



KANKAKEE CONNECTIONS

NOVEMBER 2019



“November is National Gratitude Month. Expressions of gratitude allow us opportunities to demonstrate kindness and show appreciation toward others. Also, it puts the challenges we face into perspective by making us aware of the abundance we have in our lives including our health, shelter and relationships with people who matter to us. As a call to action, I ask that you support the City’s initiative this month to collect non-perishable items for our Gratitude Drive. Drop off locations include the City Administration Building, Public Safety Building and the Kankakee Public Library during the last few weeks of November. Making room for gratitude allows you more opportunities in which to be grateful.”

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Community Outreach & Events

[2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS](https://2020census.gov/jobs)



October Press Releases

City of Kankakee Partners with Kankakee Trinity Academy for National Bullying Prevention Month

Last month, the City of Kankakee partnered with Kankakee Trinity Academy students from kindergarten through fifth grade for National Bullying Prevention Month. Students took on a project to create posters that stand up to bullying. Teachers also incorporated lessons on kindness and helping our neighbors. The school wrapped up the partnership with the City of Kankakee by hosting an assembly to announce the winners of the anti-bullying poster contest. They are as follows:

- Mrs. Farrell’s kindergarten class: Colton Bertram
- Mrs. Prestinario’s first grade class: Makayla Pacholski and Blessing Achonwa
- Mrs. Jorgensen’s second grade class: Nola Clyden
- Mrs. Eaton’s third grade class: Bailey Stewart
- Mrs. Parkison’s fourth grade class: Haley Grimes and Macey Monacelli
- Mrs. Marcukaitis’s fifth grade class: Natalie Sneed

Leaf Pick-Up for Fall 2019

Leaf pick-up has begun and will run through Friday, December 6, 2019. Leaf crews will be in your area on your regular garbage day. Leaves must be out before the crews arrive. It is best to have leaves raked the day before your pick up. Crews will remove leaves left in rows along the back of the curb that are in front of the residence. The crews will not vacuum leaves from the alleys. Republic Services will continue to pick up the biodegradable paper bags and dump yard waste cans with leaves and yard waste through November 30, 2019.

Options Center for Independent Living (CIL) Celebrates 30th Anniversary by Honoring Community Leaders

Options Center for Independent Living (CIL) is celebrating 30 years in Kankakee County and more than a dozen years in Iroquois County. The non-profit organization advocates for equal rights, opportunities and services for people with disabilities. Options held an awards luncheon to recognize dedicated leaders, partners and organizers for their work in the community, including City of Kankakee’s Mayor Wells-Armstrong. According to their mission, Options works to help people stay in their homes and out of institutions, maintaining their independence, getting jobs, as well as, making the community more accessible for those with disabilities. For more information or how to get involved, visit www.optionscil.org.

For more events, visit citykankakee-il.gov

Mingle with the Mayor

Saturday, November 9, 2019 @ Great Wall in Kankakee
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Health Insurance and Wellness Fair

Saturday, November 9, 2019 @ Lisieux Pastoral Center
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Jazz in Stained Glass: Olivet Nazarene University Jazz Combo “Turnaround” in Concert

Sunday, November 10, 2019 @ First Presbyterian Church of Kankakee
3:00 PM

Kankakee Economic and Community Development Agency Ribbon Cutting and Open House (ECDA)

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 @ Kankakee Public Library
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Ribbon Cutting 4:15 PM

Expungement Summit and Community Resource Job Fair

Friday, November 15, 2019 @ Kankakee Public Library
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Monthly Observances

November is **National Gratitude Month!** Gratitude is more than simply saying thank you. It allows us to be grateful for the things we have while giving back to our community! The City of Kankakee is hosting two



collection drives this month. In honor of National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, we are collecting items which will be donated to our local Kankakee Animal Shelter through November 8, 2019. Starting on November 12, 2019, we will be collecting non-perishable items which will be donated to local food pantries for those in need. Drop off locations include the City Administration Building, Public Safety Building and the Kankakee Public Library. Thank you for your donations!

Now Hiring!



Interested parties are encouraged to visit the City of Kankakee’s website under Human Resources to complete an application for the following positions:
· 2020 United States Census data collectors

New City Team Members

Brad Benoit

Business Retention and Attraction Coordinator; ECDA

Brian Wagner

Kankakee Fire Department

Richard Campione

Kankakee Fire Department

Nicholas Slaboszewski

Kankakee Fire Department