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ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT



NEIGHBORHOODS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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See how they helped keep Gastonia beautiful and learn how your neighborhood can join in.

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Keep Gastonia Beautiful is offering discounted rain barrels this summer. Every purchase supports local beautification efforts and environmental stewardship.

KGB RAIN BARREL SALE

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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A lot is happening in our community this June Check out events and opportunities happening across the city.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS

A big shoutout to the York-Chester Neighborhood Association, Myrtle School Community Association and the Highland Neighborhood Association for completing successful litter cleanup days as part of the A.C.E. Neighborhood Challenge in collaboration with Keep Gastonia Beautiful. Together, these neighborhoods collected an impressive 314 pounds of trash, helping make our city cleaner, safer, and more beautiful for everyone.

We appreciate all the hard work, teamwork, and community pride these neighborhoods demonstrated during their cleanup efforts. Their dedication shows the impact neighbors can make when they come together for a common goal.

It's not too late for your neighborhood to participate! The Great American Cleanup A.C.E. Neighborhood Challenge runs through June 20. If your neighborhood has what it takes, gather your neighbors, choose a location, clean it up, weigh your haul, and snap a team photo to share your impact.

To sign up or learn more, please reach out! Let's continue working together to keep Gastonia beautiful!



HOST A MOVIE NIGHT WITH MOVIE-IN-A-BOX

Looking for a fun and easy way to bring your neighbors together? The City of Gastonia's Alliance for Community Enrichment (A.C.E.) Movie-in-a-Box program offers recognized neighborhoods the opportunity to host their own outdoor movie nights for completely free.

The kit includes everything you need for a successful movie night, including a screen, projector, Blu-ray player, and speakers. It's a great way to create a welcoming space for neighbors to connect, relax, and enjoy time together.

As part of the A.C.E. program, Movie-in-a-Box is designed to support community-building and encourage neighborhoods to host engaging events right where they live.

Reservations are filling up quickly, so be sure to secure your date soon. To reserve the Movie-in-a-Box, contact Karely Chavez at Karely.Chavez@gastonianc.gov



RAIN BARREL SALE



Keep Gastonia Beautiful

Rain Barrel Sale

HIGHLIGHTS

- Made in North Carolina
- 100% Recycled Plastic
- 50 gallon capacity
- Mosquito-proof screen
- 6' overflow hose included
- Retail value \$159
- Order today through July 6th
- Pick up event will be held on Saturday, July 18th at the Gastonia Farmers Market

Keep Gastonia Beautiful, in partnership with the City of Gastonia Stormwater Division, is offering discounted rain barrels this summer. Made in North Carolina from 100% recycled plastic, rain barrels help conserve water, reduce stormwater runoff, and provide a natural source of water for lawns and gardens.

Every purchase supports Keep Gastonia Beautiful's mission to create a cleaner, greener, and more beautiful community. Pickup will be available at the Gastonia Farmers Market, and you do not need to live in Gastonia to participate. The deadline to place online orders is Monday, July 6 at 11:00 PM. Visit the link below to learn more and reserve your rain barrel today: <https://loom.ly/FSdGIck>

STAGE 2 MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN EFFECT



As we continue to experience dry conditions, the City of Gastonia and Two Rivers Utilities (TRU) are asking all customers to help conserve water by following the current Stage 2 Mandatory Water Restrictions.

Small changes in our daily habits can make a big difference in protecting our community's water supply. Under Stage 2 restrictions, outdoor watering is limited to two designated periods each week:

- **Tuesday, 8:00 PM through Wednesday, 8:00 AM**
- **Saturday, 8:00 PM through Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Additional restrictions include:

- Residential vehicle washing using city water is prohibited.
- Residential pressure washing of homes, sidewalks, and driveways is prohibited.
- Ornamental fountains and ponds may not be filled unless necessary to support aquatic life.

The good news is that some activities are still allowed, including using drip irrigation and soaker hoses, watering with hand-held containers, and filling or topping off swimming pools.

Please note that fines for violations are now being enforced:

- First violation: Warning
- Second violation: \$100 fine
- Third violation: \$250 fine

Thank you for doing your part to conserve water! For additional questions customers may contact the Two Rivers Utilities Customer Care Center at [704-866-6714](tel:704-866-6714) or email droughtinfo@tworiversutilities.com.

GASTONIA CONCERT SERIES



The Gastonia Concert Series continues on Saturday, June 13, with an exciting night of live music featuring the Bailey Marie Band and Caleb Davis & The Stardusters at the Rotary Pavilion in Downtown Gastonia.

The evening kicks off with DJ Supreme at 5:00 PM, followed by live music beginning at 6:00 PM. Guests can enjoy two incredible performances all in one night. Local favorite Bailey Marie brings her strong hometown following and energetic country sound to the Pavilion stage. Then, Caleb Davis & The Stardusters take over with a 20-piece big band performance packed with smokin' swing and dance-worthy hits that are sure to keep the crowd moving all night long.

