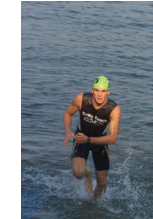


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November 20 - Children's Christmas Tree Lighting

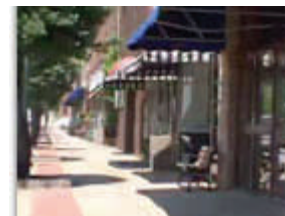
7 pm Mauney Memorial Library

Children and their families will gather at Mauney Memorial Library for Christmas activities and stories prior to the tree lighting and the arrival of Santa Claus in a fire truck. There will be an opportunity for the children to visit with Santa.



December 1 - Annual Christmas Parade
3 pm Downtown Kings Mountain

What's Christmas without a parade? As part of the "Home for Christmas—Kings Mountain" month long event, this parade will have over 150 entries of all types from small floats to large ones, from fire trucks to go-carts and beauty queens to classic cars. There will be something for everyone to enjoy.



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**January 16 - Martin Luther King
Observance**

7 pm - Joy Performance Center

The City of Kings Mountain will host a photograph contest in observance of Martin Luther King Day, January 16, 2012. The theme will be "The American Dream". The competition is open for residents of Cleveland County and students in the Cleveland County school system and there will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both adult and student divisions.



May 19 - Over the Mountain Triathlon
8 am - 1 pm Moss Lake to the Gazebo

Are you tough enough to swim a mile, bike 30 miles and finish with a 10k foot race? If not, you're still welcomed as a spectator to see over 500 triathletes competing in this qualifier for the Olympics. With the swim starting at Moss Lake and continuing on through four counties and two states, this number 1 ranked course offers lots of viewing areas and finishes downtown at the Gazebo at Patriots Park.



July 21 - BeachBlast
10 am - 10 pm Gazebo at Patriots Park

The water, the sand, the music and the fun—that's life along the Grand Strand at Myrtle Beach. For the 12th year, Kings Mountain will feel more like Ocean Drive as we celebrate, from 10 am until 10 pm with an all day free concert featuring some of the hottest Beach music bands. This year's festival includes Band of Oz, Atlantic Groove and Jim Quick & the Coastline Band. There will be a beach ball drop, a Teenie Weenie Bikini Contest, beach volleyball tournament and lots of craft and food vendors.

October 6 - The Gateway Festival
10 am - 6 pm Downtown Kings Mountain

This annual Kings Mountain fall festival is celebrated all across town. From the Gazebo, the Historical Museum and Commons area, the Library and the Southern Arts Depot, a Trolley will carry you to all the locations continuously throughout the day. There will also be a Classic Car Show, Cute Critters Competition, a Line-man's Rodeo and a variety of music including Bluegrass, Celtic, Folk, Old Time Gospel and Americana music. Re-enactors depicting life during the Revolutionary War years will share living history through demonstrations and invite everyone to visit the encampment.



April 20 & 21 - Firehouse BBQ Cookoff
5 pm - 2 pm The Walking Track Park

Grab a napkin and bring your appetite to the 15th annual Kings Mountain Barbeque Cook-off. The Walking Track will be the location and the source of BBQ aroma for this state championship with over 50 teams expected to participate.



May 28 - Memorial Day Observance
10 am - Veterans Memorial at Mountain Rest Cemetery

This tribute to those in the Armed Forces, who served and those who gave their lives defending our freedom, will be observed at the Veteran's Memorial at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Veterans and families are invited to the observance and wreath laying ceremony.



August 7 - National Night Out
6 pm - 10 pm Gazebo at Patriots Park

Local law enforcement and first responders will have displays and exhibits set up for the community and visitors to learn and have a better understanding of the services they provide. This annual event is designed to strengthen communities by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with each other and with the local law enforcement partners.



October 31 - Great Pumpkin Parade
10 am City Hall Plaza

Bring your camera and join in our Halloween parade through town to the "Gazebo" at Patriots Park with all the ghosts, goblins and super heroes from all the area daycare centers and schools. There will be stories, games and the search for the Gold Pumpkin and for special prizes hidden in the haystacks.

April 7 - Easter Egg Hunt
10 am The Children's Playground

The children will line up to meet & greet the Easter Bunny when he arrives in a fire truck for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the community built playground next to the YMCA. There will be games and prizes throughout the morning as the children hunt for the "Golden Egg".



July 4 - Revolutionary 4th
6 pm - 10 pm The Walking Track

Celebrating Independence Day is always a patriotic event in Kings Mountain. In honor of the turning point of the Revolutionary War's Battle of Kings Mountain (fought just south of town), a gathering of over 20 Revolutionary re-enactor militias will be camped prior to Wednesday's celebration with the largest fireworks show between Charlotte and Asheville. There will be a large mock cannon battle prior to the fireworks.



September 11 - Patriot Day Observance
12 noon City Hall Plaza

This solemn 10th anniversary has been an annual commemorative service for those who lost their lives on 9/11. It will be held on the plaza in front of Kings Mountain City Hall at noon on Friday.

November 11 - Veterans Day Parade
10:30 am War Memorial to Veterans Memorial

The Veteran's Day Parade will start by the War Memorial across from the Joy Performance Center and continue through town to the Veteran's Memorial at Mountain Rest Cemetery. All veterans and their families are encouraged to participate in this tribute to the Armed Forces and the sacrifices they made for America.

