



Dear Neighbor,

I am very pleased to report that the legislation to establish a special Negro Leagues Baseball Museum license plate to raise awareness of the Museum and funds for its operation has been passed by the General Assembly without dissent and now awaits the governor's expected signature to become law.

**Senator Barbara Anne Washington and I introduced identical bills in the House and Senate to establish the special license plate, and I presented her version (Senate Bill 189) which had already passed the Senate to the House on April 14, and it passed 149-0.**

I truly appreciate the supportive remarks made by many of my House colleagues following my presentation of the bill and the standing ovation after its passage.

I also appreciate the support for my version of this legislation which had nine bipartisan co-sponsors (House Bill 100) that had passed the House earlier 153-0 and was awaiting Senate action after being recommended for passage by the Senate Committee on Progress & Development.

(Identical legislation often is introduced in both branches of the General Assembly to enhance chances for final passage in case the legislation hits a roadblock in one branch or the other.)

When enacted into law, this legislation will allow persons who make a \$10 contribution to the Museum to purchase a set of the special plates for a

\$15 fee that will be added to their regular license fees. The plates will include the name of the Museum in capital letters and its logo.

**I'm also pleased to report I was able to add Blair's Law, designed to deter potentially deadly celebratory gunfire by making such gunfire and any other discharge of firearms with criminal negligence within or into city limits a serious state offence, onto another bill being debated by the House on April 12.**

That bill (House Bill 944) was introduced to allow discharge of a firearm from a motor vehicle on private property to protect livestock from predatory wildlife or dogs that are killing, wounding or chasing livestock.

Other amendments were added to the bill that I did not support, but with the inclusion of Blair's Law I think the amended version will do more to enhance public safety than to harm it. This measure still is awaiting a final House vote before it can be sent to the Senate for consideration.

**Blair's Law is named after 11-year-old Blair Shanahan Lane who died after being struck by celebratory gunfire here on July 4, 2011. Her mother, Michele Shanahan-DeMoss, has been working to deter celebratory gunfire ever since.**

Slightly different versions of it were introduced by two other legislators and me, and these bills were combined by the House General Laws Committee and recommended for House passage 15-0 on March 8.

Unfortunately however, despite repeated requests the combined bill still has not been heard by the House Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee which also must recommend its passage before it can be considered by the entire House. That is why I added it to other legislation being debated by the entire House since time is running short before this year's session of the General Assembly adjourns on May 14.

**We finally have mass vaccination sites for COVID-19 in south Kansas City, so please scroll down to make an appointment if you haven't gotten yours yet since as of April 9 all Missourians qualify for vaccinations if they are 16 or older or 18 or older depending on what vaccine they are getting.**

Swope Health Services is providing first doses of Moderna vaccine to persons 18 and over at a drive-through vaccination event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday, April 17, at my church, Concord Fortress of Hope, 11050 W. Longview Parkway, hosted by Community Builders of Kansas City. Registration is required, and persons may call 816-321-3333 by 4:30 p.m. today to register or click on the link below on the South Kansas City Chamber of Commerce announcement of the event to make their appointment. The second dose will be administered there May 15.

The Kansas City Health Department is providing vaccinations using the Pfizer vaccine at Smith-Hale Middle School (formerly Hickman Mills High School), 9010A Old Santa Fe Rd., from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, April 20-23, to persons 16 and over. Appointments are preferred but not required, although walk-ins will likely experience longer waits depending on when they arrive.

Persons may go to the city website [kcmo.gov](http://kcmo.gov) and click on Get Vaccinated Now which rotates with other subjects at the top of the screen, then click on Make an Appointment, and then click on South KC. Persons also may call 311 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and use the first prompt to make an appointment.

The site is expected to remain in operation for the foreseeable future and has the capability of administering 800-1,000 vaccinations daily. Appointments will be able to be made further in advance once the vaccine supply stabilizes.

As an example of the demand in our area for vaccinations, the city of Grandview hosted a mass vaccination event last Saturday at Grandview High School, and city officials reported 1,644 persons were vaccinated by National Guard members.

