

# Discover a Healthy Life

# KANNAPOLIS MATTERS

## SUMMER CONCERTS ANNOUNCED

Discover Fun in Kannapolis returns this summer with an incredible line-up of great concerts, movies and, of course, fireworks. Events will be held from May to September. All events are free to the public.

We will welcome **The Fray, Ambrosia with special guest John Ford Coley, the Marshall Tucker Band, Sister Sledge** and **Big & Rich** to Village Park! Our patriotic tradition of celebrating with the **Charlotte Symphony** continues this year on June 28

with fireworks following the concert.

**Thursdays on Main** featuring your favorite beach music groups returns, along with **Stories Under the Stars** – a free family entertainment series – and family fun **Movies in Village Park.**

Other events in Kannapolis

to enjoy include the

**Run Kannapolis 5k Series, Gem Theatre Summer Movie Matinees, Kannapolis Cannon Baller Games ([www.milb.com/kannapolis](http://www.milb.com/kannapolis)), the**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

- 1 Kannapolis Farmers Market Opens** | 4 – 7 p.m. | Thursdays May – September | Corner of Vance and Dale Earnhardt Blvd.
- 1 Jiggy 5K** | 6:30 p.m. | NCRC Horseshoe
- 8 Thursdays on Main: Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot** 6 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 10 Cruise In** | 1 p.m. | NCRC
- 10 Stories Under the Stars: Shadow Puppets Matt Sandbank** | 7 p.m. | Swanee Theatre
- 16 Movies in the Park: Elemental** 8:45 p.m. | Village Park
- 17 Non-Certified CPR Class** 1 – 3 p.m. | Kannapolis City Hall
- 26 Memorial Day Event** 12 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 30 Movies in the Park: Despicable Me 4** 8:45 p.m. | Village Park
- 31 Run Kannapolis: Gaelic Alley Pub 5k** | 8 a.m. | Downtown Kannapolis

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# GEM SUMMER MATINEES

Beat the heat at an affordable cost this summer! The Gem Theatre \$2 Summer Matinees series returns to bring you family-friendly entertainment every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. between May 27 and August 7.

## Matinee Schedule

May 27	<i>Storks</i>	July 3	<i>The Lego Movie</i>
May 29	<i>The Bad Guys</i>	July 8	<i>Happy Feet</i>
June 3	<i>The Croods</i>	July 10	<i>Abominable</i>
June 5	<i>The Croods: A New Age</i>	July 15	<i>Kung Fu Panda 4</i>
June 10	<i>Spirit Untamed</i>	July 17	<i>Harold &amp; the Purple Crayon</i>
June 12	<i>Small Foot</i>	July 22	<i>Angry Birds 2</i>
June 17	<i>The Garfield Movie</i>	July 24	<i>Hotel Transylvania</i>
June 19	<i>Trolls</i>	July 29	<i>Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2</i>
June 24	<i>Trolls World Tour</i>	July 31	<i>Tom and Jerry The Movie</i>
June 26	<i>Wild Robot</i>	August 5	<i>Spiderman: Across the Spideverse</i>
July 1	<i>Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken</i>	August 7	<i>Boss Baby</i>

Tickets may be purchased online and group sales are available. Purchase tickets and learn more about group sales at [www.gem-theatre.com](http://www.gem-theatre.com).

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**Kannapolis Farmers Market, events at the Swanee Theatre, Christmas in Kannapolis** and much more!

Children 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. You are welcome to bring lawn chairs. **No pets or smoking, please.**

Food and drinks will be on sale in the parks during the events. Outside food and non-alcoholic drinks are permitted. Coolers are subject to inspection.

Find the complete events schedule at [www.discoverkannapolis.com](http://www.discoverkannapolis.com).

