



Dear Neighbor,

Please see the flyer right below this about a COVID-19 vaccination clinic that will provide the Pfizer pediatric vaccine for children 5 through 11 years old from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday, November 13) at Smith-Hale Middle School, 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd.**, in the Hickman Mills School District. (Do not go to the school's former location on Longview Rd.)

The free approved pediatric vaccine is one-third the dosage given to youth older than 11 and adults. Two shots of the pediatric vaccine given at least three weeks apart are necessary for maximum protection.

The clinic will provide all three types of COVID-19 vaccines for those 12 and over as well as booster shots at no charge. School district students also may get free flu shots and all required school immunizations, and district staff may get flu shots at the clinic but must present their insurance card.

Parents or guardians must accompany their minor children getting shots at the clinic and present a photo ID.

Another vaccination clinic will be conducted at Smith-Hale on Saturday, December 4.

Also, please scroll down and see the information from the KCMO Health Department about two other sites providing free pediatric COVID-19

vaccinations in Kansas City south of the Missouri River which includes a link to book an appointment online.

Pediatric vaccinations are available at the Knights of Columbus, 5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, and from 2 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, and at the Health Department, 2400 Troost, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday.

On another matter, I was very pleased to see that the Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association today presented Gold Awards for Valor to three Kansas City Police Department sergeants and five officers who risked their lives this April while under fire to save two children at great risk of serious harm or death.

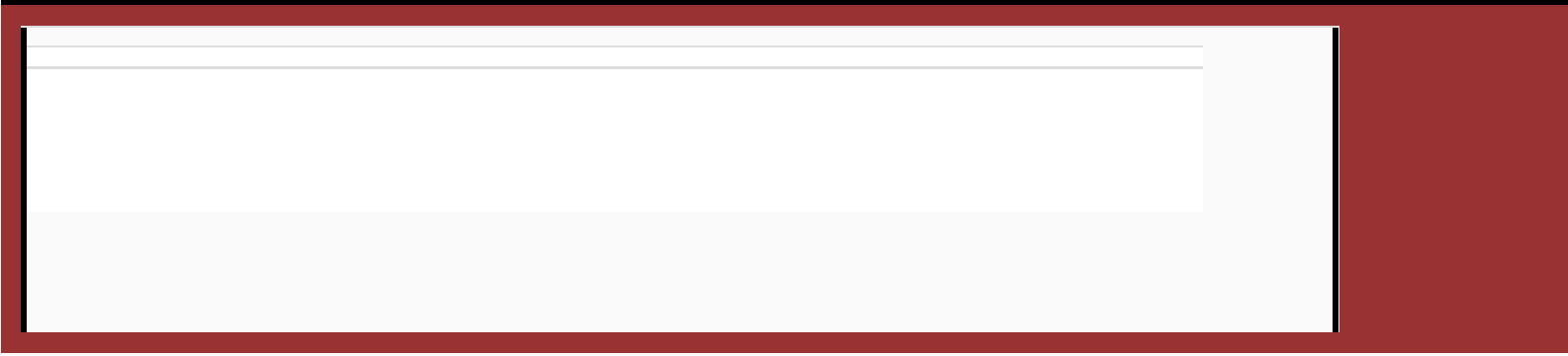
The Gold Awards for Valor were presented to Sergeants Terry Grimmett, Matthew Payne and Bryan Truman and to Officers William Bedell, Jared Fugate, Walter Loving, III, Nicholas McNallan and Spencer Wheeler.

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



Shot Clinic



Smith Hale - Middle School

**9010A Old Santa Fe Road
Kansas City, MO 64138**

(Map app may take you to wrong location. Do not go to old school on Longview Road)

Saturday, November 13th 2021

10 a.m - 3 p.m.

What Is Offered

- The COVID vaccine will be available for anyone age 5+
- All COVID vaccines - Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson will be available
- Booster shots will also be available
- Flu shots will be offered to students and staff although staff must present their insurance card to receive this shot (you will not be charged - your insurance will)
- All required school immunizations for students

Parent or guardian must bring photo ID

WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, November 12th, 2021

PARSON OPEN TO AID FOR THE UNVACCINATED

After blocking Missourians from receiving enhanced federal unemployment benefits earlier this year because he perceived they were discouraging people from working, Gov. Mike Parson has indicated he is open to providing unemployment payments to workers who are discharged for refusing to obey an employer's directive to get vaccinated against COVID-19, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Nov. 9.

