



# KANKAKEE CONNECTIONS

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## FEBRUARY 2019

### Message from Mayor Wells-Armstrong

February is Black History Month and as the first Black Mayor for the City of Kankakee, I feel a greater sense of responsibility to make sure that ALL residents in our community feel as though they have a Mayor who sees them, hears their concerns and addresses their needs. Our City has great leaders and there is much potential in our youth. Let's all commit to learning about the lives and contributions of our Black leaders and encourage our youth to soar!

### Press Releases

21 January 2019

The City of Kankakee Moves to the Next Phase of the OSLAD Grant Process for Development of the Riverwalk

29 January 2019

During snowfall and extreme temperatures, city officials are closely monitoring the weather for public safety.

*\*For more information on monthly press releases,  
citykankakee-il.gov/viewallpress.php*

### City Observed Holidays

The City of Kankakee offices will be closed on Monday, February 18, in observation of Presidents' Day. Offices will open at 9:00AM on Tuesday, February 19.

### Monthly Observances

#### American Heart Month

The City of Kankakee will be observing February as American Heart Month. Friday, February 1st is "Go Red for Women" and everyone is encouraged to wear red. Keep an eye on our social media for health tips and upcoming events.

#### African American History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of the achievements and contributions made by African Americans. The City of Kankakee will be devoting time this month to focus on the important role African American people have played in our history. We encourage residents to engage in the opportunities around the city that celebrate achievements and contributions made by African Americans.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** In Honor of Black History month, applications are being accepted for the 2019 African American Civic Leaders Scholarship through March 22, 2019. Scholarships will be awarded on April 18, 2019 during a dessert reception at the Kankakee Public Library (7:00PM). For additional information, please visit citykankakee-il.gov.



PHYSICAL COPIES OF THIS NEWSLETTER ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- Kankakee Public Library
- City Administration Building
- Asbury United Methodist
- City Council Chambers
- St. John Paul II Catholic Parish

*Newsletter is also available online at:  
citykankakee-il.gov/newsletter.php*

### Community Outreach & Events

Mingle with the Mayor on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Paul's Place (500 S. Washington Ave) from 9:30AM until 11:00PM.



Tune-in to Kankakee Chats live broadcast on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7:30PM. Kankakee Chats is available for streaming at citykankakee-il.gov/k3chats.php or on the Local Channel 4.

### NOW HIRING!



Interested parties are encouraged to visit the City of Kankakee website to complete an application for the following positions:

- Director of Planning & Zoning
- Chief of Police

### Winter Shelter

During this Winter Season, let us be mindful to check on our seniors (relatives, neighbors, and friends). Fortitude Community Outreach has organized a PADS shelter in Kankakee County. Shelters are open each night (excluding Sunday) at 6:30PM.

Shelter Sites:

- MONDAY: Resurrection Community Church, Kankakee
- TUESDAY: Central Christian Church, Bourbonnais
- WEDNESDAY: First Church of the Nazarene, Kankakee
- THURSDAY: River Valley Christian Fellowship, Bourbonnais
- FRIDAY: First Church of the Nazarene, Kankakee
- SATURDAY: Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee

For more information on Fortitude Community Outreach, visit [www.fortitudecommunityoutreach.org](http://www.fortitudecommunityoutreach.org)