



Dear Neighbor,

Please save the date for this fall's 6th Council District neighborhood cleanup from **8 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 2**, with the usual drop off sites at the parking lots of **Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St., and South-Broadland Presbyterian Church, 7850 Holmes Rd.**

There is no charge for KCMO residents to drop off bulky items such as old furniture, leaves & brush, tires with or without rims and trash at both sites, and free document shredding is available at both sites.

Electronics also may be dropped off at the Ruskin site, but there are different charges for various items that are listed on the attached flyer.

Persons may contact Robert Woods at the City Neighborhoods & Community Services Department at 816-513-8442 for more information.

The events are co-sponsored by 6th District City Council members Andrea Bough and Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, Community Assistance Council and South Kansas City Alliance.

There also is a document shredding and electronics recycling event sponsored by the Urban Ranger Corps from **9 a.m. to noon Saturday, September 11**, in the parking lot of **St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 2 E. 75th St.** Persons may enter the parish parking lot from 74th St. between Main and Wyandotte.

The only charge for the service is \$20 to \$25 for TVs and \$15 for all

monitors. Donations will be accepted to support the Urban Rangers program which gives boys and young men from 12 to 18 the opportunity to develop the life skills necessary to become successful and contributing members of society.

See the attached flyer for details on what types of electronics will be accepted.

Persons are asked to wear masks at all of these events.

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

WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, August 27, 2021

ATTORNEY GENERAL TARGETS MASK MANDATES

Attorney General Eric Schmitt filed a lawsuit on Aug. 24 seeking to block Missouri public schools from enforcing mask requirements designed to keep students, faculty and staff safe as the COVID-19 delta variant continues to sweep through the state.

Schmitt has made his legal efforts to thwart local government responses to the continuing pandemic a central component of his campaign for the Republican nomination for a U.S. Senate seat that's up for election in 2022.

The lawsuit, filed in Boone County Circuit Court, directly challenges the mask mandate adopted by the Columbia Public Schools. However, Schmitt is seeking class-action status so that a ruling in his favor also would apply to all other Missouri school districts.

In the lawsuit, Schmitt said he “seeks to protect the welfare of Missouri’s children and the liberty and constitutional rights of the people of Missouri.”

The latest guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends universal indoor masking in schools, including for vaccinated adults. At present, none of the three COVID-19 vaccinations in widespread use in the U.S. have been approved for children under age 12, putting them at particular risk.

Although children appeared less susceptible to COVID-19 early in the pandemic, infection rates among children have soared with the highly contagious delta variant.

As The Kansas City Star and other news outlets reported, White House Press Secretary Jennifer Psaki, during an Aug. 24 media briefing, sharply criticized the lawsuit for putting children at risk. “The president thinks that’s completely unacceptable,” Psaki said.

As the current school year – the third impacted by the pandemic – gets underway, at least 50 Missouri school districts have adopted mask requirements to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Critics contend Schmitt’s lawsuit, if successful, greatly increases the likelihood of more school districts being forced to shift from in-person

instruction to on-line learning in order to contain outbreaks.

As of Aug. 25, no hearing date had been set in the case, *State of Missouri ex rel. Eric Schmitt v. Columbia Public Schools*.

So far, Schmitt has not requested a temporary restraining order prohibiting enforcement of mask mandates while the case is adjudicated, which could take months. As a result, such requirements will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

MOST NEW LAWS TAKE EFFECT AUG. 28

Most of the new state laws the Missouri General Assembly enacted during this year's regular legislative session will take effect Aug. 28, including high-profile measures relating to taxation and policing.

Some of these measures have later effective dates for certain of their provisions and emergency clauses for other provisions that made those provisions effective immediately when the governor signed those bills into law earlier this summer.

Senate Bill 262 gradually increases Missouri's fuel tax, which has been set at 17 cents per gallon since 1996, by an additional 12.5 cents over several years. The first of five 2.5-cent increases will kick in Oct. 1. When fully implemented, the increase is expected to generate around \$500 million a year in additional revenue for state and local transportation projects.

