



Dear Neighbor,

Please save the date for the next virtual town hall I am hosting with two of my House colleagues at **1 p.m. Saturday, June 26**, to discuss the successes and failures of the recently ended 2021 regular session of the Missouri General Assembly.

This will be the second of three town halls I'm hosting with Representatives Michael Johnson and Yolanda Young. For this one, we will be at Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center. Our third one will be at Concord Fortress of Hope Church on Sep. 25, and it will likely be both in-person and virtual.

Please watch future issues of this Report for the links to participate in next month's event.

Don't forget the spring **6th Council District Cleanup** coming up in two weeks from **8 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 12**, with drop-off sites at the east parking lot of **Ruskin High School**, 7000 E. 111th St., and the parking lot of **South-Broadland Presbyterian Church**, 7850 Holmes Rd.

Both sites will accept bulky items such as old furniture, leaves & brush, tires with or without rims and trash. They also will provide document shredding, and these services are all free. The Ruskin site also will accept electronics, but there is a charge. The amounts for various electronic items are listed on the flyer below.

I'm pleased that The Bay Water Park at 7101 Longview Rd. in my district will be open this summer from noon to 7 p.m. from June 5 to Sep. 6 after being closed last summer.

The Water Park is at the site of the former Longview YMCA where I spent many summer days while growing up before it closed.

Monday-Thursday only the lap and recreation pool and the kiddie pool will be open at reduced admission rates, but the Bay Rider surfing simulator, swirl bowl slide, lazy river, lap and recreation pool and kiddie pool all will be open Friday-Sunday.

Persons may purchase season passes now by going online to the city's website kcmo.gov, clicking on City Hall, then on Parks & Recreation, then on Places, then on Aquatic Centers & Pools and then on The Bay Water Park. Passes for youth under 4 feet tall are just \$69. Regular passes are \$89, and passes for seniors 60 and over are \$79.

The adjoining free Longview Tract Sprayground will be open the same hours and dates as The Bay.

In other positive news for our area, I was pleased to see that the **Community Assistance Council**, one of the few full service social service agencies headquartered in south Kansas City, received a Brilliance in Resilience award at this month's annual Philanthropy Awards Luncheon sponsored by Nonprofit Connect.

These awards were given to agencies that delivered a high level of service in 2020 despite the obstacles caused by COVID-19. I was one of those who nominated CAC for an award.

In much sadder news, police are still seeking leads in the slaying of 18-year-old **Elijaah Boston** who was a graduating senior at Paseo Academy of Fine & Performing Arts who was shot while walking home in the 11100 block of Hillcrest Rd. about 10 p.m. on May 5 after getting off work at the nearby Taco Bell. He had enlisted in the Air Force and was planning to start basic training soon after graduation.

Family and friends have praised him as a fine young man who often took time to encourage and inspire others to overcome adversity. I first wrote about the need for leads in his case in my May 14 Report when I knew little about his many admirable qualities.

Additional tips also are needed to solve the slaying of 21-year-old mother **Alexuas Acord**, a shooting victim who was found deceased in a vehicle in the 13100 block of 15th St. in Grandview on April 17, 2020.

Several tips have been received, but more information is needed to file charges in the case. Please read the flyer below for more details.

Persons with information about either of these tragic slayings who want to remain anonymous may call the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline at 816-474-8477. Since the homicide occurred in KCMO, a reward of up to \$25,000 is available for information leading to an arrest or filing charges in Boston's killing, and a recently increased reward of up to \$2,500 is available in Acord's killing. **Tipsters do not have to testify in court.**

Sadly, the 61 homicides so far this year in KCMO are higher than they were this time of the year in 2017, 2018 and 2019 and nearly as high as the 68 recorded by this time last year when homicides in the city set a new all-time annual record.

Year to date homicides are actually higher this year than at the same time last year in the Central, Metro and North Patrol Divisions and only one less in South Patrol, declining from 11 to 10. There has been a significant drop in homicides in the East Patrol Division, decreasing from 31 to 15, and homicides decreased in the Shoal Creek Division from 4 to 1.

Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, my legislative aide, [Kaylee Bauer](#) is ready to help you.

Please scroll down to read about other state government matters and important upcoming local events.

Feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends and family who might want to know the latest news about what is happening in state government and about important local events. Be safe and God bless!

