



WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Monday, October 10th, 2022

PARSON SIGNS TAX CUTS & AG INCENTIVES

Gov. Mike Parson on Oct. 5 signed into law a bill enacting a major state income tax cut and another bill providing tax incentives to benefit Missouri agriculture including income tax credits to encourage investments to establish or improve urban farms including community gardens that were both passed in the recently ended special session of the legislature called by the governor to consider both topics.

The income tax cuts approved by the legislature on September 29 exceeded the cuts the governor had requested and phased them in over several years dependent on net general revenue growth hitting established benchmarks.

Although the state currently is on sound fiscal footing largely due to a temporary influx of federal pandemic relief funds, critics worry that once the tax cuts are fully implemented it will jeopardize the state's ability to adequately fund essential state services, many of which such as state aid to public education already are severely underfunded.

The Senate granted final approval to the bill providing tax incentives to benefit agriculture (House Committee Substitute for House Bill 3) by a vote of 26-3 on Oct. 4, just a day before the governor signed it. The House had passed it earlier.

It extends several existing income tax credits, creates new ones such as the urban farm tax credits and provides additional incentives to benefit Missouri agriculture.

The bill replaces similar legislation approved in this year's regular session that Parson vetoed because it provided that agricultural tax incentives would expire in just two years unless reauthorized by the legislature which he felt was too short a time to be effective. The bill that just passed provides the incentives will not require reauthorization for six years.

Its provisions designed to boost urban farming are similar to those in a bill I sponsored in this year's regular session. It provides that taxpayers can receive income tax credits equal to 50% of their eligible expenses up to \$5,000 for establishing or improving an urban farm including a community-run garden that produces food for distribution to the public by sale or donation.

Both bills will become effective 90 days after the special session's adjournment on October 4.

COURT UPHOLDS LAW LIMITING BARGAINING

The Missouri Supreme Court on Oct. 4 ruled a 2018 law making nearly all state workers “at-will” employees who “may be discharged for no reason or any reason not prohibited by law” doesn’t interfere with unionized workers’ constitutional right to collectively bargain.

The unanimous court reversed a 2021 decision by Cole County Circuit Judge Jon Beetem that Gov. Mike Parson’s administration violated the collective bargaining rights of unionized state employees when it stopped abiding by labor contracts after the enactment of the 2018 law, Senate Bill 1007.

The law eliminated the 73-year-old “merit system” that had removed political patronage in state employment and provided basic worker protections. Three unions representing state workers brought the lawsuit challenging SB 1007.

In an opinion written by Judge W. Brent Powell, the court found Beetem’s ruling legally erroneous and said SB 1007’s requirement that state employees are subject to summary termination without cause doesn’t conflict with the constitutional right to collectively bargain. Powell was appointed to the court by former Gov. Eric Greitens who

signed SB 1007 into law just hours before resigning ahead of impeachment proceedings.

“Because the scope and definition of at-will employment provide for indefinite duration and termination without cause, SB 1007 prevents the State from negotiating employment terms and conditions that limit the duration of employment or require cause for termination of employment,” Powell wrote.

“This Court finds these restrictions on collective bargaining do not infringe on Missouri’s constitutional right to bargain collectively. SB 1007 also does not violate the contract clause of the Missouri Constitution because terms included in the collective bargaining agreements between Unions and the State explicitly account for modification of the agreements upon a change in law, such as SB 1007.”

However, the court did agree with Beetem that the Parson administration acted without legal authority in promulgating several administrative rules placing further restrictions on collective bargaining that went beyond at-will employment and declared those rules “unlawful”.

The court remanded the case, *American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, et al., v. State of Missouri*, to Beetem for further proceedings.

JUDGES UP FOR RETENTION

Missouri voters on Nov. 8 will decide if two Missouri Supreme

Court judges and 10 members of the state Court of Appeals get to keep their jobs.

In the eight decades since Missouri adopted its current judicial retention system, voters have yet to deem an appellate judge unworthy of another term.

Under the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan, appellate judges are appointed by the governor from a list of finalists selected by a constitutionally independent commission.

Appointees must stand for retention at the next general election after serving for a full year and every 12 years thereafter.

Judges in retention elections don't face opponents, with voters merely marking their ballots "yes" or "no" on whether a given judge should remain on the bench.

