



# City Commission Agenda Item

**Meeting Date:** July 6, 2021  
**From:** Randy Frazer, City Manager  
**Item:** City Manager Updates

**Purpose:** City Manager's Report on Upcoming Activities

**Background:**

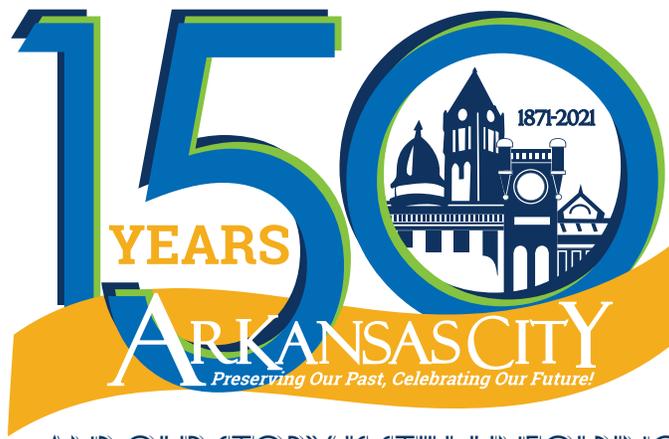
1. The **Ark City Community Band** will finish its historic 150<sup>th</sup> consecutive season with concerts starting at **7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8** and **7 p.m. Thursday, July 15** under the rotunda at Wilson Park. The **July 15** concert will be a special 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary event featuring two 312<sup>th</sup> Army Band ensembles; former conductor Gary Gackstatter, who will debut and conduct an original piece composed specifically for this occasion; free hot dogs and dessert for concert-goers, sponsored by the **Arkansas City Area Chamber of Commerce**; and free fireworks following the concert, thanks to a special **V.J. Wilkins Foundation** grant.
2. The Arkansas City Police Department, Arkansas City Recreation Center, RISE Cowley and Safe Kids Cowley County will be host to the inaugural "**Light Up the Night Family Bike Ride**" from **8 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 9** at Poplar Trail, located at 925 E. Poplar Ave. This event is free and open to the public.
3. The **Arkansas City Farm and Art Market** will continue its 2021 season from **4 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 13 and July 20** at the Wilson Park rotunda. Its season will continue each Tuesday through **September**.
4. The next **RISE Cowley** quarterly coalition meeting will be at **10 a.m. Tuesday, July 13**. The location is not yet set, but there was talk of holding this meeting closer to Arkansas City, possibly out at Strother Field.
5. The next monthly **Cowley County Legislative Committee** meeting is at **noon Tuesday, July 13** at the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce office, located at 123 E. Ninth Ave.
6. The City's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration (sesquicentennial) will kick off with a **downtown block party** from **5 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, July 14** in the 100 block of South Summit Street in downtown Ark City. The event will feature food vendors, music by **Aztec Event Services**, a cornhole tournament, interactive walking tours of the Downtown Historic District and the Cowley Indoor Market at the Burford (*see attached flier*).
7. The monthly **Cowley Indoor Market** will have a special 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration event from **5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 14** at Burford Theatre Arts, located at 118 S. Summit St. in downtown Arkansas City.
8. The next quarterly **Traffic Safety Committee** meeting will be at **10 a.m. Friday, July 16** at either the Avery Learning Center, 2500 N. 15<sup>th</sup> St., or the Water Treatment Facility, 400 W. Madison Ave. (*final location TBA later*). This meeting will kick off the Multimodal Transportation Master Planning process.
9. The next **City Commission** study session will be held in my office here at City Hall at **noon Friday, July 16**.
10. The 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration will continue with a special **time capsule opening and dedication event** at **1 p.m. Friday, July 16** on the front lawn of City Hall. We will be opening the 1976 Bicentennial time capsule.

11. The 150<sup>th</sup> action then will migrate back north to Wilson Park with a **7 p.m. concert by Bad Mechanix and BackRhodes**, presented by Burford Theatre Arts, which will have a beer garden from **6 to 11 p.m. Friday**.
12. The **2021 Tacolalah Festival presented by United Agency** will be from **10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 17** at Wilson Park, including a **Color Run at 9 a.m.**, the **Cowley Indoor Market from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**, a **beer and margarita garden from 4 to 10 p.m.**, and food vendors, musical entertainment, dancers, arts and crafts, and games and activities all day! *(Please see attached flier for full event details.)*
13. The **2020 Joe B. Avery Community Spirit Award** will be presented around **12:15 p.m. Saturday, July 17** on the Tacolalah stage under the Wilson Park rotunda.
14. The 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration concludes with a **community praise and worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 18** at Wilson Park, followed by free hamburgers from **Creekstone, Project Revive and Visit Ark City**.
15. The City Commission will convene as the **Land Bank Board of Trustees at 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 20** in the commission room at City Hall, prior to its next regular City Commission meeting at **5:30 p.m. July 20**.

**Approved for Agenda by:**

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Randy Frazer, City Manager



.... AND OUR STORY IS STILL UNFOLDING!

Wednesday  
**7/14**  
100 Block  
S. Summit

- 5-8 PM — Cowley Indoor Market, Burford Theatre
- 5-8 PM — Historic District Interactive Walking Tour
- 5-10 PM — Downtown Block Party featuring food vendors, music by Aztec Event Services and cornhole tournament\*



Thursday  
**7/15**  
Wilson Park

- 7 PM — Ark City Community Band 150th Anniversary Concert featuring free hot dogs, courtesy Chamber of Commerce. Concert starts at 7:30 PM; fireworks at dusk courtesy V.J. Wilkins Foundation



Friday  
**7/16**

- 1 PM — Mayoral dedication of time capsule at City Hall
- 7 PM — Free BackRhodes concert at Wilson Park Rotunda featuring food vendors and Burford Beer Garden



Saturday  
**7/17**  
Wilson Park

- 10 AM to 10 PM — 2021 Tacolalah Festival presented by United Agency. Food trucks & vendors, multicultural dancers, and musical acts ALL DAY LONG!
- 10 AM to 8 PM — Outdoor Market    4-10 PM — Beer and Margarita Garden



Sunday  
**7/18**  
Wilson Park

- 11 AM — Community Praise and Worship Service
- 12 PM — Free hamburgers courtesy Creekstone Farms, Project Revive and Visit Ark City



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**JULY 17, 2021**

WILSON PARK, ARKANSAS CITY, KS

**SCHEDULE:**

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8 AM-10 AM COLOR RUN            | 11 AM LOS AMIGOS DE MI TIERRA DANCERS |
| 9 AM-6 PM OUTDOOR MARKET        | 11:30 AM INDIGENOUS WAR DANCER        |
| 10 AM-10 PM FOOD VENDORS        | 12:30 PM DANZA TADEO DANCERS          |
| 10 AM-2 PM ARTS & CRAFTS        | 1:30 PM RAICES DE MI TIERRA DANCERS   |
| 10 AM-2 PM GAMES & ACTIVITIES   | 2:30 PM MARIACHI LOS REYES            |
| 4-10 PM BEER & MARGARITA GARDEN | 4:30 PM NORAHUA DANCERS               |
|                                 | 6-10 PM BJ'S CROAKIE                  |

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