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Dear Neighbor,

The Kansas City Election Board will not have satellite voting locations open tomorrow (Saturday October 31) as had been previously announced, **but KCMO voters that live in Jackson County wishing to cast absentee ballots in person can still do on Saturday, October 31, from 8 a.m. to noon in the Innovations Room in the lower level of Union Station, 30 W. Pershing Rd.**

That location also will be open for in-person absentee voting from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, November 2. Voters should bring identification.

Voters may cast absentee ballots due to absence from the KC Election Board's jurisdiction on election day, religious belief or practice, employment by an election authority at a location other than their polling place or participation in the state's address confidentiality program.

They also may cast absentee ballots if they are in an at-risk category for contracting COVID-19 because they meet at least one of the following criteria:

Are 65 years of age or older

Live in a licensed long-term care facility

Have serious heart conditions

Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma

Are immunocompromised

Have diabetes

Have liver disease

Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing dialysis

In other important news for our area, Wayside Waifs, 3901 Martha Truman Rd., held a ribbon cutting October 28 marking the completion of its \$8.7 million, 20,000 square foot expansion project which included an enlarged Education & Training Center and a new Canine Behavior Center.

This non-profit organization cares for over 6,000 abandoned, abused or homeless animals every year at its no-kill adoption center.

Persons may go online to www.waysidewaifs.org to view the hundreds of animals available now for adoption.

Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, my assistant [Brian Farmer](#) is ready to help you.

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

Mark A. Sharp Weekly Capitol Report
Friday, October 30th, 2020

HIGH COURT, OTHER APPELLATE JUDGES UP FOR RETENTION

Missouri voters will decide Nov. 3 whether Missouri Supreme Court Judge Patricia Breckenridge and four judges on the state Court of Appeals keep their jobs for another term.

Under the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan, appellate judges are appointed by the governor from a list of finalists selected by a constitutionally independent commission. Appointees must stand for retention at the next general election after serving for a full year and then every 12 years thereafter. Judges in retention elections don't face opponents, with voters merely marking their ballots "yes" or "no" on whether a given judge should remain on the bench.

Breckenridge was appointed to the Supreme Court in September 2007 by Gov. Matt Blunt after 17 years on the Missouri Court of Appeals Western District. Prior to joining the appellate bench, Breckenridge served eight years as an associate circuit judge in Vernon County. Although if retained Breckenridge technically would get another 12-year term, she will be forced to step down in just three years when she reaches the mandatory judicial retirement age of 70 in October 2023. Voters previously retained her in November 2008.

Two judges are up for retention in the 25 counties under the jurisdiction of the St. Louis-based Court of Appeals Eastern District. One, Judge Kurt Odenwald, was appointed by Blunt in October 2007 and was previously retained in 2008. If retained again, Odenwald must resign less than four years into his 12-year term in November 2024 when he turns 70.

Also up for retention in the Eastern District is Judge Robin Ransom, whom current Gov. Mike Parson appointed in January 2018. Ransom previously served as an associate circuit judge in St. Louis City after being appointed by Blunt in 2008. Ransom is one of just three Black women on the state Court of Appeals, which has 32 members in its three districts.

In the 45 counties covered by the Kansas City-based Court of Appeals Western District, voters will consider whether to retain Judge Thomas Chapman, whom Parson appointed in August 2018. Chapman previously was

elected Livingston County circuit judge and held the post from 2011 until his appellate appointment.

The remaining appellate judge up for retention is Judge Gary Lynch of the Springfield-based Court of Appeals Southern District, which covers 44 counties. Lynch was appointed by Blunt in January 2006 and won retention in 2008. Lynch will only be able to serve a little over two more years if retained for another term since he will turn 70 in June 2022.

Several circuit and associate circuit judges also are up for retention this year in the six judicial circuits under the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan, which cover Clay, Greene, Jackson, Platte and St. Louis counties, plus St. Louis City. Judges in other Missouri counties run in traditional partisan elections. Circuit judges serve six-year terms, while associate circuit judges get four-year terms.

FEDERAL APPEALS COURT BLOCKS RULING ON MAIL-IN BALLOTS

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Oct. 22 blocked a federal district judge's ruling that would have allowed Missouri voters who have requested mail-in ballots to hand-deliver their completed ballots to local election officials instead of sending them by mail as Missouri law requires.

