

Discover a Healthy Life

KANNAPOLIS MATTERS

DISCOVER FUN THIS SUMMER!



Discover Fun in Kannapolis returns this summer with an incredible line-up of great concerts, movies and, of course, fireworks from May to September. This year's free Village Park Concert Series will feature legendary group **Cheap Trick** on June 6, **The Four Tops** on July 11, the award-winning **Josh Turner** on June 20 and **Andy Grammar** and **Walk Off the Earth** on August 8. Crowd favorite – **the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra** – returns on June 27. All concerts start at 7 p.m. Village Park is located at 700 West C Street in Kannapolis.



The fun continues with the popular **Thursdays on Main Concerts**, which feature free beach music performances. The **\$2 Gem Theatre Children's Movie Matinees** are back as well as the **Swanee Children's Theatre series**, **Stories Under the Stars** and much more.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 7 Farmers Market** | 4 – 7 p.m.
Corner of Vance and Dale Earnhardt Blvd.
- 7 Thursdays on Main: Band of Oz** | 6 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 9 Cruise In** | 1 p.m. | NCRC
- 16 Run Kannapolis: Towel City Tavern 5K** | 8 a.m.
Downtown Kannapolis
- 16 Stories Under the Stars: Story Ship** | 7 p.m. | Afton Library
- 22 Movies in the Park: Inside Out 2** | 8:45 p.m. | Village Park
- 29 Movies in the Park: Lilo & Stitch** | 8:45 p.m. | Village Park
- 30 Run Kannapolis: Gaelic Alley Pub Run 5K** | 8 a.m.
Downtown Kannapolis

JUNE

- 6 Concert in the Park: Cheap Trick** | 7 p.m. | Village Park
- 11 Swanee Summer Theatre: Peter Pan** | 11 a.m. | Swanee Theatre | Ticket 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 Stories Under the Stars: Sparkpoint Innovation: Orbit Earth** | 7 p.m. | Afton Library
- 19 Juneteenth Celebration** 3 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 20 Concert in the Park: Josh Turner** | 7 p.m. | Village Park
- 25 Swanee Summer Theatre: Wizard of Oz** | 11 a.m. | Swanee Theatre | Ticket Required
- 27 Concert in the Park: Charlotte Symphony with Fireworks** 7 p.m. | Village Park

*No pets or smoking, please.
More at kannapolisnc.gov.*



THURSDAYS ON MAIN

The popular **Thursdays on Main Concert Series** is back. All events are free and will be held May through September. All concerts will begin at 6 p.m. and will be located at Veterans Park, 119 N. Main St.



The Embers

Bring a blanket or chair to enjoy this summer's great concert line-up. Food vendors will be on site each night. Coolers are allowed on-site; however, outside alcohol is not allowed. Coolers are subject to be searched. Children 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. No smoking or pets, please.

Veterans Park – Thursdays on Main Beach Music Series: 6 p.m. (Free admission/No ticket required)

Thursday, May 7

Band of Oz

Thursday, June 11

Rivermist

Thursday, July 9

The Embers

Thursday, August 13

Too Much Sylvia

Thursday, September 10

Jim Quick & The Coastline

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Kannapolis Residents, check your mailbox the City event schedule is coming soon!



VILLAGE PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

7 p.m. (Free admission/ No ticket required)

Saturday, June 6 Cheap Trick

Saturday, June 20 Josh Turner

Saturday, June 27 Charlotte Symphony

Saturday, July 11 The Four Tops

Saturday, August 8 Andy Grammar with

Walk Off the Earth



Andy Grammar

Other events in Kannapolis to enjoy in 2026 include the **Run Kannapolis 5k Series**, **Kannapolis Cannon Ballers Baseball Games** (www.milb.com/kannapolis), the **Kannapolis Farmers Market**, **Christmas Events** and much more.

