



At this time, we are experiencing a pandemic in our world. Yet the month of April observes National Month of Hope and National Volunteer Month. This is a time for all of us to be mindful of how we can do our part to have a positive impact on what is happening around us. We do so by changing our behavior including social distancing and improved hygiene. We do so by volunteering to check on others, contributing funds if we are in a position to do so and donating items such as PPE needed for our medical heroes. And as each day passes, let us remember though this time has caused us to be inconvenienced and anxious, there is hope. Because this crisis will end, we will learn lessons from it and we will move Kankakee Forward.

KANKAKEE CONNECTIONS

APRIL 2020

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Updates

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

The City of Kankakee is working hard to provide daily updates on COVID-19 including sharing information from our officials and health professionals. Visit citykankakee-il.gov for helpful links, resources, public announcements and hear more in video updates from Mayor Wells-Armstrong. The Kankakee County Health Department is providing the updated number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Kankakee County. For additional details on COVID-19, visit:

- www.coronavirus.ilinois.gov
- www.dph.ilinois.gov
- www.kankakeehealth.org
- www.riversidehealthcare.org
- www.amitahealth.org

City of Kankakee Offices Closed to the Public

In an effort to follow Governor Pritzker's executive order to create social distance, limit exposure to the COVID-19, and reduce spread of the virus, the City of Kankakee offices are currently closed to the public, but will continue to provide services. Payments can be accepted over the phone at 815-933-0515. More information on other services can be found in the City of Kankakee's action plan at www.citykankakee-il.gov under public service announcements.

COVID-19: A Reminder on What to Do if You Are Sick

Current symptoms for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) include fever, coughing, and difficulty breathing. Health officials encourage to practice social-distancing guidelines to reduce the spread of the virus, regularly washing your hands, disinfect frequently touched surfaces and staying home if you are sick. If you are sick, call your primary care physician first. The primary care physician will follow a process to pre-screen your symptoms and advise you on a course of action. For additional questions, the COVID-19 state hotline number is 1-800-889-3931.

City Actions in Response to Public or Private Gatherings Over 10 People

Governor J.B. Pritzker's Executive "Shelter-in-Place" Order for the state of Illinois went into effect at 5:00 p.m. on March 21, 2020 and has been extended to April 30, 2020. In addition, all public and private gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited unless exempt by the Executive Order. The Kankakee Police Department will continue to seek compliance within the community. If you see a gathering of more than 10 people or a group that is not following social-distancing guidelines of six feet apart, report it to the Kankakee Police Department at the time of the incident by calling 815-933-3321.

Mayor Chasity Wells-Armstrong's State of the City Address

Mayor Wells-Armstrong will be giving her State of the City Address on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. The address will be broadcasted LIVE on the City of Kankakee's website at citykankakee-il.gov, the City of Kankakee's Facebook page, YouTube Channel and Comcast Channel 4.

Community Outreach & Events

Due to COVID-19, events have been either canceled or postponed, but here are some community outreach updates! Visit citykankakee-il.gov.



Census Day

April 1, 2020

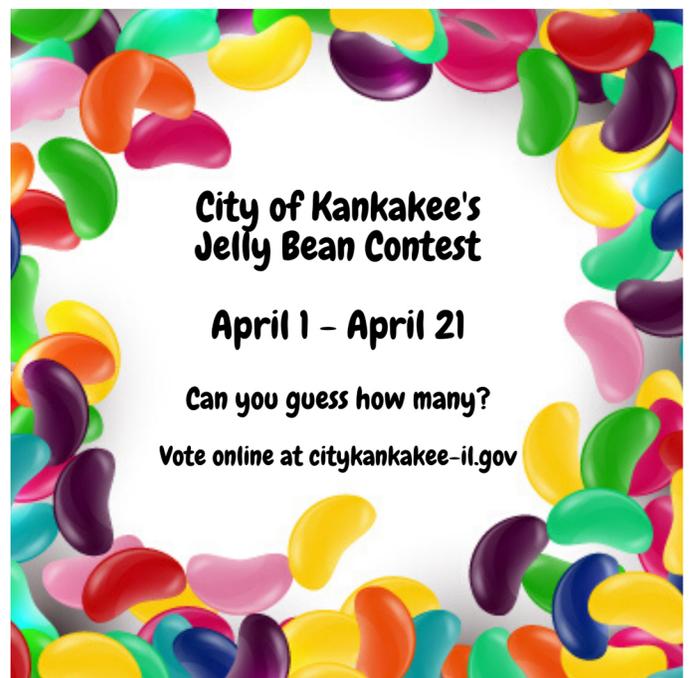
Respond to the 2020 Census **online at 2020Census.gov**

Respond to the 2020 Census **by phone at 844-330-2020**

Respond to the 2020 Census **by mail by mailing your questionnaire to:**

**U.S. Census Bureau
National Processing Center
1201 E. 10th Street
Jeffersonville, IN 47132**

Be sure to tune in at home to learn more about the importance of the 2020 Census and hear from some of our community leaders in the Kankakee's Economic and Community Development Agency's Census video posted on the City of Kankakee's website and social media platforms.



City of Kankakee's Jelly Bean Contest

April 1 - April 21

Can you guess how many?

Vote online at citykankakee-il.gov

New City Team Members

Joshua Wichtner
Firefighter
Kankakee Fire Department

Daniel Francis
Firefighter
Kankakee Fire Department