



Greetings! The warmer weather and sun are upon us and I personally welcome the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. June is National Fruits & Vegetables Month and the City is fortunate to have one of the best farmers markets in the state of Illinois. I welcome you to visit our market on Saturday mornings now through October in downtown Kankakee. Also, June serves as National Homeownership Month and the ECDA has a number of programs to help educate and guide residents interested in home ownership. Finally, I want to wish my father, Stephen Wells and all fathers a very HAPPY FATHER'S DAY. Oftentimes, you are your children's first heroes.



KANKAKEE CONNECTIONS

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Updates

Restore Illinois: Phase Three (Recovery)

Majority of the state will begin to reopen their economies under phase three in the Restore Illinois plan, including the City of Kankakee. Businesses outlined in phase three will be allowed to reopen their doors with capacity limits, social distancing and safety guidelines in place. "The state has issued general guidelines in which the City of Kankakee will follow. I will be working with City Council to address outdoor dining and pursue other strategies that can support our businesses as we continue to navigate this pandemic," said Mayor Wells-Armstrong. City of Kankakee offices will remain closed to the public until further notice while services will continue to be provided. All reopening guidelines for businesses, activities and programs issued by the state can be found on the City of Kankakee's website under Restore Illinois. The Business Toolkit separates guidelines by category to include a common set of guidelines across the state that are expected and encouraged among all employers and activity types, as well as workplace and program-specific guidelines.

City of Kankakee Vehicle Stickers Pushed Back to July

Residents in the City of Kankakee will be able to obtain their vehicle sticker starting on Monday, July 6, 2020 through Friday, July 31, 2020. This announcement comes as the health and safety of ALL residents, as well as city employees, remain a top priority during these uncharted times as we aim to make this process safe for everyone. Applications for vehicle stickers will be mailed to notify residents.

Mayor Wells-Armstrong to Present State of the City Address

Mayor Wells-Armstrong will present the State of the City address on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Tyjuan Hagler will be presented the Key to the City. State of the City will be LIVE on Comcast local channel four, City of Kankakee's YouTube channel and website.

Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton Taps Mayor Wells-Armstrong for the Recovery, Reinvest, and Renew Board (R3)

Mayor Wells-Armstrong has been appointed for the Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Board (R3). The R3 Board was established in 2019 under the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. The goal is to direct cannabis revenues toward communities that have been disproportionately impacted by systemic policies related to the war on drugs. The R3 Board will administer grants that will be used to improve economic development, youth development and civic legal aid. Additionally, funds will be used to help reduce gun violence in the community, provide services and re-entry opportunities for those involved in the criminal justice system, and support educational and health programs.

Community Food Drive Happening Now Through June 5, 2020

Mayor Wells-Armstrong has partnered with local grocery stores, Jewel-Osco and Berkot's Super Foods in Kankakee, to host a food drive for Kankakee County Community Services, Inc (KCCSI). The food drive began May 15, 2020 and will end on June 5, 2020. Collection bins are placed in the entry way of each building. Thank you for helping us give back to the community!

Community Outreach & Events

Visit www.citykankakee-il.gov for all updates and check out what's happening in our community!



Visit the Kankakee Farmers' Market now through October in Downtown Kankakee!

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM - Vulnerable population
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM - General public
Visit www.downtownkankakee.com for a full list of vendors



Mayor Wells-Armstrong and the Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA) are pleased to announce the Bounce Back Kankakee Program for Kankakee residents and small businesses in response to COVID-19. Local businesses can receive up to \$4,000.00 to pay for eligible expenses. Residents can receive up to \$3,000 to assist with rent, utilities and bills. Head to the City of Kankakee's website for more information.

Now Hiring



- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Summer help: Department of Public Works