The paper inquired about Parson's position in light of a new law in neighboring Iowa that extends eligibility for unemployment benefits to workers who lose their jobs after failing to get vaccinated as required by their employers.

In response, a spokeswoman for Parson said, "The governor is always open to making improvements to any program in state government especially when it comes to protecting the workforce from overreaching federal vaccine mandates."

Many employers in Missouri and around the country have chosen vaccination requirements as an effective means of controlling the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace and preventing the disease from hampering productivity.

The federal government has also issued a workplace safety directive for larger employers to implement vaccine requirements, subject to valid medical and religious exemptions. The directive is scheduled to take

effect in December, but several states, including Missouri, are challenging it in court.

In June, Parson unilaterally ended Missouri's participation in a federal program that provided unemployed Missourians \$300 a week to help offset the financial impact of the pandemic. In a news release announcing the move, Parson said, "It's time that we end these programs that have ultimately incentivized people to stay out of the workforce."

REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS HOLD LAST HEARINGS

The two commissions separately charged with drawing new state Senate and House of Representatives districts held the last of their scheduled hearings on Nov. 10 to take testimony from the public and now will shift to drafting proposed redistricting plans. The commissions have through Dec. 23 to submit tentative plans for their respective chambers.

Every 10 years, the state's 34 Senate districts and 163 House districts must be redrawn to reflect population shifts under the latest U.S. Census. The Missouri Constitution grants that task to the redistricting commissions, each of which consists of 20 members, evenly split between Democrats and Republicans. It takes 14 votes for a commission to adopt a redistricting plan.

If the commissions submit tentative plans, they have through Jan. 23 to finalize them. If one or both fail to do so, then the Missouri Supreme Court will appoint a different commission of six judges chosen from among the 32 members of the state Court of Appeals to finish the job.

If an appellate commission takes over, which usually occurs, it would have until April 23 to complete its work. However, since candidate filing for the Aug. 2 primaries opens Feb. 22, the judges likely will expedite the process as much as possible.

In typical redistricting years, new state Senate and House districts are finalized in late November or early December. However, this year the process is months behind due to a delay in getting the data needed to

draw new maps from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The ideal population for a Senate district is 181,027 residents. For the House, the target is 37,761 residents. However, the constitution allows a standard population deviation of plus or minus 1 percent from the ideal. If necessary to keep cities or counties in the same district, a deviation of up to 3 percent is permitted.

TAX COLLECTIONS BOOST OCTOBER REVENUE

Driven by an uptick in income tax collections, net state general revenue for October 2021 increased 22.7 percent compared to October 2020, going from \$631.9 million last year to \$775.3 million this year.

According to monthly data provided by the Missouri Division of Budget and Planning, individual income tax collections were up 26.5 percent for the month, while corporate income and franchise tax collections increased 43.8 percent.

Net state general revenue collections for the first four months of the 2022 fiscal year which started in July decreased 5 percent compared to the same period in FY 2021, going from \$3.72 billion last year to \$3.54 billion this year. Through the first three months of FY 2022, year-to-date collections had been down 22.5 percent compared to FY 2021.

Comparisons between FY 2021 and FY 2022 are skewed, however, since the income tax filing deadline in 2020 was delayed from April to July due to the pandemic. As a result, revenue collections in the early months of FY 2021 were drastically inflated compared to normal years.



Health Department now vaccinating young children against COVID

Save your spot! Appointments will fill fast

The Kansas City Health Department received its shipment of the Pfizer Biotech pediatric COVID-19 vaccine on Tuesday and quickly began vaccinating younger children whose parents have been eagerly awaiting this opportunity.

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [approved the vaccine](#) for children ages 5 to 11 years old. The health department quickly submitted an order through the state and hit the ground running when the shipment arrived.

