



Dear Neighbor,

If you can, please drop by to hear me discuss my top legislative priorities for the 2023 session of the Missouri General Assembly at this evening's South Kansas City Alliance meeting at **6 p.m. (Monday, December 12,)** in the community room in the front building of the **South Patrol Police Campus, 9701 Marion Park Drive.**

Several of my legislative colleagues are joining me and we will respond to questions about other important matters likely to be considered during the upcoming session of the General Assembly that starts January 4.

If I can be of any help regarding problems or concerns with state agencies or questions about state government, please feel free to talk to me individually about them tonight.

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.

Here are my current committee appointments (some of these could change with the new session):

**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, Dec. 12, 2022

TINY REVENUE GROWTH FORECAST AFTER TAX CUT

Missouri budget officials expect state general revenue collections to increase just 0.7% during the 2024 fiscal year as a massive tax cut is implemented and the state's economy slows, bringing the recent double-digit revenue growth to an end.

The 0.7% growth figure announced Dec. 6 represents the “consensus revenue estimate”, an amount agreed to most years by the governor’s administration and legislative budget leaders to ensure all sides are working with the same numbers when crafting the next state spending plan.

Gov. Mike Parson will present his proposed state operating budget for FY 2024 to the legislature in January. The next fiscal year begins July 1.

The short-term impact from the anemic growth anticipated for FY 2024 will be mitigated by a more than \$6 billion revenue surplus that has accrued in recent years, due in large part to an influx of federal stimulus funds and an inflation-driven boost in tax revenue. However, that surplus likely will dwindle quickly.

Missouri experienced 14.6% general revenue growth over the

previous year in FY 2022, which ended June 30. Through the first five months of FY 2023, general revenue collections increased at a similarly robust rate of 14.5%. However, collections are expected to crater once the new tax cuts take effect in January with the revised consensus revenue estimate for FY 2023 anticipating just 1.4% growth for the year.

The new tax cuts are expected to cost the state more than \$2 billion a year in lost revenue once fully implemented. Wealthier taxpayers will enjoy most of the benefits, with middle and lower-income Missourians saving much less on their tax bills.

The 2023 legislative session begins Jan. 4. Lawmakers must pass the appropriations bills that make up the FY 2024 state budget by a May 5 constitutional deadline.

ANOTHER COURT RULES AGAINST ADMINISTRATION

The Missouri Court of Appeals Western District ruled on Dec. 6 that Gov. Mike Parson's administration violated the constitutionally protected collective bargaining rights of state prison guards when it unilaterally ceased withholding union dues from members' pay checks three years ago.

In doing so, the unanimous three-judge panel upheld a trial judge's findings that the administration's actions were "unconstitutional, arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable."

The Missouri Office of Administration, which handles payroll for state agencies, informed the Missouri Corrections Officers Association in December 2019 that it would cease withholding dues from the paychecks of the organization's roughly 1,300 members. The move was widely seen as an attempt to weaken the union by making it difficult to collect dues from members.

The administration originally claimed it could no longer withhold the dues because the union's contract with the state Department of Corrections had expired, although negotiations on a new contract continued.

However, since the state routinely withholds fees for other non-union employee organizations, OA soon shifted its rationale to claim the corrections officers association isn't an employee organization since it includes some retirees who aren't active state employees.

Both Cole County Circuit Judge Jon Beetem and the appellate panel found this claim to also be a pretext since OA continued to withhold dues and fees at the behest of other employee groups that include non-employee members.

Beetem ordered OA to resume payroll deductions for unionized corrections workers.

The Parson administration likely will appeal the case, *Missouri Corrections Officers Association Inc. v. Missouri Office of Administration*, to the state Supreme Court.

NET STATE GENERAL REVENUE UP SO FAR

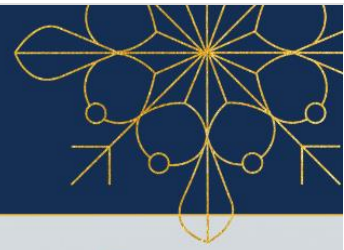
Net state general revenue collections were up 14.5% through the first five months of the 2023 fiscal year compared to the same period in FY 2022, going from \$4.5 billion last year to \$5.15 billion this year.

Net general revenue collections for November 2022 grew 4.8% compared to those for November 2021, going from \$965.5 million last year to \$1.01 billion this year.

