

Dear Neighbor,

The Uvalde, Texas, school shooting happened almost two weeks ago, and I can't help but still think about those families that are still grieving the loss of their loved ones.

Before being elected to this role I was a teacher for five years. What most folks don't know is that in my second year of teaching we went through a live lockdown. There is nothing scarier for a teacher or a student than to go through a real lockdown because there is an outside threat in the building.

Turns out it was a false alarm, however we didn't learn that until after my students and I were escorted out of the building by local police and state troopers. By all accounts it was treated as the real deal minus an actual shooter, and undoubtedly one of the scariest moments of my life.

Currently, many public middle schools and high schools have

a School Resource Officer, but not all. What I plan to do next year is file legislation that would provide funding for a School Resource Officer in every public school building. With the money in our state budget we should be able to afford 80% of the costs and ask that the local school districts cover the other 20%.

This alone won't make our schools 100% safe from outside threats, but it will make our public schools safer, and in today's times we must do something more to protect our students and teachers.

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

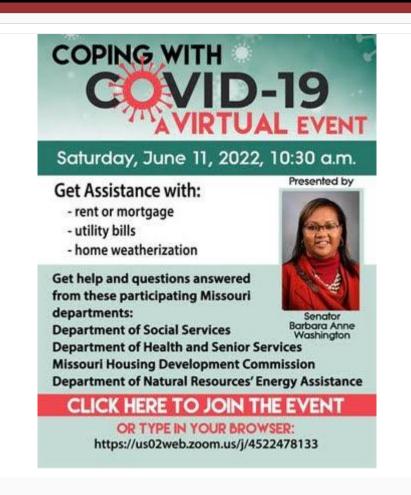
Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, you can contact my legislative aide Kaylee Bauer at <u>Kaylee.Bauer@house.mo.gov</u>.

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







A CaPa Parent Education Class

Parenthood isn't always easy and CAPA understands that sometimes parents need a helping hand. CAPA's *Parenting Skills Training Class* is offered to families with one main goal:

To help parents develop skills that create strong and resilient families.

Topics Include:

Positive discipline techniques

✓ Problem-solving skills ✓ Child development ✓ Conflict management

Upcoming Virtual Classes

May & June 2022 Sessions

Saturday, May 14 & 21 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 28 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saturday, June 11 & 18 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 25 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Internet required. Once registered, you will receive a link to connect using Zoom. Visit https://zoom.us for use and compatibility information.

If needed, a certificate of completion will be provided to those individuals who have completed all sessions of a scheduled class.

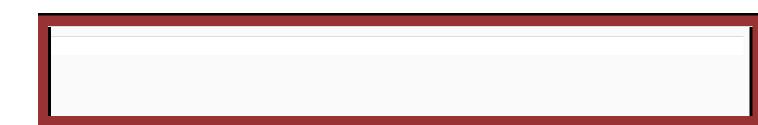
> To register, call Alexis Wright, Community Education Manager, at (816) 534-0623 or sign-up online at: capacares.org/what-we-do/education

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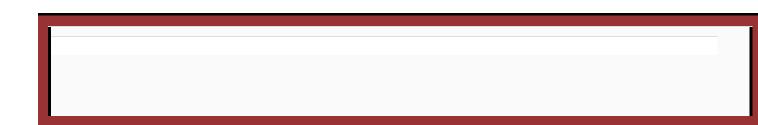












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Swim for **FREE** at South KC's Premier Waterpark, or join us for some food and dry fun!

