



Dear Neighbor,

KCMO residents with unwanted items they want to dispose of properly should take advantage of this spring's annual 6<sup>th</sup> Council District Cleanup from **8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 14**, with drop-off sites in the parking lots of **Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111<sup>th</sup> St. in my legislative district, & South-Broadland Presbyterian Church, 7850 Holmes Rd.**

**Both sites will accept bulky items such as old furniture, leaves & brush and tires for no charge, and free document shredding also will be available.**

**At the Ruskin site**, unwanted household items in good condition and working order also will be accepted for no charge. They will be donated to area Red Racks Thrift Stores operated by the Disabled American Veterans such as the one at 8026 Wornall Rd.

Gently used items accepted include appliances (blenders, coffee makers, microwaves & other small items), books, clothing, electronics (cell phones, stereos & other small items), furniture, houseware (dishes, silverware, pots & pans), linens,

musical instruments (no pianos or organs), shoes, sports equipment, tools, toys and TVs (with flat fronts and backs).

**Larger electronic items that need not be in working order also will be accepted at the Ruskin site** to allow recycling of some of their components, but there will be cash charges of \$5 for CRT monitors, \$10 for any item containing Freon, \$20 for LED/LCD/plasma TVs, \$30 for CRT TVs 26 inches or less and \$50 for CRT TVs 27 inches or more and wood console and big screen/projection TVs.

The cleanup is co-sponsored by 6<sup>th</sup> District Councilmembers Andrea Bough and Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, Community Assistance Council and South Kansas City Alliance.

I normally volunteer at the Ruskin site, but since this year's regular session of the Missouri General Assembly adjourns at 6 p.m. the day before, I'm not sure I'll be back in time to volunteer this spring. I'll plan on being there for the fall cleanup.

**Area residents who want at-home COVID 19 test kits can get them at no charge while supplies last at all Mid-Continent Public Library branches including the Blue Ridge, Grandview and Red Bridge branches in the southland.**

Each kit contains two nasal swab tests, and community members can pick up one kit per day when they visit their local library branch. A library card is not required.

**The free kits are furnished courtesy of Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center.**

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*



I had the opportunity to visit with a delegation from the Mattie Rhodes Center, a community development organization based

in northeast KCMO, during their visit to the capitol this week. Shown here, from left, are me, Director of Development & Communications Angela Cecena Brunner, President & CEO John Fierro, my colleague Rep. Emily Weber and former KCMO City Councilman and current KCMO Parks & Recreation Commissioner Scott Wagner.

## **WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE**

Friday, April 22nd, 2022

### **TAX CREDITS LIKELY DEAD IN SENATE**

The House of Representatives on April 21 voted 103-44 in favor of legislation to provide \$1 billion in economic recovery tax credits to Missouri taxpayers based on their 2021 Missouri income taxes.

The plan, however, is likely to die in the Senate, where lawmakers are in the process of allocating the state's current revenue surplus to address under-funded state programs.

**House Bill 3021 would give eligible taxpayers a one-time credit equal to the amount of Missouri income tax owed for**

**2021 up to \$500 for an individual and \$1,000 for married couples against their state income tax liability. If the sum of the credits exceeds \$1 billion, the credits would be reduced by a uniform percentage necessary to not exceed that amount.**

**The legislation likely won't progress, however, since the Senate Appropriations Committee already has allocated much of the general revenue surplus HB 3021 would use for tax credits.**

The House also approved three additional budget bills that would provide a combined \$1.38 billion in spending authority for various capital improvement needs. The Senate is expected to approve those bills with likely changes.

## **SENATE COMMITTEE OKAYS BUDGET BILLS**

With just over two weeks until the constitutional deadline for approving the budget, the Senate Appropriations Committee on April 20 approved most of the bills that make up the state operating budget for the 2023 fiscal year. The full Senate could begin debating the bills as early as April 25.

**Once the bills pass the upper chamber, negotiations can begin with the House of Representatives, which has approved a version of the budget calling for \$46.52 billion in spending, while leaving at least \$1.8 billion in available revenue unallocated.**

The total amount of spending authority approved by the Senate

committee wasn't immediately clear but is expected to be well in excess of \$47 billion.

**One key Senate change is to provide an additional \$214 million to fully fund the state's share of local public school districts' student transportation costs, something the state hasn't done in three decades. The Senate also approved a \$27 million plan requested by the governor, but rejected by the House, to increase minimum public school teacher pay to \$38,000 a year.**

Although the Appropriations Committee advanced the 13 bills that typically make up the operating budget, this year there is an additional bill allocating federal pandemic relief funds. The Senate panel has yet to act on it but is expected to do so in the next few days. While the governor requested \$3.12 billion in spending from those funds, the House trimmed it to \$2.58 billion.