Missouri currently has one of the nation's lowest state fuel taxes and one of the nation's largest highway systems.

Another tax measure, **Senate Bill 153**, makes it easier for local governments and the state to collect sales taxes for online purchases that already were due under statute but rarely paid which gave out-of-state online vendors an advantage over vendors that sold their products at stores here in Missouri. Missouri was the last state in the nation to enact such legislation.

The bill also authorizes future cuts to state income taxes if certain revenue collection thresholds are triggered and creates a state-level earned income tax credit to benefit working Missourians.

Senate Bill 26 enacts detailed procedures law enforcement agencies must follow when considering disciplinary action against any officer; bans probation for dangerous felonies if the victim is an on-duty law enforcement officer, fire fighter or emergency service provider; allows taxpayers to seek court injunctions to prevent political subdivisions from decreasing the budgets of their law enforcement agencies over 12% more than the aggregate budgets of other departments over a five-year period; and requires law enforcement agencies to track and report use-of-force incidents.

It bans the state supervisor of liquor control from prohibiting persons from participating in the sale of alcohol because of prior felony convictions.

The bill also includes the sentencing reform amendment I sponsored that allows young offenders sentenced to imprisonment for 15 years or more for an offense or multiple offenses committed when they were under 18 to be eligible to apply for parole after being imprisoned for 15 years. It does not apply to young offenders convicted of first degree or capital murder.

The need for this reform, which will give numerous once young offenders currently incarcerated in Missouri the opportunity to seek a second chance, came to my attention when I became aware of the case of Bobby Bostic who was sentenced to 241 years in prison for multiple offenses that occurred one night in 1995 when as a troubled 16-year-old he accompanied an older youth who later admitted he instigated the crimes that did not include any homicides. Bostic's sentences were imposed consecutively, so without my amendment he would not have been eligible to apply for parole unless he lives to be 112 years old.

Senate Bill 53, institutes wide-ranging criminal justice reforms by prohibiting police from using respiratory chokeholds unless they are defending themselves or another person from serious physical injury or death, requiring law enforcement agencies to track and report use-of-force incidents (**as also required by SB 26**), increasing penalties for officers who have sexual contact with those in their custody, requiring CEOs of law enforcement agencies to check the circumstances of why an officer they intend to hire left any previous agency and granting prosecutors more authority to ask a court to overturn past wrongful convictions when there is clear and convincing evidence of a person's innocence.

The bill strengthens the law against stalking, allows persons to obtain lifetime orders of protection if a court finds someone poses a serious danger to them or a minor member of their household and protects the confidentiality of tips to crime stoppers organizations.

It also eliminates a requirement that Kansas City police officers and other department employees reside within the city limits, although it allows the Board of Police Commissioners to require that they live within 30 miles of the nearest city boundary and within the state.

Other significant legislation taking effect, some of which received little media coverage, includes:

Senate Bill 63 which creates a statewide prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) to help prevent abuse of opioid pain killers, making Missouri the last state in the nation to enact such a law. The state program will replace a regional PDMP network started by St. Louis County several years ago in response to the legislature's inaction that ultimately grew to include about 90% of Missouri's population.

House Bill 349, which provides dollar for dollar state tax credits for donors who contribute to nonprofit organizations to fund scholarships for students to attend private K-12 schools. Only students in more populous cities and counties may apply for the scholarships. This legislation would have reduced state revenue up to \$50 million annually that later could have been adjusted for inflation up to a cap of \$75 million. However, the legislature later approved **Senate Bill 86** which included a superseding provision limited the tax credits to \$25 million a year to start, with a subsequent \$50 million annual cap.

Senate Bill 51, which grants blanket immunity from most lawsuits related to COVID-19 exposure or harm to businesses, health care providers, nursing homes and religious institutions. It provides that businesses and health care providers can only be found liable for COVID-19 exposure or harm if they engaged in "recklessness or willful misconduct", and religious organizations can only be found liable for "intentional misconduct".

