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KANNAPOLIS MATTERS



CITY CELEBRATES RESTORATION OF HISTORIC CANNON MILLS CUPOLA

Recently, Kannapolis City Council celebrated the restoration of the historic Cannon Mills Main Office Cupola. It is believed to be the only remaining structural item of the mill and it now sits on the lawn of A.L. High School near Denver Street.



"This cupola is dedicated to the mill people who built Kannapolis. This is an ideal location, as students and the public can see it every day. It is a visual history lesson of our City. It reminds us of the hard work and determination our community had to make this a great City, and Cannon Mills as the top company across the world for textile products," said Kannapolis Mayor Doug Wilson.

"This cupola is a reminder of the real mill people. We want to thank James Busse and Josh Teague,

the carpenter teachers at A.L. Brown, their students and City staff and others who have donated their labor and materials to restore the cupola. I also want to add

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 7** City Hall Closed for Labor Day
- 10** **Thursdays on Main: Jim Quick & the Coastline** | 6 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 24** **Last Farmers Market of the Season**
- 26** **Run Kannapolis: Flint's Fabulous 5K** | 8 a.m. | NCRC
- 18** **Capture the Flag** | 7 p.m. | Village Park | *Registration Required*

OCTOBER

- 2** **Fire Truck Parade, Food Drive & Blood Drive** | 6 p.m. | City Hall
- 10** **Shred Event** | 9 a.m. | Village Park
- 23** **Capture the Flag** | 7 p.m. | Village Park | *Registration Required*
- 24** **Run Kannapolis: 5K Race for Peace** | 8 a.m. | NCRC

NOVEMBER

- 6** **Mystery Dinner Theatre** (*Tickets Required*) | 5:30 p.m. | City Hall
- 7** **Run Kannapolis: Old Armor 5K for Heroes** | 8 a.m. | Downtown Kannapolis
- 13** **Tree Lighting & Fireworks** 6:30 p.m. | Village Park
- 14-30** **Celebration of Lights & Winterland Express** | 5:30 p.m. | Village Park
- 26** **City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving**

*No pets or smoking, please.
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special thanks to Charlie Parker of Parker Crane Service, who donated his services to move the cupola to this final location once the restoration was completed. We are thankful that people care about the history of our City and we are able to have this cupola here on this site," said Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Dayvault.

When Cannon Mills was dismantled in 2006, Lynne Safrit with Atlantic American Properties asked that the cupola be preserved. Over the years it has been in storage in various locations. In 2021, it was moved to A.L. Brown High School and students began the restoration process. The 10-foot structure has a copper roof and iron railings. During the restoration process, Wally and Lynne Safrit, who had saved the cupola's original wind vane, donated it to the City. This historic piece has also been restored to the cupola structure.

"This has been an important hands-on project for our students. In addition to learning important restoration carpentry skills, they have been able to touch and feel the history of our City. It has been a great collaboration with the City of Kannapolis," commented Kannapolis School Superintendent Dr. Sara Newell.

2026 RUN KANNAPOLIS 5K SERIES RETURNS THIS FALL



Run Kannapolis is part of the City of Kannapolis' Discover a Healthy Life initiative, encouraging residents and visitors to stay active while exploring the community.

Whether this is your first 5K or you are an experienced runner, the Run Kannapolis Series has something for everyone.

To register or learn more, visit www.runkannapolis.com.

Ready, Set, Go! Register today for the 2026 Fall Run Kannapolis Races.

The Run Kannapolis series continues this fall with four races, giving runners and walkers of all ages and abilities the opportunity to stay active while supporting local nonprofits. Each race is held in Kannapolis, with most events also offering a one-mile fun run for families and children.



2026 Run Kannapolis Series

August 15	Cannon Ballers Shooting Star 5K
September 26	Flints Fabulous 5K
October 24	5K Race for Peace
November 7	Old Armor 5K for Heroes

Host Organization

Cannon Ballers
Leashes of Valor
S.T.U.D.I.O.
Old Armor Beer Company

KANNAPOLIS WILL HOST FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

Kannapolis Environmental Services Department and the Kannapolis Youth Council will host a free document shredding event from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, at Village Park, 700 West C Street. (Please note the change in location from previous years.) This event is for Kannapolis residents only. Document shredding is limited to five file boxes per person, which is the equivalent of two 40-gallon trash bags. No businesses, please. For more information, call Transportation and Environmental Services at 704-920-4444.



TWO POLICE OFFICERS RETIRE FROM DEPARTMENT AFTER DECADES OF SERVICE

After nearly three decades of dedicated service to the community, the City of Kannapolis congratulates two longtime members of the Kannapolis Police Department on their retirements.



Sergeant Travis Furr

Sergeant Travis Furr is retiring after 28 years with the Kannapolis Police Department. He began his career as a patrol officer in 1998 before serving the last 16 years as Technical Services Sergeant in the 911 Communications Division.

Throughout his career, he helped modernize the department's communications systems, including



Lieutenant Allen Tomlin

the move to the current City Hall, and received numerous honors for his leadership and service.

Lieutenant Allen Tomlin Jr. is retiring after more than 28 years with the Kannapolis Police Department.

During his career, he served as a Field Training Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Special Response Team negotiator.

He completed more than 3,000 hours of professional training and received numerous commendations, including the prestigious Robert J. Eury Award in 2021.

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KANNAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOST FIRE TRUCK PARADE, FOOD DRIVE AND BLOODMOBILE

The Kannapolis Fire Department invites the community to its annual Fire Truck Parade, Food Drive and Blood Donation Event on **Friday, October 2**. The event will feature a parade of fire trucks from across the region, a non-perishable food drive to benefit local families, and a community blood drive.



The Fire Truck Parade will begin at 6 p.m. Onlookers are encouraged to bring a chair and enjoy seeing a variety of fire trucks – both historic and modern – from departments throughout the region.

The parade route will begin at the intersection of Biotechnology Lane and Laureate Way, travel along Laureate Way to North Carolina Research Campus Drive, then return to Laureate Way, ending at the intersection of Watson Creek Drive and Laureate Way.

Fire departments interested in participating in the parade with a fire truck can register by visiting www.kannapolisnc.gov/KFD.

From 3–6 p.m., community members are invited to meet Kannapolis firefighters and drop off canned food donations. Firefighters will be stationed at the intersection of Laureate Way and Watson Creek Drive to collect non-perishable food donations.

Suggested food donations include:

- Canned meats
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Spaghetti sauce
- Spaghetti noodles
- Canned fruit
- Pork and beans
- Pudding cups

All donated items will benefit local families through Cooperative Christian Ministry.

From 2–7 p.m., community members can also help save lives by donating blood. OneBlood's Big Red Bus will be on-site from 2–7 p.m. at the intersection of



Laureate Way and Watson Creek Drive. Appointments are encouraged and can be scheduled at: www.oneblood.org/donate-now.html

Please note that the roundabout in front of City Hall will be closed during the parade. However, both City Hall parking lots will remain open and available for public parking.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP: RECYCLE RIGHT

Only place accepted recyclable items in your recycling bin. Keeping food waste, plastic bags and other non-recyclable materials out of recycling helps reduce contamination and improves the recycling process.



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