

# WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY OF CABARRUS COUNTY CELEBRATES PLANT EXPANSION WITH RIBBON-CUTTING

The Water and Sewer Authority of Cabarrus County (WSACC) recently hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of Phase 3 of the Rocky River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion.

This milestone marks a significant enhancement in the plant's capacity, increasing from 26.5 million gallons per day (MGD) to 30 MGD, ensuring continued support for our City and the region's industrial, commercial and residential growth.



## VEHICLE SAFETY FIRE TECHNOLOGY INTRODUCED



In an emergency, first responders need to get to the scene as quickly and safely as possible.

The Kannapolis Fire Department recently added a new system to its fire trucks that uses vehicle and mobile phone technology to help warn drivers of approaching or stationary fire trucks. Anytime a fire truck has its emergency lights on, the system can send messages to area vehicle navigation systems or various mobile applications, such as Waze. If you have this technology, you will receive an alert that a fire truck or other emergency vehicle is nearby. You can then slow down and move over safely.

This system will help both drivers and the emergency responders stay safe on our roadways. Remember, always move over and slow down for emergency vehicles with flashing lights (it's the law)!

## ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

As you prepare for Thanksgiving, please remember not to put fats, oils or greases (FOGs) down the drain. Doing so could clog and damage pipes. Instead, pour FOGs into a container and throw them in the trash.



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## HOLIDAY EVENTS ANNOUNCED

**A** Kannapolis Christmas returns this holiday season with events that have become treasured family traditions in the region.

The official kick-off will be the **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony & Celebration of Lights at 6 p.m., Saturday, November 16 at Village Park, 700 West C Street.**

Following the lighting of the tree there will be a fireworks display at approximately 6:15 p.m., live musical performances and much more.

**The Celebration of Lights and Winterland Express will then open and run through December 30.**

The annual tradition of the Celebration of Lights includes hundreds of thousands of twinkling lights in dozens of displays throughout Village Park. Adults and children are welcome to ride one of our two Winterland Express trains and count down the 12 Days of Christmas as you view unique holiday light displays from the popular song. This magical experience is one you do not want to miss – you will add it to your annual holiday traditions list.

Attendees will also be able to ride the Village Park Double Decker Carousel. Manufactured

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 1** **Mystery Dinner Theatre**  
5:30 p.m. | Kannapolis City Hall (ticketed event)
- 9** **Run Kannapolis: Old Armor 5K** | 9 a.m. | Downtown Kannapolis
- 11** **Veterans Day Holiday** (City offices closed)
- 16** **Tree Lighting & Fireworks**  
6 p.m. | Village Park
- 16-30** **Celebration of Lights & Winterland Express** | Village Park (closed 28)
- 28-29** **Thanksgiving Holiday** (City offices closed)

### DECEMBER

- 1-30** **Celebration of Lights & Winterland Express** | Village Park (closed 12/24 & 12/25)
- 14** **Christmas Parade** | 6 p.m. | Downtown Kannapolis
- 24-26** **Christmas Holiday** (City offices closed)

*Free Admission. No pets or smoking, please.  
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in Italy, it features 1,800 lights, Brazilian oak decking, and charming hand-painted Venetian murals that are sure to get you into the spirit of the holidays.

Santa Claus arrives during the Tree Lighting Ceremony and will be at the park every evening for children of all ages to visit him and have their photo made for free. Bring your phones and cameras for plenty of selfies.

Maestro Leonard Bearstein and the famed Leonard Bearstein Symphony Orchestra is



back this year, spreading their holiday magic in Kannapolis. The 18 animatronic bears will delight children and adults alike with their witty banter, inspiring instrumental pieces and traditional favorite holiday songs! Visit the

Leonard Bearstein Symphony Orchestra inside the Village Park Multi-Purpose Room throughout the Celebration of Lights.

The Celebration of Lights also features performances from our very own Kannapolis Singing Bears – the Chuckles

Quartet – who will entertain you with a Christmas carol performance. The Chuckles Quartet is housed outside in Village Park. Both sets of Christmas Bears have an impressive lineup filled with holiday banter, music and fun.

Throughout the month of December, area choirs, a holiday marketplace with area artisans and various local food trucks will also be on hand to make your visit more enjoyable.

Food and drink are available for purchase at the concession stand. Enjoy the fire pit making s'mores and much more.

Admission to the park and viewing of the lights and bears is free; tickets are required to ride the carousel and train. Purchase carousel tickets onsite at Village Park. They will be available on a first come basis each evening. Reserve your seat on the Winterland Express – Sunday through Thursday – by purchasing tickets online at [www.kannapolisnc.gov/Christmas](http://www.kannapolisnc.gov/Christmas). Walk-up onsite tickets will be available if space allows. During the Tree Lighting Ceremony and every Friday and Saturday, tickets may be purchased onsite at Village Park on a first come basis for the Winterland Express.

Tickets are \$2 per person for the train and \$2 per person for the carousel.

**December 14 – The Kannapolis Christmas Parade begins in downtown Kannapolis at 6 p.m.** This special night parade travels through the streets of downtown Kannapolis and usually lasts until 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the parade as a sponsor or a float entry, visit [www.kannapolisnc.gov/christmasparade](http://www.kannapolisnc.gov/christmasparade).



## DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF RETIRES

Kannapolis Deputy Police Chief Daniel Wallace is retiring after serving the community for 24 years. Daniel was honored by Kannapolis Police Chief Terry Spry at a recent Kannapolis City Council Meeting. He was presented with the Chief's Award, his service weapon and badge during the occasion.

Daniel plans to spend his retirement in the classroom. He is joining the staff of A.L. Brown where he will teach criminal justice classes and serve as a football coach.

Over the years he has received many commendations, including the department's highest honor, the Roger Dale Carter Memorial Service Award, and Cabarrus County's highest honor, the Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award.

Congrats and best wishes to Daniel!

## LOOSE-LEAF COLLECTION IS UNDERWAY!

During the loose-leaf season, there will be no loose-leaf collection on the following holidays observed by the City: Veteran's Day (Nov. 11), Thanksgiving (Nov. 28 and 29), Christmas (Dec. 24, 25 and 26), New Year's Day (Jan. 1) and Martin Luther King Day (Jan. 20).

### Loose-Leaf Collection Do's & Don'ts:

- Leaves must be placed at the curb or along the ditch line – not in ditches – in rows parallel with the street.
- Place leaves at the curb by 7 a.m. on the day of collection.
- Leaves mixed with limbs, other yard waste, gum balls, gravel, glass or other solid matter will not be collected.
- Leaves in garbage containers will not be collected.
- Leaves must be clear of water meters and fences and placed on the street side of retaining walls.
- Leaves must be clear of sidewalks/street.

Check your schedule at [www.kannapolisnc.gov/looseleaf](http://www.kannapolisnc.gov/looseleaf) or by downloading the CARTology app in the Apple and Google Play stores.



**KANNAPOLIS**  
*Christmas*

 **Tree Lighting Ceremony & Fireworks**  
6 p.m. Nov. 16  
Village Park

 **Celebration of Lights**  
Nov. 16–Dec. 30  
Village Park

 **Christmas Parade**  
6 p.m. Dec. 14  
Downtown

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**LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION**

**OCTOBER 28, 2024 – MARCH 17, 2025**



