



WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Monday, October 24th, 2022

RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ON NOV. 8 BALLOT

Four years after Missouri voters by a lopsided 65.6 percentage authorized medical marijuana they're being asked to take the next step and legalize recreational marijuana use for adults age 21 and older.

In addition to adult-use legalization, Constitutional Amendment 3 would provide for expunging the criminal records of those convicted of most non-violent marijuana offenses, establish regulations for the expanded marijuana industry, impose a 6% state sales tax on retail recreational marijuana sales and authorize additional local sales taxes of up to 3%.

Amendment 3 was placed on the Nov. 8 statewide ballot via an initiative petition sponsored by Legal Missouri 2022.

The existing medical marijuana industry was heavily involved in drafting Amendment 3. It gives existing marijuana businesses priority to convert their current licenses into the limited number of “comprehensive” licenses that also cover cultivation, distribution or sales of recreational marijuana. Critics contend this would unfairly limit the number of new entrants into the market.

Supporters point to a provision authorizing “microbusiness” licenses for small-scale marijuana distribution or retail facilities that would provide a pathway to market entry for people from communities disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition. There would be 48 such licenses to start - with the number topping out at 144 - 18 months after Amendment 3 takes effect.

Those eligible for a microbusiness license include people who have been arrested or convicted of a non-violent marijuana offense, residents of areas with high poverty or unemployment or historically high rates of marijuana-related incarceration, disabled military veterans or graduates or residents of an unaccredited school district.

If additional comprehensive licenses later become available, the state would be required to award at least 50% to microbusiness licensees.

A group called Save Our State PAC was formed to oppose

Amendment 3. It touts itself as a broad coalition of traditional marijuana legalization opponents, as well as those who support legalization but dislike provisions of Amendment 3.

Adult recreational marijuana use already is legal in 19 states. Voters in four other states besides Missouri – Arkansas, Maryland, North Dakota and South Dakota – are also considering recreational legalization measures this year.

Medical marijuana is currently legal in 37 states.

Marijuana remains illegal under federal law.

If ratified by a simple majority of those voting, Amendment 3 will take effect Dec. 8.

LIBRARIES DENOUNCE PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS

The Missouri Library Association called an effort by Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft to strip state funding from public libraries that carry materials he deems inappropriate for minors “an infringement on the professional judgment of librarians, and an effort to further stoke division in the communities that librarians serve,” the Columbia Missourian reported Oct. 19.

The association’s comments came in a statement responding to a proposed administrative rule Ashcroft filed Oct. 17 seeking restrictions on how public libraries operate and what materials they provide and cutting state funding from those his office

deems aren't in compliance with his proposed restrictions.

Although the legislature appropriates some funds each year for libraries, they are locally governed and operated, and primarily financed by local taxpayers.

While executive branch agencies can promulgate administrative rules to assist them with carrying out their statutory duties, Ashcroft's proposed rule appears to be an attempt to legislate by rule-making by purporting to grant his office the authority to withhold state funding from local libraries he deems not in compliance with his proposed rule.

In addition, key sections of the rule are vaguely written, including one prohibiting the use of state funds “to purchase or acquire materials in any form that appeal to prurient interest of any minor” without specifying a standard for determining this or making a distinction regarding whether such materials are only intended for adult readers.

The proposed rule will be published in the Missouri Register on Nov. 15, which will trigger a 30-day public comment period.

If the rule is finalized, the legislature has the authority to pass a concurrent resolution annulling it if lawmakers deem the rule was enacted without legal authority or otherwise is inappropriate.

AMENDMENT 1 BROADENS INVESTMENT OPTIONS

Missouri voters will decide Nov. 8 whether to allow the General Assembly to pass legislation broadening the investment options for state funds, estimated to increase interest income for the state by about \$2 million a year.

The Missouri General Assembly passed House Committee Substitute for House Joint Resolution 35 during the 2021 legislative session to place Constitutional Amendment 1 before voters.

It won near-unanimous legislative support, passing on votes of 156-1 in the House of Representatives and 32-0 in the Senate.