U.S. District Judge Brian Wimes of Kansas City had issued a temporary restraining order on Oct. 2 requiring local election officials to accept personally delivered mail-in ballots but stayed enforcement of the order while Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft appealed. The 8th Circuit's action doesn't affect absentee ballots, which in Missouri are legally distinct from mail-in ballots. State law allows absentee ballots to be personally delivered or sent by mail.

All ballots sent by mail, both absentee and mail-in, must be received by election officials by the time polls close on Election Day in order to count. On Oct. 22, Cole County Circuit Judge Dan Green rejected a separate lawsuit that sought to compel election officials to count otherwise valid mailed ballots postmarked before election day that are received after the deadline. The case also sought to block enforcement of other statutory restrictions relating to absentee and mail-in voting that the plaintiffs contended violated Missourians' voting rights.

Echoing an Oct. 2 Missouri Supreme Court ruling in a separate but similar case, Green said there is no constitutional right to vote by absentee or mail-in

ballot and noted that nothing in Missouri law inhibits the right to vote in person on Election Day.

Missouri Voters!

If you have not mailed your mail-in ballot yet it is too late for it to make it by Election Day. You can forfeit your mail-in ballot and vote in person. Bring your ballot to your polling place and forfeit that ballot, then vote in person to ensure your vote counts!

Wear a mask, social distance, and bring hand sanitizer!



ACLUMO

What to Know About Jackson County Question 1 for the November 2020 General Election Ballot

Fixes Jackson County's outdated 911 funding mechanism, which is supported entirely by a 7% landline surcharge.

Data shows that most 911 calls are made by **CELLPHONES**, but the system is wholly funded by **LANDLINE** users. This threatens emergency response with decreasing revenues.



Would impose a fee of up to \$1.00 on ANY device capable of contacting 911 (i.e. both landlines and cellphones). Fees will be included on telephone service bills, whether landline or cellphone.



This fee would **REPLACE** the current funding mechanism, not be in addition to it. Fee is based on each line, so if a household has multiple lines they will be assessed a fee of up to \$1.00 for each line every month.



Fees will be assessed based on the location/address associated with the cellphone account or landline within Jackson County.



The fee will be assessed on up to a **MAXIMUM** of 100 lines per location/address. If a business or organization has more than 100 lines, the fee will only be imposed on 100 lines.



Restricts the spending of the new fee revenues to the 911 system, so none of the funds can be spent for other purposes.



Broadens the funding base for 911 by including all users. Provides tax relief to landline users by decreasing their monthly fee from a 7% surcharge to a maximum of \$1.00 per line.



Creates a sustainable funding structure which will allow Jackson County to adequately and efficiently plan maintenance and upgrade costs. Would allow Jackson County to continue to make critical improvements and investments in the 911 system to keep up with changing mobile phone technology.



If Question #1 were to pass, and the Director of Revenue for the State of Missouri was notified promptly thereafter, the new fee would go into effect on April 1, 2021.



Information provided by the Jackson County Legislature, the Jackson County Clerk's Office, and Jackson County Communications



FIFTH DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: Monday, November 2, 2020

Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Guest Speakers

Maggie Green

Title: Public Information Officer, Public Works

Topic: Winter Preparedness & Snow Program

Rashid Junaid

Title: Program Manager, Aim4Peace

Topic: 5 Keys to Reduce Violence

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

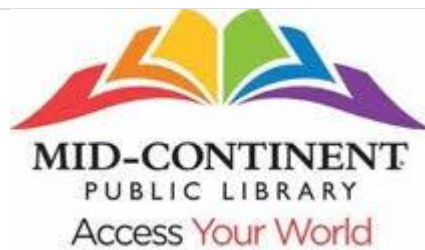
When: Nov 2, 2020 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: 5th District Nov. Meeting

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84529807029?pwd=UTQ2WkkremZWMFozU3pnV3Z1STJOUT09>

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**21st Annual KC Metro Storytelling Celebration: November 4-7
Library, Metropolitan Community College, and Partners Take
Tradition Online**

Greater Kansas City, MO – For 21 years, the Kansas City Storytelling Celebration has brought local, national, and international storytellers to metro libraries, schools, and community centers to ignite interest in the art of sharing stories—from the mythical to the personal—to people of all ages.

