



Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 Men's FIFA World Cup Soccer Tournament is coming to Kansas City! I would like to take some time to breakdown exactly what that means for our great city.

The United States, Canada and Mexico are the host countries for the 2026 Men's FIFA World Cup Soccer Tournament. Among these three countries there were 16 venues selected in different metropolitan areas.

**Our beloved Arrowhead Stadium in KCMO was one of those venues.**

There are ten other host metropolitan areas in the US for this tournament as well: Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York/New Jersey, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Seattle. (Most much larger than our area.)

The host metropolitan areas in Canada are Toronto and Vancouver, and the host areas in Mexico are Guadalajara, Mexico City and Monterrey.

**The World Cup draws far more fans than any other sporting event in the world. This is the first World Cup played across three different host countries.**

This will be much more than just a great thrill for area soccer fans, and much more than a major boost for the amateur and professional soccer teams in our area and for the sport itself.

**The impact this will have on our city and region - both economically and for our image throughout the world - are huge!**

Tens of thousands of people from around the globe will be traveling into our modern new airport terminal to watch the games in June & July 2026 at Arrowhead. . One study estimated the economic impact for the Kansas City area could be between \$160 and \$620 million, dwarfing the impact of hosting the Super Bowl.

This is huge win for our entire metropolitan area, and I'm happy to have proudly voted for legislation (Senate Bill 652 sponsored by area State Senator John Rizzo) that exempted tickets to the 2026 World Cup games here from sales tax which was considered essential for winning the intense competition to be one of the American host areas.

Now that session is over, this is the perfect time to start looking into what bills or legislative priorities I can spearhead in next year's legislative session. If you have any suggestions on what those could be, please respond back to this email.

**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*

## **WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE**

Monday, June 20, 2022

### **PARSON SIGNS BILL LIMITING EMINENT DOMAIN**

Building large-scale power transmission lines across Missouri will be more difficult in the future under legislation Gov. Mike Parson signed into law June 11 that aims to provide farm owners with more protections against having their land taken by eminent domain.

**The legislation, House Bill 2005, originally was the latest attempt in a long effort by some rural lawmakers to block the Grain Belt Express, a 780-mile transmission line to carry energy generated by wind turbines in Kansas across Missouri and Illinois to a power grid in Indiana.**

After lengthy court battles, Missouri regulators finally approved the project several years ago, pushing the fight to the legislature, where opponents sought to block eminent domain from being used to acquire the necessary land.

**However, the competing sides ultimately struck a compromise under which Grain Belt can proceed under the existing rules, but future projects will face much more stringent regulations before receiving the authority to invoke eminent domain.**

In addition, companies will have to pay property owners 150% of the fair market value to acquire agricultural land in the future.

## **GOVERNOR SIGNS EDUCATION BILL INTO LAW**

Gov. Mike Parson signed an omnibus education bill into law on June 16 that includes:

- Requiring public schools at all levels to provide instruction in computer science and computational thinking;
- Authorizing tax credits to licensed physicians who provide community-based training to medical students; and
- Allowing the state to reimburse more of the tuition costs of students who receive college credit for courses they take in high school, among other education-related sections.

**Senate Bill 718 sponsored by state Sen. Barbara Anne Washington, D-Kansas City, originally was limited to officially designating the third week of September each year as “Historically Black Colleges and Universities” week in the state. Missouri is home to two HBCUs – Lincoln University in Jefferson City and Harris-Stowe State College in St. Louis.**

However, the House of Representatives greatly expanded the bill.

**The measure also tweaks statutory provisions allowing college athletes to profit from use of their name, image and**

**likeness.**

**In addition, the bill establishes a “Workforce Diploma Program” to allow students to obtain a high school diploma with an emphasis on technical skills.**

SB 718 will take effect Aug. 28.

## **PARSON POISED TO APPOINT TWO JUDGES**

Two members of the Missouri Court of Appeals Southern District are retiring, with Judge Gary Lynch having stepped down June 18 and Judge William Francis, Jr., leaving July 31.

**When Gov. Mike Parson appoints their replacements he will have picked four of the seven judges on the Southern District bench and 12 members of the overall state Court of Appeals, which consists of 32 judges spread across three districts.**


The Southern District is based in Springfield and hears cases from 44 Missouri counties.

Lynch, a 2006 appointee, resigned a day before reaching the mandatory judicial retirement age of 70. He was the fourth-longest tenured judge serving on the Court of Appeals. Francis was appointed to the court in 2010.

