



Dear Neighbor,

This 4th of July luckily no one was killed from celebratory gunfire in Kansas City, however south Kansas City suffered two separate gun related homicides in my District leading up to the 4th of July.

We must continue to urge our young people and everyone in our neighborhoods to be responsible with their firearms and to workout differences without involving weapons that can so easily kill.

The Sunday before the 4th of July I passed out 500 flyers door-to-door urging everyone to celebrate with fireworks and not firearms. Obviously, nobody can get to everyone. It's a big city! However, if we all help spread the word to our young people and try to keep our neighborhoods safe we will start to see some positive results.

Governor Parson recently approved a record \$47 billion operating budget for the new fiscal year that includes \$214 million for the Missouri Department of Elementary and

Secondary Education to fully fund the state's share of local public school districts' student transportation costs. This is the first time this has happened in three decades.

The budget also includes another \$27 million in matching funds as an incentive to increase minimum salaries for public school teachers to \$38,000 a year by offering a 70-30 state-local match.

We've seen public education take some hits over the years, but this funding will help ensure every public school student has reliable transportation to school and help address the teacher shortage we have in this state.

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.

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, July 11, 2022

PARSON SIGNS RECORD \$47 BILLION BUDGET

Gov. Mike Parson signed a record \$47 billion state operating

budget for the 2023 fiscal year into law on June 30 after issuing 32 line-item vetoes cutting nearly \$644 million in spending authority approved by lawmakers in May.

The bulk of the cuts came from eliminating \$500 million for an income tax rebate on income taxes already paid for the 2021 tax year for some Missourians.

Although Parson had publicly criticized the policy, in his formal veto message he said he rejected the spending because while it set aside \$500 million for the tax rebates in a special fund, it didn't include a constitutionally required provision actually authorizing the money to be spent. Parson subsequently vetoed a separate bill, House Bill 2090, that would have established the statutory framework for the state to process the rebates.

Including the veto for the tax rebates, 14 of Parson's line-item vetoes were to a special bill allocating Missouri's share of federal pandemic relief funds. Those vetoes accounted for all but about \$18.51 million of the total spending authority Parson eliminated, with the remaining 18 vetoes scattered throughout seven of the 13 other appropriations bills that make up the regular state operating budget.

Parson also signed three other appropriations bills into law providing nearly \$904 million in spending authority for various capital improvement needs. He issued no line-item vetoes to those bills.

One big highlight from the FY 2023 budget, which took effect July 1, is that it fully funds the state's expanded

Medicaid program for the first time, ending years of resistance by many Republican legislators. Under the federal Affordable Care Act, the federal government pays 90% of the cost for serving the expanded population.

The budget also includes an additional \$214 million for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to fully fund the state's share of local public school districts' student transportation costs for the first time in three decades and \$27 million in matching funds to help pay to increase minimum salaries for public school teachers to \$38,000 a year by providing a 70-30 state-local match.

Public colleges and universities also are getting strong funding bumps after years of mostly flat spending levels.

GOVERNOR FLOATS SPECIAL SESSION ON TAX CUTS

Gov. Mike Parson on July 1 said he intends to call a special legislative session to enact the "largest income tax cut in state history" but conceded the details and price tag of his proposal have yet to be determined, and that he isn't certain when the session will take place during a busy election season when lawmakers weren't planning to be in the Capitol.

The broad strokes of his proposal Parson did offer included reducing the income tax rate, eliminating tax brackets and increasing the standard deduction so that

earned income of up to \$16,000 a year for an individual and \$32,000 annually for a married couple is tax free.

Parson also said the special session would include creating new tax breaks and extending existing ones for agricultural producers. Hopefully this would include tax credits for investments in urban agriculture I strongly supported that had been approved this year by the legislature but died when House Bill 1720 was vetoed.

Although the tax rebate bill Parson vetoed would have imposed a one-time hit to the state treasury, his new plan calls for permanent tax cuts that could blow a hole in the state budget when the current revenue surpluses are gone or the economy weakens. Because the Missouri Constitution requires voter approval to impose significant tax increases, tax cuts that leave the state with insufficient revenue to pay for basic services aren't easily undone.

Until the governor issues a proclamation formally calling a special session, there is no guarantee one will take place. But if it does, there are two probable timeframes for when it would happen – either late August through mid-September during the lull following the Aug. 2 primary or a lame-duck session after the Nov. 8 general election.

Parson said he wants the tax cuts in place by the end of this year. The next regular legislative session begins Jan. 4, 2023.

PARSON VETOES FOUR BILLS

Gov. Mike Parson vetoed four bills passed by the General Assembly this year, striking down measures that sought to authorize one-time income tax rebates to certain taxpayers, provide tax breaks for agricultural producers, regulate kratom products and impose new restrictions relating to bond issues for St. Charles County school districts.

