



DIRECTORS' REPORT

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APRIL 2026

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

DATA FROM MARCH 2026

CONSTRUCTION

In Progress: **23**

First Ward: 8

Second Ward: 4

Third Ward: 1

Fourth Ward: 1

Fifth Ward: 1

Sixth Ward: 4

Seventh Ward: 4

General Wait List: **160**

Completed in March:

Lead Program: **1**

Healthy Homes: **2**

CDBG Programs: **1**

MIRA Program: **0**

Rental Rehab **0**

all ECDA waitlists remain closed

Data Updated: 3/31/2026

LEAD PROGRAM

GOAL: 4 homes completed each month in 2026

42 Total Clearances in 2026



Completed In Previous Month: 1

Completed in FY2025: 16

Completed in 2026: 6

In Progress: 8

First Ward: 3

Second Ward: 2

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 1

Fifth Ward: 1

Sixth Ward: 1

Seventh Ward: 0

Program Wait List: 80



**OFFICE OF
LEAD HAZARD CONTROL
AND HEALTHY HOMES**

Healthy Children

Healthy Families

Healthy Communities

Data Updated: 3/30/2026

In Progress: **6**

First Ward: 2

Second Ward: 0

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 0

Sixth Ward: 3

Seventh Ward: 1

Completed In Previous Month: **2**

Completed in FY2025: **15**

Completed in 2026: **3**

HEALTHY HOMES

GOAL: 42 homes completed by August 2026



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AND HEALTHY HOMES

Healthy Children

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Data Updated: 3/31/2026

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

GOAL: 14 homes completed in 2026



In Progress: **8**

- First Ward:** 3
- Second Ward:** 2
- Third Ward:** 1
- Fourth Ward:** 0
- Fifth Ward:** 0
- Sixth Ward:** 0
- Seventh Ward:** 2

Completed In Previous Month: 1
Completed in FY2025: 10
Completed in 2026: 1

MEDIAN INCOME REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

GOAL: 14 completed in 2026



In Progress: **1**

First Ward: 0

Second Ward: 0

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 0

Sixth Ward: 0

Seventh Ward: 1

Completed in 2026: **2**

RENTAL REHABILITATION

GOAL: 14 completed in 2026



In Progress: **0**

First Ward: 0

Second Ward: 0

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 0

Sixth Ward: 0

Seventh Ward: 0

Completed in 2026: **0**

Intake has started for 6 potential properties in this program.

Data Updated: 3/31/2026

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DEMOLITION PROGRAM

GOAL: 8 deteriorated structures in 2026



In Progress: **0**

First Ward: 0

Second Ward: 0

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 0

Sixth Ward: 0

Seventh Ward: 0

Completed in 2026: **4**

Data Updated: 3/31/2026

STATE OF IL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Construction of the expanded Harbor House Domestic Violence Survivor shelter

Contracts in Process for Awarded Lowest Bidders:

1. **Project Fire Protection Contract: Matco Fire Protection**
2. **Project Electrical Contract: KPI Electric**
3. **Project Plumbing Contract: Glade Plumbing**
4. **Project Mechanical Contract: Glade Plumbing**
5. **Project Glazing Contract: Kankakee Ace Hardware**
6. **Project Acoustic Ceiling Tile Contract: Kankakee Ace Hardware**
7. **Project Fire Alarm System Contract: KPI Electric**

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS

DATA FROM MARCH 2026

Data Updated: 3/31/2026

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

GOAL: dispend funding to social service agencies serving Kankakee residents

2025 - 2026

Cornerstone Services (\$10,000)
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00
Households Served: 9/20

Catholic Charities (\$20,000)
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00
Households Served: 20/30

Still I Rise (\$10,000)
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00
Individuals Served: 48/45

Harbor House (\$20,000)
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00
Individuals Served: 29/22

Salvation Army HPP (\$20,000)
Funds Drawn Down: \$00.00
Individuals Served: 7/25

No funding has been drawn down, anticipated to be submitted as a part of their final reports this month.