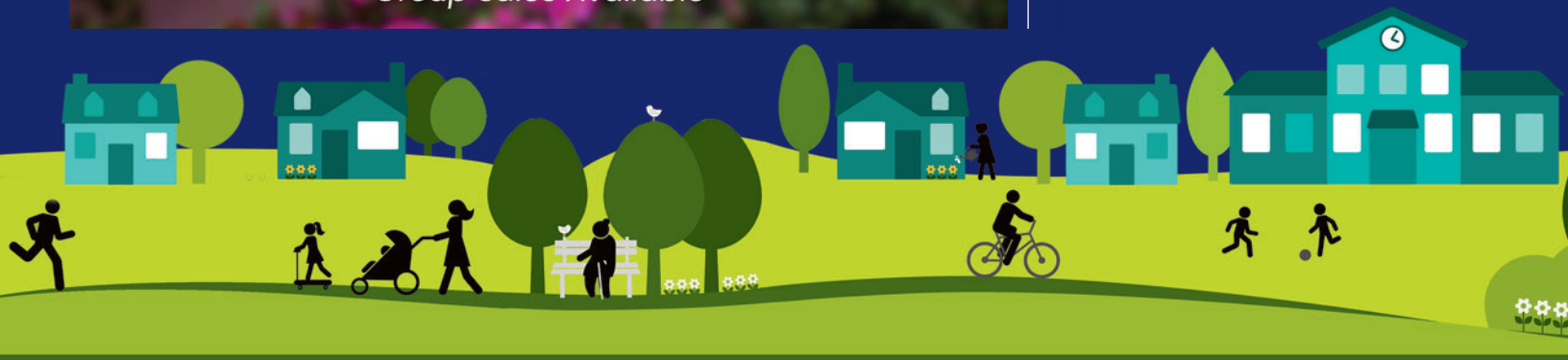


## Village Park Concerts: 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 7	<i>The Fray</i>
Saturday, June 21	<i>Ambrosia with special guest, John Ford Coley</i>
Saturday, June 28	<i>Charlotte Symphony</i> (fireworks will follow the concert)
Saturday, July 12	<i>Marshall Tucker Band</i>
Friday, July 26	<i>Sister Sledge</i>
Saturday, August 9	<i>Big &amp; Rich</i>

## Veterans Park – Thursdays on Main: 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 8	<i>Gary Lowder and Smokin' Hot</i>
Thursday, June 12	<i>The Embers</i>
Thursday, July 10	<i>Band of Oz</i>
Thursday, Aug. 14	<i>Too Much Sylvia</i>
Thursday, Sept. 11	<i>The ToneZ</i>







## NEW LIBRARY AND ACTIVE LIVING CENTER OPENS

The new Cabarrus County Library and Active Living Center at Afton Ridge in Kannapolis – the first County facility in the area – is now open.

The 40,000-square-foot facility features space for fitness activities like dance classes, yoga, tai chi and games, along with convenient access to a wide variety of reading materials, private study rooms and more. The space reinforces the notion that education, recreation and community engagement are essential for a thriving community.

There are 55,000 new items on the shelves, 17 staff members, a large programming room, study spaces, quiet reading areas, Internet computers, printing and free Wi-Fi. The library welcomes volunteers and is looking for people to join our Friends Board.

A vast array of fitness machines and an outdoor space that features bocce and shuffleboard are also available for public use.

Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about the Cabarrus County Library and Active Living Center, visit [cabarruscounty.us](http://cabarruscounty.us) or call 704-920-2050.



## WELCOME REBEL

The Rowan EDC and the City of Kannapolis are proud to announce that REBEL (formerly Rebelstork) has expanded its footprint into Rowan County and Kannapolis. The innovative returns recommerce company has opened in Lakeshore Corporate Park. This is the firm's only location in North Carolina.



REBEL moved into a portion of Building 3 at Lakeshore Corporate Park in late 2024. Now, in tandem with its rebrand and strategic move into the home goods category, the company is expanding to occupy the entire building – located at 2820 Stadium Drive and spanning 279,000 square feet.