Missouri's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

How to Cope with the Holidays

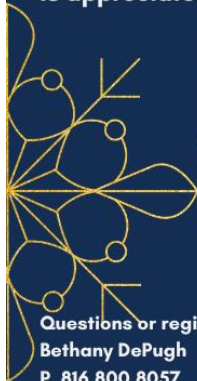
SETTING HEALTHY BOUNDARIES



How to Cope with the Holidays is an educational support group designed to help individuals cope with family dynamics and holiday stress. This year's group will focus on identifying and setting healthy boundaries through the holiday season & beyond.

Attend virtually or in-person. Registration is appreciated but not required.

Dec. 13th
from 6 to 8 p.m.



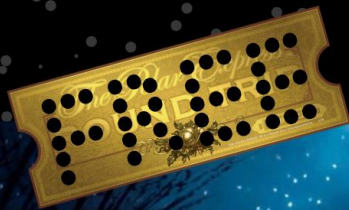
Questions or registration:
Bethany DePugh
P. 816.800.8057
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FREE - HYBRID EVENT, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

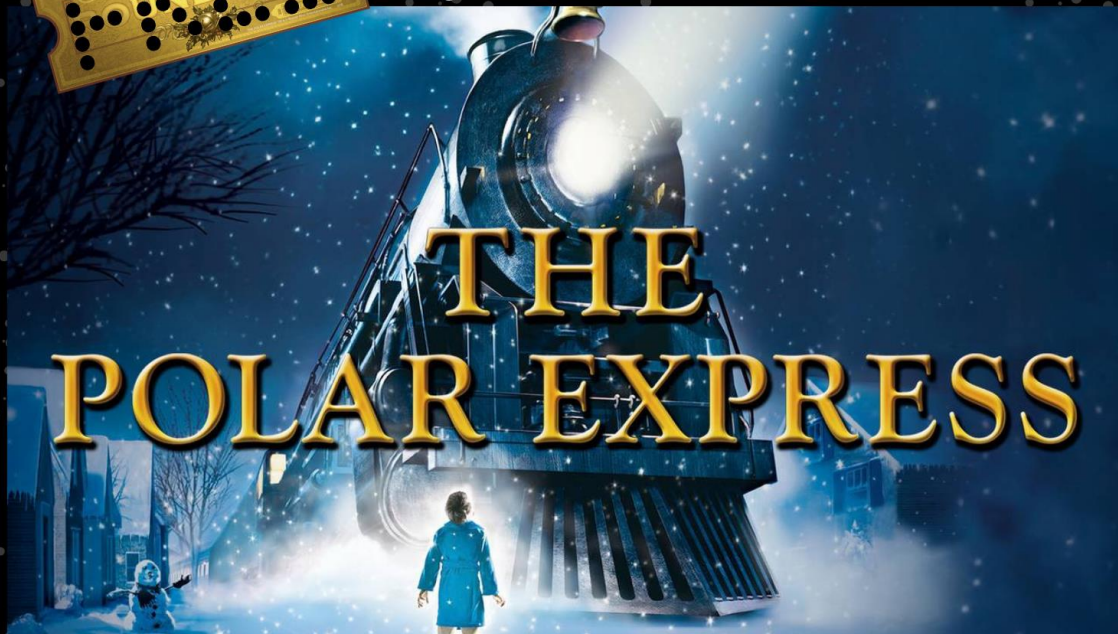
For more information & to register visit:
www.firstcallkc.org/families

Meeting at First Call Headquarters - 9091 State Line Ave, Kansas City, MO 64114

*If a weather event occurs group will still be held, virtually only. *Snacks and refreshments provided



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DECEMBER 16TH
KCPD SOUTH PATROL DIVISION
9701 MARION PARK DRIVE
KCMO 64137

**6:00 PM SANTA, CHRISTMAS CAROLS,
FOOD, CRAFTS & FUN**
7:00 PM MOVIE TIME

*Wear your favorite pajamas &
bring a lawn chair or blanket*





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DECEMBER 18, 2022

2 pm - 4 pm

7820 Prospect, KCMO 64132

Heavy Construction Laborer's Union Hall Parking Lot



DECEMBER 8, 2022

2 pm - 4 pm

8129 Paseo, KCMO 64132

New Zion Missionary Baptist Church Parking Lot

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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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\$2,003

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\$2,525

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\$3,570

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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 816-908-7800 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 3:30 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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with any feedback, questions or ideas!**