

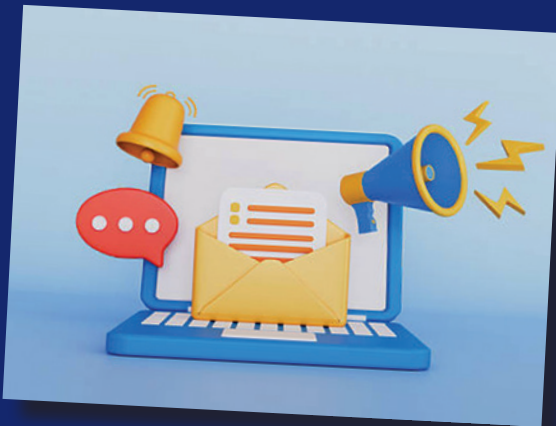
Discover a Healthy Life

KANNAPOLIS

MATTERS

STAY CONNECTED: SIGN UP FOR CITY OF KANNAPOLIS COMMUNICATIONS

Being connected to your community has never been easier. The City of Kannapolis offers several free communication tools that help residents stay informed about local events, City services, important updates and emergency notifications. Whether you want to know what's happening around the City, learn about upcoming opportunities or receive critical information when it matters most, these resources can help you stay connected.



CABCO Alerts: Critical Emergency Notifications

CABCO Alerts, often referred to as Reverse 911, provides emergency notifications directly to residents when urgent situations occur. These alerts can include severe weather warnings, public safety emergencies, evacuation notices and other critical information.

Residents choose how they receive notifications – by phone call, text message, email or a combination of all three. Signing up ensures you receive important information as quickly

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- Farmers Market** | Every Thursday 4- 7 p.m. | The corner of Vance St. and Dale Earnhardt Blvd.
- 9 Swanee Summer Children's Theatre: Dino ROAR** | 11 a.m. Swanee Theatre | *Tickets Required*
- 9 Thursdays on Main: The Embers** | 6 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 11 Cruise In** | 1 p.m. | NCRC
- 11 Concert in the Park: The Four Tops** | 7 p.m. | Village Park
- 16 Swanee Summer Children's Theatre: Cat in the Hat** | 11 a.m. Swanee Theatre | *Tickets Required*
- 17 Movies in the Park: How to Train Your Dragon** | 8:45 p.m. Village Park
- 18 Stories Under the Stars: B-Rad Kids Magician** | 7 p.m. Kannapolis Library
- 31 Movies in the Park: Super Mario Brothers Galaxy** | 8:45 p.m. | Village Park

AUGUST

- 4 National Night Out** | 6 p.m. | Swanee Theatre
- 6 Swanee Summer Theatre: Beauty and the Beast** | 11 a.m. Swanee Theatre | *Tickets Required*
- 8 Concert in the Park: Andy Grammer with Walk Off the Earth** | 7 p.m. | Village Park
- 13 Thursdays on Main: Too Much Sylvia** | 6 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 15 Run Kannapolis: Cannon Ballers Shooting Star 5K** | 8 a.m. | Downtown Kannapolis
- 15 Stories Under the Stars: Gravity Check** | 7 p.m. Kannapolis Library

*No pets or smoking, please.
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as possible when every minute counts. Sign up for CABCO Alerts at www.kannapolisnc.gov/connected.

Monthly Kannapolis Newsletter: Know What's Happening in Kannapolis

The City's free monthly e-newsletter is the best way to stay informed about City projects, community events, programs, services and upcoming activities. Whether you're interested in new developments, park programs, road projects or City initiatives, this newsletter delivers updates directly to your inbox. The newsletter is free and provides a convenient way to stay connected.



Follow the City on Social Media and Online

For the latest updates, residents are encouraged to follow the City of Kannapolis on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofKannapolis and Instagram at www.instagram.com/kannapolisnc/. Social media is often the fastest way to learn about breaking news, event reminders, traffic impacts, weather-related announcements and other timely information. Following the City's social media channels is an easy way to stay connected and informed throughout the day. Residents can also find the latest City news and announcements anytime by visiting www.kannapolisnc.gov/news.

Looking for something fun to do? Visit www.discoverkannapolis.com for a comprehensive calendar of events happening throughout Kannapolis. From concerts to family activities, sporting events and community gatherings, Discover Kannapolis makes it easy to find events and activities for all ages throughout the year.

The City of Kannapolis is committed to keeping residents connected and informed. Residents are encouraged to sign up for CABCO Alerts and the Monthly Kannapolis Newsletter, follow the City on social media, and regularly visit the City's news page and Discover Kannapolis website. Together, these free resources will help you stay informed, prepared and connected to your community.

COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

The Kannapolis City Council meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month. The meetings are held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 401 Laureate Way. Meetings are open to the public and public comments may be made.

Agendas for the meetings are typically posted the Thursday before the meetings. You may also watch the City Council meetings on YouTube (live/recorded).