House Bill 297, which removes an existing statutory cap on how much public colleges and universities may increase tuition each year and allows college athletes to financially benefit for the use of their names and likenesses,

notwithstanding NCAA rules to the contrary.

A handful of other bills passed this year containing emergency clauses, meaning they took effect the moment the governor signed them into law.

One such measure, **House Bill 557**, makes previously unregulated religious boarding schools subject to state regulation and requires them to follow basic safety requirements such as submitting to fire, safety and health inspections and maintaining medical records for all residents. It also requires the schools to conduct background checks on all employees and volunteers and to guarantee that parents have access to their children.

South Carolina is now the only state in the nation to completely exempt religious boarding schools from state regulation.

New Missouri ‘to-go’ alcohol sales law takes effect Aug. 28

Senate Bill 126 also extends hours for alcohol sales on Sundays to between 6 a.m. Sunday and 1:30 a.m.

Monday

JEFFERSON CITY – The waiver that allowed Missouri restaurants to sell “to-go” alcoholic drinks beginning on April 14, 2020, in response to the coronavirus pandemic, will become permanent when Senate Bill 126 takes effect on Aug. 28. The administrative waiver was granted because many restaurants were severely strained as business dropped off or shifted to take out during 2020. In Missouri, unless they contain an emergency provision, most new laws take effect on Aug. 28.

Before the waiver, to-go alcohol had to be sold in its original package. The

new law means that mixed drinks can be sold for off-premises consumption provided:

- The alcohol container is durable, leak-proof, and sealable, and does not exceed 128 ounces;
- The customer must have ordered and purchased a meal simultaneous with the liquor purchase;
- No more than two alcohol drinks may be sold per meal serving;
- The licensee must provide a dated receipt for the meal and alcohol beverage(s); and
- The sealed alcohol container must either be:
 - Placed in a one-time-use, tamperproof, transparent bag which must be securely sealed, or;
 - The container opening must be sealed with tamperproof tape.

The law does not allow liquor licensees to sell mixed drinks in typical “to-go” cups or other containers having a lid with a sipping hole or an opening for straws.

Senate Bill 126 also extends the hours during which alcohol can be sold by the drink and at package stores on Sundays. Liquor licensees permitted to make Sunday sales will legally be able to sell alcohol from 6 a.m. Sunday until 1:30 a.m. Monday, the same hours that apply during the rest of the week.

COVID-19 Testing Clinic Resources (Free)

Every Monday & Thursday- 11am-7pm
Heavy Construction Laborers

7820 Prospect
KCMO, 64132

Every Saturday- 11:00am-7:00am

Teamsters
4501 Emmanuel Cleaver II Blvd
KCMO, 64130

Hope Faith

705 Virginia Ave
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat, 7:30am-2pm
Thursday- 7:30am-1pm
816-471-4673

Samuel U. Rodgers

825 Euclid Ave
Mon, Tues- 8am-5pm
Wednesday- 7am-12pm
Thurs & Friday- 8am-5pm
816-889-4795

Outside Vaccine Clinics

KC CARE Clinic

-St. John Bosco (526 Campbell, KCMO, 64106)
• Tuesdays 9am-3pm

Samuel U. Rodgers (825 Euclid Ave, KCMO, 64124)

- Wednesdays 8am-4pm
- 816-889-4795

Swope Health (3801 Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd, KCMO, 64130)

- Monday-Friday 8:30am-12pm & 1pm-4pm
- 816-923-5800

Saint Luke's Primary Care

12+**Barry RD Location**

- 5844 NW Barry RD Ste 110, KCMO, 64154
- MWF 8am-4pm

****Appointments scheduled online at saintlukeskc.org**

18+**Plaza Location**

- 4321 Washington St. Ste 3000, KCMO, 64111
- MWF 8am-4pm

****Appointments scheduled online at saintlukeskc.org**

Kansas City Public Libraries**Plaza Library** (4801 Main St)

- Tuesdays 10am-2pm

Waldo Library (201 E. 75TH St)

