

NEW CONTRACTOR WILL PROVIDE GARBAGE/RECYCLING SERVICES

This month you will see different garbage/recycling vehicles in your neighborhood and business areas. The City of Kannapolis has contracted with Waste Connections to collect the City's garbage, recycling, e-waste, bulk items and white goods. Everyone's garbage, e-waste, bulk items and white goods collection schedule will remain the same. A couple of neighborhoods



will have a change in their recycling collection day. If your recycling collection day has changed, you received a letter in the mail.

Download the Cartology app to stay up-to-date on garbage/recycling schedules, set reminders,



and receive information on recycling do's and don'ts. For questions regarding your garbage/recycling contact Customer Service at 704-920-4444.

THE GEM THEATRE IS OPEN!



We hope you enjoy the renovations to the Gem Theatre! Renovations include a modern movie-goer experience with new sound technology, screen and projector while in the historic 88-year-old facility.

The preservation of the Gem Theatre's historical elements, while adding modern conveniences for today's movie-goers, has been a labor of love for City staff.

The art deco decor has been restored and preserved – from the one-of-a-kind birds of paradise in the auditorium, balcony seats, to the "GT" on the curtain. The original burgundy and gold color scheme of the 1930s has returned everywhere, from the carpets to the front doors. Purchase movie tickets at www.gem-theatre.com.

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SIGN UP FOR FLAG FOOTBALL



The City of Kannapolis Parks and Recreation Department has opened registration for Youth Flag Football through July 29.

Children must be between the ages of 5 and 15 to participate. The registration fee is \$45 for Kannapolis residents and \$65 for non-residents, which includes the cost of uniforms, practices and games. Scholarships and sponsorship opportunities are available.

Practices will begin August 19, and games will be held between September 7 and October 26.

Visit kannapolisnc.gov or call Parks and Recreation at 704-920-4343 to register, apply for a scholarship, apply to be a coach or to sign up as a sponsor.

JULY 2024

Discover a Healthy Life KANNAPOLIS MATTERS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS AUGUST 6

The City of Kannapolis invites everyone, especially neighborhood associations, community groups and homeowner associations, to join the Kannapolis Police Department, from 5 – 7 p.m., Tuesday, August 6, to celebrate National Night Out.

Our police and fire department staff, as well as other community partners, look forward to meeting and interacting with everyone. The event will be held at Veterans Park. Bring your lawn chair to stay and enjoy the event's festivities.

We will celebrate with free food, free school supplies, live music, children's games and much more. We will also have special activities and prizes for senior residents of our City. Non-profit organizations will be on hand if you need information on community services or if you would like to learn more about volunteering with an organization.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

The goal of National Night Out is to have police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safe and caring places to live.

For more information or to participate in the event, contact Sherry Gordon at sgordon@kannapolisnc.gov or 704-920-4332.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 4, 11, 18, 25, 31 **Farmers Market** | 4 p.m. Corner of Vance St. and Dale Earnhardt Blvd.
- 11 **Thursdays on Main: The ToneZ** | 6 p.m. | Veterans Park
- 13 **Concert in the Park: Gin Blossoms** | 7 p.m. Village Park
- 19 **Movies in the Park: Barbie** 8:45 p.m. | Village Park
- 20 **Stories Under the Stars: Discovery Place** | 7 p.m. Veterans Park
- 23 **Bloodmobile at City Hall** 9 a.m. | 401 Laureate Way
- 26 **Concert in the Park: Pam Tillis** | 7 p.m. Village Park
- 26 **Concert in the Park: Tracy Byrd** | 7 p.m. Village Park

Free Admission. No pets or smoking, please. More at kannapolisnc.gov.



KANNAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS PRESENTED

The Kannapolis Police Department recently held its annual police awards ceremony. Several members of the Kannapolis Police Department were honored with the most prestigious awards given by the department based on their service and performance to residents and their fellow police officers.

“These individuals represent the very best of our staff. Each one works daily to ensure we have a safe and reliable presence in our community. Their efforts are appreciated and valued in our department,” commented Kannapolis Police Chief Terry Spry.

police employee in Kannapolis and 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 Austin Purser - Rookie of the Year Award

Officer Austin Purser received 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 Nathan Feinstein 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.



Officer Hunter Wood - Roger Dale Carter Memorial Service Award Honoree
Records Specialist Katie Ruiz - Norma C. Howard Memorial Service Award Honoree

Officer Hunter Wood 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 rendered exceptional service, and whose character and integrity exemplify the highest ideals of law enforcement.

Records Specialist Katie Ruiz was awarded the Norma C. Howard Memorial Service Award. Norma Howard was the first female and full-time civilian



Officer Devin Steele - The Team Above Self Award

Officer Devin Steele received the Team Above Self Award. This award is presented to the officer who displays a high level of teamwork and who always puts the needs of the agency, squad, team and shift ahead of their own needs.



Records Supervisor Sonya Furr - The Leadership Award

Records Supervisor Sonya 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.

WATER QUALITY REPORT PUBLISHED



Every year the City publishes its annual water quality report.

Following all state and federal mandates, the City

Water Resources Department continues to meet all the strict standards to provide quality water to our residents.

To view the report, visit: <https://www.kannapolisnc.gov/waterqualityreport>.

STREET RENAMED IN HONOR OF KANNAPOLIS MILITARY VETERANS

The Kannapolis City Council has changed the name of Southern Avenue to Kannapolis Veterans Way. The street is near Veterans Park downtown.

“It is our privilege to rename this street in honor of the thousands of Kannapolis, Rowan and Cabarrus County residents who have served in the military and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their life. This is a very small token of appreciation to show how appreciative we are of all our military servicepeople,” said Kannapolis Mayor Darrell Hinnant.

The announcement of the street renaming was made during the annual Memorial Day Service held at Veterans Park.



Transportation & Environmental Services staff Bryson Jones and Ryan Scharbarth (a U.S. Army veteran)

CITY RECEIVES FINANCIAL RECOGNITIONS

The City of Kannapolis recently received recognition that its financial health is strong. The City received an award for its budget and a “clean audit” award, both indicators of the financial strength of the City.

First, The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) presented the Distinguished Budget Award to the City of Kannapolis. This is the 23rd consecutive year the City has received this honor.

The award is given to municipalities who publish a budget that is a policy document, an operations guide, a financial plan and is used as a communications device. The Kannapolis budget was found to be proficient in those four categories

and met 14 mandatory criteria in order to achieve the award.

The GFOA also presented the City with special recognition for its long-range operating financial plan. The long-range financial plan for the City’s operating budget includes forecasts, trends or other data reflective of the City operating budgets for at least three years beyond the budget period.

Secondly, the City’s recent audit report of its finances shows the City is financially sound and, therefore, received a “clean” or “unmodified” opinion. The unmodified opinion from the auditors of Martin and Starnes, an independent auditing firm, means the City has no weaknesses, no

issues and no findings that would signal any problems with the financial health of the City.

The audit report found the City has a healthy fund balance (savings account) and a stable property tax base which continues to grow. The City receives an audit each year in order to meet legal requirements, to be transparent and to ensure there are no issues with the accounting procedures of the municipality.

For more information on the City’s Budget and Audit, go to <https://www.kannapolisnc.gov/Government-Departments/Finance>.

