



Dear Neighbor,

With just two weeks left in this year's legislative session we haven't seen much urgency from House and Senate leadership to debate and pass meaningful legislation.

In the final two weeks of the session, any bills that haven't been voted out of their respective chambers don't stand much of a chance to pass on their own at this point, although their language could be added by amendment to other bills. It can generally take anywhere from two weeks to three months for a bill to pass through one chamber.



So when the House and Senate this week spent precious hours debating and passing their own bills, it felt like a disservice to

the citizens of Missouri.

This coming week should be much more productive since House Budget Committee members will spend much of this week negotiating with their Senate counterparts to finalize the state's 2023 fiscal year budget before the May 6 constitutional deadline.

**One major addition the Senate has proposed that I support to next fiscal year's budget is that it includes an additional \$214 million to fully fund the state's share of local public school districts' student transportation costs for the first time in three decades, plus \$27 million to increase minimum pay for public school teachers to \$38,000 a year!**

If you're not busy this Saturday morning please join us at the grand opening celebration of the new Boys & Girls Club at Smith-Hale Middle School being named in honor of former State Senator Shalonn "Kiki" Curls. See flyer below for details.

If anyone would like to contact me about legislation they would like me to support or oppose, please email me at [Mark.Sharp@house.mo.gov](mailto:Mark.Sharp@house.mo.gov).

**Here are my committee appointments:**

**Crime Prevention  
Elementary & Secondary Education  
General Laws  
Joint Committee on Legislative Research  
Special Committee on Urban Issues**

## **Special Committee on Public Policy: Ranking Minority Member**

Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, you can contact my legislative aide Kaylee Bauer at [Kaylee.Bauer@house.mo.gov](mailto:Kaylee.Bauer@house.mo.gov).

**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*





**This week I was joined by my wife Renee Sharp and our ten month old daughter Candice Sharp at this year's Governor's BBQ on the grounds of the Governor's Mansion hosted by Governor Mike Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson.**

## **WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE**

**Friday, April 29th, 2022**

### **SENATE PASSES ITS VERSION OF BUDGET**

The Senate on April 26 passed its version of the 2023 fiscal year state operating budget, adding over \$1 billion more in additional spending authority than what the House of Representatives has approved.

**The two chambers must now negotiate a final spending plan with just days to go until the May 6 constitutional deadline for completing the budget.**

But while the main appropriations bills are on a path to final passage, a separate \$2.58 billion spending measure to allocate federal pandemic relief funds has stalled in the Senate

Appropriations Committee, which on April 27 abruptly cancelled two planned meetings that had been scheduled to work on the bill.

**With an extremely tight timetable to send the main budget bills to the governor, it is rapidly becoming less likely lawmakers will have time to finalize how the pandemic relief funds should be spent. If that happens, the governor could call a special legislative session for lawmakers to finish the job after the regular session ends on May 13.**

Excluding that bill, the Senate version of the operating budget includes \$45.1 billion in spending authority – substantially more than the \$43.9 billion House version. As a result, House and Senate negotiators have many points of disagreement to work out.

**Key Senate additions include an additional \$214 million to fully fund the state's share of local public school districts' student transportation costs for the first time in three decades, plus \$27 million to increase minimum pay for public school teachers to \$38,000 a year.**

While Republican House budget leaders excluded funding for both items from their budget plan, those items are popular among lawmakers from both political parties and have a good chance of surviving during negotiations.

## **HOUSE OKAYS NULLIFYING ELECTION LAWS**

The House of Representatives on April 28 voted 96-47-1 to

advance legislation to the Senate that purports to allow the state to ignore some federal election laws, fine election officials who follow federal election laws without legislative approval and impose a photo voter identification requirement, which the Missouri Supreme Court has twice struck down as unconstitutional.

The wide-ranging House Bill 2140 includes a provision purporting to empower the Missouri General Assembly to decide what federal election laws the state will follow. A related provision seeks to impose fines of \$5,000 per month on election officials who follow federal election law without legislative approval. In addition, accepting federal election funding without permission could result in a \$1,000 fine, plus the amount of funding received.

