



Dear Neighbor,

Children return to school this week and I'm sure many parents are happy and yet worried at the same time. Only a few months removed from the school shooting that left 19 dead including two teachers in Uvalde, Texas, some school districts have taken it upon themselves to make their schools safer.

Center School District is now requiring see through backpacks for its students to help ensure safety from any internal threats, and voters in the Hickman Mills School District overwhelmingly approved a no tax increase bond issue earlier this month that included funding to enhance security at its schools from external threats.

Other school districts in the state also have been authorized by their school boards to harden the entryways to their schools to help protect against any external threats.

During the past session of the General Assembly there were no dollars allocated to strengthen school security. That is something I seek to change this upcoming session when I

introduce legislation to authorize the state to provide a 70-30 match to public school districts to beef up security at their schools.

Having spoken with several members of the House of Representatives, I believe there will be bipartisan support to pass this critically important legislation to protect our students BEFORE a tragedy occurs.

Persons who want to tell city officials about the need for sidewalk construction and repairs in their neighborhoods or what they feel should be the city's priorities for building new sidewalks and repairing existing sidewalks throughout the city should attend an open house hosted by the City Public Works Department from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 24, in the front building of the South Patrol Campus at 9701 Marion Park Dr. to voice their opinions.

Also, don't forget about the household hazardous waste collection event at Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St., Saturday, August 27, and the shredding and electronics collection event the same day at the Urban Christian Academy, 2810 E. 80th St. Scroll down to see flyers about both events for more details.

Catholic Charities of Kansas City & St. Joseph is seeking applicants for a fulltime position as food pantry specialist at its serve and lift center at the former St. Matthew Apostle Catholic Church, 8001 E. Longview Rd., that it opened earlier this year.

The site provides healthy food for persons in need, but is now

only open on Wednesdays due to a lack of staffing. Catholic Charities hopes to greatly expand its hours to 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and perhaps to weekends and evenings.

Persons may apply on the organization's website catholiccharities-kcsj.org, by going to Get Involved and then clicking on Careers. They may call 816-221-4377 or email Amy Wiedmaier at awiedmaier@ccharities.com if they have any questions.

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 Rachael Cunningham at Rachael.Cunningham@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, August 22nd, 2022

MAYOR SUES TO BLOCK POLICE FUNDING BILL

Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas filed a lawsuit on Aug. 17 challenging a new state law requiring the city to allocate at

least 25 percent of its general revenue for its police department.

Lucas argues the requirement violates a provision of Missouri's Hancock Amendment prohibiting the state from imposing unfunded mandates on local governments.

When the General Assembly enacted the requirement in May, even supporters acknowledged the measure, Senate Bill 678, currently appears to clearly be unconstitutional. But in an attempt to get around that problem, lawmakers approved a proposed constitutional amendment asking Missouri voters to authorize the legislature to impose police-related unfunded mandates on Kansas City. The measure will go on the statewide ballot this fall as Amendment 4.

However, SB 678 takes effect Aug. 28, while the vote on Amendment 4 won't be held until Nov. 8. And, if ratified, Amendment 4 won't become part of the Missouri Constitution until Dec. 8.

Less clear is whether the approval of Amendment 4 would render SB 678 enforceable or if lawmakers would have to start over later with a new bill. The lawsuit, filed in Jackson County Circuit Court, contends SB 678 would remain unconstitutional since the lawsuit claims it was unconstitutional at the time of its passage.

Under a pre-Hancock Amendment state law, Kansas City was required to allocate a minimum of 20 percent of its general revenue for the police department.

The case is *Quinton Lucas v. Eric Schmitt and the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners*.

CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS TO DISBAND

After years of blocking legislation, the Missouri Senate Conservative Caucus on Aug. 15 said it is disbanding. Whether the move has any practical impact and results in a more functional state senate remains to be seen.

The announcement, issued in a news release, came as a surprise given that candidates backed by the hardline caucus scored several wins over opponents in the recent Republican state senate primaries. However, with more senators aligned with their views, the hardliners indicated they will seek additional clout within the larger Senate Republican Caucus instead of operating outside of it.

“The best way to now accomplish these objectives is through a new coalition of leadership within the Republican Senate majority that is not constrained by the labels of the past,” the news release said.

“Such a change is necessary to achieve peace within a body that has seen little of it since the final legislative day of the 2021 First Regular Legislative Session. Therefore, effective immediately, we must disband even the informal designation of ‘Conservative Caucus’ or any other label that separates us from the single Republican majority that holds a supermajority in the Missouri Senate,” it continued.

Senate Republicans currently outnumber Democrats 24-10. However, the seven-member hardline faction frequently engaged in open conflict with the 17 Republican senators more aligned with the current senate Republican leadership.

Although the Conservative Caucus formed four years ago, it became a true obstructionist force during the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions by blocking votes on legislation with broad support when other Republicans refused to back bills that were priorities of the Conservative Caucus.

During the 2022 session, it was common for weeks to pass with the Senate conducting little or no substantive business due to the hardliners' tactics.

Some members of the larger Republican caucus expressed skepticism that the hardliners are sincere about wanting GOP unity. Barring any of the 17 Senate seats on the ballot this year flipping parties, the mainstream Republicans are expected to hold 15 seats, and the hardliners nine.

