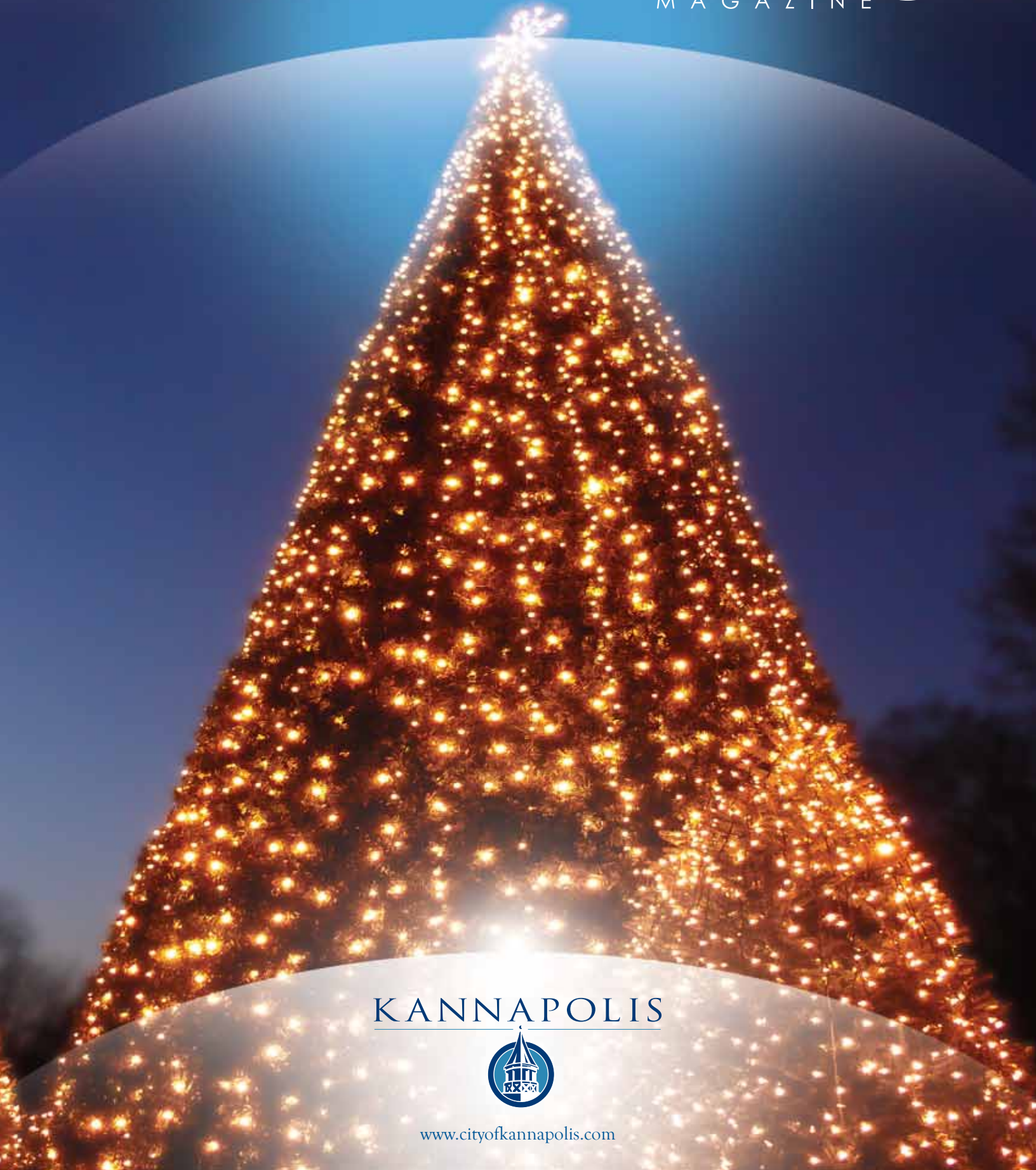


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## WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR



It is Christmas time in Kannapolis, and this issue is all about the wonderful events and activities slated for Village Park this December. From lights to train rides to a new festival, this year promises to be the best yet.

Just after Christmas we're once again offering our Citizen's Academy. This class is an excellent way to learn more about your City and municipal government. I highly encourage anyone who would like to become more involved to apply for the class.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob Misenheimer

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## Find Us Online

Interested in updated information about economic development activities? Curious about what happened at the last City Council meeting? Want updates on events?

From news releases, blogs, Facebook, YouTube, and two newsletters, the City of Kannapolis provides several ways for residents interested in keeping abreast of the latest city happenings.

To sign up for these publications or for more information, visit [www.cityofkannapolis.com](http://www.cityofkannapolis.com) and click on “Media Center” at the very bottom of the home page. You can also contact Karen Whichard at [kwhichard@cityofkannapolis.com](mailto:kwhichard@cityofkannapolis.com) or 704-262-1109.