Yours in Service,
Mark A. Sharp



Missouri Governor Mike Parson conducted a ceremonial signing of legislation to establish a special Negro Leagues Baseball

Museum license plate to raise awareness of the museum and money for its operation at Kauffman Stadium last Saturday before the Royals vs. Tigers game. Shown at the ceremony are (from left) Representative Sharp and Senator Barbara Anne Washington who sponsored the House and Senate versions of the legislation, Governor Parson and NLBM President Bob Kendrick.

WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, May 28, 2021

FIRST BLACK WOMAN NAMED TO HIGH COURT

State appellate Judge Robin Ransom of St. Louis made state history on May 24 as the first Black woman appointed to the Missouri Supreme Court. Ransom will replace Judge Laura Denvir Stith, who retired in March after 20 years of service.

This appointment marks the second time Gov. Mike Parson has selected Ransom to fill an appellate vacancy. The first came in 2019 when he appointed her to the Missouri Court of Appeals Eastern District.

Ransom, a 1991 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, previously had been a St. Louis City Circuit Court judge, a post to which then-Gov. Matt Blunt appointed her in 2008. Prior to becoming a judge,

Ransom worked as a public defender, prosecuting attorney and family court commissioner.

Ransom was one of three finalists for the Supreme Court vacancy announced on May 21 by the Missouri Appellate Judicial Commission. Under the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan, the independent commission submits three names from among the applicants to the governor, who must select one or forfeit the decision to the commission.

The other two finalists were Court of Appeals Southern District Judge Don Burrell, Jr., and St. Louis County Circuit Judge Bill Corrigan, Jr. Burrell was appointed to the appellate bench by Blunt in 2008 and prior to that was a Greene County Circuit judge for about a decade. Corrigan, a former president of the Missouri Bar, had a long career as a private practice attorney until Parson appointed him as a circuit judge in November.

Ransom can begin serving immediately but must stand for a statewide retention vote in November 2022. If retained, she will receive a full 12-year term on the court.

She is Parson's first appointment to the state high court since he took office in June 2018. Ransom's elevation will create a vacancy on the Court of Appeals Eastern District.

With Ransom replacing Stith, the seven-member state Supreme Court shifts from a majority of judges appointed by Democratic governors to a majority appointed by Republican governors. It marks the first time Republican appointees have held a majority on the court since 2002.



MEDICAID EXPANSION LAWSUIT HEARING SET

Cole County Circuit Judge Jon Beetem has set a hearing for June 18 in a lawsuit seeking to force Gov. Mike Parson's administration to begin implementing Medicaid expansion as required by the Missouri Constitution.

The lawsuit was filed May 20 on behalf of three Missourians who will qualify for the health program under new eligibility requirements that will take effect July 1.

Under a constitutional amendment voters ratified last year, Missourians with a household income of 138 percent of the

federal poverty level or less will qualify for Medicaid. An estimated 275,000 additional uninsured people will be eligible for the program.

After lawmakers refused to include full Medicaid funding in the state operating budget for the 2022 fiscal year, which also begins July 1, Parson on May 13 withdrew an expansion implementation plan his administration had already submitted to federal authorities. Parson claimed he can't implement expansion without a specific legislative appropriation for it.

The state constitution, however, doesn't tie expanded eligibility to the appropriations process. But it does mandate that services be provided to the expanded population. It also prohibits the state from treating that population differently from currently eligible recipients and requires state officials to maximize the amount of federal funding available to the state for Medicaid.

Under the Affordable Care Act, the federal government will pay 90 percent of the cost of expansion – about \$1.4 billion for FY 2022. Implementation also will secure another \$1.5 billion for Missouri under the latest federal COVID-19 relief package.

In addition to the societal benefits of increasing health care access for more Missourians, securing that much new federal spending would create an estimated 80,000 jobs and provide a substantial boost to the state's economy.

The lawsuit asks Beetem to order the Parson administration to follow the plain language of the state constitution and begin enrolling and providing services to members of the newly eligible population and maximize the state's share of federal funding for the program. The case is *Stephanie Doyle, et al., v. Jennifer Tidball, et al.*

MEDICAID DIRECTOR WARNS OF FUNDING LOSS

Acting MO HealthNet Division Director Kirk Matthews said the continued existence of the state's Medicaid program is at risk after the

legislature failed to renew a special tax that provides the bulk of its state funding, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper reported in a May 25 story.

Matthews, a former state representative, made his comments during a meeting of the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee.

