

SPRING INTO NORTHEAST KANSAS

MERRIAM

Hearts Across Merriam

Celebrate community, connection, and creativity with Hearts Across Merriam, a project that showcases what makes Merriam so special. Local artist Dierk Van Keppel has teamed up with the City of Merriam to create 75 stunning and unique glass-blown hearts for the city's 75th birthday in 2025. Watch our social channels each month to see where a new batch of hearts will be placed. If you find one, snap a photo, tag @Explore Merriam and #heartsacrossmerriam. Then, keep the heart as a special memento celebrating our 75th year. Happy heart hunting.

www.exploremerriam.com/hearts

LAWRENCE

Busker Festival, May 23-25

The Busker Festival is on! It's our once-a-year-get-weird-weekend where you will find unusual entertainment all over historic downtown Lawrence. Join us as we celebrate with a roster of street performers from all around the world. Magicians, jugglers, musicians, acrobats, and more will perform. It's a full-on festival with food, libations, and fun around every corner.

www.explorelawrence.com/events/annual-events/lawrence-busker-festival/

LEAVENWORTH

Bootleggers & Bungalows, Saturday, May 10

Get out your best Gatsby garb for a trip to the Roaring '20s. Bootleggers & Bungalows is a new event hosted by the Fort Leavenworth Spouses Club that combines speakeasy glam and tours of historic homes, including a handful dating to the fort's founding in the 1800s. By day, you'll stroll neighborhoods that were home to the likes of Douglas MacArthur, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Colin Powell. By night, flapper dresses and dapper suits will gather for dinner, dancing and a bourbon pull, with fundraising opportunities that benefit local military families. Swing by the "First City of Kansas" this spring for a soiree that's sure to be the cat's pajamas!

www.VisitLeavenworthKS.com

ATCHISON

Kansas Adds Two New Routes to the US Bicycle Route System

Grab your bike and check out one of the newest Kansas Bike routes. USBR 50 is in the beautiful northeast corner of Kansas. It begins in Irving, KS, mostly following K-7 with a stopover in Troy, KS before continuing south to end in Atchison! You can rest your legs in one of Atchison's hotels, eat some great grub, and hop over to our brewery for a craft beer.

www.visitatchison.com

OVERLAND PARK

Kite Fest on the Prairie, Sunday, May 4, 10am-4pm

Gather the family and head to Kite Fest on May 4, 2025, from 10AM to 4PM for a day of soaring fun at the Overland Park Arboretum! Feel the excitement as kites of all shapes and sizes take to the sky, painting a colorful picture over the prairie. Pack a picnic, grab some lawn chairs or a blanket, and enjoy a carefree afternoon outdoors. Forgot a kite? No worries! Kites will be available for purchase. This free-with-admission event is the perfect way to enjoy fresh air, laughter, and quality time together.

www.opkansas.org/events/kite-fest-on-the-prairie-3/

TOPEKA

Tulip Time & Tulips at Twilight, April 10-27

Every spring, Topeka bursts into color as hundreds of thousands of tulips bloom across parks and gardens citywide — creating the perfect backdrop for a springtime stroll or a stunning photo op. Don't miss the enchanting Tulips at Twilight in the beautiful Ward-Meade Botanical Gardens, where the blooms glow under the night sky with dazzling lights and whimsical displays. Whether you're a flower fanatic or just looking for a picture-perfect spring escape, Tulip Time is a must-see celebration of nature's beauty.

www.visittopeka.com/events/festivals/tulip-time-festival/

KANSAS CITY

Strawberry Hill Museum Guided Tours

Saturdays & Sundays, April 5 - September 21

Take a guided tour of the Strawberry Hill Museum, located in an original 1887 Queen Anne-style home. The museum preserves the diverse ethnic cultures and customs of the Eastern European immigrants that settled in Kansas City, KS during the late 1800s - early 1900s and celebrates their lasting impact on our city. Limited space available. Purchasing tickets ahead of time is highly recommended.

www.visitkansascityks.com/event/strawberry-hill-museum-guided-tours/9310/

SPRING HILL

Daffodil Days, Saturday, April 26, 11am-2pm

SHRC's Daffodil Days is a free, family-oriented community event that focuses on bringing our residents together for a fun filled day of activities that reflect the nature theme of Arbor Day. Local businesses, community organizations, and vendors will be on hand to provide carnival-style games and/or nature activities to enhance the event. We also will have bounce houses, face painting, music, entertaining demos, games, food, a chainsaw wood carver, and more!

www.SpringHillRec.org/221/Daffodil-Days

OTTAWA

Corvette Show, April 26

Join us for the 16th Annual Ottawa, Kansas Corvette Show on April 26, 2025, from 9 AM to 3 PM in Downtown Ottawa! This exciting event welcomes all Corvettes, regardless of age, and is free to the public. Enjoy a day filled with beautiful classic and modern Corvettes, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, car classes and awards, and vendor booths. The event will take place along the 200-400 block of Main Street, providing a great atmosphere for car enthusiasts and visitors alike. Corvette owners can register their vehicles for \$20 per car on the day of the show, with registration opening at 9 AM. The awards ceremony will take place at 2:30 PM, recognizing standout vehicles in various categories.

www.ottawamainstreet.org/

 **Let's get social!** 

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www.nekstourism.com

MIAMI COUNTY

Miami County Farm Tour, May 10-11, 10am-4pm

Spend Mother's Day weekend visiting 12 farm sites for a free tour. Alpacas, bison, cattle and goats are just some of the animals typically featured. Pecans and wine are also local favorites.

www.MiCoFarmTour.com

BURLINGAME

Rodeo Days, May 17-18

Experience the thrilling 54th Annual Rodeo in Burlingame, Kansas! Witness awe-inspiring bull riding, lightning-fast barrel racing and impressive roping skills as talented cowboys and cowgirls compete for glory. Immerse yourself in the authentic spirit of the Wild West with non-stop action and family entertainment. Families will enjoy hunting for treasures at the Rustic Treasure Market. Don't miss out on Burlingame's premier rodeo event - get your tickets now for unforgettable adventure!

www.allevents.in/burlingame-ks/rodeo

SENECA

Seneca Shop & Stroll, Saturday, April 12, 10am-2pm

Come see all that downtown Seneca has to offer with Seneca's 2nd annual Shop & Stroll. Businesses will have in-store specials and more, so grab your friends and come hit the bricks of downtown Seneca!

<https://www.comeseeseneca.com/shopandstroll/>

OSAGE COUNTY

Smoke in the Spring, April 11-12

Spring has Sprung and Osage City is Smokin'. The 22nd annual Smoke in the Spring State BBQ Championship fires up Friday evening at Jones Park with the "Taste of Osage City", where food lovers can get their fill from menus featuring BBQ favorites or eclectic side dishes. As the party starts cooking, LIVE Music heats up the amps for an evening of classic and modern rock 'n' roll. Bounce houses and inflatables are available for the kids. Really sparking the Friday event will be a fireworks show which begins after dark. Bring the family, enjoy beverages, eat some BBQ, stay for the music and fireworks!

www.facebook.com/events/s/smoke-in-the-spring-2025/616491291294087/

