



# KANKAKEE CONNECTIONS

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August is National Back to School Month. This is the month where teachers are traditionally getting classrooms decorated, kids are shopping for school supplies, and parents are organizing schedules for the season. As a result of COVID-19, school will look different this year but it is important for the community to continue to rally in supporting our kids. The City will remain a partner with our local schools and provide opportunities for lessons beyond the classrooms, civic engagement and activities to meet the community's needs. Welcome back and have a great school year!

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### Updates

### Community Outreach

#### Vehicle Stickers Sales

Vehicle sticker sales will continue to be conducted at the drive-up location at 310 South Schuyler in Kankakee until Friday, August 14, 2020. Vehicles that are registered in the City of Kankakee were \$35 per vehicle through July 31, 2020. Per ordinance, as of August 1, 2020, stickers will be \$70 per vehicle and tickets will begin to be issued. Staff ask that residents bring in their vehicle sticker notice, vehicle registration or other documents to confirm the vehicle identification number (VIN) or license plate of the vehicle.

#### City of Kankakee Operating Under Phase Four in the Restore Illinois Plan

City of Kankakee offices have reopened to the public. Anyone entering the building must have on a face covering and social distancing guidelines have been put into place. Hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All meetings have resumed in-person with capacity limitations of no more than 50 people in a space. Meetings will continue to be broadcasted LIVE on Comcast local channel four, the City of Kankakee's YouTube channel and website.

#### Kankakee United Awarded \$2,000 Grant from Local Walmart

Kankakee United was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from the City of Kankakee's Walmart. The grant was pursued by Kankakee United City Lead, Linh Williams. Mayor Wells-Armstrong started the Kankakee United initiative in 2018. The goal is to reduce gun violence involving African-American boys and men under 25 years of age in Kankakee after data shows more than half of all gun related incidents involve African-American males. Funds from the grant will go toward programming, events and incentives.

#### New Business Opens in Kankakee: Station Street Café

A new business in the City of Kankakee has officially opened its doors! Station Street Café, located at 150 E. Station Street, is serving up a variety of lunch items in downtown Kankakee from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and soon to be breakfast items on Saturday and Sunday. Business Owner, Adam Baumgartner, says they are excited to serve the community with something unique, trendy and fun.



Have you completed the 2020 Census? It takes less than 10 minutes to make our community count! Complete the Census by mail, phone or by visiting [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov). The Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA) is planning Census block parties to target low response neighborhoods in our community! More details will soon be announced on the City of Kankakee's website and social media.

**Visit [www.citykankakee-il.gov](http://www.citykankakee-il.gov) for all updates and check out what's happening in our community! \*Social distancing rules will apply for all community outreach and events\***

#### Mayor Wells-Armstrong's African American Civic Leaders' Scholarship Awards Celebration

Watch it LIVE on City's website and social media  
Thursday, August 6th at 6:30 p.m.

#### Mayor Wells-Armstrong's Phenomenal Woman Presentation

Watch it LIVE on City's website and social media  
Tuesday, August 11th at 6:30 p.m.

#### Mingle with the Mayor

Saturday, August 15th at Pizza Hut  
375 West Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

#### Ribbon Cutting: Living Alternatives & Pregnancy Resource Center

Tuesday, August 4th  
260 S. Washington, Kankakee, IL 60901  
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

#### Friday Night Music Night

Friday, August 7th  
Harold & Jean Miner Square in Downtown Kankakee  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### Sandwiches with a Side of Jam: Lunchtime Concert Series

Wednesday, August 12th  
Kankakee Train Depot  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### Horseback Riding Lessons

Kankakee Valley Park District  
Thursdays now through August 20th  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
To register, visit [www.kvdp.com](http://www.kvdp.com)

### Fall Intern Needed

Interested in a Fall internship with our Marketing and Communications Department? Send in your resume to Human Resources at [jllexson@citykankakee-il.gov](mailto:jllexson@citykankakee-il.gov). We look forward to hearing from you!



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