2026 - 2027

April 6th: CD Committee Recommendation
April: City Council Approval & Grant Agreements Circulated

ECDA Received 4 eligible applications.



PRIVATE SECURITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Funds available for lighting/camera reimbursement

**MARCH: \$00.00
0 APPLICATIONS**

TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDS

Month	# of Applications	Amount Spent
2025	55	\$10,493.7
2026 Quarter 1	7	\$1,214.47

REMAINING FUNDS: \$4,842.00

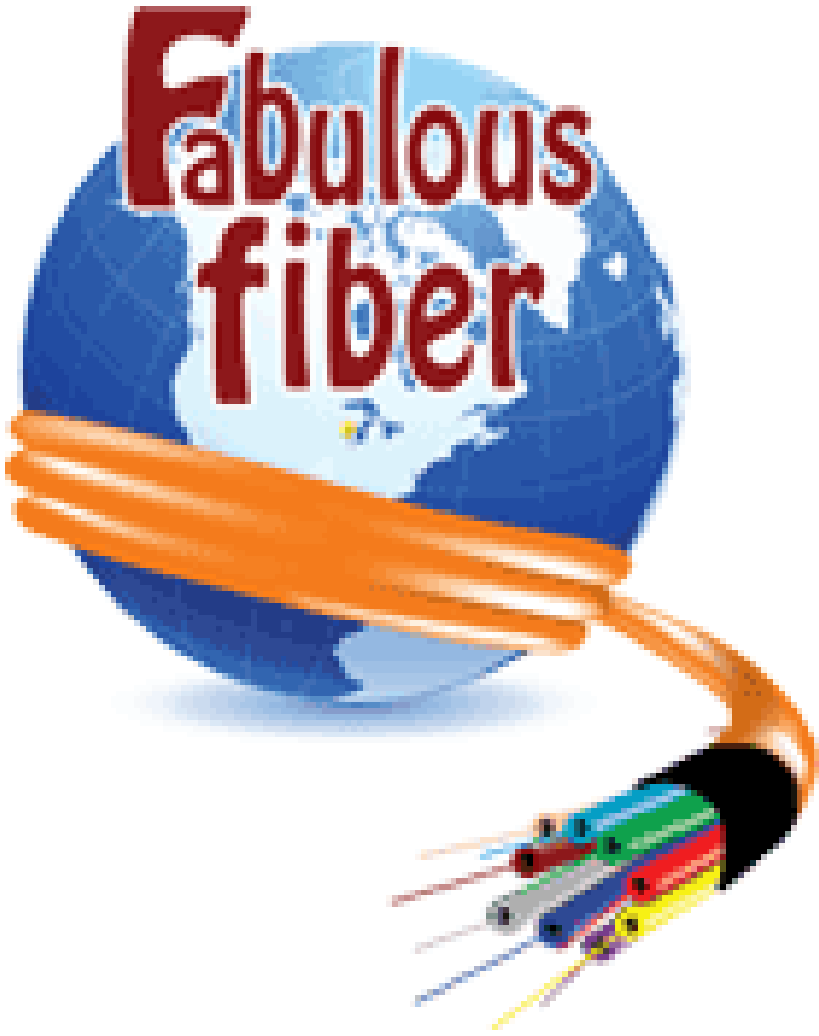
**BUSINESS LICENSE &
RETENTION VISITS**

NEW BUSINESS LICENSES | FEBRUARY 2026



Our Aging
SERVICES

Resources for Developmental
Disabilities & Seniors



- Always Fresh Kitchen Halal | 2/02
- Our Aging Services* | 2/02
- Fabulous Fiber | 2/02
- Kankakee Islamic Center | 2/02
- Yara Home | 2/02
- My Storage Kankakee, LLC | 2/12
- Green Pro Services* | 2/12
- Ravenspring Media LLC | 2/19
- Lunova Soma | 2/19
- Montenegro Construction* | 2/19



My
STORAGE
- Kankakee -

Hot & Cold Stone Therapy
 Therapeutic Relaxation
 Prenatal Massage
 Cupping/Scraping
 Reflexology
 Foot/Hand Scrub
 Red Light Therapy
 Deep Tissue & Trigger Point
 Available Bookings for:
 Retreats
 Mental Health Awareness Events
 Corporate Wellness Days
 Birthdays
 Marathons
 Spa Parties
 Massage Therapist Mentorship
 Bridal showers or Bachelorette parties
LUNOVA SOMA
 BODY ALIGNED. PURPOSE DEFINED.

