park
- 12 Thursdays on Main: The Embers** | 6 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 13 Movies in the Park: Moana 2**  
8:45 p.m. | Village Park
- 14 Cruise In** | 1 p.m. | NCRC
- 14 Stories Under the Stars: Storyteller Donna Washington**  
7 p.m. | Kannapolis Library
- 19 Juneteenth Event** | 12-5 p.m. Veterans Park
- 21 Concert in the Park: Ambrosia with special guest, John Ford Coley** | 7 p.m. | Village Park
- 28 Concert in the Park: Charlotte Symphony with fireworks**  
7 p.m. | Village Park

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# KANNAPOLIS YOUTH COUNCIL HONORS GRADUATES AND ELECTS MEMBERS FOR 2025-2026 TERM

The Kannapolis Youth Council recently celebrated its graduating seniors and recognized its new 2025-2026 officers and members.

The Kannapolis Youth Council provides opportunities for students to become engaged in leadership development, encourages volunteerism, practices teamwork, promotes organizational and communication skills, and provides input to the adult leadership in the decision-making process of the City. They participate in a number of community service projects and activities, and learn about the services and functions of the City throughout the year.



2024-2025 Graduating Seniors: (Row 1) Sweta Chokshi, Moira Hunter, Samantha Griffin, Melanie Ortiz and Nicole Dixon. (Row 2) Daniel Zapata, Madison McMahan, Katelyn Wiseman, Logan Miller and Samuel Howard.

Approximately 45 high school students have been selected to serve on the 2025-2026 Youth Council. They represent A.L. Brown High School, Northwest Cabarrus High School, Lake Norman Charter School, Cox Mill High School, Cannon School, Cabarrus-Kannapolis Early College and homeschools.

**Graduating Seniors from the 2024-2025 Youth Council Class included:** Charion Armstrong, Daniel Zapata, Katelyn Wiseman, Kyra Roberts, Logan Miller, Madison McMahan, Melanie Ortiz, Moira Hunter, Nicole Dixon, Samantha Griffin, Samuel Howard and Sweta Chokshi.

**Outgoing Officers for the 2024-2025 Year:** Moira Hunter (Co-Chair), Sweta Chokshi (Co-Chair), Daniel Zapata (Vice-Chair), Ayden Sniffin (Secretary), Madison McMahan (Finance), Samantha Griffin (Marketing), Emmy Watkins (Social Events), Ashley Vega (Community Service) and Auja Cascen (Historian)

**New Officers for the 2025-2026 Year:** Emmy Watkins (Co-Chair), Ashley Vega (Co-Chair), Angel Ortiz (Vice-Chair), Teesha Mudliar (Marketing), Zander Atwell (Social Events), Aymar Alonzo (Community Service), Paisley Martinez (Historian) and Akshara Gurudu (Historian).



**New Members for the 2025-2026 Year:** Abby Hall, Baylen A. Hudson, Easton Reynolds, Ella Love, Jamier Sincere Kirkley, Jayden Smith, Kennedy Alexander, Kyler Dapper, London Prophet, Maddox Roper Atwell, Madison Wallace, Malchiah Lewis, Srivanth Rishaan Baggam and Vishwajeet Prakasam Mudliar.

**Returning Members for the 2025-2026 Year:** Ayden Sniffin, Emmy Watkins, Ashley Vega, Auja Cascen, Aiyana Ratliff, Akshara Gurudu, Amelia Caskey, Andrae Wallace, Angel Ortiz, Anish Subramanian , Ansika Sirigireddy , Aymar Alonzo, Benjamin Vermeire, Bradyn Burgess, Daniel Reyes Cruz, Ella Ortiz, Gavin Murfitt, Harris Watkins, Kate Vazquez, Kendall Stavenger, Lara/ Michelle Castillo De La Cruz, LeNay Turnage, Makayla Burris, Matias Guerra, Mia Torres Conde, Paisley Martinez, Payton Currie, Ryan Fowler, Shrij Chokshi, Taylor Deaton, Teesha Mudliar and Zander Atwell.

For more information on the Youth Council, contact Annette Privette Keller, Director of Communications, at 704-920-4311 or [aprivettekeller@kannapolisnc.gov](mailto:aprivettekeller@kannapolisnc.gov).



## KANNAPOLIS EMPLOYEES COMPLETE SUPERVISORY PROGRAM

More than 20 City of Kannapolis employees recently completed an intensive supervisory program called S.E.E.K. (Support Engage and Excel in Kannapolis).

The five-week course is designed for City employees with supervisory experience. The program covers topics such as supervisor training, employment liability, benefits, safety in the workplace, internal and external communications, budget and personnel policy education. This interactive program is taught by in-house experts and outside consultants. It also includes tours and hands-on exercises to introduce employees to all departments of the City.

“Investing in our current employees to ensure that they are ready to assume responsibilities and be the future leaders of our organization is a healthy succession planning strategy. We are very fortunate to have so many promising leaders in our City organization,” commented Kannapolis City Manager Mike Legg.

Graduating from the program were: David Hancock, James Jordan, Megan Keul, Abigail Miller, Raygen Ellis, Ashley Sherwood, Mallory Hodgson, Darrell Helms, Brenda Lee, Kim Caldwell, Mitchell Burris, Natalie Curry, Wesley Wilson, Shari Hoehman, Rebecca Powell, Andrew Kelly, Ed Sowell, William Joyce, Joshua Allman, Jeremy Page, Samantha Monahan, Bradley Jordan, Tyler O’Brien, Brian Smith, Clay Sellers, Bruce Troutman, Timothy Smith, Christopher Morris, Don Gray and Rebekah Smith.

### ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

Recycling is very important, so let’s learn how to #RecycleRight! Are you still crushing your cans and flattening juice cartons? No need! The recycling machinery recognizes the items by shape and size, ensuring they are recycled properly.

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Just down the street, the Swanee Theatre hosts a wide variety of live music, comedy and special events every weekend. Recent renovations to both theatres ensure a comfortable experience for all patrons, while preserving their original historic charm.

Within a block of the theatres, Downtown Kannapolis boasts a vibrant selection of restaurants and shops to round out a night on the town. Whether you’re craving Southern comfort food, casual bites or a sweet treat, there’s a dining spot to satisfy every appetite.

A trip to Atrium Health Ballpark is a must! Home to our minor league baseball team the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers, the ballpark offers a family-friendly atmosphere with great views, exciting activities, a splash pad for children and delicious stadium fare. The Cannon Ballers season runs from April-September.

Plan your visit today and experience all that Kannapolis has to offer! Visit **DiscoverKannapolis.com** to see upcoming movie, concert, ballgame and event schedules, and follow City of Kannapolis on social media so you never miss an update. Sign up for the City’s free e-mail newsletter on the site.

