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KANNAPOLIS MATTERS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day Holiday**
(City Hall closed)
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**
(City Hall closed)

NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN IN

Doug Wilson was sworn in as the Mayor of Kannapolis during the December meeting of the Kannapolis City Council. He is the sixth person to serve as Mayor of the City. He was first elected to serve on the City Council in 2013.

Kannapolis is governed by a Mayor and a City Council consisting of six members who are elected to staggered terms. Annually, Council elects one of its members to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Ryan Dayvault was elected to the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Isaiah Payne was sworn in to his first four-year term as a City Council Member. Naomi Hatchell was sworn in to take a two-year seat on City Council, her first term. Dianne Berry and Jeanne Dixon were sworn in to serve four-year terms. They join Council Members Ryan Dayvault and Darrell Jackson.

A native of Cabarrus County, Mayor Wilson is a graduate of A.L. Brown High School. He attended Rowan Cabarrus Community College and Central Piedmont Community College. He is the owner of Midsouth Medical Supplies and the current COO and General Manager of Publicom, Inc.



From left: Isaiah Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Dayvault, Naomi Hatchell, Mayor Doug Wilson, Dianne Berry, Jeanne Dixon and Darrell Jackson

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A member of Trinity UMC, he is active in the community, serving as the president of the A.L. Brown High School Athletic Booster Club and as a girls' basketball coach at A.L. Brown High School, Kannapolis Middle School, Concord First Assembly, Vance High School and North Mecklenburg High School.

Naomi Hatchell is a native of Minnesota. She holds a B.A. in Spanish from Eastern Kentucky University and works as a data analyst. Naomi is active in various community organizations, including serving as Secretary of the Piedmont Farmers Market Board, and is a member of the City of Kannapolis Environmental Stewardship Committee and the Cabarrus Health Alliance Community Recovery and Resiliency Committee. Naomi is a member of Multiply Church and is the founder of the TPUSA Faith at CabCo.

Isaiah Payne is from Burke County. He is a graduate of Burke Middle College and is attending Montreat College. He works with Turning Point USA and is a member of The Refuge Church.

Dianne Berry was sworn in to serve her fourth term. She is a graduate of A.L. Brown High School and King's College. She completed the N.C. Municipal Clerk's Certification Program at UNC-Charlotte's School of Government.

Her work experience includes working at Trull Clinic of Chiropractic, Kannapolis City Schools and the Cabarrus Health Alliance.

She is active in community organizations, including serving as president of the Kannapolis Chapter of the Firefighter's Burned Children's Fund, the Cabarrus County Jury Commission, and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (UNC) at the North Carolina Research Campus.

Jeanne Dixon was sworn in to serve her second term. A native of Concord, she holds a B.S. degree in Organizational Management from Barber-Scotia College. Jeanne is retired from the Cabarrus County Department of Social Services where she was Program Manager for the Child Support Division, and the N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts where she was District Administrator for the Guardian ad Litem Program.

She is a lifetime member of Price Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church. Jeanne serves on the RCCC Board of Trustees, Cabarrus County NAACP, Cabarrus Health Alliance Community Health Center Board, Sisters-in-Partnership Coordinator and is a charter member of Carolina Pines (NC) Chapter of the Links. She formerly served on the Cabarrus Partnership for Children, Cooperative Christian Ministry, Cabarrus Free Clinic and Kannapolis P&Z Board.

Ryan Dayvault is serving his fourth term on City Council. He is a native of Kannapolis with his family history deeply entrenched in the history of the City. His great-great grandfather sold the family farm to J.W. Cannon in 1905, and it

became the site of Cannon Mills Plant 1 and the City of Kannapolis.

A graduate of A.L. Brown High School, he received a B.A. degree in Political Science and Public Administration with a minor in Business Administration from Catawba College. He is the Associate Director of Operations at UNC-Charlotte's Nutrition Research Institute on the N.C. Research Campus.

His community involvement includes serving on the Kannapolis Board of Adjustment, the Rowan Chamber of Commerce, the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce, Kannapolis Friends of the Library, Kannapolis Booster Club, Kannapolis Education Foundation and the Catawba College Alumni Association.

Darrell Jackson has served the City Council for ten years. He is a native of Cabarrus County. He is a graduate of Central Piedmont Community College and the Devry Institute of Technology with a concentration in Communications.

He has been the owner-operator of Lee Clothing Warehouse in the City for 47 years.