For information on meeting agendas, how to make a public comment or to watch the meetings, please visit www.kannapolisnc.gov/citycouncil. You may also contact the City Clerk at 704-920-4303.

KPD ANNOUNCES 2026 COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

The Kannapolis Police Department recently selected the winners of their 2026 police badge coloring contest. Earlier this year, elementary school children were asked to submit a creative design by coloring the Kannapolis Police Department's uniform patch.

Members of the Police Department selected a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner, and Chief Terry Spry selected a "Chief's Choice" winner. Each winner received gifts for participating in the contest.



The 1st place design, by Teagan Raubar (pictured above), was converted into a decal and placed on the back window of all Kannapolis police vehicles.

Winners:

1st place: Teagan Raubar
2nd place: Aria Bounthaeng
3rd place: Ari Truesdale
Chief's Choice: Lina Rivera



KANNAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS PRESENTED

The Kannapolis Police Department recently hosted its annual awards ceremony, recognizing officers and staff members for their outstanding service, leadership and dedication to their community. Several members of the department were presented with top departmental honors in recognition of their exceptional performance, commitment to public safety, and support of their fellow officers and residents of the City of Kannapolis.



Investigator Glenn Tingen 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 on December 31, 1993. This award is presented annually to a sworn officer who has shown exceptional service to residents and peers, and whose character and integrity exemplify the highest ideals of law enforcement.

Park Ranger Charles “Chuck” Irvin was awarded the Norma C. Howard Memorial Service Award. Norma Howard was the first female and first full-time civilian police employee in Kannapolis. She 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 Caleb Tate 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. Officer Tate’s peers refer to him as a proactive and dependable officer who is trusted to assist with special operations, and is committed to continually improving his knowledge and skills through ongoing training.



Sergeant Keith Benfield 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. Sergeant Benfield is recognized for his innovative

thinking, servant leadership, and unwavering commitment to professional growth and development. Colleagues praise his positive attitude and dedication to enhancing public safety through proactive traffic enforcement and traffic safety initiatives that help keep the Kannapolis community safe.

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

Officer Lambert is known for his positive attitude, resilience, and unwavering dedication to both his fellow officers and the citizens of Kannapolis.



Sergeant Travis Furr 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. Sergeant Furr is known throughout the department

for his technical expertise, collaborative approach, and willingness to mentor others and help them develop new skills. His colleagues admire his consistently positive attitude and acknowledge the lasting impact he has made on those around him.



LENTZ PARK DEDICATED



Pictured, left to right: Carmen Lentz Smith, Lisa Lentz, E.B. Lentz, Coy Sparnell and Elijah Sparnell.

The City of Kannapolis has honored the life and legacy of longtime educator, umpire and community mentor Barry Lentz by dedicating a park in his memory. A dedication ceremony to unveil the sign for the new park was held on May 23 with Mr. Lentz's family members and City officials in attendance.

Earlier this year, the Kannapolis City Council

voted to rename the former Dixie Youth Baseball Park on Pleasant Avenue to Lentz Park in memory of Mr. Lentz, a native of Kannapolis who dedicated decades of service to the City's youth, both on and off the baseball field.

Mr. Lentz impacted the lives of thousands of Kannapolis children through his work in youth baseball and education. He served as an umpire in the Kannapolis Dixie Youth Baseball organization for more than 30 years and, for the past 15 years, officiated in the Dixie Youth/Diamond Youth Baseball World Series. In addition, Mr. Lentz was active as a high school and college umpire and served on the board of the Carolina's Baseball Umpires Association. In 2023, he received the Dick Knox Distinguished Service Award for officials from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association in recognition of his outstanding commitment to athletics and sportsmanship.

Following a career in the textile industry, Mr. Lentz returned to school to pursue a second calling in education. He earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master's degree in school administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte before becoming a science teacher at A.L. Brown High School, where he inspired countless students.

Mr. Lentz was also an active member of Mount Olivet United Methodist Church and remained deeply committed to serving his community throughout his life. He is survived by his wife, Ute, along with his children and grandchildren.



WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

The City of Kannapolis is currently in Mandatory Drought Restrictions. Do your part by following these Mandatory Water Restrictions:

- ✗ Watering and lawn irrigation are only allowed Tuesday 8 p.m. – Wednesday 8 a.m. and Saturday 8 p.m. – Sunday 8 a.m.
- ✗ You must have a permit to fill empty pools.
- ✗ No pressure washing homes, businesses or driveways, except by a professional company.
- ✓ Use soaker hoses, drip irrigation or hand-water gardens. Hand-watering includes using watering cans or garden hoses, so long as customers are holding the hose and controlling the water themselves.
- ✓ You can top off your pools.
- ✓ You can use a commercial car wash.
- ✓ You can hire a professional pressure washing company to wash your home or driveway.

Learn more about Drought Restrictions by visiting www.kannapolisnc.gov/drought.

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