- Wednesdays 2pm-6pm

NE Library (6000 Wilson Ave)

- Thursdays 12pm-6pm

Homebound Vaccinations

KC Shepherd's Center

816-444-1121 x109

Danielle Wootton

BANDS *on* Byars

AUGUST 28, 2021

GRANDVIEW AMPHITHEATER

13501 Byars Road, Grandview

GATES OPEN AT 3:00 PM

MUSIC FROM 3:30 PM - 9:45 PM



Liverpool (Beatles tribute) ~ 3:30 - 5:15 PM

2nd House (Rock, Country & Pop) ~ 5:30 - 7:30 PM

JJ and the All Stars (Dance) ~ 7:45 - 9:45 PM

Fireworks to close out the evening!

(*Sponsored by Black Cat*)

Join us for this fun, FREE, family friendly, outdoor music event.

This year's event will include a Kidz Zone, food trucks and

beverage concessions will be available for sale at the event.

Those attending are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs or

blankets for seating. No outside coolers, outside beverages or

pets will be allowed within the perimeters of the concert. For

more information about Bands on Byars contact the

Grandview Chamber of Commerce at 816-761-6505

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CORRECTION: Invitation for public comment on Low-Income Assistance Program Plans

The Department of Social Services is asking the public, stakeholders, and legislators for comments and suggestions regarding the [Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program State Plan](#) and the [Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program State Plan](#) both of which outline upcoming goals for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022.

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will serve eligible individuals through the help of local Community Action Agencies or other non-profit organizations. Individuals with home energy bills or water and waste-water bills who are at or below 60 percent of the State Median Income (SMI) may be eligible for help through LIHEAP or LIHWAP. For a family of four, 60 percent of the SMI would be a monthly income of \$4,252 or a yearly income of \$51,021.

Review LIHWAP State Plan

For more information about LIHWAP and the services available, review the [LIHWAP State Plan](#). Comments regarding the LIHWAP State Plan should be sent by email to:

FSD.LIHWAP@dss.mo.gov

Use the subject line

“LIHWAP State Plan Comments”

Deadline:

Comments must be submitted no later than 5 pm on September 8, 2021 for consideration.

LIHWAP Virtual Public Meeting

A virtual public meeting to respond to questions and comments about the LIHWAP State Plan will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on September 9, 2021. To participate, click the following link: “**Join WebEx Meeting**” and follow instructions. The call-in number is **650-479-3207**. The meeting number (access code) is **1778 89 0297** and the password is **ybHVBXJt272**.

Review LIHEAP State Plan

For more information about LIHEAP and the services available, review the [LIHEAP State Plan](#). Comments regarding the LIHWAP State Plan should be sent by email to:

fsd.liheap@dss.mo.gov

Use the subject line

“LIHEAP State Plan Comments”

Deadline:

Comments must be submitted no later than 5 pm on September 10, 2021 for consideration.

LIHEAP Virtual Public Meeting

A virtual public meeting to respond to questions and comments about the LIHEAP State Plan will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on September 13, 2021. To participate, click the following link: “**Join WebEx Meeting**” and follow the instructions. The call-in number is **1-650-479-3207**. The meeting number (access code) is **1775 36 2478** and the password is **YkW7gyEdp52**.

For more information about LIHEAP and the services available, visit the [DSS website](#).

More Information

If you need information on SNAP, Medicaid, Child Care Subsidy, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit programs, visit dss.mo.gov.

You can also apply for these services 24/7 online by visiting myDSS.mo.gov, sending completed applications and verification documents by email to FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov, or by fax to 573-526-9400.

Our Mission:

Empower Missourians to live safe, healthy, and productive lives.

ONE ENTRY = ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL SUBSEQUENT DRAWINGS

* WINNERS MAY NOT WIN MORE THAN ONE TIME *

How to Enter

Missourians can enter to win using our secure online form at MOStopsCovid.com/win. Those unable to enter online can call (877) 435-8411.

We will not automatically enter Missourians who have been vaccinated. You must enter separately.