Food trucks, adult beverages, and soft drinks will also be available at the Pavilion, making it the perfect evening to gather with family and friends and enjoy live entertainment in Downtown Gastonia.

Admission is free, so bring your lawn chairs and come out for a night of music, fun, and community!

JUNETEENTH YOUTH EVENT

Juneteenth Youth Event

Tuesday, June 16th from 10:30-12
@ 604 N. York Street

All registered youth are welcome to join, as we learn about local history, leadership, and the power of community together.



Celebrate Juneteenth with Keep Gastonia Beautiful at a special youth event in our community garden on Tuesday, June 16th 10:30-12:00 noon.

Participants will:

- Learn about Aunt Charlotte McClee and community growth
- Create an Underground Railroad-inspired craft
- Take a short walk to the Highland Community Art Park and
- Discover the stories of Gastonia's three Black mayors and their impact on our city

All registered youth are welcome as we learn about local history, leadership, and the power of community together. To register complete the [Juneteenth Teen Garden Event RSPV form.](#)





We're excited to announce the first-ever Neighborhood Leader Forum, bringing together leaders from all recognized neighborhoods for a special opportunity to connect, collaborate, and learn from one another.

This forum will focus on one shared goal: building stronger, more connected neighborhoods together. It will be a chance to share ideas, discuss challenges, celebrate successes, and explore ways we can continue supporting each other and our communities.

To RSVP to this event please contact Karely.Chave@gastonianc.gov or complete the following link: <https://seam.ly/DJC5UcGF>



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

KEEP GASTONIA BEAUTIFUL
TEEN VOLUNTEER CLUB
FIRST INTEREST MEETING
JUNE 2ND 2026
4:00 - 5:00
GARLAND MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 150 S YORK ST GASTONIA, NC

Join the teen volunteer club to plan service projects, develop leadership skills, and add to your resume. During the first meeting, we will vote on a summer service project, plan first action steps, and meet one another. RSVP at the link provided.




DOWNTOWN CLEAN UP

LET'S KEEP GASTONIA BEAUTIFUL!

Join us at **Keepsake Brewery** for a community clean up competition with other local organizations!

All efforts support Keep Gastonia Beautiful's "Great American Cleanup" campaign!



06/04/2026

Starts at 6pm
 Keepsake Brewery, 211
 Columbia St, Gastonia

gastoncojaycees@gmail.com

HELP Carolina & City of Gastonia Present



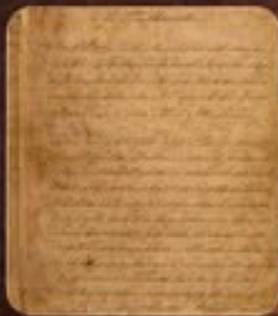
GASTONIA EBONYFEST JUNETEENTH 2026

Rooted In Resilience

June 19, 2026



THE ROTARY PAVILION
107 N. South Street, Gastonia, NC 28052



GASTON ARTS COUNCIL

This project was supported by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, with funding from Gaston Arts Council.



LET'S PLAY
BINGO

BRADLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

1200 NORTH MODENA ST., GASTONIA, NC

2 PM - 4 PM

FOR AGES 50 OR BETTER!

****PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE FOR 2026****

Join us on the second Wednesday of every month for multiple rounds of the classic BINGO game.

There will be refreshments, fun and of course, PRIZES!

★ **FREE** ★
ADMISSION

2026 DATES


JANUARY 14	AUGUST 12
FEBRUARY 11	SEPTEMBER 9
MARCH 11	OCTOBER 14
APRIL 8	**NO
MAY 13	BINGO IN
JUNE 10	NOVEMBER**
JULY 8	DECEMBER 9



For more information, please call (704) 866-6848 or (704) 866-6842.

SENIOR DANCES 2026



 7:00 PM -
10:00 PM

 \$5
Admission

 LIVE
MUSIC
ENTERTAINMENT

GASTON COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

January 9

March 13

May 8

July 10

September 11

November 13



GASTON COUNTY
PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

LOCATION:

1303 Dallas Cherryville Hwy., Dallas, NC

704-922-2170

DANCES FOR AGES 50 OR BETTER

OUTSIDE FOOD WELCOME - SODAS, WATER & COFFEE PROVIDED

BRADLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Please note location change

February 6

No dance in April

June 5

August 7

October 2

December 4



LOCATION:



1200 North Modena St., Gastonia, NC

704-866-6848



Summer Storytime at the Gastonia Farmers Market

Join Keep Gastonia Beautiful for a story and plant craft. We will read "Who Will Plant a Tree?" by Jerry Pallota. Please RSVP at the link so that we can ensure we have the correct amount of supplies.



