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KANNAPOLIS MATTERS

KANNAPOLIS HONORS EMPLOYEES WITH SERVICE AWARD EVENT

The City of Kannapolis recently honored its employees with an Employee Service Award Event.

All full-time and part-time employees were invited to attend a breakfast, held in the Laureate Center at City Hall, followed by a presentation at the Swanee Theatre on West Avenue. City Manager Mike Legg and Mayor Darrell Hinnant gave remarks and spoke to employees about their importance and direct influence on the lives of Kannapolis residents.

"I want to say a heartfelt thank you. Your contributions have made a difference not just to the City but to the lives of everyone you work with. You inspire us with your passion and commitment, and we are incredibly fortunate to have each of you as part of our team," Legg commented during the event.

Employees who have worked for the City for 20 to 29 years were recognized:

- **Parks and Recreation:** Gary Mills, Toni Driver, Bo Hunsucker, Becky Tolle and George Hall
- **Stormwater:** Glenn Troutman and Nakia Walker
- **Transportation and Environmental:** Steven Cockrell, Kevin Ritchie, Michael Rattler and Todd Boan

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1st Row (left to right): Tina Cline, Bo Hunsucker, Travis Furr, Jason Hinson, Laura Smith, James Irvin, Toni Driver and Renee Butler. 2nd Row (left to right): Becky Tolle, Michael Rattler, Gerald Faulkner, Kirk Beard, Mike Legg, George Hall, Kevin Ritchie, Glenn Troutman and William Tilley. 3rd Row (left to right): Ed Sowell, Nakia Walke, Tracy Winecoff, Gary Mills and Oscar Hopkins.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 17 Loose Leaf Collection Ends**
- 22 Open House – Fire Station 1**
10 a.m. – noon | 300 Firehouse Drive
- 29 Robert Tucker Run 5k**
8 a.m. | Downtown Kannapolis

APRIL

- 5 Strides for Stroke 5k** | 9 a.m.
Downtown Kannapolis
- 12 Stories Under the Stars**
7 p.m. | Kannapolis Library
- 18 City Offices Closed**
- 19 Earth Day Shred Event**
9 a.m. – noon | Village Park

*Free Admission. No pets or smoking, please.
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- **Water Resources:** Ed Sowell, James Irvin, Gerald Faulkner, Corey Flowe and William Tilley
- **Human Resources:** Wendy Hartsell
- **Finance:** Renee Butler
- **City Managers Office:** Mike Legg, Wilmer Melton and Tina Cline
- **Police Department:** Laura Smith, Susan Martin, Jason Hinson, Brent Rowland, Jody Kerr, Christopher Hamilton, Candy Waller, Travis Furr, Allen Tomlin and James Livengood
- **Fire Department:** Brian Smith, Jerry Morgan, Brad Jordan, Brandon Daniel, Tim Smith, Jonathan Jenkins, Jonathan Corriher, Jason Smith, Jeremy Brown, Joseph Simmons, Mark Kyles, Joshua Clay, Todd Morris, Craig Miller, Daniel Anderson, Kirk Beard, Tracy Winecoff and Timothy Cook.

Two employees who have been with the City for 30 or more years: Police Chief Terry Spry and Oscar Hopkins –

Operations Manager for Transportation and Environmental Services – were specially recognized by Legg for their many years of dedicated service.



*Chief Terry Spry
Kannapolis Police Chief*

Chief Terry Spry is a native of Rowan County and joined the Kannapolis Police Department in 1994 as a patrol officer. He is a graduate of Pfeiffer College. He has been promoted up through the ranks of the department

from Sergeant to Lieutenant to Captain and has served as chief since 2022.

Over the last three decades, Terry has received many honors and commendations, including South Rowan Optimist Club Officer of the Year, Co-Recipient of the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Officer of the Year, the Roger Dale Carter Memorial

Award, Royal Oaks Optimist Club Officer of the Year, and a Felony Investigations Unit Commendation.

Oscar Hopkins is a Kannapolis native who came to work for the City as a temporary employee doing leaf collection when he graduated from high school. He was hired as a full-time employee a year later in 1993.



*Oscar Hopkins
Operations Manager for
Transportation and Environ-
mental Services*

He has been promoted over the years to Construction Maintenance Worker I, II, Crew Chief, Crew Supervisor and now works as an Operations Manager.

Oscar has received numerous commendations specifically about his hard work on drainage jobs throughout the City, clearing storm debris and strategic problem solving

when equipment or computers go down in the department.

Interested in participating in a study on the N.C. Research Campus?

Studies are always underway by the researchers as they work to develop new ways to improve health or to prevent, diagnose or treat medical conditions.



