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# KANNAPOLIS MATTERS



## MIKE LEGG HONORED FOR SERVICE TO THE CITY OF KANNAPOLIS

After three decades of service to the City of Kannapolis, Mike Legg was honored with several recognitions at the recent Kannapolis City Council meeting and reception.



Mike was presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest honor that can be bestowed to a citizen in North Carolina. The Kannapolis City Council voted to name the roundabout in front of City Hall, the Michael B. Legg Roundabout. He was also presented with resolutions of gratitude and honor from U.S. Congressman Addison McDowell, U.S. Senator Thom Tillis, U.S. Senator Ted Budd and N.C. Senator Carl Ford. In addition, he received U.S. flags that were flown in his name over the U.S. and N.C. Capitols.

Numerous speakers from all areas of the community – from non-profits, the Kannapolis City Schools, Cabarrus County Chamber of Commerce, the Community Bridge Project, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, former and current

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE

- Farmers Market** | Every Thursday 4- 7 p.m. | The corner of Vance St. and Dale Earnhardt Blvd.
- 6 Concert in the Park: Cheap Trick** | 7 p.m. | Village Park
- 11 Swanee Summer Children's Theatre: Peter Pan** | 11 a.m. Swanee Theatre | *Tickets Required*
- 11 Thursdays on Main: Rivermist** 6 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 12 Movies in the Park: Zootopia 2** 8:45 p.m. | Village Park
- 13 Cruise In** | 1 p.m. | NCRC
- 13 Stories Under the Stars: Sparkpoint Innovations: Orbit Earth** | 7 p.m. | Afton Library
- 19 Juneteenth Celebration** Veterans Park
- 20 Concert in the Park: Josh Turner** | 7 p.m. | Village Park
- 25 Swanee Summer Children's Theatre: Wizard of Oz** | 11 a.m. Swanee Theatre | *Tickets Required*
- 27 Concert in the Park: Charlotte Symphony with Fireworks** 7 p.m. | Village Park

### 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

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regional mayors and council members, business owners and professional colleagues – spoke about their relationships with Mike.

Mike Legg has served as City Manager since 2004. He began working for Kannapolis in 1995, first as the City’s Planning Director and then as Assistant City Manager. He has seen Kannapolis through its incorporation and worked with 25 of 28 elected officials the City has had.

He has been involved in the dramatic change of Kannapolis over the past decade with the transformation of the community from a textile-based economy to a regional economy with expanding roots in biotechnology and tourism.

In 2015, Mike played an integral part in the negotiations to purchase approximately 50 acres and eight blocks of downtown buildings for approximately \$6 million. With this purchase, he led his management team and others to develop a strategic downtown master plan that has resulted in a three-phase approach for the



Downtown Revitalization Project: replacement and construction of infrastructure and streetscape; the construction of Atrium Health Ballpark; and a mixed-use district – VIDA – with a new parking deck.

Under his leadership, the City of Kannapolis survived the closure of one of the state’s largest companies, the layoff of more than 4,000 employees, two major droughts, the Great Recession, including stagnant revenues, and a global pandemic. Through all those challenges, Kannapolis found a way to prosper and become one of the top cities in North Carolina and the U.S.

*The Charlotte Business Journal* recognized Mike as one of the Top CEOs in the

Charlotte Metro Region and one of the “Power 100,” which identified the 100 key players shaping the Charlotte region since 2000. Mike was also awarded the James D. Prosser Excellence in Government Leadership Award by the Centralina Regional Council of Government.

Over the past 30 years, his community and regional involvement have included numerous boards and support of advocacy groups, such as Cabarrus Economic Development Corporation, Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce, International City and County Managers Association (ICMA), N.C. City and County Manager’s Association (NCCCMA), Chair of the Water and Sewer Authority of Cabarrus County (WSACC), Kannapolis Rotary Club (Past President), Kannapolis Education Foundation Board of Directors, N.C. Music Hall of Fame Board of Directors, Foundation for the Carolinas – Cabarrus, Board of Directors, Cabarrus Arts Council Board of Directors and the United Way of Cabarrus Board of Directors.

## COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES HELP RESIDENTS

Getting to medical appointments or the pharmacy can be difficult, but Cabarrus County Transportation Services (CCTS) can help. The service helps eligible residents get where they need to go. The program provides reliable transportation so people can stay healthy, independent and in their homes longer.

From July 2025 to January 2026, CCTS provided nearly 35,000 trips with a 97% on-time rate.

### Who can use CCTS?

- Medicaid recipients (medical visits and prescription pickups)
- Work First participants (job-related travel)



- Adults 60+ not on Medicaid (medical and pharmacy trips)
- Some rural residents through the Rural General-Purpose program.

To explore your eligibility, contact the Demand Response Call Center

at 704-920-2246. For additional program support, contact the Human Services line at 704-920-1400. Learn more about CCTS at <https://www.cabarruscounty.us/News>. For more information about routes and fares for the Rowan Transit System, visit Rowan Transit System | Rowan County.



# CITY EMPLOYEES COMPLETE SUPERVISORY PROGRAM

More than 20 City of Kannapolis employees recently completed the five-week supervisory program called S.E.E.K. (Support Engage and Excel in Kannapolis). This program is coordinated and designed by the Kannapolis Human Resources Department.