“Now after they have lied to the people of Missouri, lied on their Senate colleagues, they want us to believe they are interested in ‘unity,’” an unconvinced state Sen. Holly Rehder, R-Sikeston, wrote in a blog post. “Well then, I’ve got some oceanfront property in Arizona I’d like to sell.”

PARSON FILLS HIGHWAY VACANCIES

Gov. Mike Parson appointed Republican Warren Erdman of Kansas City and Democrat Brian Treece of Columbia to the Missouri State Highways and Transportation Commission on Aug. 12.

The six-member commission is the independent governing authority for the state Department of Transportation and has constitutional authority over allocating highway and bridge funding.

Erdman is a longtime vice president of administration and corporate affairs for Kansas City Southern Railway Company who previously served as chief of staff to former U.S. Sen. Kit Bond.

He also has served on a number of state and local boards and commissions, including a six-year term on the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

Treece recently completed his second term as Columbia mayor.

A partner in the lobbying firm TreecePhillips, he recently was named vice president of strategy and development for EquipmentShare, a heavy equipment rental company.

Both men can begin serving on the commission immediately but face Senate confirmation in January.



**FREE >>>
COMMUNITY FUN DAY FOR STUDENTS
(GRADES K-12)**

FRIDAY ~ AUGUST 26, 2022

6:00-10:00PM

at

**KCPD SOUTH PATROL DIVISION
9701 MARION PARK DRIVE, KCMO**

DETAILS:

- Pre-Registration & Parental Authorization **MUST** be completed for every Student to participate.
- Registration Deadline: **8/19** (NO Registrations will be accepted at the door)
- Open to the first 100 Youth to Pre-register in Grades K-12
- Send completed registration form by email to: Concernedclergykc@gmail.com

JOIN US FOR:

Indoor & Outdoor Activities (weather permitting)

Arts & Crafts

Dinner Meal Served from 6:30-7:30pm ONLY

Violence Prevention Education

Outdoor Basketball

Inflatable (Bouncy House)

Yard/Board Games

Life Skills/Conflict Resolution

CALL FOR MORE INFO: 816 497-4886

"Lights On KC" is a community Violence Prevention Initiative providing safe recreational activities for Youth/Young Adults



PUBLIC WORKS

Sixth District Household Hazardous Waste Event

August 27th, 2022: 8 AM- NOON

Location:

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

*300 car max event; once reached
event will shut down

Accepted items:

- Automotive products
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- CFL light bulbs
- Fertilizers
- Flammables
- Fuels
- Hazardous Cleaners
- Hazardous Liquids
- Household Cleaners
- Lawn and Garden Products
- Paint
- Pesticides
- Photographic Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals

- Solvents
- Thinners
- Used oils

Unacceptable items:

Appliances, Asbestos, Containers larger
than 5-gallons, Explosives, Ammunition,
Fireworks, Medical waste and needles,
Prescription drugs, Propane bottles
that are over one pound, Fire
extinguishers, Butane and Freon, Tires,
and Yard waste



Councilmembers
McManus & Bough
Sixth District



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Robert Woods at 816-513-8442**

Fifth District Shredder/Electronics Collection Event

August 27, 2022 - 8 AM - NOON

LOCATIONS

Urban Christian Academy
2810 East 80th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64132

SPONSORS:

KCMO - Public Works

ACCEPTED ITEMS AT NO CHARGE:

Documents for Shredding
All desktop and laptop computers
Computer Flat Screen Monitors
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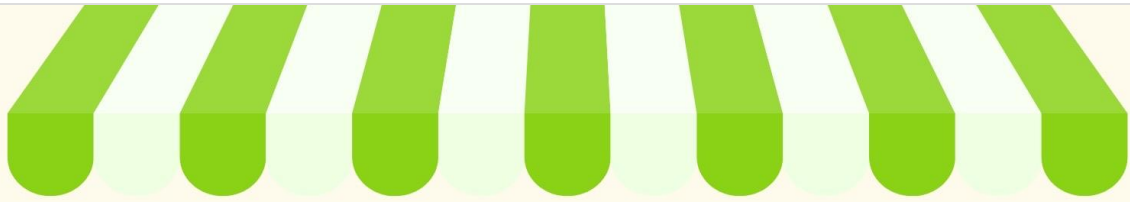


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AGES K-18



Understanding and Accessing MISSOURI MEDICAID

More Missourians than ever now qualify for Medicaid expansion, including parents who have not qualified before, and adults without children. Learn to see if you qualify for Medicaid and how to apply.

Am I eligible?

Medicaid eligibility depends primarily on the size of your household and your gross **monthly** household income (before taxes and deductions). If your monthly income is lower than the number of people living in your home, **you may qualify**.



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\$1,481

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\$4,092

How do I apply?

GOOD NEWS!

Applying is easy, and there are several convenient and accessible ways to do it!

Online:

Visit <https://mydss.mo.gov/healthcare/apply> to apply quickly via the DHSS web portal

By Phone:

Call the Missouri Family Support Division at (855)-373-4636 or (855)-373-9994

By Mail or Email:

Print and fill out an application provided at the web address listed above and mail to:

Family Support Division
615 E 13th St
Kansas City, MO 64106

Or email to:

FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov

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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 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. 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.



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