“The existence of the program will be threatened by the end of the year. I cannot overstate the impact, the importance of that,” Matthews said, according to the paper. Matthews went on to say that the division might not even have sufficient funds to pay employees, calling the loss of the tax “crippling”.

At issue is the “federal reimbursement allowance”, a special tax paid by hospitals and other Missouri health care providers that allows the state to leverage more federal Medicaid funding.

Lawmakers typically reauthorize it with little controversy, but renewal legislation derailed this year after two senators insisted on adding unrelated restrictions on abortion and women’s access to certain types of birth control. Because of the impasse, lawmakers were unable to secure final passage of reauthorization before the 2021 legislative session ended on May 14.

As of now, the tax remains in effect, but it will expire on Sep. 30 if not renewed. Gov. Mike Parson is expected to call a special legislative session to address the issue but hasn’t yet indicated when he might do so.

The fight over reauthorizing the provider tax is separate from the legislature’s refusal to fund a constitutionally mandated expansion of the program that will take effect on July 1.



Representative Sharp warms up Governor Parson for what was to be his first pitch for last Saturday's Royals vs. Tigers game. The governor had to postpone throwing the first pitch in a Royals game this season due to the lengthy rain delay for the game that the Royals eventually won 7-5.

**GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS
816-474-TIPS HOTLINE
PRESS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

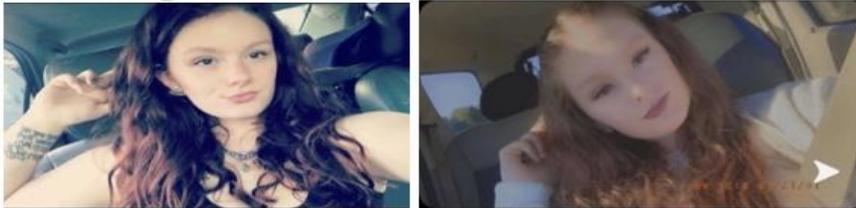
DATE: May 24, 2021

**FROM: Det. Kevin Boehm, Crime Stoppers
Coordinator**

**SUBJECT: Alexuas Acord Homicide – Grandview,
Missouri**

**KANSAS CITY, MO --- The Grandview, Missouri
Police Department and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers
TIPS Hotline are requesting assistance from the public
in identifying those responsible for the April 17, 2020
homicide of 21-year-old Alexuas Acord.**

**Officers responded to a shooting call to find Alexuas
deceased in a vehicle in the 13100 block of 15th Street.
Alexuas was a mother and leaves behind her parents
and siblings.**



**In the year since the homicide several anonymous tips
have been received however additional information and
details are needed. Detectives continue to work the case
but need additional leads from the public. An
additional \$500 contribution has been added bringing
the reward up to a possible \$2,500.00.**

**Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime
Stoppers Greater Kansas City TIPS Hotline at 816-474-
TIPS (8477), TIPS may also be submitted electronically
at www.KCcrimestoppers.com, or by downloading our
NEW mobile app, P3TIPS, on Google Play or the Apple
iOS stores for FREE. Information leading to an arrest
and/or filing of charges could be eligible for up to
\$2,500.00 in reward money. ALL INFORMATION IS
ANONYMOUS.**