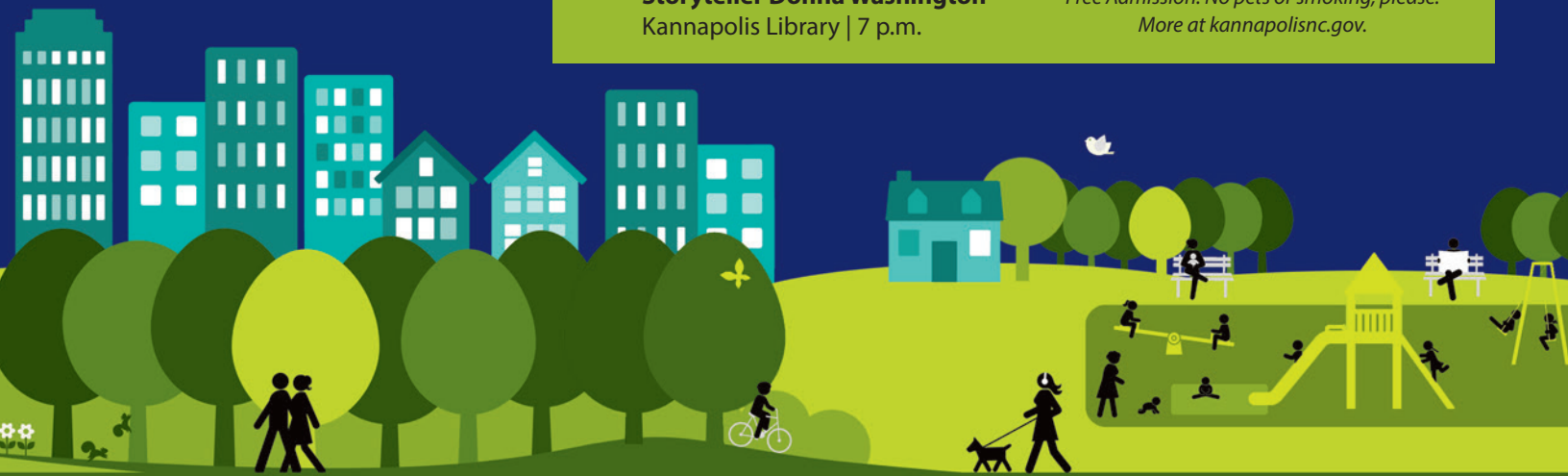
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONT'

### JUNE

- 7 Concert in the Park: The Fray**  
Village Park | 7 p.m.
- 12 Thursdays on Main: The Embers**  
Veterans Park | 6 p.m.
- 13 Movies in the Park: Moana 2**  
Village Park | 8:45 p.m.
- 14 Cruise In** | 1 p.m. | NCRC
- 14 Stories Under the Stars:**  
**Storyteller Donna Washington**  
Kannapolis Library | 7 p.m.

- 19 Juneteenth Event**  
Veterans Park | 12-5 p.m.
- 21 Concerts in the Park: Ambrosia with special guest John Ford Coley**  
Village Park | 7 p.m.
- 28 Concert in the Park: Charlotte Symphony with Fireworks**  
Village Park | 7 p.m.

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



# STORIES UNDER THE STARS FAMILY SERIES RETURNS

The popular family program, Stories Under the Stars, returns to Kannapolis in 2025! Get ready for another series of unique storytelling and performing arts events.

All events are free and begin at 7 p.m. Events take place at the Kannapolis Library on Mountain Street, unless otherwise noted. Programs are geared toward families with children of all ages and do not require advance registration.

## **STORIES UNDER THE STARS: 7 P.M.**

**Saturday, April 12 Children's Theatre of Charlotte**

### ***The True Story of the Three Little Pigs***

You know the story. Three pigs build houses, the one who builds with bricks avoids the Big Bad Wolf and lives to tell the tale. But is that what really happened, or just porcine propaganda? In this brilliant parody of the famous fairy tale, we follow the Big Bad Wolf as he stands trial for his purported deeds. He has his own version of the story – and the audience becomes the jury, helping decide his fate: guilty or not guilty!



**Saturday, May 10 Shadow Puppets with Matt Sandbank\*\***

### ***A Wild Goose Chase***

Poetry springs hilariously to life as soon as Matt Sandbank's handmade shadow puppets hit the screen! We will visit a

world filled with dancing pants, guitar-rockin' grandmothers, mischievous spaceships and more.

*\*\*This performance will be at the Swanee Theatre (200 West Ave.).*

**Saturday, June 14 Storyteller Donna Washington**

Donna Washington is an author and award-winning storyteller of folklore, literary tales and personal narratives. You will be spellbound as she transforms herself into dozens of characters!



**Saturday, July 19**

### **Dog Performances – Stories with Sugar**

Tracy Crotts and her talented dog, Sugar, will capture our hearts and entertain us with an amazing show! Come have a blast as we witness this dynamic duo tell stories, perform tricks and teach us why Chinese Cresteds are so cool!

**Saturday, August 2 Shepherd Shakespeare**

### ***As You Like It***

This high-energy, interactive production leads the audience from the Duke's castle into an adventure in the colorful Forest of Arden. This play has it all – mistaken identities, wrestling, misinterpreted letters, and Shakespeare's famous speech "All the world's a stage."



## ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

Did you know that most items advertised as "flushable" are not good for the sewer system? Flushing these items may block sewer pipes, causing untreated wastewater to back up into your home and nearby waterways. Sewer systems force wastewater through the pipes, but "flushable" items do not have enough time to break down between being flushed and entering the system, which results in those items becoming trapped in the pipes and causing damage.

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