



Dear Neighbor:

With numerous candidates for federal, state and county offices on the ballot along with judges including two Missouri Supreme Court judges up for retention and nine state, city and county ballot issues - some of which are extremely important - the November 8 election is more consequential than most midterm elections.

Please make sure to vote!

KCMO voters who want to take advantage of “no excuse” absentee voting may vote early at **United Believers Community Church in the Fellowship Hall, 5600 E. 112th Terrace**, in my legislative district which is the only satellite early voting location in south Kansas City.

The voting site is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, November 5, the last day it is open.

Due to new state legislation that I opposed, voters must bring a

current government issued photo ID to vote early.

See the flyer below for more details.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the KCMO Public Works Department for conducting last Saturday's 6th Council District Fall Cleanup with drop-off sites at Ruskin High School and South-Broadland Presbyterian Church which was a great benefit to residents of my legislative district and other city residents.

Residents were able to properly dispose of tons of bulky items like appliances & old furniture, leaves & brush, tires and trash and bring in electronics for recycling. They also were able to have documents shredded on-site and donate clothing and household items in good condition to be given to area Disabled American Veterans Red Racks thrift stores.

I also want to thank 6th District Councilmembers Andrea Bough and Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, Community Assistance Council and South Kansas City Alliance for sponsoring the cleanup.

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 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, October 31st, 2022

AMENDMENT 4 ALLOWS UNFUNDED MANDATES

Constitutional Amendment 4 would allow the General Assembly to pass legislation until the end of 2026 requiring KCMO to increase funding for its Police Department, exempting such laws from the existing constitutional prohibition against imposing unfunded state mandates on local governments. The measure will appear on the Nov. 8 statewide ballot.

The ban on unfunded mandates is part of the Missouri Constitution's tax-limiting Hancock Amendment. Under its unfunded mandates provision, state lawmakers can't require local governments to increase spending levels beyond legal minimums in place at the time the Hancock Amendment was ratified in 1980 unless they appropriate state funding sufficient to pay for the mandate.

A state law dating to the 1950s requires Kansas City to dedicate at least 20% of the city's general revenue for the Police Department.

Although the City Council appropriates the money, the five-member Board of Police Commissioners decides how it is spent. Four board members are city residents appointed by the governor, with the fifth spot filled by Kansas City's mayor.

For many years the city voluntarily has exceeded the minimum funding level required by state law.

Even though voters haven't yet ratified Amendment 4, the legislature already has enacted legislation, signed into law by Gov. Mike Parson this summer, bumping the minimum police funding level to 25% of general revenue.

Because of the Hancock Amendment, that law appears clearly unconstitutional, but Amendment 4's supporters hope voter ratification will cure that problem.

Amendment 4 would authorize state lawmakers to approve additional mandatory increases in minimum funding for the Police Department through Dec. 31, 2026, without appropriating state funds to cover such increases, at which time the ban on future unfunded mandates would be restored.

Although observers may differ on whether the Police Department is adequately funded, there appears to be a growing realization that there are not enough officers on the streets, making it extremely difficult to respond in time to stop crimes in progress or get to violent crime scenes quick enough to prevent witnesses from scattering and evidence being contaminated or taken.

Also, when there are seriously injured victims of violent crimes, slow police responses often delay emergency medical care for the victims since paramedics and emergency medical technicians won't enter a violent crime scene until they have assurance it is safe. Sometimes that can be determined from

the 911 caller if that person is at the scene, but if that's not the case emergency medical responders will drive to the close vicinity of the scene, but not actually enter the scene until law enforcement arrives. This can be fatal to victims who might survive if given prompt medical care.

As of October 28, the Police Department reported 144 homicides so far this year, the second highest year to date total for the last five years and only 12 under this time in 2020 when the city set a new all-time record for the number of homicides.

For several years KCMO's horrendous per capita homicide rate has been one of the highest in the nation for big cities, far exceeding the per capita homicide rate of cities like Chicago that often are thought of as extremely violent.

AMENDMENT 5 PROPOSES REORGANIZATION

Constitutional Amendment 5, if ratified by voters on Nov. 8, would elevate the Missouri National Guard to departmental status, a change that likely would have little, if any, practical impact since the Guard is already under the direct control of the governor.