KC PET PROJECT ♡

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ★★ ★

ADOPTION SPECIAL

Friday, May 28th - Monday, May 31st

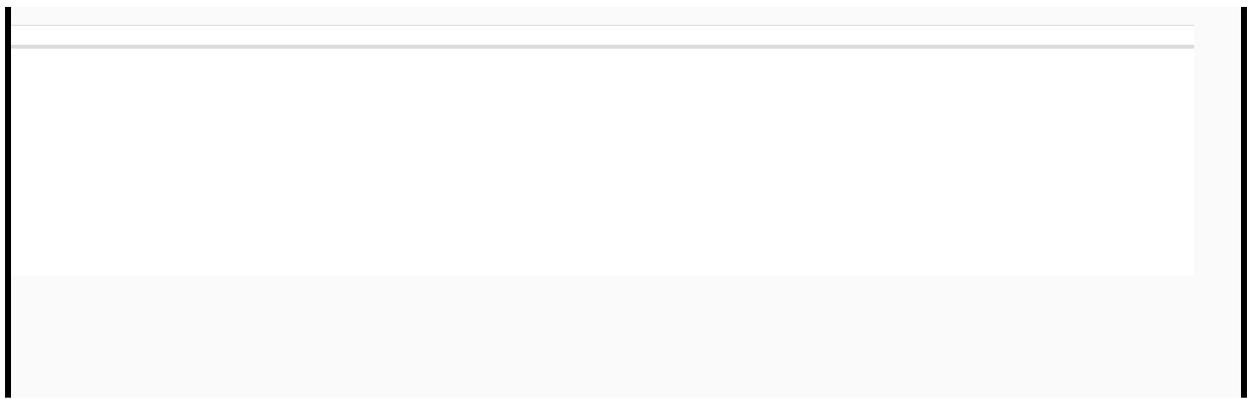
\$30 ADOPTIONS*

At the KC Campus for Animal Care,
Zona Rosa Adoption Center,
and pets in foster homes.

*Kittens, Puppies, and Specialty Breeds Excluded

This holiday weekend, we're excited to announce our Memorial Day Weekend Adoption Special, happening Friday, May 28th through Monday, May 31st. Pet adoptions will be only \$30 at the KC Campus for Animal Care, our Zona Rosa Adoption Center, and pets in foster homes. Cats at our Petco Adoption Center at 95th and Quivira also qualify for the special. Kittens, puppies, and specialty breeds are excluded from the special, but most pets qualify for the \$30 pricing. All of our locations are full of wonderful pets looking for new families.

[View Adoptable Pets](#)



Sixth District

CLEAN UP

June 12, 2021: 8 AM - NOON

LOCATIONS:

- **RUSKIN SR HIGH SCHOOL**
7000 E 111TH ST.
KANSAS CITY, MO, 64134

Bulky, Brush, Electronics (Price List),
Tire drop off (with or without rim in
it), Document Shredder

- **SOUTH BROADLAND
PRESBYTERIAN**
7850 HOLMES RD
KANSAS CITY, MO, 64131

Bulky, Brush, Tire drop off (with
or without rim in it), Document
Shredder

ELECTRONICS PRICE LIST:

- CRT Monitors = \$5.00 each
- CRT TV's 26" or less = \$30.00 each
- CRT TV's 27" or greater = \$50.00
each
- Wood Console and True Big
- Screen/Projection TV's = \$50.00
each
- LED/LCD/Plasma TV's = \$20.00
each
- Any Freon containing unit=
\$10.00 each

SPONSORS:



**Councilmembers
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Sixth District



**For more information,
contact Robert Woods
at 816-513-8442**

All staff will be abiding by
social distancing policy
and masks should be worn

**THIS COMMUNICATION IS SENT ON BEHALF OF
T'RISA MCCORD, INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP OF KANSAS
CITY, MO:**

Dear Community & Neighborhood Leaders,

You are invited to participate in a virtual training session on economic development incentive tools presented by the Economic Development Corporation. Below is a link to register for this session, which will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

[EDC Economic Development Incentive Tools Training](#)

If you prefer to schedule a separate training session to include your whole organization, please contact me separately at jquinn@edckc.com.



FIREWORKS AT EVANGEL 2021

Saturday, June 19th, 2021 | 7 PM
Evangel Church
1414 E. 103rd. St., Kansas City, MO

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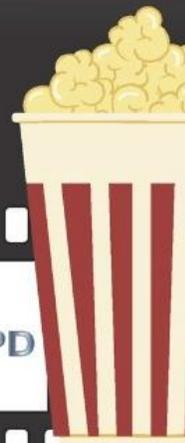
June 25th | 8:00 PM
9701 Marion Park Drive KCMO 64137

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET



- POPCORN
- HOT DOGS
- BOUNCY HOUSE

RAIN? NO PROBLEM! MEET IN THE GYM



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DISTRICT 1

(Virtual) **TUESDAY, AUG. 3, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 6 – 8 PM**
NNI - 5340 NE Chouteau Trafficway

DISTRICT 2

(Virtual) **MONDAY, AUG. 9, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **MONDAY, JUNE 28, 6 – 8 PM**
Northland Cathedral, 101 NW 99th Street (Gym)

DISTRICT 3

(Virtual) **FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **FRIDAY, AUG. 6, 6 – 8 PM**
Robert J. Multipurpose FOCUS Mohart Center, 3200 Wayne Avenue

DISTRICT 4

(Virtual) **THURSDAY, JULY 8, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **THURSDAY, AUG. 2, 6 – 8 PM**
National WWI Museum and Memorial, 2 Memorial Drive

DISTRICT 5

(Virtual) **WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **TUESDAY, AUG. 17, 6 – 8 PM**
Southeast Community Center, 4201 E 63rd St

DISTRICT 6

(Virtual) **TUESDAY, JULY 13, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **TUESDAY, AUG. 10, 6 – 8 PM**
Hillcrest Community Center – 10401 Hillcrest Rd.