This year, Mid-Continent Public Library, Metropolitan Community College, and other partner organizations have created a virtual celebration, November 4-7, to continue this tradition online. The 2020 Storytelling Celebration will conclude on Saturday, November 7, with a day of virtual storytelling workshops and concerts.

“We’re so excited to bring back this much-loved tradition that brings joy to all ages,” said Kimberly Howard of MCPL’s Community Programming Department. “The format and location might have changed, but the power of stories transcends—whether you’re gathered around a campfire or a laptop!”

Storytelling Celebration performances will be streamed on the [MCPL360 Facebook page](#), and smaller workshops for current and aspiring storytellers to hone their skills will be held via Zoom. Attendance is free, but registration is required for presentations on Zoom. The full schedule of events and registration details can be found at mymcpl.org/Storytelling.

This year’s featured storytellers include:

1. **Carrie Sue Ayvar**, a third-generation award-winning storyteller who is known for her bilingual (English and Spanish) storytelling, which blends traditional, international, and personal themes
2. **Beth Horner**, a Missourian whose tales draw from her experiences in a combination of drama and comedy
3. **Oba William King**, a member of the National Association of Black Storytellers known for his distinct poetic style that infuses playful rhythm and rhyme into his stories
4. **Gene Tagaban** (One Crazy Raven), an international storyteller who shares traditional Native American stories through oratory, song, dance, and movement

Several esteemed Kansas City-area storytellers will also participate in the 2020 Celebration, including:

1. **Brother John Anderson**, a storyteller for more than 20 years and member of the River and Prairie Storyweavers
2. **Priscilla Howe**, an international puppeteer and storyteller who specializes in children’s performances
3. **Gary and Linda Kuntz**, a storytelling duo whose work spans from folk and tall tales to personal stories

4. **Joyce Slater**, a former artist and actress who now uses her creative prowess to spin stories for all ages
5. **Jim “Two Crows” Wallen**, an award-winning historical storyteller and reenactor whose career has taken him to 46 states and four continents

Any organizations interested in obtaining a link to recordings of virtual Storytelling Celebration programs can do so by [filling out an online form](#) at mymcpl.org/Storytelling. More details about all Celebration programs and presenters can be found there as well.

November
21st, 2020

2:00PM to
4:00PM



Holiday Toy Drive

Get your picture with Blue Santa, Local Officers
and SuperHeroes (TBD)

Free Mini Candy Canes

Bring New, Unwrapped toy to donate

Enjoy a “Free” small Coffee or Hot Chocolate with
new toy donation

Come Support your local law enforcement and
give to your neighborhood families

**7-Eleven—6506 Main Street,
Grandview, MO 64030**



RYANA PARKS-SHAW



COUNCILWOMAN - 5TH DISTRICT

5TH DISTRICT SMALL BUSINESS TOUR

SIGN UP YOUR SMALL BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE !



Office of the
Comptroller of the Currency
U.S. Department of the Treasury

Federal Agencies Discuss Small Business Resources

Join us for a webinar session focused on small businesses loans and grants including veteran resources in response to the pandemic and the important role small businesses play in communities. The webinar will feature the following federal agencies: U.S. Small Business Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Department of Commerce, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC). In addition, the webinar will also feature The City of Kansas City Missouri (City Planning and Development). Federal Agencies will offer small business resources and programs to assist bankers in making small business loans and therefore receiving CRA consideration for lending, investment, and service opportunities in the Kansas City metro and broader area. As a result banks will be able to offer broader small business products to clients using Federal agency programs to meet the communities need for business lending.

Target audience: CRA officers, Small Business Bankers, Veterans, Loan Officers, and Community Development Lenders.

