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Dear Neighbor,

Please scroll down to see proposed enhancements to law enforcement training in Missouri planned to take effect in 2022 designed to improve interactions between law enforcement officers and members of the communities they serve.

In breaking news about upcoming local events, it was recently announced that the **6<sup>th</sup> Council District Cleanup from 8 to noon tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 10, will offer free document shredding at both drop off sites** – the east parking lot of Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111<sup>th</sup> St., and the parking lot of South-Broadland Presbyterian Church, 7850 Holmes Rd. Originally, shredding service was only going to be available at the church.

Please scroll down to see more details about what unwanted items will be accepted at the sites, and the fees for dropping off electronics.

And scroll down for more information about **a drive-through food**

**distribution for needy families starting at noon Saturday, Oct. 10, at United Believers Community Church, 5600 E. 112<sup>th</sup> Terrace.**

Also, please remember that two satellite locations in south Kansas City will be open from Oct. 13-31 to allow in-person absentee voting by KCMO voters who live in the Jackson County portion of the city. The sites are **United Believers Community Church, 5600 E. 112<sup>th</sup> Terrace, and Gregory Hills Church, 7020 James A. Reed Road.** They will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Voters should bring identification.

Voters may vote absentee because of:

- Absence on election day from the KC Election Board's jurisdiction
- Religious belief or practice
- Employment by an election authority at a location other than their polling place
- Certified participation in the state's SAFE AT HOME address confidentiality program

However, persons voting absentee for any of these reasons have to get their ballot envelopes notarized if they vote absentee by mail.

Voters may vote absentee by mail without getting their ballot envelopes notarized 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

KCMO voters also may vote absentee by mail without getting their ballot envelopes notarized if they need to vote absentee because of incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, or because of caring

for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability.

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 9th, 2020**

### **DE-ESCALATION & IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING MOVES FORWARD**

The Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission which oversees training for Missouri law enforcement officers unanimously voted on Oct. 5 to take the first step to require all officers to undergo annual training in de-escalation techniques and implicit bias recognition.

.When implemented, beginning in 2022 Missouri police officers and deputy sheriffs will take a one-hour course on each subject as part of their required 24 hours of annual continuing education training which already requires one hour of training concerning racial profiling.

“We believe these training changes, which were unanimously approved by the POST Commission, will lead to better interactions between officers and the public and can help strengthen relations with the communities we in law enforcement serve,” Platte County Sheriff Mark Owen, the Commission chairman, said in a news release.

De-escalation training for law enforcement officers was proposed by then KCMO Police Chief Darryl Forte in 2015. My father John Sharp, then chair of the KCMO City Council Public Safety Committee, recommended that such training be required at a POST Commission hearing that year in our city and it was included in officers' initial training. (As a state representative, he was a sponsor of legislation passed in 1978 to establish the first statewide training requirements in Missouri for law enforcement officers.)

Commission staff is currently finalizing the rules for this new training to submit to the Secretary of State's Administrative Rules Division and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules of the General Assembly which will begin the public comment process required by state law before new state administrative rules can get final approval. After the public comment process is concluded, agencies must finalize proposed new rules including any changes made in response to such comments.

**Persons wishing to comment on these training enhancements should send their comments to the Commission, and I will provide details on how to do that in a future Capitol Report.**

In other action Oct. 5, the Commission appointed committees to work on two other proposals:

Developing a course of instruction for Missouri's licensed law enforcement training centers on the history of policing and minority community relations.

Exploring ways to require law enforcement agencies to check with the Commission on an applicant's past history as an officer before hiring experienced officers.

A tentative special meeting of the Commission is scheduled for December 15 to review the committees' work.

The Commission's actions were the result of requesting and receiving

over 2,000 responses from the public and law enforcement officers to a survey about law enforcement training and conducting three virtual listening sessions to allow the public to submit further comments by email.

House Minority Leader Crystal Quade also had written Gov. Mike Parson on June 8 asking him to direct the Commission to overhaul training requirements to de-emphasize the use of force.

In the same letter, Quade asked Parson to make the necessary appointments to bring the POST Commission to full strength. At the time, eight of the Commission's 11 seats were either vacant or held by members serving long-expired terms. "A commission this important to public safety in Missouri cannot be allowed to operate on autopilot," Quade wrote.

Parson made two appointments a week after Quade's request, but took no action on the other slots. Three Commission spots remain vacant while another four are held by persons with expired terms, including one whose term recently ended.

The Commission also gave preliminary approval Oct. 5 for Lincoln University in Jefferson City to establish a licensed law enforcement training center which would be the state's 20th. According to a news release, this would be the first such training center based at a historically Black college or university.