**Under the Missouri Constitution, the seven-member Appellate Judicial Commission submits the names of three finalists for a judicial vacancy to the governor, who must appoint one of them or forfeit the selection to the**

## **commission.**

The commission plans to announce the finalists for the Lynch vacancy Aug. 23, according to a news release. Once the governor makes his selection, the commission will then announce the finalists to replace Francis.

A colorful poster for a community event. The background is light blue with confetti. Large, bubbly pink letters spell out 'SNOW CONES'. Below it, 'WITH A COP' is written in blue. In the top left, a green pill-shaped bubble says 'BRING THE' and a purple pill-shaped bubble says 'FAMILY TO'. On the right, a yellow rectangular box contains the text 'DOLLAR GENERAL'. Below this box, the event details are listed in black text. At the bottom, a photo shows several snow cones in white cups with red and blue toppings. The overall theme is a family-friendly community gathering.

**DOLLAR GENERAL**

**When: June 23rd**  
**Where: 551 E 99<sup>th</sup> St. Kansas City, MO 64131**

**Come Enjoy A Cold Snow Cone  
With A Few Real Life Heroes  
and Life 88.5 Radio**

**Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm**



# POOL

**A FREE POOL PARTY FOR  
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**



**FRIDAY  
JUNE 24TH**

**6:30 - 9:30 PM**

**WOODSON ESTATES POOL  
6139 LARSON AVE  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64133**

Parental Authorization & Release **MUST** be submitted for  
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH to participate.

Registration Deadline: 6/18/22

Register by emailing: [Concernedclergykc@gmail.com](mailto:Concernedclergykc@gmail.com)  
or call: 816 497-4886

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# PARTY





# KC COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

"Where our city becomes a community and our community becomes a family."

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH | 10AM-3PM**

CITY OF KANSAS CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
2400 TROOST AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64108

**Everything is free and open to the public!**

**Free health fair  
activities will include:**

- COVID vaccinations
- Blood pressure screenings
- Sports physical screenings
- Blood sugar screenings
  - Healthy recipes
  - Games for kids
  - Free giveaways
  - And much more!

Use the QR code below to register!



**Hosted by UMKC Health Sciences Students!**



Marlborough Community Land Trust

# FREE

Summer Events

@ Marlborough  
Elementary School

7415

TRACY AVE.

May 28 June 11

June 25

@ 10AM

FOR DATES AND  
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[KCCLT.ORG/EVENTS](https://kcclt.org/events)



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# ART & NATIVE PLANTS

w/ JULIE FARSTAD





# WE'RE HIRING!!!!

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Administrators \* THE LIST GOES ON!!!!

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## Community Wellness Ambassadors

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\$225 per month

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us

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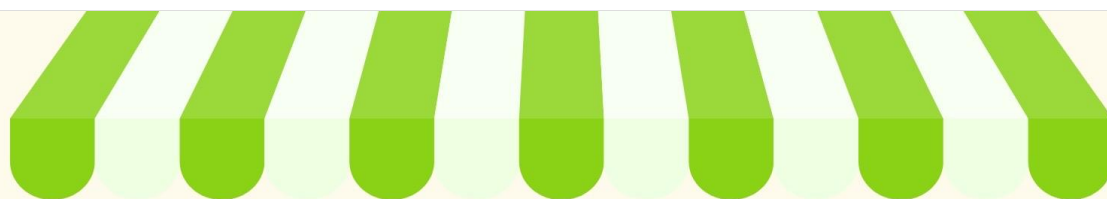
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# FREE MEALS

*Breakfast & lunch*

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
UNITED BELIEVERS COMMUNITY CHURCH  
5600 E. 112TH TERR  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64134

BREAKFAST SERVED  
@9AM DAILY  
LUNCH SERVED  
@11AM DAILY  
AGES K-18





# 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 Food Pantries

South Kansas City is fortunate to have several food pantries to help less-fortunate residents have enough healthy food to eat. These include:

**Community Assistance Council**, 10901 Blue Ridge Blvd. on the north end of the Ruskin High School campus, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Persons should call 816-763-3277, ext. 100, or email [info@cackc.org](mailto:info@cackc.org) for appointments or questions.

**Red Bridge Area Food Pantry**, 100 W. Red Bridge Rd. in the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday each month. Persons must call 913-313-0250 for appointments by the prior Wednesday.

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!**