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*



On April 14 I presented the Senate version of legislation to the Missouri House to create a special license plate to raise awareness and funds for the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City which passed 149-0 and now awaits the governor's signature to become law.

## **WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE**

Friday, April 16, 2021

### **MEDICAID EXPANSION FUNDS REDISTRIBUTED**

The House of Representatives on April 15 voted 143-1-4 in favor of a \$342.26 million appropriations bill that seeks to redistribute revenue made available by its earlier refusal to provide the spending authority necessary for a constitutionally mandated Medicaid eligibility expansion that will take effect July 1.

When the House passed its version of the fiscal year 2022 state operating budget earlier this month, it excluded Medicaid expansion funding on a largely party line vote with Democrats supporting expansion and all but a handful of Republicans who have a commanding majority opposing it..

House Bill 21 seeks to take the leftover spending authority and allocate it for various other programs that enjoy wide support. However, as several House Democrats noted, with robust general revenue collections and a massive influx of federal economic stimulus funds, Missouri should have sufficient revenue to fund those items and fund Medicaid expansion as well.

Because the state constitution will soon require Medicaid to cover adults earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, an estimated 275,000 additional uninsured Missourians will be eligible for the program.

But if the legislature doesn't authorize the necessary additional spending authority, the program could exhaust its funding partway through FY 2022, which starts July 1.

**Under the federal Affordable Care Act, the federal government will pay 90 percent of the cost of Medicaid expansion, or about \$1.4 billion for FY 2022. Missouri also would receive an additional \$1.5 billion under the most recently passed COVID-19 relief bill for implementing expansion. Such a large influx of spending is expected to create tens of thousands of jobs and have a tremendous impact on the state's economy.**

Because of the clear economic benefits, Gov. Mike Parson, a longtime expansion opponent, called for fully funding Medicaid in the FY 2022 budget. Leaders of Senate Republicans who are in the majority in that branch of the legislature as well have sent mixed messages about whether they will restore full Medicaid funding in the primary budget bills, which currently are pending in that chamber.

Both branches have until a May 7 constitutional deadline to agree on and pass a final budget. If Medicaid expansion funding isn't included, a lawsuit seeking to force the state to follow the constitutional requirement is considered almost certain.

## **DEPARTMENT TO STOP COLLECTION EFFORTS**

The Missouri Department of Labor & Industrial Relations announced April 15 that it has paused all efforts to collect almost \$150 million in excess unemployment benefits it mistakenly paid out last year when the state's jobless rate spiked due to the pandemic.

**The move came two days after a contentious hearing during which lawmakers accused the department of going back on a commitment it had made six weeks earlier to suspend its collection efforts.**

According to the department, nearly all of the overpayments involved recipients who acted in good faith, but through no fault of their own were given more benefits than they should have received. Gov. Mike Parson

originally had insisted the money be paid back, even though the federal government had waived repayment in non-fraud situations.

As bipartisan pressure mounted and the House of Representatives was poised to pass legislation to block the department from pursuing most collections, the administration seemingly relented in early March. It said it would suspend collection efforts in exchange for lawmakers removing an emergency clause from the bill that would have allowed the measure to take effect immediately instead of in August, as is usually the case for new laws.

The House upheld its part of the bargain before passing House Bill 1083 which I voted for, but the department apparently did not, with numerous reports of the agency continuing to file wage garnishments, imposing liens and taking other aggressive collection efforts.

During a hearing before the House Special Committee on Government Oversight, Department Director Anna Hui insisted the agency had kept its side of the deal, but some cases slipped through the cracks. Lawmakers did not seem mollified by her explanation.

HB 1083 remains pending in the Senate, where a committee recommended it for passage April 15.

## **ADOPTION & FOSTER PARENT TAX BREAKS PASS**

The House of Representatives on April 12 granted final passage to a pair of bipartisan bills to provide new tax breaks for adoptive and foster parents. Both measures now go to the governor to be signed into law.