## ThinkKannapolis.com

Economic development is a top priority for the City of Kannapolis and Kannapolis City Council. To help facilitate efforts to attract new business and industry to the City, Kannapolis will soon launch a new economic development website, [thinkkannapolis.com](http://thinkkannapolis.com).

Targeted towards commercial real estate brokers, site selection consultants and companies interested in relocating to the Charlotte region, the site is designed to provide information about sites available for industrial and commercial development, demographic information, the NC Research Campus, and the community as a whole.

## Check Out Our YouTube Channel

Curious about what’s going on at the NCRC? Want a first hand look inside the NMR lab? Want to see a recent City event at Village Park?

Then check out the new Kannapolis YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/cityofkannapolis](http://www.youtube.com/cityofkannapolis).



For more information or questions, contact Karen Whichard at [kwhichard@cityofkannapolis.com](mailto:kwhichard@cityofkannapolis.com) or 704-262-1109.

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# Village Park Comes to Light for Christmas



Christmas is a very special season for Village Park in Kannapolis. Since 2008, the City has presented the Celebration of Lights, hosted Santa, offered rides on the Winterland Express and held the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

This year, the events in the park grow, with the addition of A Kannapolis Christmas festival on December 4, a free-standing Santa House, the Kannapolis Singing Bears, and a model train exhibit from the Atlantic Coast S Gaugers.

“Our staff works very hard to make the park into one of the best lights displays in the region,” said Kannapolis Parks & Recreation Director Gary Mills. “This year is especially exciting with the addition of the Kannapolis Singing Bears, the festival and a new house for Santa.”

## A Kannapolis Christmas Festival

Building upon the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, this year the City will hold a Christmas festival in Village Park on Saturday, December 4.

In addition to the official lighting of the park and the kick-off of the Celebration of Lights, the Kannapolis Christmas festival will include craft vendors, carnival rides, a petting zoo, live entertainment, a gingerbread house contest, inflatables, Santa, the Kannapolis Singing Bears, a holiday display contest and fireworks.

“For the past several years we’ve had a very special Christmas tree lighting ceremony that included performances from local choirs and the A.L. Brown Marching Band,” said Mills.

“At the end of the event, we would officially light the trees and lights in Village Park. This year we are expanding the event to include activities throughout the afternoon.”

**Date:** Saturday, December 4

**Time:** 2 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. with the tree lighting at 6:30 p.m. and FIREWORKS!

**Cost:** Admission is FREE. Minimal charge for carnival rides.

**Location:** Village Park, 700 West C Street, Kannapolis

**Parking:** Parking will be limited at Village Park. Shuttle service will be available from surrounding parking lots, including the NC Research Campus, the old post office and other well marked pick ups.

For more information, visit [www.kannapolischristmas.com](http://www.kannapolischristmas.com) or call 704-920-4343.



## Celebration of Lights & Winterland Express

The Celebration of Lights boasts more than 150,000 lights and takes place at Village Park every night from December 4 – 31 (closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).

Displays include the soldiers, cannon and “Happy Holidays” sign from Cannon Mills. New lights this year include a special aqua-themed section at the splash pad.

The Winterland Express will also take riders through the lights at the park from 6:00-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2.00.

**Date:** Saturday, December 4 – Friday, December 31 (closed the 24th and 25th)

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Admission is FREE. Winterland Express tickets are \$2.00

**Location:** Village Park, 700 West C Street, Kannapolis

**Parking:** Village Park

For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 704-920-4343.



## Santa Claus and the Kannapolis Singing Bears

New this year is Santa’s Studio, a permanent home for Santa, and performances from our very own Kannapolis Singing Bears, who will entertain the young and young at heart with a 30 minute Christmas Carol performance each hour on the hour beginning at 6 p.m. each evening and running through 9:30 p.m. Santa and the Bears will be at the park every night of the week. Be sure to bring your camera, there will be several opportunities to capture your special memories.

**Date:** Saturday, December 4 – Friday, December 31 (closed the 24th and 25th)

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE

**Location:** Village Park, 700 West C Street, Kannapolis

**Parking:** Village Park

## Model Train Display

The Atlantic Coast S Guagers will be at Village Park for two weekends in December with their interactive model train display. The display will let the young – and young at heart – push buttons and actively manipulate the trains.

**Date:** Friday December 10, Saturday December 11, Sunday December 12; Friday December 17, Saturday December 18, Sunday December 19.

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE

**Location:** Village Park Building, 700 West C Street, Kannapolis

**Parking:** Village Park





## Third printing of *Kannapolis: A Pictorial History*

After selling out its first two printings, the City has ordered a third printing of *Kannapolis: A Pictorial History*. The book includes 304 pages and more than 500 photographs. It is a retrospective of events, buildings, organizations and most importantly the people of Kannapolis. Images include G.W. Carver High School, Camp Elliott, Mary Ella Hall, Lake View Station, and many of Cannon Mills.