In his official veto message, Parson said he rejected House Bill 2090 because it falsely promised taxpayers they would receive income tax rebates of \$500 for an individual or \$1,000 for a married couple filing jointly. Parson said taxpayers who received a rebate would have gotten no more than \$205 for an individual or \$410 for a married couple, and most would have received less than that or nothing at all.

Since the legislation originally was limited to changing how often state employees are paid, Parson also said it violated constitutional provisions requiring bills to be limited to a single subject and prohibiting them from being changed from their original purpose.

The governor also vetoed House Bill 1720, which sought to extend several tax credit programs for agricultural producers. Parson objected to the fact that lawmakers set the programs to expire after just two years and advocated for a longer timetable before the tax breaks have to be renewed. In addition, Parson said a provision relating to recycled asphalt shingles wasn't germane to the bill.

Parson's other vetoes were to House Bill 1667 regulating

kratom products and Senate Bill 724 relating to county financial statements.

Parson said the legislature's attempt to regulate kratom, an herbal stimulant of questionable therapeutic value that can prove harmful at high doses, conflicts with federal regulations.

He objected to SB 724 because of a provision imposing restrictions on how St. Charles County school districts manage bond issues. Parson said the provision violates the state constitution's prohibition on "special laws" that apply only to certain jurisdictions and would have caused significant practical problems for constructing projects using bond proceeds.

Lawmakers can attempt to override the governor's vetoes at their annual veto session on Sep. 14. Veto overrides require the approval of two-thirds majorities of all the members in each legislative chamber. Lawmakers haven't successfully overridden any of Parson's vetoes during his four years as governor.

REMOVING RACIST COVENANTS WILL BE EASIER

Racist restrictive covenants will be easier to remove from property deeds under legislation Gov. Mike Parson signed into law June 30.

Although restrictive covenants prohibiting African-Americans and persons of other minority races and ethnicities from buying or occupying properties have been unenforceable for

decades, they still appear on countless deeds and have proven difficult to remove.

House Bill 1662 requires racist covenants to be removed whenever property is transferred and a new deed recorded. Owners also may record a certificate releasing a property from a prohibited covenant.

In addition, HB 1662 bars the imposition of restrictive covenants prohibiting property owners from installing solar panels and limits the regulations local governments can impose on home-based businesses, among other provisions relating to property law.



July 15th | 7:30 PM

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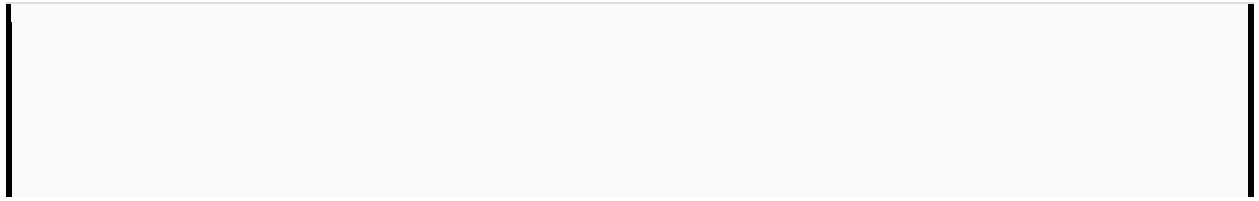
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Contact Danielle Reeves, Family Services Youth Counselor, at 816-895-8386 or

dreeves@firstcallkc.org





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A FREE POOL PARTY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Friday ~ July 22, 2022 ~ 6:30-9:30pm

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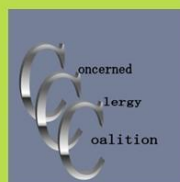
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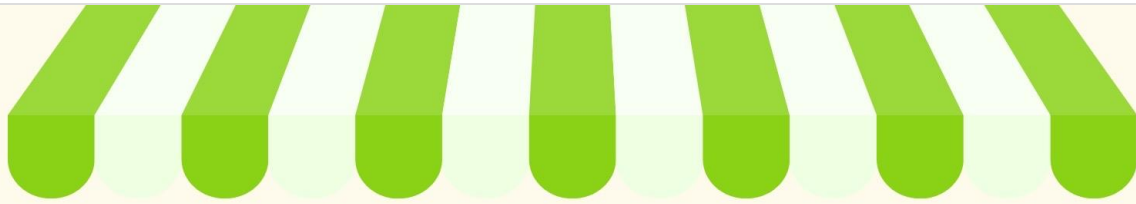


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Applying is easy, and there are several convenient and accessible ways to do it!

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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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