9:00AM - 9:30 AM
Tuesday June 23rd
Gastonia Farmers' Market
410 E Long Ave
Gastonia, NC 28054





UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE SCHIELE MUSEUM



**FREE
TUESDAYS -
powered by
Duke
Energy**

4 – 8 PM

Thanks to the support of **Duke Energy**, museum admission is free for everyone on the second Tuesday of each month!

There is no need to reserve museum admission tickets on Free Tuesdays.

Arrive between 4 and 8 pm for free entry.

FREE TUESDAYS 2026 SCHEDULE

June 9
July 14
August 11

September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE SCHIELE MUSEUM

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FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 8 - 10 PM

Visit the James H. Lynn Planetarium for a special Friday evening presentation inspired by the first woman in space, Sally Ride.

\$8 museum members / \$10 general public

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 10 AM - 4 PM

Watch as hot and cold collide in thrilling demonstrations featuring temperature, reactions, and surprising transformations.

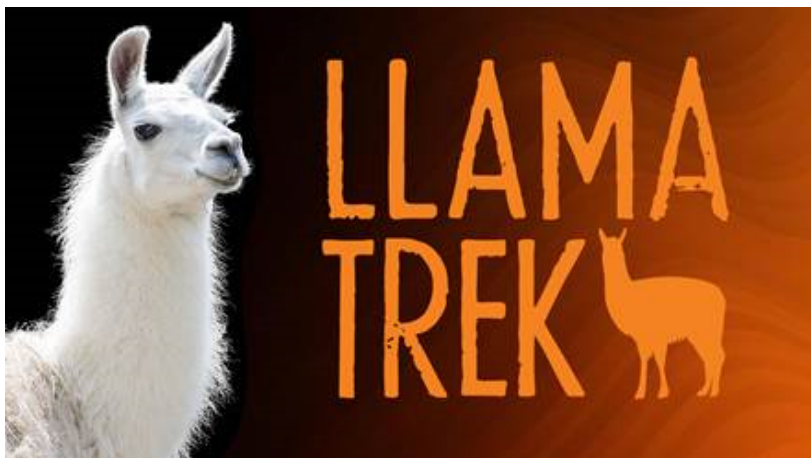
\$3 with the purchase of museum admission



SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 9 AM - 4 PM

Take a 1/2-mile hike on the Nature Trail with a llama or alpaca companion. Includes photo opportunities and hands-on interaction.

\$25 museum members / \$30 general public. Registration is required.





UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



CATAWBA 101 WITH THE CATAWBA CULTURAL CENTER

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026

3:00 P.M.



Gaston County Public Library
Main Library - Carol K. Reinhardt Auditorium
1555 E. Garrison Blvd. Gastonia, NC 28054
www.gastonlibrary.org; 704-868-2164, dial 2

Kassidy Plyler, Cultural Public Programs Specialist with the Catawba Cultural Center of the Catawba Indian Nation will present Catawba 101 which explores the rich 6,000+ year history of the Catawba Nation. The information included will focus on the constant changes the Catawba Nation faced since first contact with European explorers in 1540, as well as touch base on stories of creation, traditional pottery and other current happenings for the Catawba Nation.

Uncatalogued Creatures: A Cryptid Adventure for Adults



Monday, June 15th @ 3-5 pm
Carol K Reinhardt Auditorium

Registration Required

Cryptid Bingo!

Themed Snacks!

Cryptid Terrarium Craft!

Gaston County Public Library
1555 E Garrison Blvd
Gastonia, NC 28054
704-868-2164
www.gastonlibrary.org



UKULELE CLUB!

Come join other aspiring musicians to learn the basics of ukulele together!

- Chords
- Strumming
- Tuning
- Songs



BRING YOUR OWN UKULELE*

*A small amount of ukuleles will be available to borrow. Please note that these resources are limited, and we strongly encourage you to bring your own instrument!

Two-Part Session

- 5:15pm - 6:00pm: Beginner Basics Lesson
- 6:15pm - 7:00pm: Group Jam Session

Session Dates:

- Monday, June 22nd, 2026
- Monday, July 27th, 2026
- Monday, August 24th, 2026

All Experience Levels Welcome!



SPECIAL THANKS TO



Email diana.mansfield@gastongov.com for more information!

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Scratchboard Social

Join us for a fun afternoon of making
scratchboard art creations and socializing!
All ages are welcome to attend!

Monday, June 22, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Gaston County Public Library
Main Branch
1555 E. Garrison Blvd
Gastonia, NC 28054
Carol K. Reinhardt Auditorium

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PRESENTS

The Legendary Festival



Honoring

Walker E. Reid, III

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Walker E. Reid, III Park

1001 SOUTH MARIETTA ST | GASTONIA, NC 28054

6PM until 9PM

Live music by Image

Food Trucks, Vendors & Games for Kids

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

IMAGE @ 704.219.0195