PIAC PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESENT A PROJECT | SHARE YOUR PRIORITIES | ADDRESS REPRESENTATIVES

The 2021 deadline date to submit a request is August 31.

The Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC) solicits resident input to make recommendations on citywide and neighborhood portions of the capital budget.

In addition to coming to the hearings, citizens can also tell PIAC about needed public improvements by completing a PIAC application request form. These forms will be available at the hearings or are available from the Capital Improvements Program by phone: (816) 513-1173 or by emailing piac@kcmo.org.

KCMO.GOV/PIAC



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Speak Easy Sessions are opportunities for residents to speak directly to City officials and staff. Expect an interactive session and lots of discussion. We want your ideas to help us run the city better. For more information and other sessions, visit kcmo.gov/speakeasy.



Sixth District Household Hazardous Waste Collection

July 31, 2021: 8 AM - NOON

LOCATION:

• **RUSKIN HIGH SCHOOL**
7000 E 111TH ST.
KANSAS CITY, MO, 64134

Accepted items:

- Automotive products
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- CFL light bulbs
- Fertilizers
- Flammables
- Fuels
- Hazardous Cleaners
- Hazardous Liquids
- Household Cleaners
- Lawn and Garden Products
- Paint
- Pesticides
- Photographic Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Solvents
- Thinners
- Used oils

Unacceptable Items:

Appliances, Asbestos, Containers larger than 5-gallons, Explosives, Ammunition, Fireworks, Medical waste and needles, Prescription drugs, Propane bottles that are over one pound, Fire extinguishers, Butan and Freon, Tires, and Yard waste

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P-SNAP approved for June

Missouri received approval from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to provide Pandemic Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (P-SNAP) benefits for the month of June.

Under P-SNAP, each household receives the maximum SNAP benefit amount for their household's size. Through September 30, 2021, Missouri P-SNAP benefits include a 15 percent increase. The chart below shows the maximum monthly SNAP amount.

How to Apply

For your ease, you can apply for SNAP benefits 24/7 online by visiting [MyDSS.mo.gov](https://mydss.mo.gov), or sending a completed application and verification documents by email to FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov, or by fax to 573-526-9400.

NOTE: Closed Memorial Day

The Family Support Division Resource Centers and Customer Service Center will be closed on Monday, May 31 and will resume normal hours on June 1.

Check out our [media release](#) for full details.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- It is important for you to report to the Family Support Division (FSD) if you now have an income above the maximum limit (contact information below).

- If you are an able-bodied adult without a dependent, you must report any change in your circumstances to FSD (contact information below).

Questions:

- Visit myDSS.mo.gov to start a chat and get immediate answers to basic questions that are not specific to your case 24 hours a day.
- Call the FSD Information Line at **855-FSD-INFO** or (855-373-4636) Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT CONSUMER INFORMATION

THE KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

TECH ACCESS

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary [FCC program](#) to help families and households struggling to afford broadband internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband service.
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider if the household contributes more than \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

Who is Eligible?

A household is eligible if a member of the household meets **ONE** of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, or [Lifeline](#);
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program or did so in the 2019-2020 school year.
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year.
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

Check out www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit for a **Consumer FAQ** and other program resources.

Three Ways to Apply

1. **Contact your preferred participating broadband provider** directly to learn about their application process.
2. **Go to GetEmergencyBroadband.org** to apply online and to find participating providers near you.
3. Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application, and return it along with proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742



Call 833-511-0311

or find more information about the Emergency Broadband Benefit at www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

KCMO EMERGENCY RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Income and eligibility requirements include:

Who is Eligible?

An eligible renter household has at least one person who:

- Has qualified for unemployment benefits, or experienced a cut in income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Is at risk of experiencing homelessness. Risk factors include:
 - Has past due utility bills or rent or has an eviction notice
 - Is living in unsafe or unhealthy conditions
- Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI)

Income

Household income is determined as either the household's total income for calendar year 2020 or the household's monthly income at the time of application.