Both POST Commissioner Paul Williams, Springfield police chief, and Clay County Sheriff John Wheeler said this should help enhance minority recruitment which they said is currently difficult.

## **GOVERNOR RECOVERS FROM COVID-19, RESUMES SCHEDULE**

Gov. Mike Parson announced on Oct. 4 that both he and First Lady Teresa Parson had fully recovered from COVID-19, and he was

resuming a full schedule of public appearances and other official and campaign activities. The couple tested positive for the disease on Sep. 23 and went into isolation. The governor said he experienced no symptoms while the first lady had only minor symptoms.

After several days of requests, the governor also revealed in a news release that four members of his staff had tested positive for COVID-19.

Although the Parson administration was originally reluctant to say how many members of the governor's staff were infected, it has no qualms about releasing the same information about employees at other state agencies. According to data provided by the state Office of Administration, which Parson oversees, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that a total of 1,842 state employees had tested positive since the pandemic started in March.

Of those employees, 1,259 had recovered, according to the paper. The Department of Corrections had the most reported employee cases by far with 646, while the Department of Mental Health was a distant second with 393. The Department of Public Safety was third with 211 cases.

## **STATE REVENUE COLLECTIONS LEVEL OFF DURING SEPTEMBER**

Net state general revenue collections leveled off during September as a massive infusion of cash caused by a three-month delay in this year's income tax filing deadline finally subsided. Net general revenue collections for September 2020 increased 3 percent compared to September 2019, going from \$917.3 million last year to \$944.5 million this year.

Net general revenue collections for July 2020 and August 2020 had increased 96.4 percent and 54.1 percent, respectively, compared to the same months in 2019 as Missourians finally paid income taxes that normally would have been due April 15. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal and state governments both postponed the filing

deadline until July 15.

While the move granted taxpayers a temporary reprieve during the pandemic's early stages, it caused state revenue collections for the final quarter of FY 2020 to crater and prompted Gov. Mike Parson to impose nearly \$435.38 million in unilateral budget cuts for that fiscal year.

Through the first quarter of FY 2021, net state general revenue collections increased 33.8 percent compared to the same period in 2019, going from \$2.31 billion last year to \$3.09 billion this year. Despite the influx of delayed revenue in FY 2021's early months, Missouri's financial outlook for the rest of the year is still a concern due to the pandemic's ongoing economic impact.

In addition to last year's spending reductions, Parson had imposed another \$448.85 million in pre-emptive cuts to the FY 2021 state budget. However, the governor on Oct. 7 restored nearly \$38.26 million in spending authority. Higher education funding accounted for \$26.53 million of the restoration, or nearly 70 percent.

After a long delay, Parson also on Oct. 7 finally allocated \$94.7 million in federal coronavirus relief funds. The bulk of that money, \$63.75 million, was directed to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

## **GOVERNOR PICKS NEW STATE HIGHWAYS COMMISSION MEMBER**

Gov. Mike Parson on Oct. 1 appointed W. Dustin Boatwright of Scott City to the Missouri State Highways and Transportation Commission. The six-member commission is the governing authority for the Missouri Department of Transportation and determines how state and federal transportation revenue is spent in the state.

Boatwright is chief engineer and executive vice president of the Little River Drainage District. He can begin serving on the commission

immediately, but the Senate must confirm the appointment when it reconvenes in January. If confirmed, Boatwright will serve a term ending in March 2025.

Boatwright replaces Michael Pace of West Plains, whom Gov. Jay Nixon appointed to the post in 2015. Although Pace's term expired in March 2019, he continued to hold a seat on the commission until Parson picked a replacement.

Parson could at any time appoint a replacement for a second highway commissioner who also is serving on a term that ended in 2019. In addition, the terms of two more commissioners will expire in March.

### **STATE SUPREME COURT HEARS ABSENTEE VOTING CASE**

The Missouri Supreme Court heard arguments Oct. 6 in a case arguing that certain provisions of state law governing absentee and mail-in voting are confusing and unconstitutionally infringe on the right to vote. With the Nov. 3 elections looming, the court is expected to rule soon.

At issue is a new state law that expanded absentee voting and voting by mail. The law requires some voters to have their ballots notarized but not others. Whether notarization is required has created a good deal of confusion, especially as more Missourians choose remote-voting options to avoid crowded polling places on election day to reduce their risk of contracting COVID-19.

The plaintiffs, who lost at the trial level, are asking the state high court to waive the notarization requirements and order local elections officials to count all otherwise valid absentee and mail-in ballots that haven't been notarized. The case is *Missouri State Conference of the NAACP v. Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft*.