**All of these provisions likely violate the U.S. Constitution's supremacy clause, under which federal laws trump conflicting state laws.**

The bill also includes the latest attempt to require voters to show a government-issued photo ID. In striking down two similar laws in the past, the state Supreme Court ruled that they violated Missourians' voting rights.

The state high court noted in those cases that voter impersonation at the polls is the only type of voter fraud a photo ID requirement could prevent, yet allegations of this type of voter fraud faded away in the 1940s in Missouri with the demise of corrupt political organizations such as the Pendergast machine in Kansas City.



**During debate on the bill, an amendment was added to allow any public school district to put a measure on the local ballot that, if approved by voters, would ban transgender girls from participating in girls' sports.**

Over the last decade only a handful of transgender girls have sought to play on girls' teams in Missouri, according to the Missouri State High School Activities Association that oversees high school sports.

### **PROVISIONS RULED STILL UNCONSTITUTIONAL**

The Missouri Supreme Court on April 26 unanimously ruled that laws to impose special limits on municipal fine collections in St. Louis County found unconstitutional by the court in 2017 are still unconstitutional, despite a trial judge's attempt to revive them in 2020.

**At issue are provisions of a 2015 law, Senate Bill 5, which contained sweeping reforms aimed at reducing controversial municipal court and policing practices thought to have been enacted primarily to generate revenue.**

**Although most of the reforms applied statewide, some key provisions only applied to municipalities in St. Louis County, including one capping the revenue cities in the county could collect from fines and fees at 12.5 percent of a municipality's operating budget, instead of the 20-percent cap imposed on other Missouri cities.**



Several of those cities challenged the provisions for violating a state constitutional prohibition against “special laws” that apply only to certain jurisdictions without good cause. Cole County Judge Jon Beetem agreed and blocked enforcement of those provisions in 2016. The state Supreme Court upheld Beetem’s ruling in 2017.

However, the high court in 2019 overhauled its standard for reviewing “special laws” and invalidated much of its prior precedent on the subject. That prompted Attorney General Eric Schmitt who sponsored SB 5 while serving in the Senate, to ask Beetem to lift his 2016 injunction barring enforcement of provisions that applied only in St. Louis County, a request Beetem granted in December 2020.

**In its latest ruling, the Supreme Court said that while Schmitt and Beetem assumed the high court would have ruled differently in the original case if the new standard had been in place at the time, final decisions made under the old standard cannot be reopened or relitigated.**

“A firmly entrenched aspect of our judicial system is the principle of finality of judgments,” Chief Justice Paul Wilson wrote in the high court’s opinion.

**In a footnote to the opinion, however, Wilson said the legislature can overcome the court’s 2017 ruling by repealing and reenacting the statutes in question so the new standards the court adopted for special laws in 2019 would govern.**

The case is *City of Normandy v. Michael Parson*.

## **COURT REVIVES GUN LAW CHALLENGE**

The Missouri Supreme Court on April 26 revived a lawsuit by Jackson County, St. Louis City and St. Louis County challenging a controversial state law that purports to nullify certain federal gun laws and make them unenforceable in Missouri and authorizes alleged offenders to sue local law enforcement agencies whose officers assisted in their arrests for such crimes.

House Bill 85, referred to as the “Second Amendment Preservation Act”, attempts to nullify federal laws relating to the taxation, registration or tracking of firearms and laws prohibiting the possession, ownership, use or transfer of specific types of firearms.

**The lawsuit claims the law passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by the governor in 2021 violates the U.S. Constitution’s supremacy clause which prohibits states from overturning federal laws by passing contradictory laws.**

**In an uncommon move, the U.S. Department of Justice later joined the case in support of the plaintiffs, arguing the law in question has chilled cooperation between local and federal law enforcement agencies in criminal investigations causing significant harm to law enforcement in Missouri.**

Under the “Second Amendment Preservation Act”, law enforcement agencies such as police and sheriff’s departments

whose officers assisted federal agencies in investigating and arresting alleged offenders for the specified federal gun crimes would be subject to a minimum \$50,000 civil fine per occurrence, with the money going to the alleged offenders who also would be entitled to attorney fees.