Winner Prizes & Categories

The Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services will partner with the Missouri Lottery to draw 180 winners in 5 randomized drawings who will win either \$10,000 cash or \$10,000 towards an education savings account. In total, the state will award 900 individuals throughout the incentive program.

Red Pool

Missourians 18+

If you are a Missourian 18 years of age or older and received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine **after July 21, 2021**, you may register for a chance to win \$10,000 in the red category.

White Pool

Missourians 18+

If you are a Missourian 18 years of age or older and received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine **before July 21, 2021**, you may register for a chance to win \$10,000 in the white category.

Blue Pool

Missourians 12 to 17

If you are a Missourian between the ages of 12 to 17, you may register for a chance to win a \$10,000 education savings account through the Missouri State Treasurer's MOST 529 program.

Drawing Timeline

Vaccinated individuals only need to enter one time to be eligible for all drawings that occur after the date their entry is received.

ENTRY DEADLINE AT 11:59 P.M.

DRAWING DATES

DRAW #1	AUGUST 11, 2021	AUGUST 13, 2021
DRAW #2	AUGUST 25, 2021	AUGUST 27, 2021
DRAW #3	SEPTEMBER 8, 2021	SEPTEMBER 10, 2021
DRAW #4	SEPTEMBER 22, 2021	SEPTEMBER 24, 2021
DRAW #5	OCTOBER 6, 2021	OCTOBER 8, 2021

Questions?

Translation services available online and by phone

COVID-19 Website
MOStopsCovid.com



COVID-19 Hotline
(877) 435-8411

THE URBAN RANGERS CORPS



SHREDDING EVENT

St. Elizabeth Church
2 East 75th Street, Kansas City, MO 64114
Saturday, September 11, 2021
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

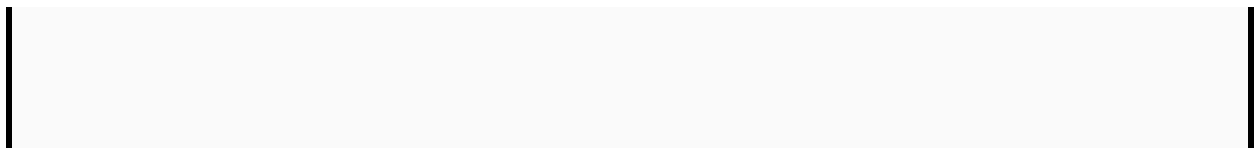
Shredding will be done in the parking lot behind St. Elizabeth's Parish at 75th and Main. Entrance to parking lot is off of 74th St. Participants should head north on Main, and turn West onto 74th Street (only way they can turn) and then follow directions given by Rangers and staff.

Shredding

Bring up to 5 bags/boxes of your old documents. The rangers will help you unload them and take them to the truck for shredding. You can watch it get shredded.

Electronic Equipment

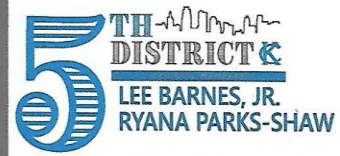
- Televisions: \$20 for tube televisions and \$25 for wooden console and DLP-rear projection sets
- ALL Monitors \$15 each
- Desktop computers
- Laptops
- Tablets
- Printers
- Copiers
- Fax Machines
- Scanners
- Keyboards, mice, and other peripherals
- Cell Phones
- Phone systems
- Video games & video game equipment
- Batteries (including vehicle batteries)
- UPS battery backups
- Stereos
- Blue-ray/DVD players/VCR
- Portable music players (iPods, MPC players, etc.)
- Alarm clocks
- Speakers
- Radio equipment
- Calculators
- Network equipment (modems, Routers, etc.)
- Cables, cords, and power supplies
- Electronic musical equipment (sound pedals, electric instruments)
- Recording equipment (sound boards, digital recorders)
- Power tools
- Microwaves
- Toasters
- Large appliances
- Metal scrap
- Basically anything with a circuit board.





