



Dear Neighbor,

As a graduate of the former Hickman Mills High School who attended Hickman Mills schools from kindergarten through graduation and resident of the school district, I was very pleased that the district's **no tax increase** bond issue and an increase in its operating levy both were approved by district voters on August 2.

**The operating levy increase passed with 66.2% approval, and the bond issue passed by 76.1%.**

Passage of the operating levy increase will allow the district to raise the pay for teachers and other essential staff to competitive levels so the district can **hire and retain the highly qualified staff necessary to regain full state accreditation.** This will strengthen our neighborhoods and benefit the entire community by helping to attract and retain families with school age children.

Passage of the bond issue will allow the district to renovate and reuse two boarded up and vandalized schools – **Johnson & Symington Elementary Schools** – that are blighting

influences on their neighborhoods.

It will allow the district to demolish the closed **Smith-Hale Middle School** on Longview Road that has been damaged so extensively by persons breaking into it such as copper thieves and vandals that repair is no longer economically feasible, so that its site can be redeveloped for a positive use that will benefit the community.

And it also will allow the district to **improve security at all its schools** and make other needed capital improvements.

**These are neighborhoods I grew up in and schools I either attended or substitute taught in, and it is important to me to see closed schools being renovated for reuse in the Hickman Mills School District.**

**Better schools will result in better neighborhoods!**

Here locally there is a South Kansas City Alliance membership meeting at **6 p.m. this evening, August 8, in the community room in the front building of the South Patrol Police Campus, 9701 Marion Park Dr.**

**My friend, Dr. Raymond Doswell, Ed.D, vice president of curatorial services at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, will speak about the long overdue induction of Buck O'Neil into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame at the meeting.**

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](mailto: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*



**This past Saturday at the South Kansas City Alliance awards breakfast I ran into one of my favorite former teachers, Ms. Christy Darter. We were there honoring members of the community including her father, Jerry Darter, who was given the Alvin Brooks Lifetime Service Award.**

## **WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE**

**Monday, August 8th, 2022**

### **COURT REVERSES SALE OF STATE PARKLAND**

The Missouri Court of Appeals Southern District on July 29 reversed a trial judge's order for the state Department of Natural Resources to sell part of a new state park in Oregon County, ruling the lower court erroneously concluded the agency violated state law in acquiring the land.

**In 2016, DNR acquired 4,167 acres of land along the Eleven Point River in south-central Missouri to establish the Eleven Point State Park. Because approximately 15 percent of the park is subject to a scenic easement under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act that restricts development and public access, critics of the deal claimed the department lacked the legal authority to make the**

**purchase.**

State lawmakers from the region for years have unsuccessfully sought to force DNR to divest itself of the property.

**Ruling in 2021 in a lawsuit brought by park opponents, Oregon County Circuit Judge Steven Privette said DNR violated the state law that empowers it to acquire property for parkland since the scenic easement prevents public access and use. Privette ordered DNR to sell the portion of the property subject to the easement, but not the entire park.**

**However, the three-judge appellate panel unanimously ruled Privette got the law wrong and overturned his decision.**

**“The circuit court misstated the statute by adding a ‘use by the public’ standard for DNR to acquire and hold land and further confused the issues by deciding public use can never be achieved unless the public has unrestricted physical access to the entirety of DNR’s park lands,” Judge Jack Goodman wrote for the court.**

**“The statute authorizing DNR to acquire land does not require ‘public use’ and neither do the terms of the Scenic Easement or the Act. The trial court’s imposition of a ‘use by the public’ requirement onto DNR’s land acquisitions when no such requirement exists, and the trial court’s further confusion of the issues by conflating ‘public use’ with the public’s unrestricted physical access to all corners of park properties, are erroneous and unsupported in statute, regulation, case law,**

and the historical practices of parks in Missouri,” he wrote.

**In part because of the litigation, DNR has yet to develop the park. Since the plaintiffs can appeal to the Missouri Supreme Court, the department likely won’t take any immediate steps to do so.**

The case is *Van McGibney, et al., v. Missouri Department of Natural Resources*.

## **LAWSUIT CHALLENGES SENATE DISTRICTS**

A lawsuit filed July 27 alleges the new state Senate districts drawn earlier this year by a judicial commission violate the state constitution by diluting Black voting strength in St. Louis County and unnecessarily splitting both Buchanan County and the city of Hazelwood among two districts.

