

SAVE THE DATE! JIGGY WITH THE PIGGY MAY 2-5, 2024

The City of Kannapolis will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Jiggy with the Piggy Festival on May 2-5, 2024.

The festival includes more than 50 barbeque competition teams seeking Kansas City Barbeque Society-sanctioned top national honors, more than 100 arts & craft vendors, a free concert by Country Music Superstar Craig Morgan, the Jiggy 5K Walk/Run, kid's zone fun and rides, a People's Choice Pork Tasting Event and much more.

Learn more about this event by visiting www.jiggywiththepiggy.com.

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10TH ANNUAL JIGGY KANNAPOLIS

Photos showing festival activities: a man in a white shirt, a child in a red shirt, and people at a food station.

FARMERS MARKET SEEKING 2024 VENDORS

The Kannapolis Farmers Market is looking for vendors. If you are a farmer, artisan, crafter or baker, we would love for you to participate in the market.



The market is looking for people who offer a wide variety of fresh local produce, as well as cheese, ice cream, honey, baked goods, spices, jewelry, soaps, candies, crafts, pottery, hand-crafted wood items, art, food trucks and more. Vendors pay an annual membership fee of \$30 and a weekly rental fee of \$10 per 14-foot space. The market is open May through September and operates every Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the corner of Vance Avenue and Dale Earnhardt Boulevard.

For more information on the Farmers Market, visit www.kannapolisnc.gov/farmersmarket.

If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Irene Sacks, Director of Economic Development, at isacks@kannapolisnc.gov or 704-920-4326.

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MEET CURBY!

Have you spotted this local shell-ebrity at a City of Kannapolis event or on social media? He may be a turtle of few words, but it's time he came out of his shell and introduced himself!

Curby is an Eastern Box Turtle, which is the state reptile of North Carolina. Like many of his fellow turtles, Curby makes his home among the beautiful lakes, rivers and streams of Kannapolis. He enjoys soaking up the sun on warm days, and his favorite snack is fresh strawberries. Curby has many friends that share his natural habitat, like birds, fish and insects. It is his mission to keep them safe and happy by educating everyone in Kannapolis about stormwater and how it can affect their home and ours.

Stormwater is any water that runs off roads, roofs, sidewalks and other hard surfaces when it rains. The stormwater often carries pollutants like oil, grease, chemicals and yard waste through the City's storm drains and into the City's water systems (including places where Curby and his friends call home)!

Curby spends a lot of his time checking on the storm drains throughout the City to make sure they are unclogged and free of harmful litter. In fact, he spent so much time patrolling the curbs of the streets where storm drains are, that's how he got his name!

Be sure to keep an eye out for Curby around the City and at upcoming events, and follow his adventures to keep Kannapolis' stormwater clean on social media.

QUESTIONS?
If you need assistance or have questions about city services, you can now call one number - 704.920.4444 or send an email to custserv@kannapolisnc.gov



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RUN KANNAPOLIS

We are excited to announce that the Run Kannapolis 5K Series is back. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in this unique series featuring the best 5K runs/walks in the City. Each run is held in Kannapolis and most runs include a one-mile fun run.



Join the thousands of people who have participated in Run Kannapolis over the years. Run Kannapolis is part of the City of Kannapolis' Discover a Healthy Life brand.

We anticipate hosting eight runs this year. Runners/walkers are encouraged to participate in the entire series of eight races for unique prizes from the City of Kannapolis.

Register at www.runkannapolis.com; registration is open now. Register for all eight races and save 25%. Good luck with the 2024 Run Kannapolis series and we hope to see you at the finish line!

2024 Run Kannapolis Spring Series

- March 23 – TBA
- April 13 – Strides for Stroke | 9 a.m.
- May 2 – Jiggy with the Piggy | 6:30 p.m.
- May 18 – Gaelic Alley Pub Run | 8 p.m.

Host Organization

- TBA
- Atrium Health
- Kannapolis Parks and Recreation
- Gaelic Alley Pub

2024 Run Kannapolis Fall Series

- August 17 – Cannon Ballers Shooting Stars 5K
- September 14 – Race for Peace
- October 5 – Wonder Run 5K
- November 9 – Old Armor 5K for Heroes

Host Organization

- Cannon Ballers
- S.T.U.D.I.O.
- Kannapolis City Schools
- Old Armor Beer Company

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In the meantime, remember these tips that can help Curby and his friends stay healthy:

- Never dispose of oil, gasoline or other household chemicals in a storm drain.
- If you have a storm drain near your house, keep it clear of yard debris and trash.
- Scoop the Poop – Always clean up after your pet and dispose of their waste properly.
- Repair auto leaks quickly.
- Use fertilizers and pesticides carefully and sparingly, or find environmentally-friendly alternatives.
- Wash your car on the grass, or find a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- Use a rain barrel connected to your gutters to prevent excess stormwater run-off.

CANNON BALLER TICKETS ON SALE!

Find your seats for this season at Atrium Health Ballpark! The 2024 Kannapolis Cannon Ballers Season Tickets are for sale now.



The first home game will be played on April 9. You do not want to miss this season! Information can be found at <https://www.milb.com/kannapolis>.

GERALD FAULKNER WINS STATE HONOR



Kannapolis Water Treatment Plant Operations Supervisor, Gerald Faulkner, recently received one of the state's top honors – 2023 A-Surface Operator of the Year Award from the North Carolina Waterworks Operators Association.

This prestigious award is presented to an individual for "demonstrating outstanding ability, and devotion and technical expertise in the operation of a water treatment facility."

Gerald has worked for the City for 25 years. During his time as Operations Supervisor, he has supervised an expansive \$13.4-million plant upgrade, overseeing the construction and operation of three new distribution pump stations, two elevated water tanks and one sewer lift station.

He has served as a project manager on multiple SCADA improvement projects, multiple raw water pump station upgrades, the Clearwell rehab project and numerous green projects, which involved the installation of two variable-speed pumps used to reduce energy usage.

FREE SHRED EVENT PLANNED

From 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, April 13, the Kannapolis Parks and Recreation Department will host a free document shredding event at Village Park, 700 West C Street.



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.



We're Hiring!

Join the Kannapolis Parks and Recreation Department!



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