His community involvement includes serving as the Vice-President of Downtown Kannapolis, Inc., the Board of CK Rider and he is involved in his United Methodist Church.

The Kannapolis City Council meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month.



JOIN US FOR THE DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

The City of Kannapolis is hosting a Daddy/Daughter Dance at 6 p.m., Saturday, February 7, at the Laureate Center in Kannapolis City Hall.



With the theme of "Love you to The Moon and Back," this year's dance will be out of this world! Light hors d'oeuvres will be served but we encourage you to take your date to dinner prior to the event. Girls ages five years and older are encouraged to bring their father, stepfather, grandfather, brother or another special gentleman in their life. The attire ranges from dressy to casual, so suits with ties and khakis with polos are acceptable.

Tickets are \$50 per couple and \$20 for each additional daughter. Please register each dad/daughter attending. Ticket prices include light hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, dancing and a photo booth.

This event sells out quickly, so get your tickets now. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets, call 704-920-4343 or visit: https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/kannapolisnc/activity/search/detail/4981?onlineSiteId=0&locale=en-US&from_original_cui=true.



KANNAPOLIS 101 CLASS GRADUATION HELD

Kannapolis residents who completed the Kannapolis 101 Academy were recently recognized by the Kannapolis City Council.

Through the nine-week program, these residents received a behind-the-scenes look at how the City operates – from police and fire to budgeting, parks and much more.

This year's Kannapolis 101 class graduates are Aaron Tallman, Ann Marie Smith, Bonita Richardson, Christine Roberts, Darin Anderson, Demetra Grigley, Elizabeth Perez, Jailene Lopez, James Haney, Jamie Richardson, Jim Stavros, John Yarbrough, Joseph Smith, Justin Knoll, Linda Allison, Linda Jackson, Matthew Bradford, Michael Molloy, Ned Benfield, Neha Motley, Robert Richardson, Sara Camuso, Shakeeka Hopper, Sydney Bradford and Thomas Head.

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CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALS HONORED

Former Kannapolis Mayor Darrell Hinnant and Council Member Tom Kincaid were honored for their years of service to the City of Kannapolis at a reception prior to their last City Council meeting.

Hinnant served the residents of Kannapolis for 24 years. He was first elected to the Kannapolis City Council in 2001 and served as a Council Member until 2013 when he was elected Mayor. He has served three terms as Mayor, making him the longest serving Mayor in the history of Kannapolis.

"One of the greatest honors of my life (was) to serve the citizens of Kannapolis for 24 years and one of the joys of my life has been to work with City Manager Mike Legg and a staff that is filled with commitment, passion and love for our community," commented Hinnant.

A native of eastern North Carolina, he earned a BA and MAT in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and an Executive Management Certification from Duke University.

Hinnant was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest public service award by Governor James Martin.

During his professional career, he has held executive positions in several

national companies, including Rollins Environmental Services, SouthEastern Labs, Radiator Specialty Co., and as Executive Director of the N.C. Hazard Waste Commission. He also taught wastewater treatment operator classes for the State of North Carolina.

He has been active in many state and local organizations, including serving on the boards of Metro Mayors Coalition,



Tom Kincaid and Darrell Hinnant

Centralina Council of Governments, Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, Water & Sewer Authority of Cabarrus County and CK Rider Transit Authority.

Hinnant volunteers for many community groups and teaches a weekly Sunday School class. When he is not serving the community, he enjoys time with his

wife, Mary, his two children and seven grandchildren.

Council Member Tom Kincaid served on the Kannapolis City Council for 15 years, since 2010. "I never thought I would become involved in government, but Mayor Ray Moss encouraged me to serve years ago and it has been the best experience of my life. Even though we are a diverse City Council, we had

one common goal – to restore Kannapolis' economy and revitalize downtown. I have enjoyed working with each member of the Council. Look at what we have been able to accomplish – from where we started 15 years ago to where we are now – it is a dream come true," Kincaid said.

Tom is a native of Avery County, and he served in the U.S. Air Force and worked at the VA hospital in medical service for eight years. He then moved to Kannapolis 35 years ago and he and his wife, Teresa, opened the Caremoor Retirement

Community.

He has volunteered with various organizations over the years, including serving on the boards of Cabarrus Health Alliance (chairperson) and the Red Cross. He also served as an Elder at Bethpage Presbyterian Church for 25 years.

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