**The suit asks a Cole County judge to block Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft from using the new districts “for any purpose,” which presumably includes the Nov. 8 general elections.**

The six-member Judicial Redistricting Commission finalized the new Senate districts in March after another commission consisting of equal numbers of Democratic and Republican party members that had first crack at the job failed to agree. Legislative districts must be redrawn every 10 years to reflect population shifts under the most recent U.S. Census.

Because state senators serve staggered four-year terms, only half of the chamber’s 34 members are up for re-election every



two years. Even-numbered districts are on the ballot this year and senators are slated to be elected from the new districts. Senators from odd-numbered seats will continue to represent the “old” version of those districts until the 2024 elections when the new boundaries for those districts will be implemented.

**Senate primaries were held Aug. 2 using the new districts. The plaintiffs ask the court to replace the new map with one they submitted that they say complies with constitutional requirements by keeping Buchanan County and Hazelwood whole and addressing the racial imbalance in St. Louis County. On the latter point, the plaintiffs’ map would shift some communities from the 13<sup>th</sup> District, which has a Black population of 71 percent, to the neighboring 14<sup>th</sup> District where 51 percent of residents are Black, in a move to ensure both districts have solid Black majorities.**

**However, the Missouri Constitution says if a court rules a redistricting plan is unconstitutional, the redistricting process must begin anew with the appointment of another bipartisan commission, as happened in 2012 when the Missouri Supreme Court struck down new Senate districts created in 2011.**

**As a result, it doesn’t appear a judge has the power to unilaterally impose new districts as the plaintiffs ask.**

## **PARTIES SELECT STATEWIDE CANDIDATES**

Democrat Trudy Busch Valentine and Republican Attorney General Eric Schmitt won their respective party primaries on



Aug. 2 and will square off in November for the right to replace U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt, a Republican who is retiring after two terms.

Busch Valentine is a first-time candidate for office and a member of the family that formerly owned the St. Louis-based Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co. Schmitt has served nearly four years as attorney general after a short stint as state treasurer and eight years in the Missouri Senate.

In the primaries for state auditor, State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick claimed the Republican nomination and will face former state Rep. Allen Green of Florissant, a Democrat who was unopposed in his party's primary, in the Nov. 8 general election. Incumbent State Auditor Nicole Galloway, the only remaining Democratic statewide officeholder in Missouri, isn't seeking re-election.

Gov. Mike Parson appointed both Schmitt and Fitzpatrick to their current posts in late 2018 to fill vacancies, and they were elected to full terms in 2020. If they win their respective general elections this year, Parson would again appoint replacements to serve out the remainder of their terms as attorney general and treasurer.

## **FY 2023 BEGINS WITH REVENUE UP**

The 2023 state fiscal year got off to a strong start in July with net general revenue collections for the month up 38.3 percent compared to July 2021, going from \$701.3 million last year to \$970.3 million this year.

The 2022 fiscal year ended June 30 with net state general revenue collections for the year up 14.6 percent compared to FY 2021, going from \$11.24 billion in FY 2021 to \$12.88 billion for FY 2022.



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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](mailto:Concernedclergykc@gmail.com)

**JOIN US FOR:**

<i>Indoor &amp; Outdoor Activities (weather permitting)</i>	<i>Arts &amp; Crafts</i>
<i>Dinner Meal Served from 6:30-7:30pm ONLY</i>	<i>Violence Prevention Education</i>
<i>Outdoor Basketball</i>	<i>Inflatable (Bouncy House)</i>
<i>Yard/Board Games</i>	<i>Life Skills/Conflict Resolution</i>

**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,  
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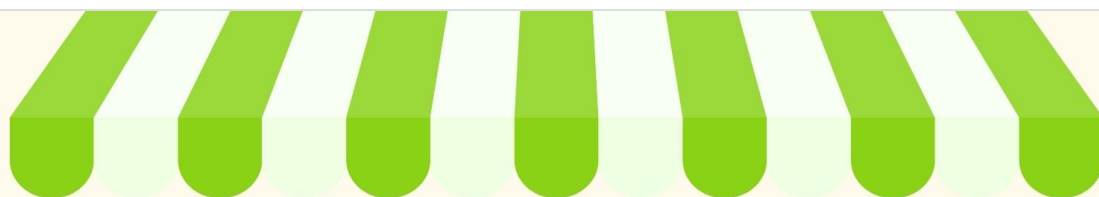


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## Am I eligible?

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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## 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](mailto:FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov)

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## MEAL DISTRIBUTION

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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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