**House Bill 429 will expand who can qualify for an existing \$10,000 adoption tax credit. Current law limits the credit to adoptions of special needs children who are Missouri residents.**

The bill removes both the special needs and residency requirements to qualify for the credit, although applications involving special needs children and Missouri residents would be given priority. **The bill also**

**creates a tax deduction of up to \$5,000 for expenses relating to providing foster care.**

House Bill 430 also contains provisions relating to the adoption tax credit, as well as tax breaks for domestic violence shelters and maternity homes. On their final House votes, HB 429 passed 127-8-4, while HB 430 passed 142-0. I voted for both bills which had previously cleared the Senate.

### **HOUSE APPROVES LIFTING TUITION HIKE CAP**

Missouri's public colleges and universities would be free to increase tuition by as much as their governing boards will allow under legislation the House of Representatives approved on April 13 by a vote of 128-14-12.

Starting on July 1, 2022, House Bill 297 would eliminate a statutory cap limiting annual tuition growth to a percentage that has been in place since 2007.

**Because state funding for higher education has remained largely flat for two decades, supporters of HB 297 said Missouri's public colleges and universities need the flexibility to increase tuition by more than the cap allows in order to generate urgently needed revenue. I voted for the bill.**

HB 297 originally was limited to creating a statewide educational mission in visual and performing arts, computer science and cybersecurity for Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau but was transformed into an omnibus higher education bill. The measure now goes to the Senate for further consideration.

### **HOUSE ETHICS PROBE CONTINUES**

The House of Representatives on April 15 voted 153-0 to temporarily reject the resignation of a state representative so that the House Ethics Committee can complete its investigation into allegations that he physically and sexually abused his now-adult children when they were

young.

State Rep. Rick Roeber, R-Lee's Summit, had submitted a letter on April 13 saying he was resigning as of April 16.

**The Ethics Committee plans to issue its report on April 19. After the report is released, the House could take further action against Roeber, including expulsion. An expulsion vote would require a two-thirds supermajority, or a minimum of 109 votes.**

The House has only expelled one member in state history, ousting a lawmaker in 1865 for disloyalty to the Union. As in the current case, that lawmaker attempted to resign, but the House refused to accept the resignation pending consideration of an investigative report and subsequently voted for expulsion.

The allegations against Roeber date to the 1990s and early 2000s and became public last fall when his children shared their experiences with The Kansas City Star. At the time, Roeber was running to fill the House seat previously held by his wife, Rebecca Roeber, who died in 2019 from injuries suffered in a serious car crash months earlier. Rick Roeber's children were from a previous marriage. He was narrowly elected in November.

Roeber submitted his resignation shortly after news broke on April 13 that House leaders had contacted prosecutors and police in Jackson County expressing concerns about Roeber's continued contacts with a minor child. In his resignation letter sent to all House members, Roeber said he only intended to serve one session and is moving out of state with his fiancé to be closer to her children and grandchildren.



**On April 12 I had an opportunity to add Blair’s Law, a bill I sponsored, as an amendment to House Bill 944. Blair's law is designed to reduce the amount of celebratory gunfire in urban areas. This amendment was adopted unanimously by the body.**



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## COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR MISSOURI RESIDENTS (18 OR OLDER)



**WHEN:** Saturday, April 17

**TIME:** 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Concord Fortress of Hope Church  
11050 W Longview Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64134

PLEASE REGISTER FOR AN APPOINTMENT ONLINE:

<https://swopehealth.org/vaccine-april17/>

If you have any difficulty with registration, please call 816-321-3333, Monday through Friday during business hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Moderna vaccine will be offered by appointment. You will be asked to schedule a second-dose appointment for **May 15**, also from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at Concord Fortress of Hope Church. More information about this second-dose registration will be announced.

Drive-thru and walk-ups welcome.

**swope**HEALTH

[www.swopehealth.org](http://www.swopehealth.org)

Swope Health is offering a vaccination clinic this Saturday, April 17th from 10am-2pm at Concord Fortress of Hope Church in South Kansas City.