The course is designed for City employees with supervisory experience. The program covers topics such as supervisor training, employment liability, benefits, safety in the workplace, internal and external communications, budget, and personnel policy education.

This interactive program is taught by in-house experts and outside consultants. It also includes tours and hands-on exercises to introduce employees to all departments of the City.

Graduating from the program were: Jamion Archie, Christopher Barbee, Lauren Barnes, Kirk Beard, Michael Beasley, Jeremy Brown, Jeremi Carter, Heather Clay, Steven Cockrell, Nicholas



Corn, Brandon Daniel, Bretta Dodson, Christopher Fisher, Jordan Guilliams, Shari Hoehman, James Irvin, Kristin Jones, Oliver Klutz, Jack Lanaghan, Christina Martin, Jonathan McCaskill, Cody McSwain, Daniel Monahan, Hollie Morton, Ramsey Nimer, Alex Quigley, Brandon Rabon, Ryan Scharbarth, Justin Smith, Colby Taylor and Sarah Williams.

## POLICE K-9 THOR RETIRES AFTER 12 YEARS OF SERVICE



Congratulations to Thor, our beloved K-9 bloodhound, who is retiring after 12 years of service with the Kannapolis Police Department. He will live with his partner, Sergeant Chris Hamilton.

Over the years, Thor has been known for his love of the children he met on his patrol, finding a Silver Alert person who was missing during a nighttime search in the woods and getting suspects to surrender just by looking at them.

During his retirement, Thor is looking forward to eating his favorite food: cheese; getting belly rubs; and playing with Chris' grandchild.

## SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

Stay informed and stay safe.

Sign up for CabcoALERT to receive important emergency notifications about severe weather, road closures and other urgent situations in your area.

It's quick, free and could make all the difference when it matters most. Sign up at [www.kannapolisnc.gov/community-connect](http://www.kannapolisnc.gov/community-connect).



# KANNAPOLIS YOUTH COUNCIL HONORS GRADUATES AND ELECTS MEMBERS FOR 2026-2027 TERM

The Kannapolis Youth Council recently celebrated its graduating seniors and recognized its new 2026-2027 officers and members.

The Kannapolis Youth Council provides opportunities for students to become engaged in leadership development, encourages volunteerism, practices teamwork, promotes organizational and communication skills, and provides input to the adult leadership in the decision-making process of the City. They participate in a number of community service projects and activities, and learn about the services and functions of the City throughout the year.

Approximately 45 high school students have been selected to serve on the 2026-2027 Youth Council following an application process. They represent A.L. Brown High School, Northwest Cabarrus High School, Lake Norman Charter School, Cannon School, Cabarrus-Kannapolis Early College and homeschools.

## Graduating Seniors from the 2025-2026 Youth Council Class

**include:** Aiyana Rattliff, Amelia Caskey, Andrare Wallace, Ashley Vega, Brayden Burgess, Ella Ortiz, Emmy Watkins, Gavin Murfitt, LeNay Turnage, Madison Wallace, Shrij Choski and Zander Atwell.



## Outgoing Officers for the 2025-2026 Year (above):

Emmy Watkins (Co-Chair), Ashley Vega (Co-Chair), Angel Ortiz (Vice-Chair), Mia Torres (Secretary), Aymar Alonzo (Community Service), Zander Atwell (Social Events), Teesha Muldiar (Marketing), Paisley Martinez (Historian) and Akshara Gurudu (Historian).



The 2025-'26 Youth Council

**New Officers for the 2026-2027 Term:** Ella Love (Co-Chair), Matias Guerra (Co-Chair), Mia Torres (Vice-Chair), Anish Subramanian (Secretary), Paisley Martinez (Community Service), Laura Castillo De La Cruz (Social Events), Rishi Baggam (Marketing), Ansika Sirigireddy (Historian) and Ben Vermeire (Historian).

**Returning Members for the 2026-2027 Term:** Abby Hall, Akshara Gurudu, Angel Ortiz, Anish Subramanian, Ansika Sirigireddy, Ayden Sniffin, Aymar Alonzo, Baylen Hudson, Ben Vermeire, Daniel Reyes Cruz, Ella Love, Harris Watkins, Jamier Kirkley, Kendall Stavenger, Kennedy Alexander, Kyler Dapper, Lara Castillo De La Cruz, Maddox Atwell, Makayla Burris, Malchiah Lewis, Matias Guerra, Mia Torres Conde, Paisley Martinez, Payton Currie, Ryan Fowler, Srivanth Baggam, Taylor Deaton, Teesha Mudliar and Vishwajeet Mudliar.

**New Members for the 2026-2027 Term:** Aiden Wallace, Carter Stavenger, Erica Cedillos, Gabrielle Coleman, Justin Torres, Kimberly Rangel, Lohitya Vinnakota, Matthew Goodman, Piper Lawrence, Reva Dabade, Saanvi Renikunta, Sanaiah Wade, Sara Acosta and Yasmin Berrospe.

For more information on the Youth Council, contact Annette Privette Keller, Director of Communications, at 704-920-4311 or [aprivettekeller@kannapolisnc.gov](mailto:aprivettekeller@kannapolisnc.gov).

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