Children 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. You are welcome to bring your lawn chairs. **No pets or smoking, please.** Food and drinks will be on sale in the parks during the events. Events will be held from May to September.

You can also download the event schedule at www.discoverkannapolis.com, www.kannapolisnc.gov or find it on the City's Facebook or Instagram channels.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

The Movies in the Park series returns this summer with a great line-up of free, family-friendly movies. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and settle in for a great line-up all season long.

Children 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Please note: no pets or smoking. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Village Park Movies: 8:45 p.m. (Free admission/No ticket required)

Friday, May 22 Inside Out 2

Friday, May 29 Lilo & Stitch

Friday, June 12 Zootopia 2

Friday, July 17 How to Train Your Dragon

Friday, July 31 Super Mario Brothers Galaxy



SWANEE CHILDREN'S THEATRE PERFORMANCES PLANNED

The Swanee Theatre is excited to announce the popular **Swanee Children's Theatre Series!**

Each live show will take place from 11 a.m. – noon and include a short meet-and-greet with the performers following the program. Families can expect a unique, interactive experience with children playing a part in the shows. All performances are proudly performed by Sigmon Theatrical and are suitable for children of any age. Tickets are required for each event and are \$7 per person. Find tickets for all events at swaneetheatre.com/events.

Swanee Children's Theatre Series:

Thursday, June 11	Peter Pan
Thursday, June 25	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz
Thursday, July 9	Dino ROAR
Thursday, July 16	The Cat in the Hat
Thursday, August 6	The Tale of Beauty and the Beast



GEM SUMMER MATINEES

Beat the heat at an affordable cost this summer! **The Gem Theatre \$2 Summer Matinees** series is back with family-friendly entertainment every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., May 26 – August 6.

The Gem Theatre is located at 111 Laureate Way. Follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on all the upcoming movies and show times!

Tickets can be purchased at www.gem-theatre.com.

SUMMER HOURS RELEASED FOR VILLAGE PARK CAROUSEL, TRAIN AND SPLASH PAD

As the warm approaches, the 2026 Village Park Carousel, Train and Splash Pad schedule and hours of operation have been updated.

The Carousel and Train will operate on weekends only. Weekend hours will be Saturday (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.) and Sundays (noon – 6 p.m.). Weekend hours will continue through Memorial Day.

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 23, the Village Park Carousel, Train and Splash Pad will operate daily. Hours will be Monday – Saturday (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.) and Sundays (noon – 6

p.m.). The Village Park Splash Pad offers fun all summer long with water cannons, geysers, jets and more! Daily hours will continue through August 15.

Beginning Saturday, August 15, the Village Park Carousel, Train and Splash Pad will return to its weekend-only schedule. Weekend hours will be Saturday (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.) and Sundays (noon – 6 p.m.). Weekend hours will continue through September 6.



Tickets for the Carousel, Train and Splash Pad are \$1.50 per person, per ride/entry.

Beginning Memorial Day, the self-operated splash pad and children's playground at the Atrium Health Ballpark will be open

seven days a week. It is free except during Cannon Ballers games when a ticket is required for admission. Boomer's Splash Pad will be open Memorial Day through September 30.



City Council Meetings

WHEN? 6 p.m.
2nd & 4th Monday of Each Month

WHERE? Kannapolis City Hall
401 Laureate Way

Attend in person or watch live or recorded on
Youtube (@CityofKannapolis)



WEST AVENUE SHUTTLES RETURN



The West Avenue Express Shuttles Thunder and Lightning have returned to downtown Kannapolis.

The shuttles make a continuous loop between four designated stops: The NCRC public parking deck, the top of the horseshoe sidewalk, First Baptist Church and the Swanee Theatre. A shuttle will arrive at each stop approximately every five minutes. The shuttles are ADA-accessible, run from 5-10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and are **FREE** to the public.

For more information on parking in downtown Kannapolis, visit <https://www.kannapolisnc.gov/Community/Parking>.

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. Do not flush these items!



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