



Dear Neighbor,

It was an emotional end to the week as the House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution in support of Ukraine, calling Russian President Vladimir Putin's attack "unprovoked and unjustified." The resolution was sponsored by Representative Mike Haffner who is a highly decorated retired naval officer.

Several members of the House spoke in favor of the timely resolution to express their sadness, frustration and their own experiences as it relates to war.

Representative Joe Adams gave an emotional speech on the House floor about what it is like to serve in the military and also to be a father of a son in the military. The chamber went silent as we all were overwhelmed with emotion.

Earlier in the week House Majority Floor Leader Dean Plocher held a press conference announcing legislation that will prohibit private businesses and state entities from doing business with Russia. Also, this week Governor Mike Parson requested the Capitol be lit in blue and yellow, the colors of the Ukrainian flag, in solidarity with the people as Russian attacks still continue.

Also this week, Representative Rasheen Aldridge presented House Bill 2397 to the Corrections and Public Institutions Committee. This bill loosens provisions related to offenders receiving good time credits. These credits can be used to reduce the amount of time an inmate serves based on good behavior they have shown.

This is a major step in criminal justice sentencing reform, and I applaud Representative Aldridge for sponsoring this legislation. I was happy to co-sponsor it.

Anyone in KCMO needing a smoke detector in their residence should call 816-513-4648 to make the request. The Kansas City Fire Department will deliver and install up to two smoke detectors with ten-year batteries in KCMO residences that need them for no charge.

Lastly, many of our schools have a terrible shortage of substitute teachers. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a substitute teacher or finding work as a substitute teacher please visit the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website or contact your local school districts.

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.

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



I introduced Bob Kendrick, president of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, during a session this week of the Missouri House of Representatives, and several legislators came over to meet and talk with him. I always welcome groups and individuals from Kansas City who have an opportunity to visit the Capitol.

WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, March 4th, 2022

“MAKE MURDER LEGAL ACT” RETURNS IN HOUSE

Nearly three weeks after a Senate committee rejected Senate Bill 666 that Stoddard County Prosecutor Russell Oliver dubbed the “Make Murder Legal Act,” the House Special Committee on Government Oversight on March 1 considered an identical bill – House Bill 2118.

Oliver’s scathing criticism of the legislation is based on its provisions that create a **“presumption of reasonableness”** in state law whenever a person kills someone and claims they reasonably believed deadly force was necessary:

-To protect themselves or their unborn child or another person from “death, serious physical injury or any forcible felony”, **or**

-To protect themselves or others from the use or imminent use of any level of unlawful force by anyone who unlawfully enters, attempts to unlawfully enter or remains after unlawfully entering a residence or vehicle the person is lawfully occupying or private property they own, lease or have been given specific authority to occupy (which could be a yard or field).

Under this identical legislation, anyone using or threatening to use deadly force under these circumstances would be “immune from criminal prosecution and civil action” unless it was used or threatened to be used against a law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her official duties.

Under current Missouri law, persons have no duty to retreat from any place they have the legal right to be before using force in self-defense.

Current law already allows defendants to claim self-defense at trial, but they must show the use of force was justified under the circumstances. Prosecutors, of course, always bear the burden of proving beyond a reasonable doubt that a crime was committed.

There was strong opposition by law enforcement organizations to this legislation at the House committee hearing as there was at the earlier Senate committee hearing on the identical measure.

Testifying against it were representatives of the Kansas City and Missouri Fraternal Order of Police, Missouri Police Chiefs Association, Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Missouri Sheriffs United, St. Louis Police Officers Association and St. Louis County Police Association.

The House Special Committee on Government Oversight took no immediate action on the bill.

On Feb. 10, the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure & Public Safety Committee voted 4-3 against allowing its identical measure to advance to the full Senate for consideration.

PARSON APPOINTS ANOTHER HEALTH DIRECTOR

Gov. Mike Parson on March 1 appointed a 22-year veteran of the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services as the agency's acting director as his administration continues to deal with the aftermath of ultra-conservative Senate hardliners blocking his pick for a permanent director.

Paula Nickelson immediately took over as acting director from Richard Moore, the department's general counsel. Moore temporarily led the agency for a month after a small group of Republican senators stalled the confirmation of Donald Kauerauf, who ultimately resigned when the Senate didn't act by a Feb. 4 constitutional deadline to approve his appointment.