Topics include:

- 1. The City of Kansas City Missouri (City Planning and Development Department) will provide small business city planning and development updates for 2021.**
- 2. U.S. Small Business Administration's Veterans Business Outreach Center will discuss small business resources for veterans.**
- 3. U.S. Small Business Administration will provide an update on programs including EIDL and PPP.**
- 4. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will discuss the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization's primary responsibility of small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, and women-owned**

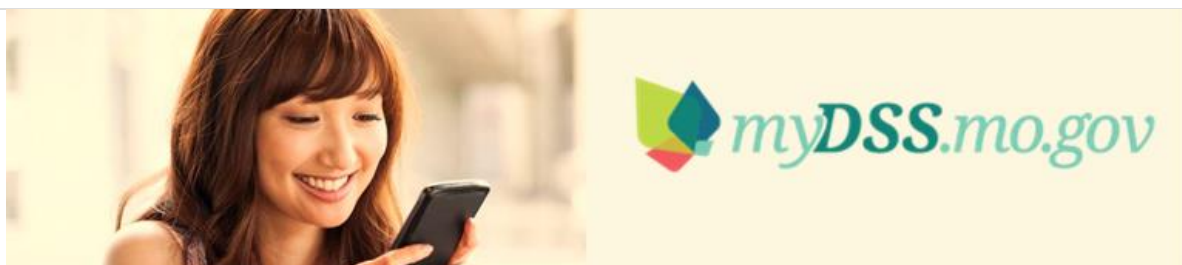
businesses. Also, HUD will discuss their commitment to ensure that businesses can participate fully in HUD direct and indirect contracting. Programs that support small businesses and contracting opportunities such as the Section 108 loan and the HUD Section 3 Business Registry amongst others will be discussed.

- 5. U. S. Department of Commerce will discuss the availability of \$1.5 Billion in CARES Act Funds to aid communities impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic including the U.S. Economic Development Administration's programs such as: Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance, Planning and Technical Assistance, and Build to Scale.**
- 6. The USDA Rural Development will discuss the Business and Industry CARES Act Program, which provides guarantees for working capital loans to assist rural small businesses and agricultural producers who have been impacted by COVID-19.**

Register for this session by clicking on this link [Register Now!](#). Participation is free, but registration is required.

Webinar Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020

Webinar Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.



Child Care Subsidy

If you have an eligible school-aged student who is not attending school in person, the Department of Social Services is extending fulltime child care subsidy benefits through December 31, 2020. The extension of this benefit, effective beginning September 1, ensures children remain safe and supervised during the school day and supports working parents to meet the demands of

their jobs and stay employed

To increase your benefit:

Contact the Family Support Division by calling
855-FSD-INFO (855-373-4636).

If you are not receiving benefits and have a school-aged student not attending school in person, you can apply by:

1. Going [online](#)
2. Completing the [Child Care Application](#) and mailing it to your [local Family Support Division office](#) .
3. Contacting the Family Support Division at **855-FSD-INFO (855-373-4636).**



The poster features a dark brown background. On the left, there is a stylized 'Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas Nevada' sign with a red star above it. Below the sign is the Hickman Mills Educational Foundation logo, which includes a white arrow pointing right with the text 'Hickman Mills' and 'Educational Foundation' inside it. To the right of the sign, the text 'You're Invited!' is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. Below this, the text 'Hickman Mills Educational Foundation's' is written in a white, sans-serif font, followed by 'Virtual' in a large, white, serif font, and '18th Annual' in a large, yellow, cursive font. Below that, 'Silent Auction and Gala' is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. At the bottom, the text 'Visit www.32auctions.com/HMEF20' is written in a white, sans-serif font, followed by 'Auction begins: November 2, 2020 at 8 a.m. CST' and 'Auction ends: November 6, 2020 at Midnight CST' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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Harvest Report



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Saturdays
9:00 AM - Noon

NOVEMBER
7th, 14th, 21st

DECEMBER
5th, 12th, 19th

JANUARY
2nd, 16th

FEBRUARY
6th, 20th

MARCH
6th, 20th

Winter Market

HJ's Community Center
6425 Wornall Road

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Check it out!



Who:

The KCMO Health Department has partnered with the Harvesters Community Food Network to help individuals and families in need of food assistance.

What:

Variety fruits and vegetables available at no cost to you

When:

2nd Tuesday of every month, starting at 1:30pm until supplies run out

Where:

KCMO Health Department in the UMKC Health Sciences District
2400 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO 64108

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 four sites in south Kansas City monthly to distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites are:

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.

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 High School, 8715 Holmes Rd., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as long as food is left on the third Saturday of the month. The event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church in partnership with the Center School District.

