

Discover a Healthy Life KANNAPOLIS MATTERS

KANNAPOLIS DAM SPILLWAY SCHEDULED FOR REPLACEMENT

The City of Kannapolis has an extensive water resources system that provides our residents with clean, safe drinking water every day. The City operates a water treatment plant, a dam, and more than 335 miles of water lines and 325 miles of sewer lines.

Our water supply comes from these primary sources – Lake Kannapolis, Lake Howell and water received from Salisbury, Albemarle and Concord. On average, residents and

businesses in the City use 5.5 million gallons of water daily. Our capacity is 15 million gallons a day.

The City's water treatment plant operates 24 hours a day. The Kannapolis Lake Dam was originally constructed in 1940 and is located on Irish Buffalo Creek near Pump Station Road. Water from the lake feeds into the water treatment plant and is treated and tested before it flows into residents' homes and businesses. Due to its age and damage over the years from large rain events, the dam will be replaced later this year.



FAST FACTS

- 2,243 fire hydrants in the City
- 7 water towers
- 100,000 water quality tests completed annually

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 3, 10, Kannapolis Farmers**
- 17, 24, Market** | Corner of Vance St. and Dale Earnhardt Blvd.
- 31 City Offices Closed**
- 10 Thursdays on Main: Band of Oz**
6 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 12 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 Sledgendary**
7 p.m. | Village Park

AUGUST

- 7, 14, Kannapolis Farmers**
- 21, 28 Market** | Corner of Vance St. and Dale Earnhardt Blvd.
- 1 Movies in the Park: Inside Out 2**
8:45 p.m. | Village Park
- 2 Stories Under the Stars: Shepherd Shakespeare** | 7 p.m.
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- 2 Concert in the Park: Big & Rich**
7 p.m. | Village Park
- 5 National Night Out**
5 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 9 Cruise In** | 1 p.m. | NCRC
- 14 Thursdays on Main: Too Much Sylvia** | 6 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 16 Run Kannapolis: Cannon Ballers Shooting Star 5K**
9 a.m. | Atrium Health Ballpark

*Free Admission. No pets or smoking, please.
More at kannapolisnc.gov.*



FIRE ACADEMY RECOGNIZES GRADS



Eleven City of Kannapolis residents have graduated from the Citizens Fire Academy. The academy concentrates on the services and functions of the Kannapolis Fire Department and provides citizens with a better understanding of what it takes to be a firefighter.

Citizens participating in the free eight-

week fire academy toured fire stations, learned the history of fire service, fire prevention, education and investigation, emergency driving, rescue operations and more.

The 2025 graduates included Barbara Messick, Charles Vavra, Mayor Pro Tem Dianne Berry, Jailene Lopez, Joyce Schmit, Manisha Rauniyar, Mike Messick, Padam Karki, Shane Watkins, Stephanie Forman and William Pasquale.

Applications for the next academy in Spring 2026 will be announced this Fall.

CONCERT IN THE PARK SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR BIG & RICH



We hope you are enjoying all of the Discover Fun activities this summer! As we continue with our Concert in the Park series, please note the date change for the **Big & Rich concert**. Originally scheduled for August 9, the concert by Big & Rich will now be held at **7 p.m. on August 2**. Be sure to join us at Village Park.

GEM & SWANEE THEATRE SUMMER MATINEES UNDERWAY

Special events are planned this summer at the Gem and Swanee Theatres in Kannapolis to entertain children and adults of all ages. Parents will enjoy the affordable prices for these matinee events while children will enjoy entertaining movies and immersive theatre experiences.

The Gem Theatre's Summer Movie Matinee series continues until August 7, every Tuesday and Thursday. The Swanee Theatre will offer a new Children's Theatre interactive and immersive theatre series on July 10, 24 and 31.

Purchase tickets and learn more about group sales at gem-theatre.com and theswaneetheatre.com.



REGISTER FOR FLAG FOOTBALL

The City of Kannapolis Parks and Recreation Department has opened registration for Youth Flag Football. Registration will remain open through July 28.

Children must be between the ages of 5 and 15 to participate. The registration fee is \$45 for Kannapolis residents and \$65 for non-residents. Price includes the cost of uniforms, practices and games. Scholarships and sponsorship opportunities are available.