Appointments are required. Click on link below to Register.

[Schedule Your Vaccine Appointment](#)

**If you have any difficulty with registration, please call 816-321-3333, Monday through Friday during business hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

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**GET VACCINATED!**

**Location:**

**Concord Fortress of Hope Church**

11050 W Longview Pkwy

Kansas City, MO 64134

**Date:**

**Saturday, April 17th**

**Time:**

**10:00am - 2:00pm**



**MODERNA VACCINE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Dose - April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dose - May 15<sup>th</sup>**

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**(816) 321-3333**

**ALL MISSOURI RESIDENTS**

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Even though we didn't win the tournament, I had a blast playing with several of my House colleagues in the annual charity softball tournament on April 14 for Majority Floor Leader Dean Plocher's team. I am third from the left on the front row.



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**April 15, 2021**

**Jackson County Parks + Rec hosts Virtual Career Fair**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Jackson County Parks + Rec, the third-largest county parks system in the Country, is looking to add to its award-winning team. The department will host a Virtual Career Fair for full-time and seasonal employment opportunities during two sessions at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

“Jackson County Parks + Rec is in the business of making people happy,” said Parks + Rec Director Michele Newman. “We’re looking to add service-minded individuals who are committed to delivering a quality experience for all who enter our Parks.”

A virtual session for those interested in full-time or managerial positions will be held at 11:00 a.m. The department has openings for Equipment Operators, Deputy Superintendent of Park Operations and Superintendent of the Golf Course and Marinas. Full-time employment with Jackson County offers a competitive salary, insurance, pension and vacation benefits.

The department also has a variety of seasonal employment opportunities. Interested applicants can learn more about these open positions during a virtual session at 4:00 p.m. Positions range from concessions and lifeguards to ballfield grounds crews and museum interpreters. Successful candidates must be 16 years old with a valid driver’s license.

Job seekers should email their contact information and resume to [parksrec@jacksongov.org](mailto:parksrec@jacksongov.org). A link to the Virtual Career Fair will be sent after the resume is received. To view a complete listing of job opportunities and qualifications, visit [www.jacksongov.org/jobs](http://www.jacksongov.org/jobs) and look under Parks + Rec. A flier is attached.



Application for Classes 7 - 10 of the KCI New Terminal Project Workforce Training Program are **OPEN!** If you are interested in pursuing a new career in the construction industry, we invite you to apply:

[APPLICATION LINK&WTP INFORMATION](#)

When applying, you will be asked to rank your top three construction trades for employment consideration. Please [click here](#) and review the various trades available prior to completing the application.

If you applied in 2019 for the WTP but were not selected for a class, you will need to re-apply to be considered for the 2021 classes.

Learn more about the WTP, application process, participant benefits, and how to apply by watching a [pre-recorded virtual information session](#). For other frequently asked questions, please [visit our website](#).

Applications are open through August 8, 2021.

Contact [TWEP@cwjv.com](mailto:TWEP@cwjv.com) with questions and concerns.



Missouri Department of Public Safety

## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 14, 2021

#### **As National Crime Victims' Rights Week approaches, Missouri calls attention to state's advances in supporting and protecting crime victims and witnesses**

*House Bill 66, signed into law in 2020, created Missouri Pretrial Witness Protection Services Fund to protect victims and witnesses of violent crime and their families who might be at risk*

JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri's annual ceremony to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 18-24) is back this year. The event will be held on April 22, 2021 at noon on the South Steps of the Capitol to allow for social distancing. The state of Missouri was unable to hold its traditional ceremony last year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

This year, the **Department of Public Safety** is calling attention to Missouri's new program to protect victims and witnesses of violent crime and their families who might be endangered for providing testimony about their cases. On Sept. 21, 2020, **Governor Mike Parson** signed into law **House Bill**

**66**, creating the **Pretrial Witness Protection Services Fund**, which is administered by the **Department of Public Safety**.