The law also subjects law enforcement agencies to fines merely for hiring any former federal agents who knowingly enforced or attempted to enforce the targeted federal gun laws or who knowingly gave material aid and support to such efforts after the law's June 12, 2021, effective date, even if they are not hired in a law enforcement capacity.

In its 6-1 ruling, the high court majority said Cole County Circuit Judge Dan Green erred when he determined the plaintiffs' legal claims weren't ripe for consideration. The majority ordered Green to consider the merits of plaintiffs' constitutional arguments. In a solo dissent, Judge Zel Fischer said the plaintiffs have alternate avenues to pursue their claims.

**Regardless of how the trial judge ultimately rules, the case is again expected to be appealed to the state Supreme Court.**

The case is *City of St. Louis, St. Louis County and Jackson County v. State of Missouri*.

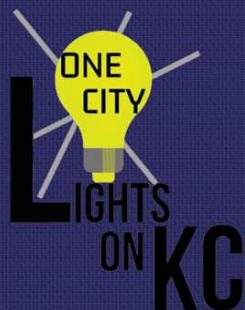
## **HOUSE APPROVES VACCINATION SUITS**

Legislation that would allow workers to sue their employers

over requiring vaccinations barely passed the House of Representatives on April 25 on a vote of 84-58, getting just two more “yes” votes than the 82 required to advance to the Senate for consideration.

**House Bill 1692 would create a legal cause of action for workers to sue their employers if they suffer a negative reaction to vaccinations to protect against any disease they are required to get as a condition of employment.**

The state’s major business groups all opposed the bill, prompting several Republican lawmakers to join Democrats in opposition. Democrats claimed that any injuries resulting from vaccinations required for employment already are covered by the state workers’ compensation laws.



**Friday, April 29  
2022 ● 6 - 10 pm**

**6:30-7:15 pm**

**“Walk With A Cop”**

- Food ●
- Soccer ●
- Kickball ●
- Volleyball ●
- Basketball ●
- FREE Library

**Books & Giveaways ●**

- Board Games ●
- Bounce House ●

**& More!**

**In case of rain, activities  
will be held inside.**

## **The Lights are Back On!!**

Join us as we relaunch  
“Lights On KC” - a community  
violence prevention initiative  
with safe recreational activities  
for youth/young adults.

**A free, outdoor event for  
Middle School Youth**

St. Regis Catholic Church, 8941 James A. Reed Rd,  
Kansas City, MO 64138

Registration & Waiver **REQUIRED** by emailing:  
**Concernedclergykc@gmail.com**  
or call: **816 497-4886**

**Parental Authorization & Release Must Be  
Submitted For Youth To Participate**

**For information, call 816 497-4886**

**Hosted by: The Hickman Mills Community  
Alliance (HMCA)**







# *Ribbon Cutting!*

Join us for the Grand Opening Celebration of the new  
**Boys & Girls Club at Smith-Hale Middle School**

*Named in honor of former State Senator  
**Shalonn "Kiki" Curls***

**Saturday, April 30, 2022, 10:30 a.m.**

9010A Old Santa Fe Road  
Kansas City, MO 64138



*Special remarks from Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City executives,  
Hickman Mills School District representatives, and City leaders.*

**RSVP to Jason Roth:**



**816-462-0132**



**[jroth@helpkckids.org](mailto:jroth@helpkckids.org)**



# MY HEART BELONGS TO THE MONARCHS



**WHAT:** MARCH OF THE MONARCHS

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 7th - 11:00 AM

**WHERE:** 1616 E. 18th ST Kansas City MO 64108 (NLBM)

Kansas City Monarch gear is encouraged! Kansas City Monarchs Shirts and Caps can be purchased inside the Extra Innings Gift Shop inside the NLBM.



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# GENESIS FAMILY & JOBS FAIR!