The two Supreme Court members up for retention are Zel Fischer and Robin Ransom. Fischer was appointed to the state high court in 2008 by former Gov. Matt Blunt, and voters previously retained him in 2010. Ransom, the first Black woman on the court, is standing for retention for the first time after Gov. Mike Parson appointed her last year.

Four judges are on the retention ballot in the 25 counties under the jurisdiction of the St. Louis-based Court of Appeals Eastern District. All four – Kelly Broniec, Michael Gardner, Thomas Clark II and John Toritzky – are recent Parson appointees up for their first retention votes.

In the 45 counties covered by the Kansas City-based Court of Appeals Western District, voters also will consider retention for four judges, including first-timer W. Doug Thompson, a Parson appointee, and Alok Ahuja, a 2007 Blunt appointee previously retained in 2010. The other two judges – Mark Pfeiffer and Karen King Mitchell – both were appointed by former Gov. Jay Nixon, and also were last retained in 2010.

The remaining appellate judges up for retention are Donald Burrell Jr. and Jack Goodman of the Springfield-based Court of Appeals Southern District, which covers 44 counties. Burrell is a 2007 Blunt appointee previously retained in 2010, while Goodman, a former state lawmaker, is standing for his first retention vote after Parson appointed him in 2020.

Several circuit and associate circuit judges also are up for retention this year in the six judicial circuits under the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan covering Clay, Greene, Jackson, Platte and St. Louis Counties, plus St. Louis City.

Judges in all other Missouri counties run in traditional partisan elections. Circuit judges serve six-year terms, while associate circuit judges get four-year terms.

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A CAPA Parent Education Class

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Topics Include:

- ♥ Positive discipline techniques
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- ♥ Child development
- ♥ Conflict management

Upcoming Virtual Classes

Fall/Winter 2022 Sessions

Saturday, Oct. 15 & 22

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5 & 12

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3 & 10

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17

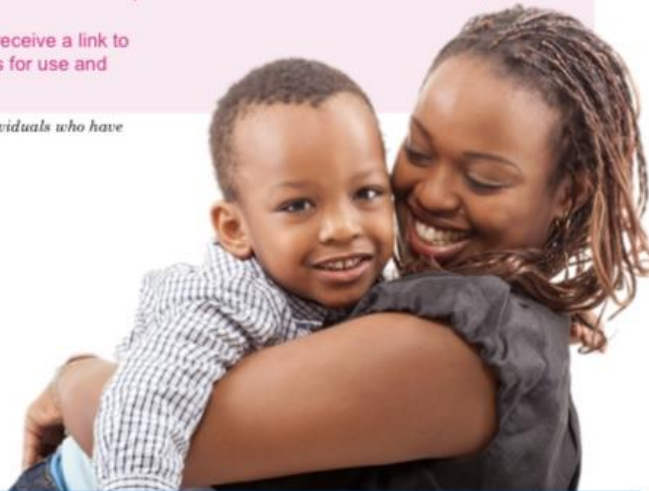
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

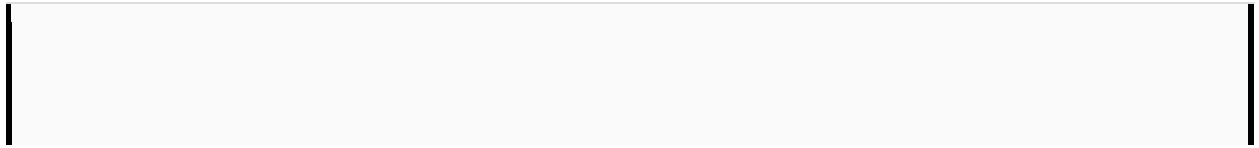
If needed, a certificate of completion will be provided to those individuals who have completed all sessions of a scheduled class.



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



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PUBLIC WORKS

Sixth District Clean Up

Open to all KCMO residents

Saturday, October 22, 2022: 8 AM - Noon

Location:

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

Accepted items:

- Bulky items/Trash
- Leaf and Brush
- Tires
- Clothes/Tools
- Document Shredding
- Free Electronic Collection:
 - All Desktop and Laptop Computers
 - Computer Flat Screen Monitors
 - Wires, Cables, Networking Equipment, Ink, Toner

There will be a cash charge for electronic items listed below:

- All flat Screen TVs- \$20
- Wood Console TVs, DLP Rear Projection TVs- \$40
- CRT Monitors-\$40
- Small Personal Printers- \$20
- Large Printers/Copiers- \$40

Location:

**South-Broadland Presbyterian
7850 Holmes Rd
Kansas City, MO, 64131**

Accepted items:

- Bulky items/Trash
- Leaf and Brush
- Tires
- Electronics (Will be at both locations)
- Document Shredding



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Sixth District



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MONDAY OCT. 24
5-7PM

WESTPORT ROANOKE COMMUNITY CENTER
3601 ROANOKE RD. KANSAS CITY, MO 64111



WOMEN, GIRLS, AND BIRTH GIVERS



**KANSAS CITY
MISSOURI**

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th UN-DUMPSTER DAY 8a-12p
Southeast High School - 3500 E Meyer Blvd KCMO 64132

Items accepted

- Small and large appliances in good working order (no dishwashers)
- Arts, books, and crafts supplies
- Baby supplies (no car seats or cribs)
- Bicycles in good working order
- Shredded documents, tires with or without rims.
- Building materials
 - Large, usable pieces of sheetrock and wood
 - Tile or wood/LVP flooring (new and in the box)
 - Reclaimed wood with nails and screws removed
 - No scrap wood, sheetrock or other building materials
- Wearable men's, women's and children's clothing
- Clothing hangers
- Bedroom, living room and dining room furniture
- Games and puzzles | Gardening equipment | Home decor

New hygiene products, such as soap, shampoo,

deodorant, tampons/pads

Kitchenware | Linens and towels

Medical equipment, such as crutches, wheelchairs

Clean and usable mattresses

Musical instruments | Office supplies | School supplies

Sports equipment (no treadmills, exercise bikes or ellipticals)

Hand tools and power tools in good working order

Flat screen TVs in good working order (no console TVs)

Toys

In addition, PCs for People will be on site to accept electronics and computers*.

***Electronics Recycling Guidelines**

Items PCs for People will take at NO charge to you:

- All desktop and laptop computers
- Computer flat screen monitors
- Wires, cables, networking equipment, ink, toner

Items PCs for People will take but requires a charge to recycle for you:

- Flat Screen TVs up to 40 inches – **\$20**
- Flat Screen TVs over 40 inches, Wood Console TVs, DLP Rear Projection TVs – **\$40**
- CRT Monitors – **\$40**
- Small Personal Printers – **\$20**
- Large Printers/Copiers – **\$40**

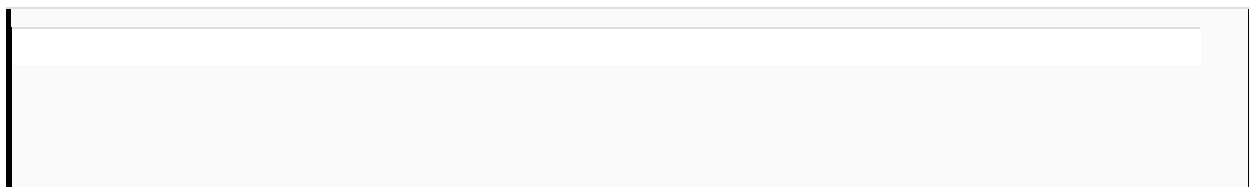
Items PCs for People does not accept:

- Air Conditioners
- Batteries – of any kind
- Broken Glass
- Computer Discs
- Dehumidifiers
- Electric Fixtures
- Fluorescent Lights or Bulbs
- Large Household Appliances
- Liquid or Chemical Waste
- Microwave Ovens
- Paint Cans
- Packing Materials
- Fire Extinguishers
- Refrigerators
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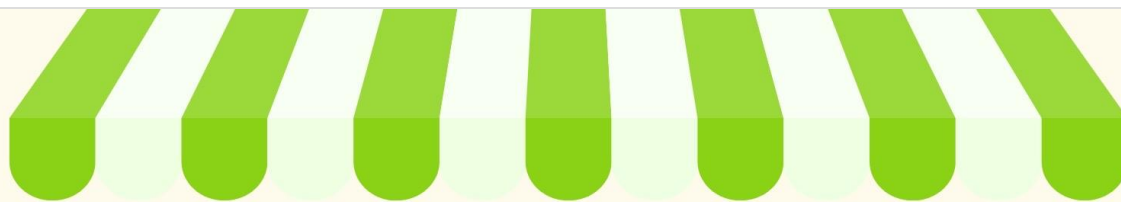
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Applying is easy, and there are several convenient and accessible ways to do it!

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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 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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