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PUBLIC WORKS



Marlborough East Shredder Event

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

8AM-NOON

80TH AND CHESTNUT AVE, KCMO, 64132 (PARKING LOT)

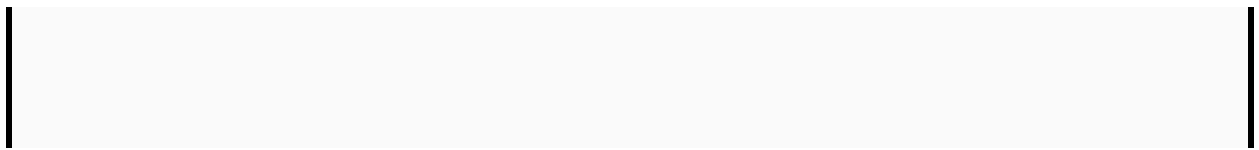
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL KCMO RESIDENTS
UNLIMITED NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS SHREDDED ON-SITE



MASK HAVE TO BE ON AT ALL TIMES



CONTACT ROBERT WOODS AT 816-513-8442
FOR ANY QUESTIONS





**Free
Family
Fun!**

Commemorating the Bicentennial of the

SANTA FE TRAIL

200 Years of Commerce, Conflict and Culture



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
10AM – 4PM**

**Trailside Center, 99th & Holmes Rd.
Kansas City, Missouri**

- ❖ **Music from Prairie Dulcimer Club**
- ❖ **Exhibits including period quilts**
- ❖ **Historical speakers, including Col. Alexander Majors**

Santa Fe Trail logo used with permission of SFTA.

Background Photo: Santa Fe Trail Swales at Minor Park, Red Bridge Rd., Kansas City, MO.



Good Evening, I pray that all is well with you. It is that time again where we build on our efforts to show the community that we care.

Last year, we convened our resources together and served hundreds of families in the Hickman Mills Community with our Back to School and Christmas Events.

This year, the needs of our community are great. As we endeavor to build sustainability and empowerment, we will synchronize those efforts with acts of compassion that simply show that "We Care".

Therefore, this year, the Because We Care Partnership has planned three events:

- Because We Care: Back To School Giveaway
September 19th
- Because We Care: Thanksgiving Giveaway
November 20th
- Because We Care: Christmas Giveaway
December 18th

Our First event on the 19th will be held as a "Campus Style" experience using three locations:

1. Ruskin High School: Essential Items-
(Personal and Household)
2. Christian Charity Church: Grooming-
Boys Haircuts, Children's Underwear and Socks
3. Bethel Family Worship Center: Healthcare-
COVID Vaccines (12yrs and Up),
Health Screenings and Surveys

Our Goal is to serve 5,000 people. This goal is as needed as it is lofty. However, because of partners and sponsors like you, we have proven that we can do all things.

We will need donations, volunteers and your prayers as we reach OUR COMMUNITY. Please click on the

Partner/Sponsor link below and let us know how we can synergize. Also, please send us your logo no later than Monday, August 30th so we can include you on all of the marketing materials. Please feel free to share this email and the link to other potential sponsors.

[Partner/Sponsor Sign Up Form](#)

Thank you in Advance,
Rev. Dennis Lester
Bethel Family Worship Center
Hickman Mills Community Empowerment Center
Because We Care Initiative

Sixth District

Fall Clean Up Event

October 2, 2021: 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

Location:

South-Broadland Presbyterian
7850 Holmes Rd
KANSAS CITY, MO, 64131

Accepted items:

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

Accepted items:

Bulky Items/Trash
Leaf and Brush
Tires
Document Shredding

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



Councilmembers
McManus & Bough
Sixth District



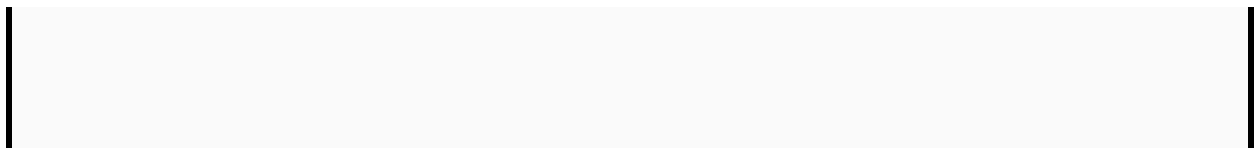
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Save THE DATE

URBAN SUMMIT

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6TH 2021

Is Equity
Enough?