Eligible Expenses

- Current and past due rent
- Current and past due utility bills
- Trash removal

Emergency rent assistance **CANNOT** be used for telephone, cable or internet.

Tenants can apply for emergency rent relief through a new **\$14.8 million assistance fund**.

The funds will be distributed through existing community agencies that specialize in providing these services. Funding is provided by the second Congressional COVID-19 relief package.

APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE

<https://gkcasistanceprogram.org/>

For more info and other neighborhood services visit:
[KCMO.GOV/RentHelp](https://kcmo.gov/RentHelp)



KCMO EMERGENCY RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

RENT/UTILITY ASSISTANCE

- **CHES, Inc.** - (816) 533-7417
 - **Mattie Rhodes** - (816) 471-2536
 - **Community Assistance Council (CAC)**
(816) 763-3277 ext. 108
 - **Metro Lutheran Ministries**
(816) 285-3137 (North)
(816) 285-3139 (South)
 - **Reconciliation Services** - (816) 931-4751
 - **Guadalupe Center** - (816) 421-1015
 - **reStart, Inc.** - (816) 472-5664 or
rentassistance@restartinc.org
 - **Hope Faith** - (816) 540-6915
 - **Journey to New Life**
(816) 960-4808 or grove@jtnl.org
 - **Save, Inc.** - (816) 531-8340
 - **United Way of Greater Kansas City**
Call 211
- Link to online application:*
www.mlmkc.org/rent---utility.html
- **Community Linc** - (816) 531-3727
 - **Greater KC Housing Information Center** - (816) 931-0443

LEGAL SERVICES FOR EVICTIONS

- **Heartland Center for Jobs & Freedom**
(816) 278-1092
- **Legal Aid of Western Missouri**
(816) 474-6750

OTHER SERVICES

- **Mid America Assistance Coalition (MAAC Link)** –
Utility assistance only - (816) 474-5112
- **Community Capital Fund**
<https://www.ccfkansascity.org/essential-services>

NOTE: Residents of the CCED Sales Tax District in Kansas City, Missouri—*the area bounded by Ninth Street on the north, Gregory Boulevard on the south, The Paseo Boulevard on the west, and Indiana Avenue on the east*— may apply for up to \$3,000 through the Essential Services Fund. to help cover rent, mortgage, utility, grocery, transportation, or quarantine-related hotel expenses.

Information regarding rent/utility assistance and legal services for evictions.
Call (816) 513-3026 or Contact Tiffany Drummer



CAC Needs Your Input!

Please click on and fill out this short survey, link [HERE](#), to help Community Assistance Council plan for classes, programs and services, and communicate with the SKC community as effectively as possible.

We've got some exciting plans ahead, but we want to make sure we can share out information and accommodate when and how people would attend classes and programs as best we can. It's short and anonymous. Thanks for your feedback!

HMC-1 Families, Sign Up to Get Empowered!

What would you need to help support your children's well-being, reduce your stress, further your education, improve your job and income and help stabilize your housing situation? CAC's Empower program is designed to help with many of these needs and more. This FREE program is signing up new Hickman Mills families now!

Empower provides long-term case management to help parents and their students develop and reach goals around emotional well-being and mental wellness, budgeting, housing stability, education and jobs, and more. The best part? The program has funds available for not only some emergency needs, but tuition and other costs to help parents further their education or

get a better job, or support students with summer and after-school activities, just as examples. Call or email Angie at 816-763-3277 x 104, angela.witherspoon@cackc.org if interested in the program.

Empower is a partnership of CAC, Hickman Mills C-1, Children's Services Fund of Jackson County and United Way. Pictured are case manager Angela Witherspoon (right) with her Empower client Sam.

June Food Appointments Available

CAC has food appointments available 9 to 2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, plus 4 - 6 pm, Wednesday, June 2; and 9 am to noon, Saturday, June 19. Call 816-763-3277 x 100 for a food appointment. Hygiene items are distributed with food. Happy Bottoms diapers and pull-ups are available without an appointment 9 am to 2:30 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Call 816-763-3277 x 100 to register for diapers. Appointments are encouraged but drive-ups are acceptable if you see the red "Pantry Open" sign outside.