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COVID-19

FREE TESTING CLINIC

Testing symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals

Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred



Monday - Friday
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*Lunch will be held from 11:50 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.,
and there will not be testing during this time.*

Visit jacohtd.org/events to see
dates + locations and to register.

Testing provided by the Jackson County Health Department

Truman Medical Centers has available services for Jackson County residents during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

If you are experiencing a fever, a new cough or new shortness of breath, you can call **404-CARE (2273)** and speak to a health care professional to be screened for COVID-19.



Coronavirus Facts and Resources

Kansas City

If you would like to receive updates about what the City is doing in response to the coronavirus, **text COVIDKC to 888777** or go online to kcmo.gov/coronavirus

Missouri

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is operating a [hotline](#) for residents and health care providers to call for information and guidance about COVID-19.

The statewide hotline number is **877-435-8411**. The hotline is being operated by medical professionals and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

UNEMPLOYMENT

How to File?

If you're eligible, you'll need the following:

1. Your Social Security number;
2. Any amount you were paid in the past week, before taxes and deductions;
3. The name and mailing address of each job you worked in the past 18 months;
4. The dates you started and ended work at each of those jobs.

If this is your first time filing for unemployment please watch [this video](#) on unemployment basics. Visit uinteract.labor.mo.gov, create an account and file your claim. If your job loss is related to coronavirus issues, make sure to check a box that says "COVID-19" in your application to waive a requirement to search for a new job amid the crisis.

Missouri provides benefits for up to 20 weeks, which can be extended to 33 weeks under the federal provisions.

The state will pay you up to \$320 per week, and the federal government will provide \$600 on top of whatever you get from the state for each week you're on unemployment prior to July 31.

Benefits can be paid within 22 days unless there is an issue with your eligibility, which on average can take 4-6 weeks to resolve.

You should continue filing weekly requests for payment even if you have not yet received benefits.

Regional Claims Center representatives are available by phone Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM by calling:

Kansas City Claims Center: 816-889-3101 or visit

[Missouri Unemployment Website](#)

Please visit the Missouri Department of Labor's website for more information about COVID-19 FAQ's for Businesses and

Workers: <https://labor.mo.gov/coronavirus>

US Department of Labor has a few sites dedicated to Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employee-paid-leave>

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-questions>



The November 2020 issue of Kansas City's Most Wanted is now available.

Your monthly delivery of Kansas City's Most Wanted is here! Take a look at this month's local fugitives and see if you recognize anyone. If so, submit an anonymous TIP and you could receive a cash reward! No one will ever know except you.

TIPS can be anonymously submitted via the following methods:

- The TIPS Hotline at [816-474-TIPS](tel:816-474-TIPS) (8477)
- Online at www.kccrimestoppers.com
- The P3 Mobile App

Thank you for your continued support of the Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers program.

**Note: If your browser is still displaying last month's issue, please try opening the page in an incognito window.*

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FREE MOBILE APP

P3Tips.com

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

FROM: Det. Kevin Boehm, Crime Stoppers Coordinator

SUBJECT: Reward Increase – 9 Year Old Dominic Young Homicide

KANSAS CITY, MO --- The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline continue to seek information in the January 20, 2018 homicide of 9 year old Dominic Young Jr. at 71 Highway and Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.

Dominic Young Jr. was apparently hit by a stray gunshot while occupying a vehicle driven by his father and died as a result of his injuries. Dominic, his father and brother were en route to Grandview at the time. The vehicle driven by Dominic's father was hit by gunshots from other vehicles apparently engaged in a gunfight according to statements.

KCPD found a possible crime scene near the intersection where the father said the shooting happened. When the father arrived home in Grandview, Dominic was not responsive. Grandview police initially responded to the father's home and found the boy in critical condition. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

A number of community leaders and organizations including State Representative Richard Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, former City Councilmen Scott Taylor, Scott Wagner, John Sharp; the City of KCMO and Concord Fortress of Hope Church (Pastor Ron Lindsay) have come forward to increase the existing reward in the case up to \$30,000.00. Those leaders are available for comment in regard to the case.

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 \$30,000.00 in reward money. ALL INFORMATION IS ANONYMOUS.



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