NEIGHBORHOODS AND HOUSING SERVICES

# 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

## CLEAN UP EVENT

Join us for our annual 6th District Clean up event open to all residents that live in the 6th District.

Saturday,  
**OCT. 10,**  
**2020**

**SOUTH  
BROADLAND  
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&  
RUSKIN SR  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**8 A.M.**  
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**SOUTH BROADLAND PRESBYTERIAN**  
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KANSAS CITY, MO, 64131

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KANSAS CITY, MO, 64134

- Bulky • Brush • Electronics (Price List)
- Tire drop off (with or without rim in it)

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LED/LCD/Plasma TV's = \$20.00 each  
Any Freon containing unit= \$10.00 each



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

For more information, call Robert Woods at 816-513-8442





# NATIONAL FAITH & BLUE WEEKEND

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 10TH  
12:00 PM**

## DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION

FREE GUN LOCKS PROVIDED BY  
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**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES  
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**United Believers Community Church  
5600 E. 112th Terr, Kansas City, MO 64137**

**MONDAY  
OCTOBER 12TH  
5:00 PM**

## COMMUNITY PEACE PARADE PARADE ROUTE

**THROUGHOUT RUSKIN**

TO PARTICIPATE IN PARADE  
PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL:

**Concernedclergykc@gmail.com  
(816) 497-4886**

**MONDAY  
OCTOBER 12TH  
6:00 PM**

## SOCIAL DISTANCING HOUR & UNITY PRAYER

AFTER THE PARADE, JOIN THE  
COMMUNITY FOR PRAYER,  
FOOD & RESOURCES

**11154 Blue Ridge Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64134**

**WATCH FACEBOOK, TWITTER, INSTAGRAM & THE KCPD  
CALENDAR FOR ADDITIONAL TIMES & LOCATIONS  
THROUGHOUT THE CITY.**



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**ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



## Sign Up for FREE Virtual Classes through CAC

### October Classes

Community Assistance Council is offering classes (by video or phone for now) to help **support individual, family and community wellness and stability**. These free online classes are **open to all**; CAC clients are encouraged to sign up. Visit [www.cackc.org](http://www.cackc.org) to register.

#### **CAC Cooks! October 8, 1 – 1:40 pm**

- For anyone looking for healthier meal options.
  - Presented by David Zack, Café Gratitude line cook and CAC garden volunteer.
  - Offered via Facebook Events. Check out our [Facebook](#) page – Community Assistance Council.
- David will prepare classic split pea soup and sheet pan oven roasted veggies. A great fall meal!

#### **What Kids Can Do and How to Handle Stress: October 14, 1 – 2 pm**

- For anyone interested in learning child development basics and stress management during COVID-19.
  - Presented by Tonika Benson, Community Education Manager, Child Abuse Prevention Association.
  - Register to receive a ZOOM link for video or phone call link for the session
- Tonika's role with CAPA is to oversee facilitation of Second Steps, Parenting Skills Training, and the Strengthening Families groups. She will share her knowledge via a series of sessions offered by CAC.

#### **Chair Yoga: Oct. 20, 1 – 1:30 pm**

- For anyone interested in trying yoga for mental and physical health.
- Presented by Megan Feighny, Megan Feighny Yoga + Pilates.
- Register to receive a ZOOM link for video or phone call link for the session.

Chair yoga is practiced either sitting or using chairs for support in various **postures and is designed to mindfully increase range of motion while meeting students where they are. This class is ideal for people who have limited mobility or healing from injury and people of all levels.**

#### **How to Influence Others Using Developmental Assets & Developmental Relationships: October 28, Noon – 1 pm**

- For anyone interested in learning about positive supports and strengths that young people need to succeed, as developed by the Search Institute.
- Presented by Shane Young, ReDiscover Mental Health Center
- Register to receive a ZOOM link for video or phone call link for the session

It is said some people seem to have a certain something that helps them be more successful. There is research to support this is a fact! This session will introduce two concepts that enhance an individual's chances for success – Developmental Assets and Developmental Relationships. Research finds when adolescents and teens possess select assets, they are more likely to avoid the common setbacks be attracted to people and opportunities that help prepare them for positive outcomes. If you want to help a teen you know be more successful, join us for this ZOOM session.

#### **First Hand Foundation Virtual Wellness by Phone at Home - call 816-384-1534 Yoga, Nutrition, Stretch and Strength**

**On-demand video sessions to watch at your convenience - at [www.cackc.org](http://www.cackc.org)  
Mindfulness, Autogenic Muscle Relaxation, Trauma Informed Care**

#### **For more information contact:**

Julie Reid, 816-763-3277 x 110, [julie.reid@cackc.org](mailto:julie.reid@cackc.org), [www.cackc.org](http://www.cackc.org)



# FREE NOTARY SERVICES

AT THE KANSAS CITY CAMPUS FOR ANIMAL CARE

KC Pet Project will be offering Notary services free of charge to anyone needing to have their mail in or absentee ballot notarized.