"I want my son and family to be safe, and this is the most reasonable and practical way to provide that protection. Children, and yes, adults too, struggle with keeping the mask on correctly over their nose. The vaccine will add another layer of protection for my child and countless others that are doing the same," said Lychelle Goff, whose 7-year-old son was vaccinated today at the health department.

The pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is one-third the dosage given

to teens and adults. It will require two shots at least three weeks apart to get the maximum protection of the vaccine.

There are three ways to secure an appointment:

- Call the city's hotline at 311 (or 816-513-1313)
- Call the Childhood Immunization Clinic at 816-513-6108
- Book the appointment yourself at kcmo.gov/covid

"Because demand is high, an appointment is strongly recommended. There may be some appointment slots available for walk-ins, but it's best to secure your spot so you and your child don't end up frustrated because of a long wait," said Frank Thompson, Kansas City's interim director of health. "If your child has a pediatrician that you know and trust, we also recommend you call them first for a COVID vaccination appointment. They know your child's health history and will be able to answer your questions."

We are receiving many calls from residents wanting an appointment or further information. If you cannot get through to customer service or our public health specialists, please keep trying or easily schedule your appointment using our online form.

The Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine is currently available at these locations:

Kansas City Health Department

2400 Troost Ave.

Kansas City, Mo. 64108

Suite 1300 (COVID vaccination clinic)

Suite 1400 (Childhood immunization clinic)

(Every Monday through Friday)

The COVID vaccination clinic is open until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Northland Neighborhoods Inc.

5340 NE Chouteau Trafficway

Kansas City, Mo. 64119

(Every Wednesday and Thursday in November)

Knights of Columbus-Blue Ridge

5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff

Kansas City, Mo. 64133
(Every Monday & Tuesday in November)

In the weeks ahead, we will add additional locations and will hold pop-up clinics at schools and special events so families will have more opportunities to vaccinate their young children.

ARMSE

The Active and Retired Missouri State Employees (ARMSE) monitors your retirement and medical insurance benefits.

- ARMSE is an independent, non-profit association formed more than 50 years ago to help monitor the retirement and medical benefits offered by MOSERS, MPERS, MCHCP and the MoDOT and Patrol Medical Plan.
- ARMSE is a group of ordinary people – both active employees and retired employees. The governing board consists of volunteers who are retired state employees. This group helps YOU.
- ARMSE members come from a variety of political persuasions and different corners of the state – the commonality is that members are state employees and retirees who have earned retirement and medical benefits.
- ARMSE was first created to help secure many of the benefits you enjoy today. In the early days, the focus was on enhancing the benefit package to ensure the benefits offered were sufficient to provide a secure retirement for members. Today, the focus is on preserving your retirement and medical benefits.
- ARMSE successfully passed recent legislation adding employees and retirees to the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan (MCHCP) board. This is the first time plan users have been able to participate in the decision-making process regarding their health insurance and medical needs.

Each person is very important to what can be accomplished. Your support is needed. You can join online at www.armse.org. Or, for a membership brochure and application, send your name and address to:

ARMSE, Post Office Box 11, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or email ARMSE at: office@armse.org. *Help us help YOU as ARMSE continues to protect the pensions and medical insurance we have earned!*



POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
SOUTHLAND
9701 MARION PARK DRIVE
KCMO 64137

5:30PM - 8:30PM
• NOV 5, 12 & 19
• DEC 3, 10 & 17

FOOD, FUN & SAFETY
AGES 8 - 13

SIGN UP!



www.kcpal.org/register-for-pal



Join us for this Special
Community Thanks Giving
Giveaway Event!

- Free Turkeys
 - Free Food
 - Free Diapers
 - Free Books
 - Free COVID-19
First, Second, and
Booster Shots
- Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines
will be available.

For information, email community@cb-kc.org

COMMUNITY BUILDERS OF KANSAS CITY'S 3RD ANNUAL

Turkey Giveaway

Saturday, November 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
at Friendship Baptist Church
3530 Chelsea Drive, Kansas City, MO 64128



EVENT CO-CHAIRS:

Jackson County Executive
Frank White & Teresa White



COMMUNITY PARTNERS:





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
NOVEMBER 10, 2021

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HOLIDAY HEAD START

Holiday shoppers looking to get a head start on their lists or avoid supply chain pains should head to the Holiday Craft Fair in Grandview this weekend.

