



Breast cancer has probably impacted every family in our community and my family is no exception. I lost my mother-in-law to the disease and she battled many versions of it for several years. Therefore, I want to encourage all of the women in our lives to get their routine mammograms and any recommended follow up care. As we observe breast cancer awareness during the month of October, remember prevention is the key to survival.

# KANKAKEE CONNECTIONS

**OCTOBER 2020**

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## Updates

### City Council to Continue to Zoom for October Meetings

City Council meetings will continue to be conducted via Zoom for the month of October on Monday, October 5, 2020 and on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The council chambers will be closed for attendance. Public comments can be submitted up until 3:00 p.m. on the day of City Council by emailing [publiccomment@citykankakee-il.gov](mailto:publiccomment@citykankakee-il.gov). City Council and all committee meetings will continue to stream LIVE on Comcast local channel four, the City of Kankakee's YouTube channel and website at [www.citykankakee-il.gov](http://www.citykankakee-il.gov).

### Special City Council Meeting to Address Public Safety

A special City Council meeting to further address public safety was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. The meeting was livestreamed on Comcast local channel four, the City of Kankakee's YouTube channel and website. Public comments were read by Mayor Wells-Armstrong and City Council further met for discussion, strategies and solutions. To watch the meeting, head to the website at [www.citykankakee-il.gov](http://www.citykankakee-il.gov) and click on the media tab.

### High Turnout in Kankakee County for Early Voting

Early voting has begun and will continue to take place now through November 2, 2020 ahead of election day on November 3, 2020. The Kankakee County Clerk's office announced 469 people casted their vote on the first day of early voting, the highest participation they have ever had on the first day. Voter registration is available at the Kankakee County Clerk's office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and you can vote the same day. Extended hours will begin on October 19, 2020. Due to COVID-19, all general election voters are encouraged to cast their vote prior to Election Day by early voting or vote by mail. For more information, call (815) 937-2990 or visit [www.kankakeecountyclerk.com](http://www.kankakeecountyclerk.com).

### Citizens Advisory Board Launches First Board Meetings

The Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA) is still taking applications to fill the nine remaining positions available for the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB). The CAB held their first two orientation meetings for new board members in August and September. The CAB is a 22-person volunteer board comprised of citizens residing in Kankakee with a few seats for Kankakee agencies or organizations. The goal is to focus on addressing the quality of life for Kankakee residents. Overall, many of the CAB members shared the reason they joined the board is to stay involved in the community. If you would like more information on how to join or would like to watch previous CAB meetings, head to [www.citykankakee-il.gov](http://www.citykankakee-il.gov) and click on the ECDA tab.

### Last Push for the 2020 Census

Although the City of Kankakee's 2020 Census pop-up block parties have come to an end, there is still time to respond! It takes less than 10 minutes to help our community count which will be impacted by the amount of funding received over the next 10 years. U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Wilbur Ross, recently announced a target date of October 5, 2020 to complete the self-response and field data collection operations. You can respond by mail, phone or online at [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov).

## Community Outreach



**TRICK OR TREAT HOURS FOR THE CITY OF KANKAKEE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020**  
**4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

\*PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SAFETY GUIDELINES\*



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

### Mayor Wells-Armstrong's Diversity and Inclusion Series Part Three: Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Saturday, October 3rd in downtown Kankakee  
Train Depot and Hill Stage  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Mingle with the Mayor

Saturday, October 10th at Johnny's Pizza  
265 S. Schuyler Avenue, Kankakee  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Halloween Kids Parade and Costume Contest

Saturday, October 24th at River Road Dog Park  
1895 River Road in Kankakee  
10:30 a.m.

### Trunk or Treat at the Kankakee Farmers' Market

Saturday, October 31st in downtown Kankakee  
Kankakee Farmers' Market  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Now Hiring

- Community Service Officer, Kankakee Police Department
- Apply online under Human Resources at [www.citykankakee-il.gov](http://www.citykankakee-il.gov)

## New City Team Members

- Jacqueline Mendez, Kankakee Police Department
- Carlee Small, Kankakee Police Department