Practices will begin August 18 and games will begin September 6. To learn more and register, visit: www.kannapolisnc.gov/youth-flag-football.



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Water levels will be drawn down, demolition of the old spillway will occur and the construction of a new dam spillway will take place.

The dam spillway will be more than 40 feet in height and have a maximum capacity of 5,931 acre-feet. The project is expected to cost approximately \$8.4 million and it will take a year to complete.



ANNUAL POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS PRESENTED

Several members of the Kannapolis Police Department were recently honored for their work. The most prestigious awards were given by the department based on service and performance to residents and to fellow police officers.



Officer Jody Kerr was presented with the Roger Dale Carter Memorial Service Award, given in memory of Kannapolis Police Officer Carter, who died in the line of duty in 1993. This award is presented

annually to a sworn officer who has shown exceptional service to residents and his peers, and whose character and integrity exemplify the highest ideals of law enforcement.



Records Specialist Susan Martin was awarded the Norma C. Howard Memorial Service Award. Norma Howard was the first female and full-time civilian police employee in Kannapolis and was instrumental in establishing the records management system.

This award is presented annually to a civilian police department employee who conducts both their personal and professional lives in a manner that is consistent with the department's values and code of ethics.



Officer Andrew Brouillette was presented with the Rookie of the Year Award. The Rookie of the Year Award is presented annually to a sworn or civilian employee who has been employed with the Police

Department for less than three years, and who demonstrates a strong work ethic, positive attitude and willingness to work cooperatively. He played an instrumental role coordinating with other law enforcement agencies to uncover a ring of shoplifting suspects who were stealing high-end Lego sets.



Officer Austin Purser was presented with the Traffic Safety Award. This award is presented annually to the sworn employee who has made a great impact in improving highway and traffic safety in Kannapolis. He also recently received a MADD DWI Enforcer Award for his 88 DWI arrests in 2024.



Officer John Cramer was awarded the Team Above Self Award. This award is presented to the officer who displays a high level of teamwork and who always puts the needs of the agency, squad, team and shift ahead of their own needs.



Sergeant Chris Hamilton was awarded the Leadership Award. This award is presented annually to the supervisor, either sworn or civilian, who best displays the leadership traits that help to further the mission of the department.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

Help us prevent wastewater overflows!

- Don't put FOGs (fats, oils, or greases) down a drain, even if you use a garbage disposal.
- Don't flush cotton swabs, feminine products, matchsticks, wipes, paper towels or toilet bowl scrubbers, even if the product is labeled as "flushable".
- Don't use hot water to melt grease so it will go down a drain.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

Join the Kannapolis Police Department, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 5, at Veterans Park to celebrate National Night Out. We will celebrate with free food, limited free school supplies, live music, children's games and much more.

Bring your lawn chair to stay and enjoy the event's festivities. Non-profit organizations will also be on hand if you need information about community services or if you would like to learn more about volunteering with an organization.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together. See you on August 5!

CITY OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR 2025 KANNAPOLIS 101 PROGRAM

Curious about how your city government works? Want a behind the scenes look at everything from the police department to economic development to the wastewater treatment plant? Sign up for Kannapolis 101!

Kannapolis 101 gives residents a behind-the-scenes look at how your local City government works. This special nine-week program begins in September and is held at various city facilities from 6-8:30 p.m. The program is free, and priority is given to Kannapolis residents. Applications are due August 1.

Kannapolis 101 topics include:

- Overview of City Government
- Finance Department
- Public Works & Water Treatment
- Planning
- Police Department
- Parks & Recreation
- Fire Department
- Economic Development/Downtown Revitalization



Seats are limited, so sign up today. If you are interested in participating in the 2025 program, please visit kannapolisnc.gov/kannapolis101 and complete an application.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION?

Are you interested in serving on a City Commission? One way to participate is by serving as a citizen member of one of the City's Advisory Boards or Commissions. If you would like to be considered for appointment to the Personnel Advisory Board, Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Adjustment, Parks and Recreation Commission or Community Improvement Commission, please visit www.kannapolisnc.gov/get-involved.



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