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE- PENN VALLEY CAMPUS

3201 SOUTHWEST TRAFFIC WAY KANSAS CITY, MO 64111

PHONE: 816.241.0408



August 27, 2021

Please forward and share this information.

September Food Appointments Available

CAC has food appointments available 9 to 2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, plus 4 to 6 pm Wednesday, Sept. 1, and 9 am to noon, Saturday, Sept. 18. 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. Appointments are encouraged but drive-ups are acceptable if you see the red "Pantry Open" sign outside.

Need Basic Documents? Contact CAC

Missing a social security card, birth certificate, driver's license or state ID can be a barrier to jobs, services, housing, school or next steps to your future. Julie at CAC, 816-763-3277 x 110, can help obtain those documents.

HMC-1 Families, Sign Up to Get Empowered!

What would you need to help support your children's well-being and mental health, reduce your stress, further your education, improve your job and income and help stabilize your housing ? CAC's FREE Empower program is designed to help with many of these needs and more. Hickman Mills families can sign up now!

Empower provides long-term case management to help parents and their students develop and reach goals around emotional well-being and mental wellness, budgeting, housing stability, education and jobs, and more. The best part? The program has funds available for not only some emergency needs, but tuition and other costs to help parents further their education or get a better job, or support students with summer and after-school activities, just as examples. Call or email Shari at 816-763-3277 x 105, shari.simmermon@cackc.org if interested in the program.

Empower is a partnership of CAC, Hickman Mills C-1, Children's Services Fund of Jackson County and United Way.

Sixth District Fall Clean Up Oct. 2

Save the Date for 8 am to noon, Oct. 2 Sixth District Fall Clean Up at Ruskin High School and South Broadland Presbyterian Church. Download the flyer [HERE](#).

Thank You for Supporting CAC at Trivia Night

Look for photos and details in the next newsletter. For now, a HUGE thank you to all sponsors, donors, team members and volunteers of CAC's Aug. 12 Trivia Night.

CAC Needs Your Input!

Please click on and fill out this short survey, link [HERE](#), to help Community Assistance Council plan for classes, programs and services, and communicate with the SKC community as effectively as possible.

We've got some exciting plans ahead, but we want to make sure we can share out information and accommodate when and how people would attend classes and programs as best we can. It's short and anonymous. Thanks for your feedback!



Important SNAP/Food Stamp dates to remember

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is taking extra steps to keep SNAP/Food Stamp recipients aware of upcoming changes and to ease the return to regular SNAP program benefits and operation.

*Starting October 1, 2021, regular SNAP benefit amounts will increase. The regular SNAP maximum benefit amount a family of four can receive in September (which includes the temporary 15 percent increase) is \$782 and starting October 1, that amount increases to \$835.

How to apply for SNAP benefits

For your ease, you can apply for SNAP benefits 24/7 online by visiting [MyDSS.mo.gov](https://myDSS.mo.gov), or sending a completed application and verification documents by email to FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov, or by fax to 573-526-9400.

Holiday Closure

Family Support Division Resource Center locations and the Customer Service Center will be closed on Monday, September 6 to observe Memorial Day and will resume normal hours on Tuesday, September 7.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- It is important for you to report to the Family Support Division (FSD) if you now have an income above the maximum limit (contact information below).
- If you are an able-bodied adult without a dependent, you must report any change in your circumstances to FSD (contact information below).

Questions

- Visit myDSS.mo.gov to start a chat and get immediate answers to basic questions that are not specific to your case 24 hours a day.
- Call the FSD Information Line at **855-FSD-INFO** or (855-373-4636) Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Our Mission:

Empower Missourians to live safe, healthy, and productive lives.

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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