The new law allows DPS to make funds available to Missouri law enforcement agencies from the Pretrial Witness Protection Services Fund to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of victims/witnesses of violent crime and their families if their testimony might subject them to danger or bodily injury. It provides that these services may continue as long as the danger exists.

“We must take a unified, comprehensive approach to combatting violent crime, and that includes protecting and helping support the victims and witnesses of crime in some cases where their testimony could put them in danger,” **Governor Parson** said. “The Pretrial Witness Protection Services Fund helps by allowing law enforcement agencies to provide resources as available for the security of violent crime victims, witnesses and their immediate families.

“We are fully committed to fighting crime and supporting Missouri’s crime victims,” **Department of Public Safety Director Sandy Karsten** said. “We support victims through the Missouri’s Crime Victims’ Compensation Fund, administering grants that fund local domestic violence shelters, violent crime de-escalation and community support programs, and victim advocates in law enforcement agencies and prosecutors’ offices, and many other ways. We are glad to break new ground with the administration of the Pretrial Witness Protection Services Fund that assists those who help combat crime by actively participating in the criminal justice system, despite the risks they and their immediate family members might face.”

Governor Parson has proclaimed April 18 to 24 as **Crime Victims’ Rights Week in Missouri** in honor of the continuing efforts of crime victims and victim advocates to make Missouri safer and more supportive of crime victims. The theme of this year’s National Crime Victims’ Rights Week is *Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities*, to emphasize the importance of leveraging community support to help victims of crime.

#### **Thursday, April 22**

WHO: Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe  
Department of Public Safety Director Sandy Karsten  
Callaway County Prosecuting Attorney Chris Wilson  
Platte County Sheriff’s Office Major Erik Holland

WHAT: Missouri Crime Victims’ Rights Week Ceremony

WHEN: 12 p.m.

WHERE: South Steps of Missouri Capitol

Jefferson City, MO

The **Department of Public Safety** administers programs and grants for crime victims and agencies that assist victims, including the **Crime Victims' Compensation Program**, the **Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Program**, the **Sexual Assault Services Program Grant**, the **Child Physical Abuse Forensic Examination Program**, the **State Services to Victims Fund Grant**, the **STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program**, the **Protection Program for Victims/Witnesses of Violent Crime** and the **Missouri Victim Automated Notification System (MOVANS)**.

**MOVANS** allows all Missourians to receive automated texts, emails, phone calls or letters any time an offender is scheduled to be released from prison or jail, or have a parole or court hearing. It also allows anyone to receive an automatic notification any time an order of protection has been served in their case. In the last five years, MOVANS has delivered more than 4 million automated phone calls, emails, text messages and letters about offender custody status, court dates and protection order status.

The Missouri Crime Victims' Compensation program helps pay crime victims' out-of-pocket expenses, such as medical, mental health/counseling, funeral expenses, and lost wages. In the last five years, the program has processed more than 8,800 applications and awarded more than \$26 million to victims and family members who were victims of crimes involving violence or the threat of violence.

## **NOW OPEN: 2021 Neighborhoods Rising Fund Application Now Open**

**The Neighborhoods Rising Fund (NRF)**, a grant program for revitalizing neighborhoods, relaunched today, thanks to a donation from H&R Block (NYSE: HRB) as the primary corporate partner to bring more revitalization to neighborhoods throughout Greater Kansas City. The

relaunched NRF is supporting an expanded geographic area, an increased award cap for its one-year grants, and new, two-year award options.

The NRF's newly expanded geographic area includes Jackson, Clay, Platte, and Cass counties in Missouri, as well as Wyandotte, Johnson, and Leavenworth counties in Kansas, with a specific focus on historically underinvested neighborhoods in these seven counties, which is also CCF's newly broadened service area.

***The award cap for this year's one-year grants increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000, giving neighborhoods with additional capacity an opportunity to expand their programming.***

Also, this year the NRF includes two-year award options of up to \$5,000 per year for applicants that have satisfactorily completed and reported on any prior NRF-funded projects.