Please join us at the Kansas City Campus for Animal Care, located at 7077 Elmwood in Swope Park, bring your ballot and your ID and take home a bag of pet food on us! Hope to see you soon!

**Dates:**

Saturday, September 26th from 11am- 1pm

Bi Lingual Notary, Saturday, October 10th from 2pm-4pm

Saturday, October 17 from 11am - 1pm



**KC CAMPUS FOR  
ANIMAL CARE**  
HOME OF KC PET PROJECT

7077 Elmwood Avenue  
Kansas City, MO 64132



## Satellite Locations and Times

**October 13 – 31**

Monday – Thursday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Gregory Hills Church of God**

7020 James A. Reed Rd.  
Kansas City, MO 64133

**United Believers Community Church**

5600 E. 112<sup>th</sup> Ter.  
Kansas City, MO 64134

**The Whole Person**

3710 Main St.  
Kansas City, MO 64111

**Union Station (Innovations Room)**

Level B, Suite 100  
30 W. Pershing Rd.  
Kansas City, MO 64108

**Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Center (Opens October 14)**

3700 Blue Parkway  
Kansas City, MO 64130

# PIC -OR- TREAT

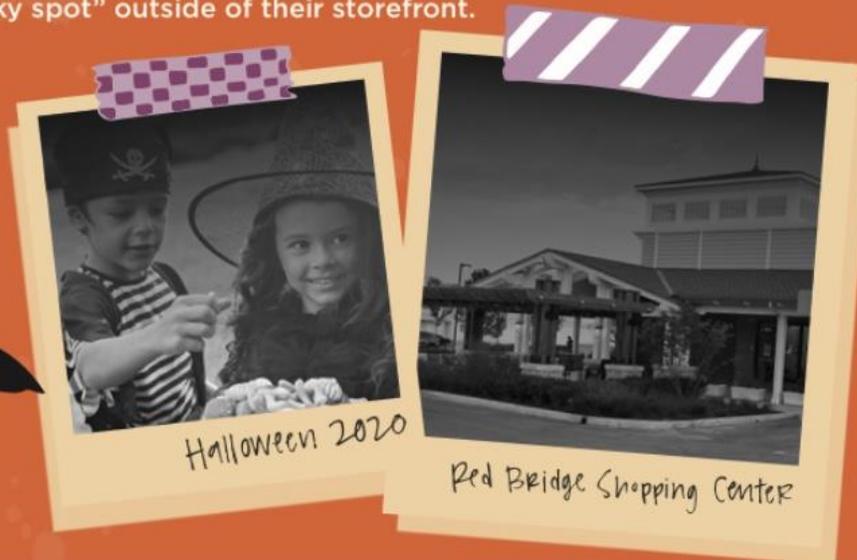
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RED BRIDGE  
SHOPPING CENTER

**OCT. 26 - 31**  
**PHOTO CONTEST**

Red Bridge Shopping Center will be transformed into the ultimate Halloween destination where each merchant will decorate a "spooky spot" outside of their storefront.



## TO ENTER:



Visit Red Bridge Shopping Center & snap a photo at your favorite "spooky spot"



Post your photo on Facebook and tag Red Bridge Shopping Center



Like Red Bridge Shopping Center on Facebook



Every photo you post from a different "spooky spot" counts as one entry!



# Have you been affected by COVID-19? We're here to help.



Truman Medical Center (TMC) Behavioral Health in partnership with the federally funded Show Me Hope (SMH) Missouri, is now offering support to anyone affected by COVID-19.

- **Crisis Counseling:** We can help you manage stress and learn coping skills.
- **Resources and Referrals:** We can connect you with community resources and agencies for further help.
- **Pandemic Preparedness Education:** We can teach you how to prevent AND slow the spread of COVID-19.

Call **816-404-6222** to learn more about our counseling services.  
For immediate care, call the Disaster Distress Helpline:  
**800-985-5990** or text **TalkWithUs** to **66746**.