CAC Eating Smart • Being Active Class

Join our Eating Smart • Being Active class Wednesdays, June 23 – July 28, 2 – 3 pm. The class offers research-based information about nutrition, physical activity, food safety and making the most of your food dollars. It is a FREE 6-week program provided by University of Missouri Extension Family Nutrition Education Programs. Interactive lessons focus on simple messages related to food, nutrition and tips for feeding your family. Lessons focus on food preparation and physical activity, and include items that reinforce lesson topics as well as a certificate of completion at the end of the program.

- Presented by Dianna Obermueller, Nutrition Program Associate, Family Nutrition Education Program, University of Missouri Extension
- Go to CAC's website, www.cackc.org, To register for a ZOOM link for video or phone.

CAC Recognized for Brilliance in Resilience

CAC was one of three small nonprofits recognized for our Brilliance in Resilience - being flexible and making lemonade out of lemons during the changing demands of 2020 - during last week's virtual Nonprofit Connect 2020 Philanthropy Awards "Luncheon." Since it was virtual, Pastor Steve Williams from St. Luke's United Methodist Church brought lunch in for the CAC staff! Thank you to NP Connect, Pastor Steve, and all the CAC volunteers and staff who helped CAC turn lemons into lemonade and be brilliant in our resilience to the crazy year that was 2020!

Affected by COVID? TMC is Available to Help

Truman Medical Center (TMC) Behavioral Health, in partnership with Show Me Hope (SMH) Missouri, is offering support to anyone affected by COVID-19. Resources include: **Crisis Counseling** to help manage stress and learn coping skills; **Resources and Referrals** to connect residents to community resources for further help; and **Pandemic Preparedness Education** to learn how to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19. Call 816-404-6222 for counseling services information, or 800-9850-5990 for the immediate care Disaster Distress Helpline. Download the flyer [HERE](#).

Need Emergency Rent, Utilities Assistance?

CAC is one of several nonprofits partnering with the City of KCMO to distribute funds for emergency rent and utilities assistance. You can start on the application process from the link on CAC's website [HERE](#). Please see map of CAC's service area.

Save the Date - Community Cleanup June 12

Sixth District Community Clean Up Day will be 8 am to noon, Saturday, June 12 at Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St. (bulky items, brush, electronics for a fee, shredding) and South Broadland Presbyterian, 7850 Holmes (bulky items, brush, tires shredding). Download the flyer [HERE](#).

Make a Donation – Make a Difference

- \$5 can provide fresh milk for a family for a month
- \$50 can provide food for a family for a month
- \$1000 can help a family avoid homelessness
- \$5,000 can provide full Thanksgiving or Christmas meals for 225 families.

To make a one-time donation or set up a monthly payment click [here](#).

Call Rachel Casey at 816-763-3277 x 103 or email Rachel.casey@cackc.org to discuss ideas.

Community Assistance Council is the social services agency that covers South Kansas City, including all of Hickman Mills and Center School Districts, with a food pantry, Happy Bottom diapers and pull-ups, Giving the Basics hygiene items, KC Medicine Cabinet medicines and equipment, emergency rent and utilities assistance and limited case management. We'd love to give you a tour or provide a program for your organization!

South KC Mobile Food Pantries

With so many people out of work due to the coronavirus pandemic, a growing number of families in south Kansas City are being forced to rely on community food pantries such as Community Assistance Council's to have enough to eat.

Fortunately, Harvesters (the community food network) brings the semi-truck that serves as its mobile food pantry to five sites in south Kansas City monthly to distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites are:

Center District Warehouse, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month. Persons should go to the entrance to the Center Administrative Office and drive through the bus parking lot to the warehouse where volunteers will load the food. Persons should take the Troost Ave exit. The event is sponsored by the Center Education Foundation in partnership with the Center School District.

Evangel Church, 1414 E. 103rd St., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Persons may remain in their vehicles, and food will be brought to them.

United Believers Community Church, 5600 E. 112th Terr., with vehicles lining up at 8:30 a.m. and contactless food distribution running from 9 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month.

Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St., from 4 to 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Vehicles should line up on Ruskin Way on the east side of the school, and food will be loaded in the vehicles when they reach the school by staff and student volunteers. This event is sponsored by the school and Community Assistance Council.

Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Rd., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and food distribution running from about 8:30 to 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Families are asked to bring two cardboard boxes for volunteers to put the food in.

Center School District, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as long as food is left on the third Saturday of the month. Persons should drive through the bus parking lot to the district warehouse. The event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church in partnership with the Center School District.



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