73 TOTAL TO DATE

*indicates home-based

BUSINESS RETENTION VISITS REPORT

COMPANIES SURVEYED:

- DAMN TAP
- THE LUSH VINE
- ESSENTIAL SMOOTHIES
- IKO MIDWEST
- ZIRI FRESH MARKET INC.

HIGHLIGHTS:

CITY ASSETS

RIVER/RIVERFRONT, OPEN SPACES, COMMUNITY EVENTS, PRO-BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT, FIRE, POLICE, ECDA, LOCAL SUPPORT, EXPOSURE OPPORTUNITIES, COMMUNICATIONS, LOCATION, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, RETENTION WORK

CHALLENGES

FUTURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, HOMELESS SITUATION, BUILDING & CODE INITIAL PERMITTING, PUBLIC PERCEPTION, WORKFORCE, ROAD/SIDEWALK CONDITIONS

UPCOMING PLANS

MAJORITY DO HAVE PLANS TO RENOVATE, EXPAND, OR RELOCATE



ECDA LUNCH N' LEARN SERIES

HOW TO START A BUSINESS

SPONSORED BY ESSENTIAL SMOOTHIES & CAFE

FREE LUNCH N' LEARN FOR ENTREPRENEURS TO LEARN THE BASICS IN LAUNCHING THEIR BUSINESS IN KANKAKEE

APRIL 7 | 11:30-1PM

RSVP BY APRIL 3
<https://ECDAstartyourbusiness.eventbrite.com>

Bilingual Translation Available

DENISE SMITH
FOUNDER & OWNER, ESSENTIAL SMOOTHIES & CAFE

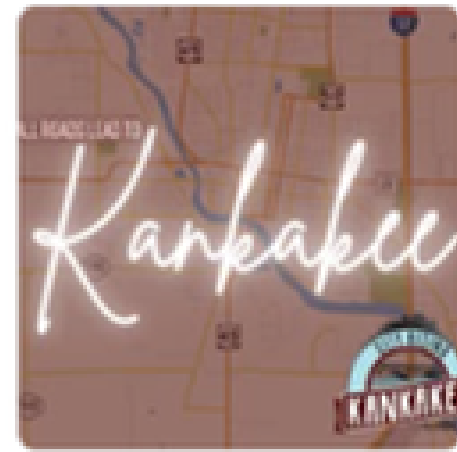
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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DATA FROM MARCH 2026

MEDIA OUTREACH



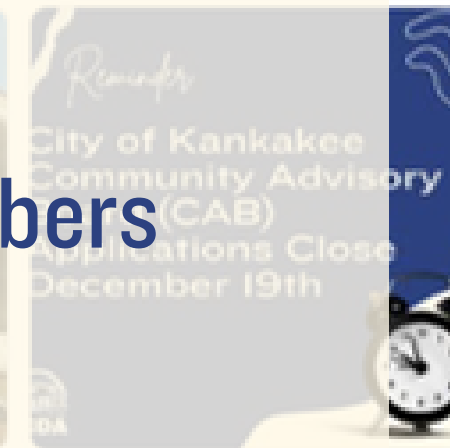
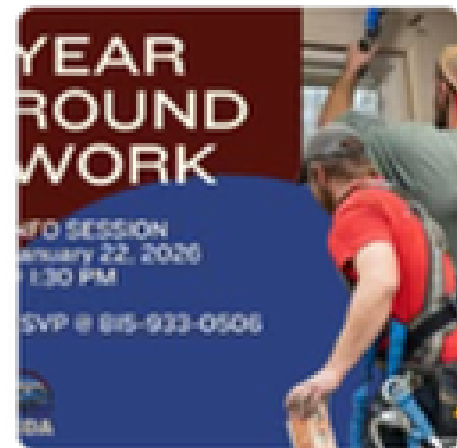
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432 Followers