Besides granting the legislature more discretion on investing state funds to increase interest earnings, Amendment 1 specifically allows investments in U.S. government obligations that mature no more than seven years from the date of purchase - up from the current five-year cap - and investments in top-rated municipal securities.

If a simple majority of voters ratify Amendment 1, it will take effect Dec. 8.

November 8, 2022

Early Voting Satellite Locations and Times

KCEB Training Center (Union Station)

30 W Pershing Rd.

Mon-Fri: 8am - 6pm

Lower Level B, Suite 610

Saturday November, 5th: 8am - 12pm

Kansas City, MO 64108

Monday, November 7th: 8am to 5pm

Voters who choose to vote early at Union Station: Please park in the Union Station West garage when visiting KCEB, as limited time parking validation will be provided for voters. Any person with a physical disability may park in the Union Station front South lot for a short time while voting.

United Believers Community Church

5600 E 112th Ter.

Mon-Fri.: 10am - 6pm

Kansas City, MO 64134

Saturday November, 5th: 8am - 12pm

The Whole Person

3710 Main St.

Mon-Fri.: 10am - 6pm

Kansas City, Mo 64111

Saturday November, 5th: 8am - 12pm

ATTENTION: ALL SATELLITE VOTING LOCATIONS USE BALLOT MARKING DEVICES WHICH PRODUCE PAPER BALLOTS! PRE-PRINTED STANDARD PAPER BALLOTS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE AT YOUR HOME WARD AND PRECINCT ON ELECTION DAY.

ID BLUE PROVISIONAL BALLOTS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ON ELECTION DAY! YOU MUST HAVE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF ID TO VOTE EARLY AT UNION STATION OR A SATELLITE VOTING LOCATION.



**EARLY VOTING
BEGINS TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

JACKSON COUNTY PARKS + REC BLUE RIVER PARKWAY MASTER PLAN



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

PLEASE JOIN US! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Learn about the future of this 2,200-acre Jackson County Park along the Blue River, talk with the experts, ask questions, and give us your feedback!

OPEN HOUSE DATES:

Wednesday, October 26; 4:30 - 7:00 pm

Kansas City South Patrol Station
Meeting Room
9701 Marion Park Drive
Kansas City, MO 64137

Thursday, October 27; 4:30 - 7:00 pm

Linwood YMCA
3800 Linwood Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64128



For more information, visit

www.makeyourdayhere.com/blueriverparkwayplan

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
- Small Household Appliances
- Smoke and Fire Detectors
- VHS/Cassette Tapes, CDs, DVDs, nor their cases
- Wood Speakers

This is a **RE.USE.FULL** event. Please visit www.reusefull.org **DONATE YOUR STUFF**

Thank you to our Charity Partners:



**OCTOBER
29TH**

DRIVE THRU

TRUNK

OR

TREAT



1:00 - 3:00 PM

**KCPD SOUTH PATROL DIVISION
9701 MARION PARK DR, KCMO 64137**

ALL AGES WELCOME!

A FUN, SAFE, TRICK-OR-TREAT EXPERIENCE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

TREAT TOWN



Drive-Thru



HOT 103
JAMZ!

THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SWOPE HEALTH CENTRAL PARKING LOT UNDER A BIG TENT! FROM THE SAFETY OF YOUR VEHICLE, YOU WILL BE DIRECTED TO DRIVE THRU FOR KIDS (UNDER AGE 12) TO RECEIVE A TREAT BAG FILLED WITH GOODIES!

Saturday, October 29

6:00–8:00 P.M.

SWOPE HEALTH CENTRAL

3801 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD., KANSAS CITY, MO 64130

DIRECTIONS FOR ENTERING TREAT TOWN:

- Please form a line on Cleveland Avenue heading north.
- Make a right turn onto Blue Parkway.
- Enter Treat Town through Swope Health Central's Main Entrance **ONLY**.
- Treat Town staff will direct you once you enter the lot.
- Please remain in your vehicle while driving thru Treat Town.



SORRY, NO WALK-UPS WILL BE ALLOWED.

Face painters, balloon twisters
& photo ops for the kids

OCTOBER
31 4-6
PM

TRICK-OR-TREAT

RED BRIDGE SHOPPING CENTER

Candy and treats from your
favorite Red Bridge tenants!