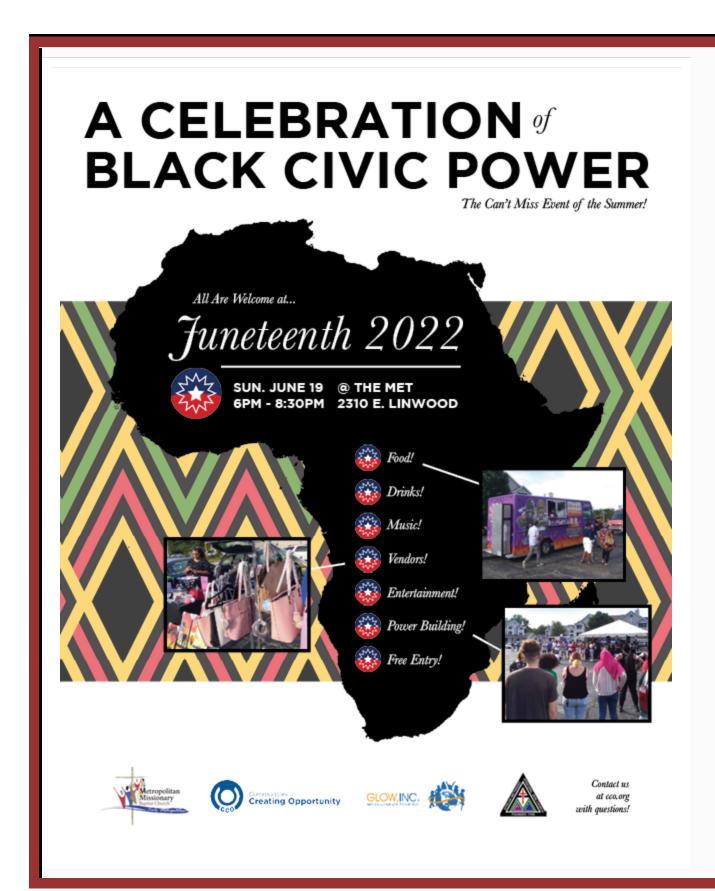
The Bay Water Park

7101 Longview Rd KC MO 64134

Sponsored By:

KC Parks, Ruskin Heights HOA, Ruskin Hills HOA, Kirkside HOA, Southern Communities Coalition, Hickman Mills United Neighborhoods, Fairwood HOA

June 18th, 12:00-6:30PM





Upcoming Pantries On Wheels!

NO COST shopping for fresh produce, proteins, dairy, and nonperishables.

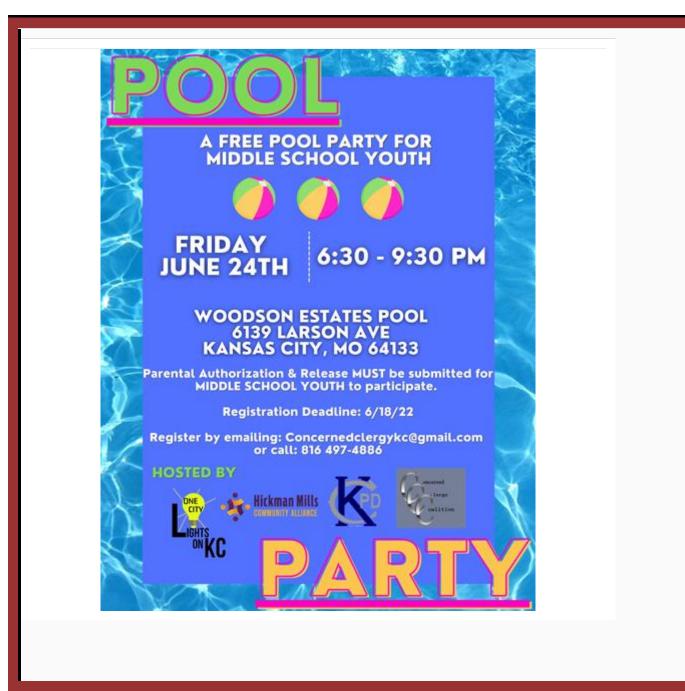
JUNE 2 | JULY 7 10 am - Noon 8129 Paseo, KCMO 64132 New Zion Missionary Baptist Church Parking Lot



JUNE 19 | JULY 17 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM 7820 Prospect, KCMO 64132 Heavy Construction Laborer's Union Parking Lot

Follow COVID Precautions As Requested On Site Available while supplies last. Visit cor.org/hunger for information.





YOU! Community Wellness Ambassadors

Targeting barbers, servers, cashiers, etc.

Keep your regular job and do this on the side! \$225 per month

Come join us

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Contact Kim Wilson 816-513-6217 kim.wilson@kcmo.org







Need Help Paying for Internet?

The COVID-19 pandemic has made internet access more important than ever. If you need internet access for work, school, job seeking, or accessing services, we may be able to help.

This program is open to people who live in the greater KC region. It is only open to households with limited incomes.

It can help you:

- Find affordable internet service
- Pay off an old balance
- · Get caught up on your current internet service
- Pay for internet service for six months

Funds are limited. Apply Now!

Call 816-200-0599, visit https://kcconnect.me or scan this code with your mobile device. Some restrictions apply.





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!)











FRIDAY'S 3PM - 6PM

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT **314.701.7245** OR EMAIL US AT **KIDSEATFREE@INFLUENCECHURCH.COM**

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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 <u>info@cackc.org</u> 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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Please don't hesitate to contact me with any feedback, questions or ideas!