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N.C. FAIR HOUSING ACT

The North Carolina Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to discriminate in housing because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicaps or family status (families with children).

Some examples of housing discrimination include refusing to sell or rent housing based on protective class; discriminating in the terms and conditions of housing (rent, security deposits, house sales prices, use of facilities or financing).

Report unfair housing practices to Sherry Gordon at (704) 920-4332 or sgordon@kannapolisnc.gov.





FARMERS MARKET SEEKING 2025 VENDORS

The Kannapolis Farmers Market is looking for vendors. If you are a farmer, artisan, crafter or baker, we would love for you to participate in the market.

The market is looking for people who offer a wide variety of fresh local produce, as well as cheese, ice cream, honey, baked goods, spices, jewelry, soaps, candies, crafts, pottery, handcrafted wood items, art, food trucks and more.

Vendors pay an annual membership fee of \$30 and a weekly rental fee of \$10 per 14-foot space. The market is open May through September and operates every Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the corner of Vance Avenue and Dale Earnhardt Boulevard.

For more information on the Farmers Market, visit www.kannapolisnc.gov/farmersmarket.

If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Irene Wong, Director of Economic Development, at iwong@kannapolisnc.gov or 704-920-4326.

COUNCIL MEMBER DOUG WILSON RECEIVES STATE HONOR

Kannapolis City Council Member Doug Wilson has received the Laurel Wreath Honor. It is one of the highest honors a citizen of North Carolina can receive. Wilson was honored for his outstanding contributions to sports and athletics in Kannapolis.

Wilson, a native of Kannapolis, has served as a volunteer with the Cabarrus County Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels, Cannon YMCA Board of Managers and Youth Sports Advisory Board, and as a Youth Coach at the Cannon YMCA.

His interest in serving the youth of Kannapolis is evident in his role as the head women's basketball coach at A.L. Brown from 1998-2006 and again in 2018. He was the head women's coach at Kannapolis Middle School from 1995-1998 and he coached the Concord First Assembly Christian School Women's Basketball team for three years. He was the founder and club director of the Kannapolis Komet Girls Travel Basketball Club. He was awarded the South Piedmont Women's Basketball Coach of the Year in 2001. A member of the A.L. Brown Booster Club since 1996, he has served as president of the group from 2001 to now.

Wilson joined the City of Kannapolis Parks and Recreation Commission when it was organized in 1988 and remained on the commission until 2001. He was chairman of the commission from 1996-2001. He has served on the Kannapolis City Council since 2013 and was Mayor Pro-tem in 2017.



Left to right: Richard Moxley, Regional Director of Sen. Ted Budd's Office; City Council Member Doug Wilson; City Council Member Ryan Dayvault; and Elizabeth Edwards, Director of Constituent Services, Sen. Thom Tillis' Office

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CANNON BALLER TICKETS ON SALE NOW



Find your seat for this season at Atrium Health Ballpark! The 2025 Kannapolis Cannon Ballers Season Tickets are on sale now!

The first home game will be played on Friday, April 4. You do not want to miss this season! Information can be found at www.milb.com/kannapolis.

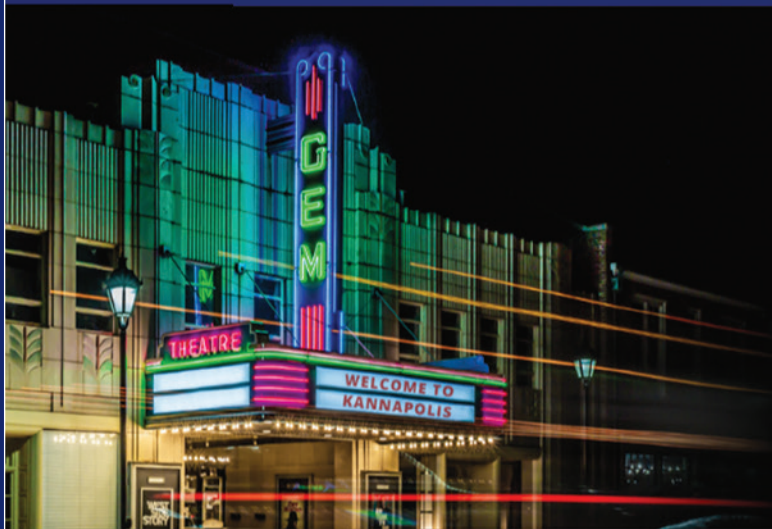


FREE SHRED EVENT!

From 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, April 19, the Kannapolis Parks and Recreation Department will host a free document shredding event at Village Park, 700 West C Street.

This event is for Kannapolis residents only. Document shredding is limited to five file boxes per person, which is the equivalent of two 40-gallon trash bags. No businesses, please.

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