**Lawmakers must grant final passage to the budget bills by 6 p.m. on May 6. If they fail to approve some or all of the bills by the deadline, the governor would be forced to call a special legislative session for lawmakers to pass the remaining bills before the new state fiscal year begins July 1.**

## **SENATE PASSES SCHOOL FUNDING CHANGE**

The Senate on April 20 voted 29-5 to pass compromise legislation that would change how charter schools are funded.



The bill returns to the House of Representatives, which approved a radically different version of it more than a month ago.

The House can grant final passage to the Senate version or seek to negotiate an alternate version of the bill.

**Charter schools are public schools that operate independently from their local school districts and are exempt from many state education regulations. At present, they are allowed to operate only in Kansas City and St. Louis.**

As passed by the lower chamber, House Bill 1552 would have redirected millions of dollars in state funding from the Kansas City and St. Louis school districts to the charter schools in their jurisdictions.

**The Senate compromise would modify the statutory formula for distributing state funding to local schools so that charter schools would receive additional funding without reducing the amount of money going to local school districts. The plan would cost about \$62 million more in funding for the upcoming fiscal year.**

The Senate version also includes reforms on how charter schools operate, including requiring that they be run by not-for-profit entities and that board members be Missouri residents. In addition, the bill also includes changes to how on-line virtual schools must operate.



## **SENATE APPROVES PROPERTY TAX LIMITS**

The Senate on April 21 passed a pair of proposed constitutional amendments aimed at limiting property taxes. The measures now advance to the House of Representatives. If approved by both chambers, they automatically would go on the Nov. 8 ballot for separate voter consideration.

**Senate Joint Resolution 39 would give the legislature the authority to limit the amount by which the tax assessment on residential property could increase over the prior assessment. It passed on a vote of 27-7.**

**Senate Joint Resolution 41 would allow each county, plus St. Louis City, to adopt local ordinances exempting those age 65 or older from paying property taxes on their homes. It passed on a vote of 29-2.**

# YOUTH SPEAK: VIOLENCE



**LISTEN TO OUR YOUTH SPEAK ABOUT  
SHARING INSIGHT AND INFORMATION  
ABOUT VIOLENCE, VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
AND THE ASSISTANCE NEEDED IN ORDER  
TO FEEL SAFE IN KANSAS CITY.**

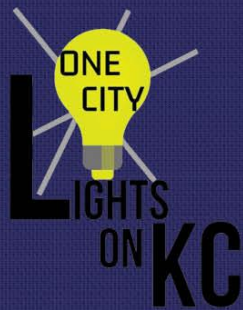
**WEDNESDAY APRIL 27, 2022**

**TIME: 4:30PM - 6:00PM**

**LOCATION: 1522 HOLMES ST.  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64108**

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**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

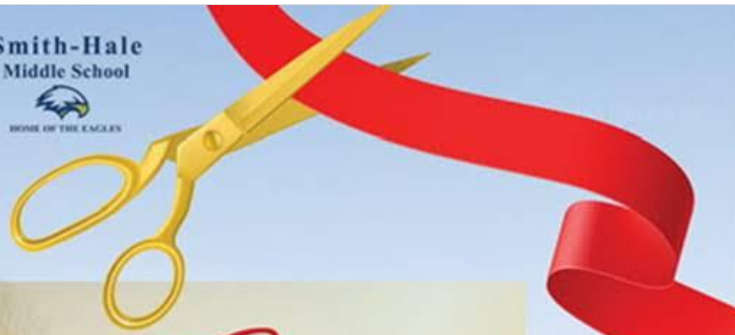
Registration & Waiver **REQUIRED** by emailing:  
**Concernedclergykc@gmail.com**  
or call: **816 497-4886**

**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**

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

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**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@helpckids.org](mailto:jroth@helpckids.org)**



# 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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## Need Help Paying for Internet?

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>**  
or scan this code with your  
mobile device. Some  
restrictions apply.



# Medicaid Enrollment

We can help!

**Kansas City Health Department**

2400 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO 64108

Every Tuesday 12:00pm - 4:00pm

## FREE assistance

from experts with

**KC Care Health Center & Swope Health**

(Since Medicaid was expanded to include more people,  
you could be eligible!)



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## SPORTS, COOKING & ARTS

Every Wednesday Night  
5:00 - 7:30 PM

- Open to Ages 8-13
- Dinner Provided

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# KIDS EAT FREE



## MEAL DISTRIBUTION

- CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT -

**UNITED BELIEVERS COMMUNITY CHURCH  
5600 E. 112 TERRACE, KCMO 64134**

**FRIDAY'S 3PM - 6PM**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT 314.701.7245 OR EMAIL US  
AT [KIDSEATFREE@INFLUENCECHURCH.COM](mailto:KIDSEATFREE@INFLUENCECHURCH.COM)

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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.



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with any feedback, questions or ideas!**