



December is a busy time of year for many of us. In addition to our daily routines, we add social gatherings, holiday events and more. I encourage everyone to have a safe holiday season focusing on what matters most which is our relationships with one another. More importantly, I encourage everyone to remember there are connections between us as neighbors, families and a community. What impacts one of us has the potential to affect all of us. During this season, I encourage you to incorporate the priceless gifts: time, kindness and compassion. These gifts have no costs and can be extended again and again. Happy holidays!

KANKAKEE CONNECTIONS

DECEMBER 2019

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Community Outreach & Events

All events listed in this month's newsletter are FREE to attend!
For more events and full details, visit citykankakee-il.gov

The 13th Annual Lion Wreathing and City Tree Lighting
 Thursday, December 5, 2019 @ Kankakee Public Library
 5:00 PM

Holiday Show: Dr. Seuss "The Grinch"
 Saturday, December 7, 2019 @ Classic Cinemas Paramount
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Christmas in the Chamber
 Saturday, December 7, 2019 @ City Council Chamber located in the Public Safety Building
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Breakfast with Santa (RSVP Required)
 Saturday, December 14, 2019 @ Kankakee Valley Park District Rec Center
 Please RSVP the number attending to Cheryl at 815-614-8230 by December 10, 2019
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Mingle with the Mayor
 Saturday, December 14, 2019 @ Dos Amigos
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Christmas Day Dinner: Dine-In Only
 Dinner will be served at nine locations throughout the county!
 Kankakee Location: St. John United Church of Christ
 Wednesday, December 25, 2019
 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 RSVP by calling 815-614-2697

Monthly Observances

December is **National Safe Toys and Gifts Month!**
 The holidays are the busiest gift-giving time in the world! As you shop for your loved ones this month, remember to keep safety in mind. Emergency rooms across the nation treated more than 251,000 toy-related injuries according to the latest report from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Consumers can check for the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) label on the toy. This label means the product meets the national safety standards. It's also important to make sure the age and skill level matches the age of the child. To find the latest list of recalls including toys, visit www.cpsc.gov/recalls.



Now Hiring!



Interested parties are encouraged to visit Human Resources in the City of Kankakee's Administration Building to complete an application for the following position:
 · Substitute crossing guard

New City Team Members

James Rauster
 Driver/Operator
 Department of Public Works

2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS



Updates

Congresswoman Kelly Hosts 2020 Census Briefing in the City of Kankakee

Residents learned how they can do their part in the 2020 Census. A community briefing was held at the Kankakee Public Library with Congresswoman Robin Kelly who emphasized if everyone is not counted, the state is in jeopardy of losing a voice in Congress and large amount in federal funding. An invitation to participate in the census count will be sent to residents during mid-March. The 2020 Census will be accessible by responding online, by phone, in person or through a paper questionnaire.

E.volve Clothing Company Opens its Doors in Downtown Kankakee

E.volve Clothing Company is open for business in downtown Kankakee. The new store is located inside the Burfield & Remington building at 150 N. Schuyler Avenue. E. volve features unique pieces of clothing and accessories for men, women and children. Business Owner, Christy Smith, stated it's always been her dream to open her own clothing store. E.volve Clothing Company is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The store is closed on Sunday and Monday.

AMITA Health St. Mary's Hospital Launches New Food Pantry on Campus

AMITA Health St. Mary's Hospital has launched a new micro food pantry to help those in need. The food pantry is available to the community 24 hours a day all year round and is located on the north side of the medical campus. "Our goal is to serve our immediate community with access to healthy food options that can be obtained any time of the day," said Director of Community Development for AMITA Health St. Mary's Hospital, Kathy Peterson.

Join the Kankakee Police Department on the Neighbors by Ring App

Neighbors by Ring is the neighborhood watch app that sends real-time crime and safety notifications directly to your cellphone. The Kankakee Police Department Users can share video, photos and communicate directly with the police on what's happening in their community. Text kankakeeil to 555888 to download the app for free. The app is not meant to replace calling 911. Residents are still encouraged to immediately report emergencies to the police department. For more information, visit download.ring.com/Kankakee.