652 Newsletter Subscribers



COMMUNITY EVENTS

MARCH 2026:

March 10 - St Mary's Food Pantry

March 12 - Community Conversation w. Riverside

APRIL 2026:

April 9 - Community Conversation with Prairie State Legal Services

Housing Rights

5:30 PM @ Lisieux Center

April 18 - YMCA's Healthy Kids Day

April 22 - United Way's Day of Action

April 30 - Salvation Army's Pathways of Hope Community Fair



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

MARCH 2026:

March 3 - KCCOLT Meeting

March 4 - CAB Meeting

March 5 - Kankakee County Continuum of Care Meeting

March 12 - Central Illinois Continuum of Care Meeting

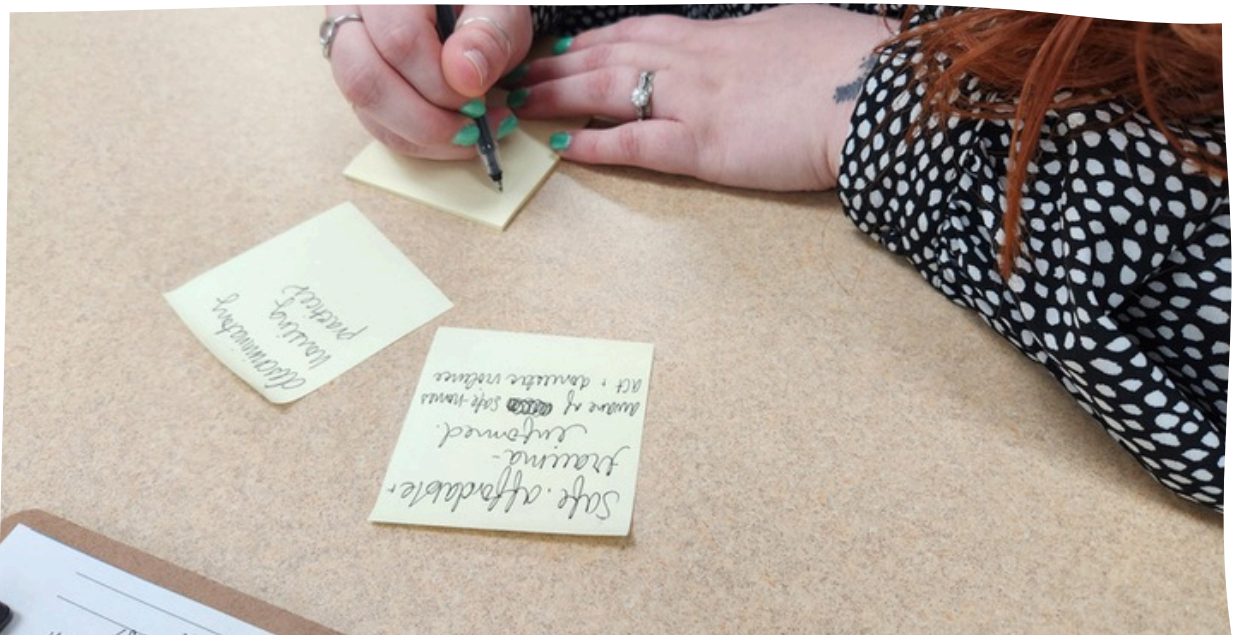
March 19 - Success by 6 Coalition Meeting

APRIL 2026:

April 1 - CAB Meeting

April 2 - Kankakee Continuum of Care Meeting

April 7 - KCCOLT Meeting





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