FOR MORE DETAILS:
RedBridgeShoppingCenter.com



CANDIDATE FORUM



Jackson County Executive and Jackson County At-Large Legislative Districts
Hosted by NAACP Kansas City Missouri Branch

Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Macedonia Baptist Church

1700 Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri 64109

Face mask required.

All candidates listed have been invited.

6:00 PM Jackson County Executive Candidate

Frank White Jr., Theresa Cass Galvin

7:10 PM Jackson County At-Large Legislative Districts Candidates

1st District At-Large: Bill E. Kidd, Jalen Anderson

2nd District At-Large: John J. Murphy, Donna Payton

3rd District At-Large: Lance Dillenschneider, Megan Marshall

Co-Sponsors

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Omega Chapter, Mu Omega Chapter
and Xi Tau Omega Chapter

Kansas City Missouri Alumnae Chapter of **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

The Greater Kansas City Chapter of **Societas Docta, Inc**

The Greater Kansas City Chapter of the **A. Philip Randolph Institute**

Links, Incorporated Jackson County, Missouri Chapter





SAVE THE DATE!

KCMO 5th District
Fall Picnic

*November 5th
12 P.M.*

Coming Soon by Registration Only!



RYANA PARKS-SHAW

COUNCILWOMAN - 5TH DISTRICT



ANGEL HANDS ART FOUNDATION PRESENTS...

COMPLIMENTARY HOODIE
INCLUDED IN THE
TICKET PRICE!

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER
12TH
2022

6PM TO 9PM

ARTIS
EVENT
SPACE

3014 CHERRY ST. KANSAS CITY, MO
LIGHT DINNER + CASH BAR

WITH
SPECIAL GUESTS

The Hoodie Ball



FEATURING:

A special recognition of Savanna Williams for 10 years
of dedicated community service local and globally!



COUNCILWOMAN
RYANA PARKS SHAW



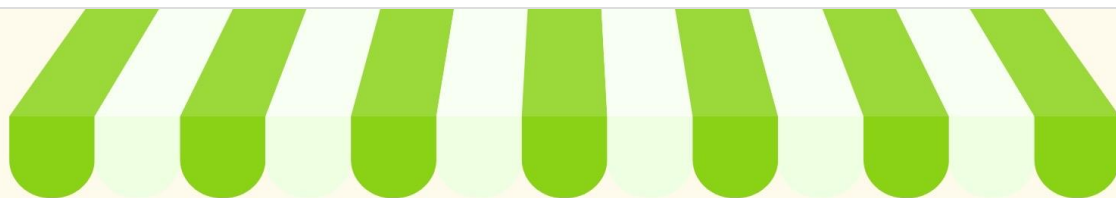
DR. MARJORIE WILLIAMS



DJ BRIAN B. SHYNIN'

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/ANGEL-HANDS-ART-FOUNDATION-PRESENTS-THE-HOODIE-BALL-TICKETS-419321801797](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/angel-hands-art-foundation-presents-the-hoodie-ball-tickets-419321801797)



FREE MEALS

Breakfast & lunch

MONDAY - FRIDAY
UNITED BELIEVERS COMMUNITY CHURCH
5600 E. 112TH TERR
KANSAS CITY, MO 64134

BREAKFAST SERVED
@9AM DAILY
LUNCH SERVED
@11AM DAILY
AGES K-18



APPETITE 4 HUMANITY



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**.



1

\$1,481

2

\$2,003

3

\$2,525

4

\$3,048

5

\$3,570

6

\$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

KIDS EAT FREE



MEAL DISTRIBUTION

- CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT -

**UNITED BELIEVERS COMMUNITY CHURCH
5600 E. 112 TERRACE, KCMO 64134**

FRIDAY'S 3PM - 6PM

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

**THIS SITE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER*



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.



REMAIN ANONYMOUS • RECEIVE CASH REWARDS



TIPS HOTLINE

816-474-8477



WEB TIPS

KcCrimestoppers.com



FREE MOBILE APP

P3Tips.com



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**Please don't hesitate to contact me
with any feedback, questions or ideas!**