Because he wasn't confirmed by the deadline, Kauerauf, a 30-year veteran of the Illinois Department of Public Health with experience in emergency management, is constitutionally barred from ever being appointed to the post again.

Kauerauf served five months as Missouri's health director before being forced out. Senate hardliners blocked his confirmation largely based on false allegations that he supported mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations.

In a news release announcing Nickelson's appointment, Parson didn't say how long she will remain acting director or if he plans to again attempt to install a permanent director. As acting director, she doesn't face Senate confirmation.

HOUSE PASSES BILL TO UP KC POLICE FUNDING

The House of Representatives voted 105-31 on March 3 to pass legislation that requires Kansas City to increase the amount of local revenue it has to spend on our police department.

House Bill 1986 now has advanced to the Senate for consideration.

Current state law requires Kansas City to allocate at least one-fifth of its general revenue to our under-staffed police department which now sometimes has citywide blackouts when there are no available officers to respond to 911 calls until they finish their work responding to previous calls.

This has significantly lengthened police response times which also often delays response times to violent crime scenes by fire department ambulance and other emergency medical first responders to treat any surviving victims. Emergency medical personnel will proceed to near the scene of violent crimes, but will wait nearby until police arrive to assure the scene is safe or fire department dispatchers determine with reasonable certainty that the assailant or assailants have left and the scene is safe when talking to the 911 caller.

Such delays can cost victims with life-threatening injuries that can't be treated effectively by bystanders such as internal arterial bleeding from a shooting or stabbing their lives!

HB 1986 seeks to expand what is considered general revenue by including revenue devoted to special services by the city's charter or ordinances. Revenue devoted to special purposes pursuant to state law or revenue used to fund first responders other than the police would still be excluded from the definition of general revenue.

This legislation could run afoul of a provision of the Missouri Constitution called the Hancock Amendment that prohibits the

General Assembly from enacting laws that impose unfunded mandates on local governments beyond requirements already in place at the time voters ratified the amendment in 1980.

However, the General Assembly could place an amendment to the Hancock Amendment on the August statewide ballot excluding mandating an increase in city funding for our police department from its coverage, which if approved by Missouri voters, would allow this legislation to pass constitutional muster.



**JOIN US... We've assembled the vital resources that
YOU requested for your family, home and career!**

FOR DETAILS VISIT

www.hickmanmills.org/familysummit

10am – 1pm

Smith-Hale Middle School | 9010A Old Santa Fe Road | Kansas City, MO 64138

Volunteers Needed Please Call (816) 316-7040

MARCH
5th
2022

Job Fair
Health Fair
Kids Zone
(Pre-K – 8th Grade)

Inspired & led by HMC-1 Parents!



@HMC1Proud

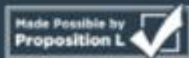
Please Join Us!

You are invited to join us as we "turn the page"
and celebrate this new chapter in the history of this
Mid-Continent Public Library branch.

Blue Ridge Branch

9253 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64138
816.761.3382

Friday, March 18, 2022
9:00 a.m.





Please join us for

Coffee and Conversations
with the Kansas City
Police Department



Tuesday, March 22, 2022

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

**Coffee
With A Cop**



Martin City Coffee
13115 Holmes Road
Kansas City, MO 64145

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!)



swopeHEALTH"





SPORTS, COOKING & ARTS

Every Wednesday Night
5:00 - 7:30 PM

- Open to Ages 8-13
- Dinner Provided

9701 Marion Park Drive | KCMO 64137
2ND BUILDING ON CAMPUS IN THE GYM



ONE TIME REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR!

FREE

Smoke Alarm

816-513-4648

KCFD

CITY OF
KANSAS CITY,
MISSOURI

For more Fire Safety information visit:

KCMO.GOV/FIRE

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

**THIS SITE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER*



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. 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.

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

A PUBLICATION OF THE KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN CRIME COMMISSION



GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS
MOST WANTED





REMAIN ANONYMOUS • RECEIVE CASH REWARDS



TIPS HOTLINE

816-474-8477



WEB TIPS

KCcrimestoppers.com



FREE MOBILE APP

P3Tips.com



State Representative Mark A. Sharp

Missouri House of Representatives

Room 102-BA

201 W Capitol Ave

Jefferson City, Mo 65101

Phone

573-751-9469

Email

mark.sharp@house.mo.gov

**Please don't hesitate to contact me
with any feedback, questions or ideas!**