



Hispanic Heritage Month is observed during the month of September for recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. We have many residents who are making a difference in our community as educators, translators and serving our residents through social service agencies. As mayor, I will continue to work in partnership with our residents, advocate for social equity, and support opportunities so that everyone is valued and has opportunities to dream, grow and thrive as we move Kankakee Forward.

KANKAKEE CONNECTIONS

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Updates

New Mitigation Measures Announced for Kankakee County

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Kankakee and Will Counties have seen an increase in positivity rates over 8% in three days. Governor Pritzker announced new mitigation measures which began on Wednesday, August 26th to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and will last at least two weeks. The new mitigation requirements have been posted on the city's website and social media. Some of these mitigation requirements include:

- All bars and restaurants will close at 11:00 p.m.
- No indoor seating, service or congregating inside
- No seating of multiple parties at one table
- Reservations will be required
- Meetings, social events and gatherings will be limited to 25 people or 25% of overall indoor room capacity

City Council to Resume Zoom Meetings for September

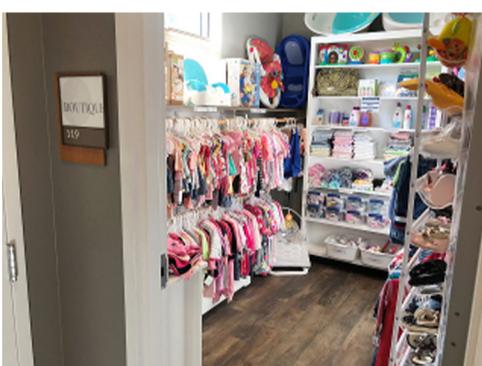
To be in compliance, the City of Kankakee will conduct City Council meetings via Zoom this month on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 and on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The council chambers will be closed for attendance. Public comments can be submitted up until 3:00 p.m. on the day of City Council by emailing publiccomment@citykankakee-il.gov. 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.

City of Kankakee Awarded Fast-Track Capital Grant

The City of Kankakee is pleased to announce that it has been awarded \$1.8 million dollars for the Fast-Track Capital Grant. Governor Pritzker announced that Kankakee joins the list of more than a dozen cities across the state where \$24.8 million in funding has been allocated to jumpstart capital projects from the Fast-Track Public Infrastructure Capital Program. This grant will assist the City in providing better accessibility and investment into historically underserved areas of the City while continuing the enhancement of downtown Kankakee.

Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center Relocates

Since 1985, Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center has been helping families with unplanned pregnancies. The center recently relocated in the City of Kankakee into a new location at 260 South Washington Avenue. Among the services provided are: limited ultrasound scanning, pregnancy testing, mentoring services and community referrals. The center also houses a baby boutique filled with clothes, diapers and more. Business hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Community Outreach

Have you completed the 2020 Census? It takes less than 10 minutes to make our community count! Complete the Census by mail, phone or by visiting www.2020Census.gov. The City of Kankakee has expanded their outreach to host a census block party near you! Direct assistance will be provided to complete the census, as well as, socially distanced activities, snacks and more! Don't miss out! Visit our website for more information.



The following list of locations and dates for the City of Kankakee's census pop-up block parties are as follows:

- Thursday, September 10th at Kankakee High School from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 18th at Kennedy Middle School from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 22nd at Edison Primary School from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 24th at Pioneer Park from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 30th at St. Patrick's Church from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Visit www.citykankakee-il.gov for all updates and check out what's happening in our community! *Social distancing rules will apply for all community outreach and events*

More community events and outreach:

Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the Kankakee Farmers' Market

Saturday, September 5th in downtown Kankakee from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Mingle with the Mayor

Saturday, September 12th at Station Street Cafe
150 E. Station Street in Kankakee from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1st Ward Neighborhood School Supply Giveaway and Car Show

Saturday, September 12th at Old Fair Park
525 E. Fair Street in Kankakee from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Mexican Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, September 12th at St. John Paul II Catholic Parish
956 S. 10th Ave. in Kankakee
from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Summer Fun Time Hosted by the Black Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, September 19th at Old Fair Park
525 E. Fair Street in Kankakee from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

New City Team Members

- Deshaun Taylor
- Systems Operator, Environmental Services Utility (ESU)