



July is upon us and with this time of year comes hot weather, opportunities to socialize outside and the City's signature summer event; the Merchant Street Music Festival (MSMF). I want to thank the Events Partnership, sponsors, artists and all volunteers who tirelessly work year after year to make this event a success for our community. Also, it is National Park and Recreation month. Although the City of Kankakee owns only one park, residents have access to over 30 parks in the region. Parks enhance the quality of life for residents and contribute to the charm of neighborhoods. As our very own Kankakee Valley Park District (KVPD) continues the work to restore our community parks, programs and services, the City administration appreciates the partnership on initiatives such as the River Front Master Plan and the Kankakee United public safety plan. Finally, the City is partnering with the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra (KVSO) and Kankakee Community College (KCC) to bring a Laser Light show in place of fireworks. The KVSO will seek donations only and admission to the KCC campus will be free to view the laser light show with music. Please come out to support and enjoy this eco-friendly, innovative event that is unique to our region.

KANKAKEE CONNECTIONS

JULY 2019

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Community Outreach & Events

Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Laser Show

Thursday, July 4, 2019 @ Kankakee Community College
 100 College Drive, Kankakee
 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FREE Kankakee Municipal Band Concerts in the Park

Every Thursday @ 7:00 PM
 Don Palzer Band Shell, Bird Park

Mingle with the Mayor

Saturday, July 20, 2019 @ JR's Chicken
 135 E. Bourbonnais St., Kankakee
 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Date Night with the Mayor

July 26, 2019 from 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
 Kankakee residents are encouraged to sign-up on the City's website to request a Date Night with the Mayor and her spouse. One couple will be selected for an intimate dining experience and conversation.

New Hours of Operation

Effective July 1, 2019, the City's Administration Hours of Operation will be:
 Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

City Observed Holidays

The City of Kankakee offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observation of *Independence Day*. Offices will open 8:00AM on Friday, July 5th.

Monthly Observances

The goal of **National Park and Recreation Month**, set by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), is to raise awareness of the vital impact that parks and recreation has on communities across the U.S. Be sure to get outside this month and enjoy



our local parks! Refer to the Kankakee Valley Park District website www.kvdpd.com or the City of Kankakee website citykankakee-il.gov to learn about Summer activities and events.



June Press Releases

June 7, 2019

City of Kankakee Adopts Mission and Vision Statements
 The team developed mission and vision statements, in addition to, value statements. Those statements are being introduced on the City's website, correspondence and in areas of service. Mission, vision and values provide a foundation for any organization.

June 10, 2019

Administration Hours Changing July 1, 2019
 Effective July 1, 2019, the hours of operation for the Administration Building (304 South Indiana Avenue) will change to weekdays, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. In response to the needs of the community and to align hours of operation with other City departments, the administration is making the change to enhance service delivery.

June 20, 2019

City of Kankakee Identifies Source of Odor
 Residents along Washington Avenue, Water and Wall Streets contacted city officials on Wednesday morning to report a strong odor. Mitigation of the situation has been addressed and the industrial customer has ordered equipment which is anticipated to be implemented within three weeks. Residents can expect the odor to dissipate in the coming days.

New City Team Members

Demetrius Williams
 Community Safety Officer, Kankakee Police Department

Mario Martinez
 Police Officer, Kankakee Police Department