*A FREE EVENT OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!*

**Fri., May 13**  
**9am–2pm**

Genesis School, 3800 East 44th Street, Kansas City, MO 64130

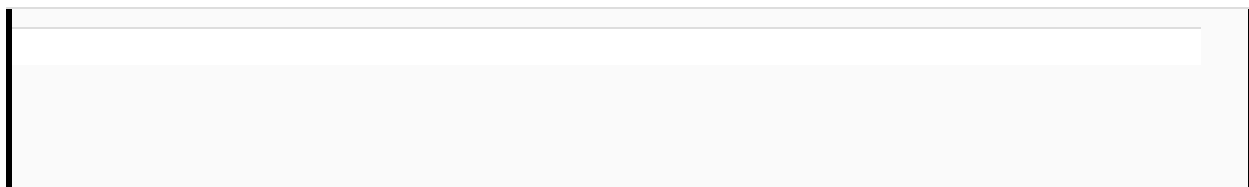
**Valuable resources from community partners for parents and community members featuring:**

- Apprentice Ready Program (Info on entering skilled trades)
- KCFD Local 42 (Info on jobs with K.C. Fire Dept.)
- Bare Essentials Home Care & Child Care (Employment/Jobs)
- Blessed Health & Home Care (Employment/Jobs)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Coco's Kid'z
- The Art of Dance — De Barker
- KC Digital Drive
- Black Health Care Coalition (Memory Screenings)
- MORE2 (Medicaid Expansion, Voter Registration & more)
- Essential Families (Mental Wellness)
- Greater Kansas City Black Nurses Association (COVID Update & Vaccination Recommendation)
- Kansas City Public Library
- Snacking Well (Healthy Nutritious Food)
- A. Phillip Randolph (Voter Registration & Rights)

**For information:**

Keith Brown, LINC Site Coordinator,  
kbrown@genesisschool.org, (816) 921-0775







# *Sixth District*

## Spring Clean Up Event

**May 14, 2022: 8 AM - NOON**

Join us for our annual Sixth District Clean up event that is open to all KCMO residents

### **Location:**

**Ruskin High School  
7000 E 111TH ST  
Kansas City, MO, 64134**

### **Accepted items:**

Bulky Items/Trash  
Leaf and Brush  
Tires  
Clothes  
Tools  
Document Shredding  
Electronic Collection

### **There will be a cash charge for electronic items listed below:**

- CRT monitors \$5/ea
- CRT TVs 26" or less \$30/ea
- CRT TVs 27" or greater \$50/ea
- Wood console & true big screen/projection TVs \$50/ea
- LED/LCD/Plasma TVs \$20/ea
- Any freon containing unit \$10/ea

### **Location:**

**South-Broadland Presbyterian  
7850 Holmes Rd  
Kansas City, MO, 64131**

### **Accepted items:**

Bulky Items/Trash  
Leaf and Brush  
Tires  
Document Shredding



**Councilmembers  
McManus & Bough**  
Sixth District



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**May 20th | 7:00 PM**

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# *Fifth District*

## CLEAN UP

**May 21, 2022 - 8 AM - NOON**

### LOCATIONS

- Southeast High School  
3500 E Meyer Blvd  
KCMO, 64132:  
Tires (with or without rims), trash,  
bulky items, leaf & brush, glass  
collections
- 3001 East 81st Street  
KCMO, 64132:  
Trash, bulky items, leaf & brush, tires
- 8800 Blue Ridge Blvd  
KCMO, 64138:  
Trash, bulky items
- Center Academy for Success  
8434 The Paseo  
KCMO, 64131:  
Tires (with or without rims), trash,  
bulky items, leaf & brush, glass  
collection, clothes, and tools, toys

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The COVID-19 pandemic has made internet access more important than ever. If you need internet access for work, school, job seeking, or accessing services, we may be able to help.

This program is open to people who live in the greater KC region. It is only open to households with limited incomes.

### It can help you:

- Find affordable internet service
- Pay off an old balance
- Get caught up on your current internet service
- Pay for internet service for six months

## Funds are limited. Apply Now!

Call **816-200-0599**, visit  
**<https://kcconnect.me>**  
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# Medicaid Enrollment

We can help!

**Kansas City Health Department**

2400 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO 64108

Every Tuesday 12:00pm - 4:00pm

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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 School District**, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. as long as food is left on the first 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.

**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 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.

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

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.

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