Administered by the Community Capital Fund (CCF), the Neighborhoods Rising Fund (NRF) is a funding collaborative that provides grants for high-impact, innovative community projects and neighborhood revitalization initiatives, which help build stronger, better connected and more effective neighborhood organizations in low- to moderate-income areas, throughout the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area.

### **Learn more about applying for this year's NRF.**

The 2021 grant application period is now open with a Friday, April 23, 2021 deadline. Grant applications may be submitted in one of three ways:

Complete and submit the **[ONLINE FORM here](#)**

**[Download the 2021 NRF Guidelines + Application FILLABLE PDF here](#)** and then complete and EMAIL to **[info@ccfkansascity.org](mailto:info@ccfkansascity.org)**

If online or email submission is inaccessible or burdensome, please print the **[FILLABLE PDF here](#)**\* and then complete and MAIL to:

Community Capital Fund  
ATTN: Neighborhoods Rising Fund  
3200 Wayne Avenue  
Kansas City, MO 64109

**\* PRINTED COPIES of the NRF Grant Guidelines + Application can be picked up at the CCF office. Please call in advance 816.502.9584.**

For questions about the program, contact (816) 502-9584 or [info@ccfkansascity.org](mailto:info@ccfkansascity.org). Para obtener ayuda en español, comuníquese con Michael Carmona al (816) 502-9584 o [michael@ccfkansascity.org](mailto:michael@ccfkansascity.org).



## Plant & Tree Giveaway

Want to incorporate some native plants into your landscape? The Discovery Center will host a drive-thru native plant and tree giveaway. Participants may come anytime between the scheduled program hours and should remain in their vehicles while the Discovery Center staff bring the plants and trees to you. This is a free program and quantities are limited.

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# How to sign up for the COVID-19 Vaccine

## Eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine?

We are making it easier for you to get in line.  
Here's how it works:

Go to [www.trumed.org](http://www.trumed.org)  
Click on the pop up link that reads  
"click here to register."

When you sign up online, we will contact you when the vaccine becomes available. At this point, we are unable to estimate when we'll call for your appointment date.

Wait times depend on vaccine supply.

We appreciate your patience.

**You may also call 816-404-CARE (2273) if you want to talk to a scheduler. Lines may be busy. Please be patient.**



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**March 31, 2021**

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**Food Appointments Available**

CAC has food appointments available 9 to 2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. This month after-hours are 4 - 6 pm, Wednesday, April 21 and 9 am to noon, Saturday, April 24. 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.

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**Basic Financial Literacy Class:**

**1 - 2 pm, Tuesday, April 27**

This class on basics of financial literacy is free and open to anyone.

- Presented by Pauline Eatmon-Johnson, Business Owner and Consultant, Scholar Smarts,
- Register for class [HERE](#) for ZOOM or phone link.
- Contact Julie Reid, [julie.reid@cackc.org](mailto:julie.reid@cackc.org), 816-763-3277 x 110 with questions.

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**CAC Showing Brilliance in Resilience in 2020**

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CAC is thrilled to be one of three KC area nonprofits selected as a finalist for the Nonprofit Connect small nonprofit Brilliance in Resilience award - recognizing how CAC turned obstacles into opportunities in 2020!. We hope you had a chance to vote! Join us May 12 for the virtual Philly Awards to learn the winners in each category! Link [HERE](#).

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### **Emergency Rent, Utilities Assistance Update**

In response to the requirements of our current emergency rent and utilities assistance, funding, all requests for rent and utilities assistance must start by filling out the application on the City of KCMO website - <https://gkcassistanceprogram.org/>. That site can also be accessed through CAC's website [HERE](#). South Kansas City residents can select CAC Someone who does not have internet access may leave one message with detailed information on CAC's Emergency Assistance line at 816-763-3277 x 108. We know there is critical need right now, but following this process will help us serve as many as possible. Thank you.

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### **Save the Date - Community Cleanup June 12**

Sixth District Community Cleanup Day will be 8 am to noon, June 12. Locations and more details to come.

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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!

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## 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. 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.

**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. 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.

**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.

# 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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with any feedback, questions or ideas!**