In addition to creating the new Department of the National Guard, Amendment 5 would specify the agency is led by an adjutant general, which already is the case.

Amendment 5 supporters say making the Guard its own department would streamline the chain of command so the

adjutant general - a gubernatorial appointee and the Guard's commander - would report directly to the governor. However, the Missouri Constitution already specifies the governor has direct control over the Guard, which Amendment 5 critics say renders it unnecessary.

Although state law currently assigns the Guard to the Missouri Department of Public Safety for organizational purposes, the arrangement basically exists only on paper. The statute grants the public safety director no authority over the Guard or the adjutant general and specifically states that this organizational structure doesn't interfere with the governor's constitutional role as commander-in-chief of the state militia.

The Missouri General Assembly passed legislation placing Amendment 5 on the ballot earlier this year.

Making the Guard a stand-alone department would result in an additional ongoing annual cost of \$132,000 according to the ballot language. However, the original official fiscal analysis of the proposal said the cost could be over \$150,000.

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**

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



PUBLIC WORKS

HARD TO RECYCLE *CLEAN UP*

**SATURDAY, NOV. 5
8 AM to NOON**

Manual Career Tech Center
1215 East Truman Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Accepted items:

Tires (with or without rims)
Bulky items
Leaf and brush
Electronics (see price list),
Shredder
Glass recycling
Small appliances
Clothes
Tools
Toys
Hazardous waste (paints, household
cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs, etc.)

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

CRT monitors \$5/ea
CRT TVs 26" or less \$30/ea
CRT TVs 27" or greater \$50/ea
Wood console & true big screen/projection
TVs \$50/ea
LED/LCD/Plasma TVs \$20/ea
Any freon containing unit \$10/ea

ALL KCMO RESIDENTS WELCOME

**For more information, contact
Robert Woods at 816-513-8442**



**KANSAS CITY
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Free FAMILY HEALTH ESSENTIALS




SATURDAY, November 5th

SWOPE HEALTH CENTRAL

3801 Martin Luther King Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64130

9:00am-12:00pm

(While supplies last)

COVID-19 & Flu Vaccinations Available

No Cost, Can be accessed directly if NOT participating in the drive thru



DRIVE
THRU

ALL STATIONS

Locations are subject to change



THANKSGIVING EDITION

➡ Maximum 2 families per car – 2 Families **MUST** be represented in the car
 ➡ e.g. not 1 person for two families
 All items delivered to the car ➡ Trunk Service only (no walk-up)

Station 1: Household Basket	Station 2: Toiletry Bag	Station 3: Throw Blankets, Socks, other items	Station 4: Food Boxes including Free Turkey or Ham First 500 families
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ANGEL HANDS-ART FOUNDATION PRESENTS...

COMPLIMENTARY HOODIE
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SATURDAY
NOVEMBER
12TH
2022

6PM TO 9PM

ARTIS
EVENT
SPACE

2074 CHERRY ST. KANSAS CITY, MO
LIGHT DINNER + CASH BAR

WITH
SPECIAL GUESTS



COUNCILWOMAN
RYANA PARKS SHAW



DR. MARJORIE WILLIAMS



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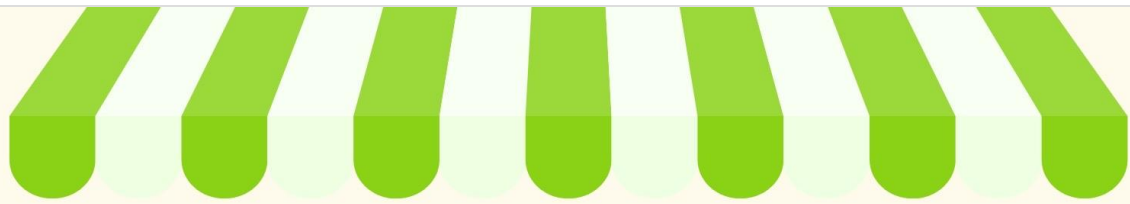
FEATURING:

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

The Hoodie Ball

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?		How do I apply?
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 .		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
1	\$1,481	By Phone: Call the Missouri Family Support Division at (855)-373-4636 or (855)-373-9994
2	\$2,003	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
3	\$2,525	
4	\$3,048	
5	\$3,570	
6	\$4,092	

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.



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816-474-8477



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KCcrimestoppers.com



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