## How to Manage Your Stress:

- Talk with others who understand and accept how you feel.
- Reach out to a trusted friend or loved one.
- Connect with others who are experiencing the same thing and share your experience.
- Move your body through exercise to get rid of the buildup of stress hormones. Exercise daily or break it up in small amounts throughout the day; walk, stretch or meditate.
- Take deep breaths as most of us can benefit from taking several deep breaths often throughout the day. This can help move stress out of your body and even help stop a panic attack.
- Listen to music as this helps your body relax naturally.
- Play music timed to breath or your heartbeat. Create a relaxing playlist for yourself and listen to it often.
- Pay attention to your physical self by getting enough sleep and rest each day.
- Eat healthy meals and snacks and drink plenty of water.
- Avoid caffeine, tobacco, and alcohol. Their effects are multiplied under stress and can be harmful.



For the latest happenings at  
TMC Behavioral Health,



or



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¿Habla Español? Llame de lunes  
a viernes al **816-404-3280**,  
de 8 am a 5 pm.





## 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)**.

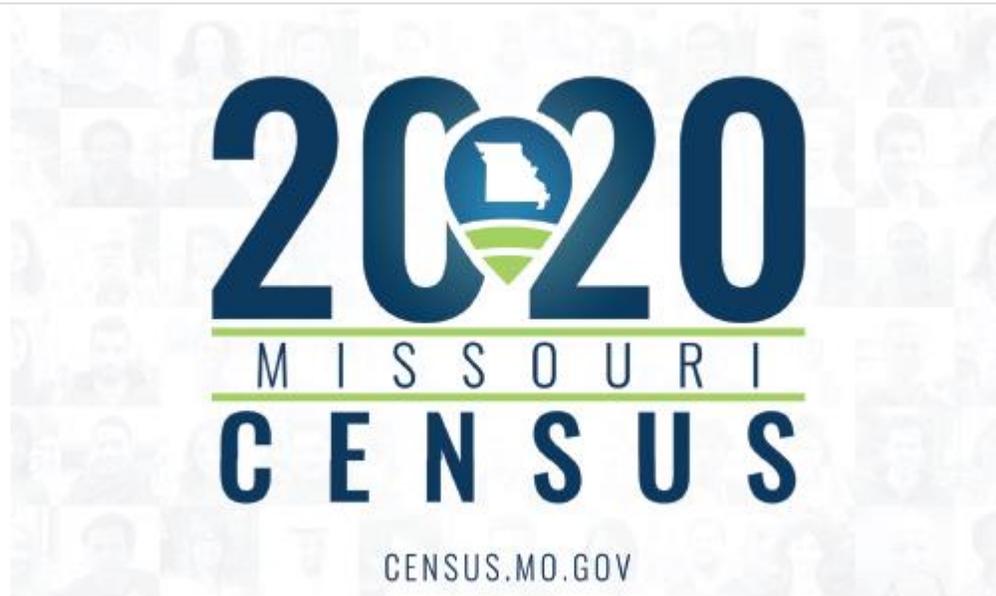
## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

If you are in crisis and need assistance with your summer cooling bills, you now have until October 31, 2020 to apply for the [Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program](#) (LIHEAP). This allows low-income

Missourians more time to apply for the summer cooling program and remain safe in their homes.

The Department of Social Services also increased the income level for Missourians to qualify for help and added the option to apply online.

To apply for LIHEAP, complete and submit one [application form](#) online for your household. You can also mail or fax the completed paper application form to the office serving your community listed on last page of the application.



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Auction ends: November 6, 2020 at Midnight CST



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**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

# HARVESTERS

## Food Distribution



## **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

### Healthy Food for Families in Need

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Thursday, October 15, 2020

Ruskin High School

7000 E. 111th St., Kansas City, MO 64134

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm\*

*\*Times are approximate. Rain or Shine.*

*Cars can begin lining up at 4:00 pm on Ruskin Way on the side of the school.*



## 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. 103<sup>rd</sup> 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. 111<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Martin City K-8 School**, 201 E. 133<sup>rd</sup> St., from 11 a.m. until food runs out on the third Saturday of the month. This event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church.

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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 [jaco hd.org/events](https://jaco hd.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](https://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.



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### **Website for Essential Companies Hiring NOW!!**

Missouri faces unprecedented times due to the impacts of COVID-19. Here at the Department of Economic Development, we recognize that many of the low-income, at-risk citizens your organizations work with will be hit the hardest and be the first to lose employment. With that in mind, we wanted to direct your attention to the Missouri Now Hiring website <https://missourionestart.com/now-hiring>. Missouri One Start is connecting unemployed workers to essential companies who are staffing up to meet the increased demand for their products and services. There you will find a list of companies that are hiring right now. This site takes workers directly to the hiring/application pages of the respective companies. The list is updated on an ongoing basis, so checking back daily is advised. Please link your clients in-need to this website so our workers can make it past this situation as painlessly as possible.

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# 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](http://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](tel: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>

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**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.

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