To purchase a copy of the book, call 704-920-4399 or stop by the City's Customer Service Center at 234 Dale Earnhardt Blvd. The book retails for \$30.00, and there is a \$2.75 fee to purchase with a credit or debit card.



# General Mills, Dole Foods and Monsanto Continue to Build their Presence on the NC Research Campus

There have been several exciting announcements in recent months at the NCRC. From Monsanto and General Mills joining the Campus to the opening of the RCCC facility to the continued growth at DHMRI, it has been a good year thus far.

Corporate tenants Monsanto and General Mills have been drawn to the Campus for many reasons, including its location in the Charlotte market, the opportunities for partnership with major research universities, and the analytical equipment at the DHMRI.

In fact, General Mills sees the Campus as a one-stop shop as they work to enhance their product development capabilities by partnering on upstream technology and basic nutrition research.



The proteomics and metabolomics capabilities at the DHMRI were especially important to General Mills because it falls outside their normal research focus.

For Monsanto, joining an active and diverse scientific culture in Kannapolis was very attractive. Already, they are working with university researchers on the Campus as they strive to develop more flavorful fruits and vegetables.

In addition to Monsanto and General Mills, Dole Foods has become much more active on Campus. The goal of the Dole Nutrition Research Laboratory is to create more nutritious products while providing better information about nutrition for general consumer education. They have already partnered with Appalachian State's Human Performance Laboratory on different research studies and plan to expand their work during the next year.

## City Names New Finance Director

The City of Kannapolis has hired Eric Davis as its new Finance Director. Davis most recently served as Town Manager for Mount Holly and was previously the Town Manager of China Grove.

Davis has 18 years of experience in public administration, all of it in North Carolina. His past employment has primarily been in the role of a town manager. However, in those communities he has had daily oversight of financial matters which has given him the skill set necessary to lead a municipal finance department. Davis has deep experience in budgeting, forecasting, and securing funding for capital projects.



## City Recognizes Participants from Kannapolis Kares Day

Local schools, churches, businesses and nonprofits participated in this year's Kannapolis Kares Day. More than 1,000 volunteers worked on projects including neighborhood clean-ups, food drives, and refurbishing homes for those in need.

In recognition of the fifth anniversary of the event, the organizing committee decided to honor the following with awards for their service.



Left to right: Alicia Broadway, Lynann Johnson, Jon Page, Donna Coone, Cindy Griggs, Steven Cockrell, Brett Crosby, Wilmenia Gripper, Rob Knuschke.

### Most Volunteers

*First Place:* Kannapolis Intermediate School

*Honorable Mention:* Boger Elementary School

### Collection Award (for the most items collected by a group)

*First Place:* F&M Bank

*Honorable Mention:* BSA Pack/Troop 007

### Green Project Award

A team effort between the Center for the Environment, the Kannapolis Environmental Stewardship Commission, RCCC Automotive Department, and Mecklenburg County's Air Quality Department

### Unique Project Award

*First Place:* High Rock Community Church

*Honorable Mention:* UNC Nutrition Research Institute

### Committee Motivator Award

*First Place:* Cindy Griggs

*Honorable Mention:* Brett Crosby, Georgann Sapp, Lynann Johnson, Ruth Curry

### Outstanding Business Award

*First Place:* CiCi's Pizza

*Honorable Mention:* Franklin Heights Baptist Church

### Five Year Award

Jackson Park Pentecostal Holiness Church

Franklin Heights Baptist Church

BSA Pack/Troop 007

Jackson Park Elementary School

Kannapolis Junior Woman's Club

A.L. Brown Juniorette Club

First Presbyterian Church

North Kannapolis United Methodist Church

Sonic Drive-In

F&M Bank

City of Kannapolis Customer Service Center

Kannapolis Fire Department

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## CITIZENS ACADEMY RETURNS NEXT YEAR

Curious about how your city government works? Want a behind the scenes look at everything from the police department to economic development to the wastewater treatment plant? Feel like asking the hard questions about how your tax monies are spent?

Then the Kannapolis Citizens Academy is for you. Beginning on February 8 and running through March 29, the Academy will have weekly classes on Tuesday evenings.

**February 8** – City Operation Overview

**February 15** – Police Department

**February 22** – Economic Development

**March 1** – Finance Department

**March 8** – Planning & Zoning Department

**March 15** – Fire Department

**March 22** – Public Works

**March 29** – Parks & Recreation

For more information, contact Renee Goodnight, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 704-920-4311 or [rgoodnight@cityofkannapolis.com](mailto:rgoodnight@cityofkannapolis.com). You can also download an application at [www.cityofkannapolis.com](http://www.cityofkannapolis.com).