On **Saturday, November 13th** more than 40 local vendors will set up at The View Community Center offering ALL handmade or homemade products. Vendors will have everything from handmade soaps, lotions, jewelry, apparel, and décor as well as homemade baked goods and hot cocoa bombs.

Some vendors will accept debit or credit cards, but not all can, so shoppers should bring cash. The Holiday Craft Fair runs from **9AM-2PM**. Grandview Parks & Recreation organized the event.

WHAT: Holiday Craft Fair

WHEN: Saturday, November 13th 9AM-2PM

WHERE: The View Community Center
13500 Byars Road
Grandview, MO



AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

**ELECTRONICS/APPLIANCES
COLLECTION EVENT**



**MONDAY, NOV. 15
NOON TO 4 P.M.**
KC Zoo (Zebra Parking Lot)
6800 Zoo Drive, KCMO, 64132



*electronics not listed
are free to recycle.

**Anything with a plug and circuit board including cleaned
out appliances will be accepted.**

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SOUTH KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Connecting, Educating, Growing Together



Please join us...

in celebrating Martin City K-8's new and improved school building
entryway!

*Martin City K-8
Ribbon Cutting*

— CEREMONY —

November 15

4:15 PM

AT MARTIN CITY K-8 SCHOOL
201 EAST 133RD STREET
K.C.M.O. 64145

Refreshments will
be provided



Mark your calendar – Avila University's fifth annual [Day of Giving](#) is almost here! [Your gift](#) will be doubled on **Tuesday, November 16**, maximizing the impact your support can make in the life of an Avila student.

Thanks to the generosity of the Schutte Foundation, all new gifts to student scholarships will be matched dollar for dollar on November 16!

We remain committed to teaching lifelong learners and hope you're inspired to make a contribution to an area of Avila that's most meaningful to you.

To participate in the [Avila University Day of Giving](#) campaign:

- [Make your annual gift](#) (you may make your gift early—it will still count towards our Day of Giving totals!)
- Spread the word on your social media channels and share why you give to Avila.

Be sure to follow us on social media and use the hashtags **#AvilaProud** and **#AvilaDayOfGiving** when you tell others. If you have any questions about giving to Avila or the 2021 Day of Giving, please contact us at advancement@avila.edu or 816.501.3780.

We're grateful for your generosity which enables us to continue the traditions of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Thank you for supporting Avila students and donating on this important [Day of Giving](#) while your gift can have twice the impact!



FREE Workshop How To Be A Successful COMBAT Applicant

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

St. Louis-Kansas City Carpenters Regional Council
8955 E. 38 Terrace | #100
Kansas City, MO 64129

COMBAT currently funds more than 100 programs offering services throughout Jackson County. We're continually looking to partner with new agencies that have new ideas for addressing the three core issues at the heart of COMBAT's mission.

- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- Violence Prevention

To help such agencies navigate the COMBAT funding process, this workshop—[How To Be A Successful COMBAT Applicant](#)—will be held Wednesday, November 17. The workshop will focus on how agencies can work on meeting the basic requirements to be eligible for COMBAT funding.

The workshop will concentrate on how organizations can meet COMBAT's basic requirements and secure the necessary documentation. It will also address resources available to possibly assist agencies in applying for COMBAT funding.



Adult Learner Scholarship

Deadline November 19

Apply Now at kcscholars.org



JOIN US IN

2022 Adult Learner Scholarship is now open until
Nov 19!

KC Scholars is hosting virtual application assistance sessions in October & November for adult learner applicants who need help completing the application or who have specific questions. More information is available at <http://www.kcscholars.org/AppHelp>



SAT.
NOVEMBER
20TH
@10AM-12PM

BECAUSE WE CARE
Thanksgiving Giveaway

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION
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Optimist Bingo Hall
11154 Blue Ridge Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64134

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South KC Mobile Food Pantries

Many 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 seven 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 staff and students will load the food when vehicles reach the school.

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.

Red Bridge United Methodist Church, 636 E. 117th St., from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
the fourth Friday of the month in the church parking lot.



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**Please don't hesitate to contact me
with any feedback, questions or ideas!**

