



WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Monday, September 12th, 2022

VETO SESSION TO CONVENE SEPT. 14

The Missouri General Assembly will hold its annual veto session Sept. 14 but isn't expected to override any of the four bills or 32 line-item budget vetoes Gov. Mike Parson issued this year.

The session is expected to last no more than a few hours.

Legislation to provide income tax credits to benefit Missouri agriculture appears to be the only prospect for an override attempt. Although Parson favors the tax incentives, he vetoed the measure, House Bill 1720, because lawmakers set them to expire after just two years, which he said was too short a

period to effectively boost agricultural investments.

Parson is asking lawmakers to repass the tax credits with expiration dates no shorter than six years before reauthorization is required in the special legislative session now scheduled to begin work on Sept. 14, the same day as the veto session.

There hasn't been any buzz about attempting overrides on the three other vetoed bills, which include separate measures relating to kratom regulations and county government financial statements, along with controversial legislation to grant one-time tax rebates to certain taxpayers that was grafted on to an unrelated bill pertaining to state employees.

The governor's 32 line-item vetoes striking a total of \$644 million in spending authority from the fiscal year 2023 state budget likewise are expected to stand. The bulk of that amount came from a single line-item veto of \$500 million in spending authority intended for the proposed tax rebates that had flawed wording.

A successful override requires two-thirds majorities in both legislative chambers – 23 votes in the Senate and 109 in the House. Republicans currently outnumber Democrats 24-10 in the Senate and 107-48 in the House, which has eight vacancies.

DETAILS OF LEGISLATION STILL NOT PUBLIC

Days after a special legislative session to consider massive income tax cuts and income tax credits to benefit Missouri agriculture officially began, details of the specific language of the proposed legislation have yet to be announced.

Gov. Mike Parson's proclamation convening the special session set it to begin at noon on Sept. 6, and the 60-day constitutional clock for the session to end started ticking at that time.

But in an unprecedented move, Republican legislative leaders later announced neither chamber would actually convene the special session until Sept. 14, the same day the legislature's annual veto session begins.

Parson has asked the General Assembly to approve income tax cuts that he has estimated would cost the state about \$700 million annually in lost revenue that supporters say would be at least partially offset by the cuts stimulating economic growth. The nonpartisan Missouri Budget Project has estimated the proposed cuts would reduce state revenue closer to \$1.1 million annually.

The governor also is asking lawmakers to create or renew several income tax credits to benefit Missouri agriculture, many of which were in House Bill 1720 passed during this year's regular legislative session that the governor vetoed because it required the credits to be reauthorized after only two years which he said was too short a time to effectively boost agricultural investments.

He has asked for such credits to be available for a minimum of six years before reauthorization is required.

They will include credits for investments to establish or improve urban farms including community gardens that are similar to what I proposed in House Bill 1570 during this year's regular session. The vetoed HB 1720 also included similar language, but required the credits to be reauthorized after only two years instead of after six years as I proposed.

The Missouri constitution provides that during special sessions lawmakers may only pass legislation the governor asks them to consider.

The special session must end no later than Nov. 5, three days before the Nov. 8 general election.

ASHCROFT FILES SUPREME COURT BRIEF

Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft announced Sept. 7 he has filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of a case pushing a fringe legal theory that asserts state legislatures have absolute authority to determine election laws and are even free to ignore state constitutional requirements.

Ashcroft's brief backs efforts to reverse a North Carolina Supreme Court ruling that a new congressional map drawn by the state's Republican-controlled legislature that favors GOP

candidates violates the state constitution.

The so-called “independent state legislature doctrine” claims the Elections Clause of the U.S. Constitution gives state legislatures the sole power to set congressional district boundaries, thus precluding state courts from reviewing their work for constitutional violations.

Constitutional scholars widely pan the theory, but it recently has gained traction among right-wing legal groups seeking to circumvent state constitutional protections relating to congressional redistricting and the conduct of elections.

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the North Carolina case, *Moore v. Harper*, in its upcoming term that begins Oct. 3. The court has recently shifted far to the right ideologically, with conservative justices holding a 6-3 majority, creating concerns the court could upend long held legal standards governing how federal elections are conducted.



I joined other area residents at the annual Kansas City Remembrance Ceremony on September 11 at the First Responder Memorial in Mount Olivet Cemetery to personally pay my respects to the hundreds of fire fighters and scores of police officers who lost their lives while trying to save others on September 11, 2001. Also, many average citizens became first responders that day risking their lives to save others. To those we lost, you are loved and you are missed.



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COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Kansas City, MO
Sidewalks Prioritization Plan

Help us plan for Kansas City's future sidewalks

STOP BY TO PROVIDE YOUR INPUT!

September 13

from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

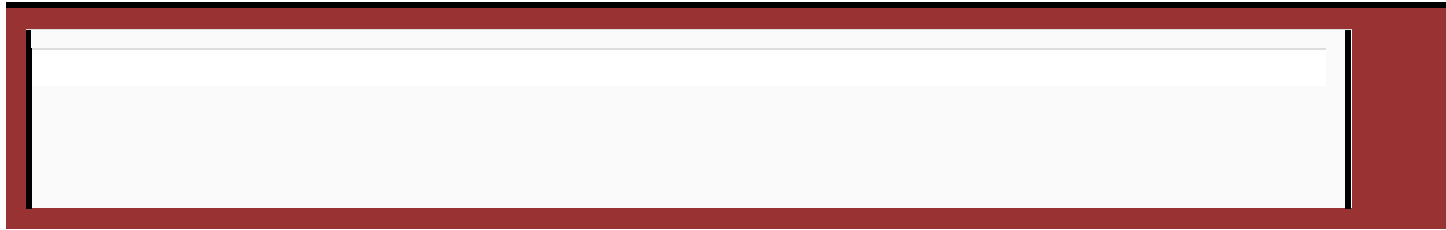
Wonderscope Children's Museum
423 E. Red Bridge Rd
Kansas City, MO 64131

Take the Survey & Visit Our Website
KCMOSidewalks.com



Questions? Contact Uday Manepalli at Uday.Manepalli@kcmo.org







Together, let's create opportUNITY

Join us in supporting small businesses and helping advance minority- and women-owned companies by participating in the Hy-Vee OpportUNITY Inclusive Business Summit this fall.

During the summit, Hy-Vee will host a pitch competition that will give local minority- and women-owned businesses the chance to win up to \$30,000. In total, Hy-Vee will award \$50,000 to companies across various business sectors.

TWO WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUMMIT:

1) Do you represent a minority- or women-owned business?

Apply to pitch your products or services at the summit for the chance to win up to \$30,000!

2) Are you seeking professional development?

Register to attend this free event which will include an expo with resources for small businesses, learning opportunities through presentations and panel discussions, the chance to be inspired by others and more. Plus, watch companies participate in a pitch competition for the chance to win up to \$30,000!

HY-VEE OPPORTUNITY INCLUSIVE BUSINESS SUMMIT

Tuesday, Sept. 27

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium

Kansas City, MO



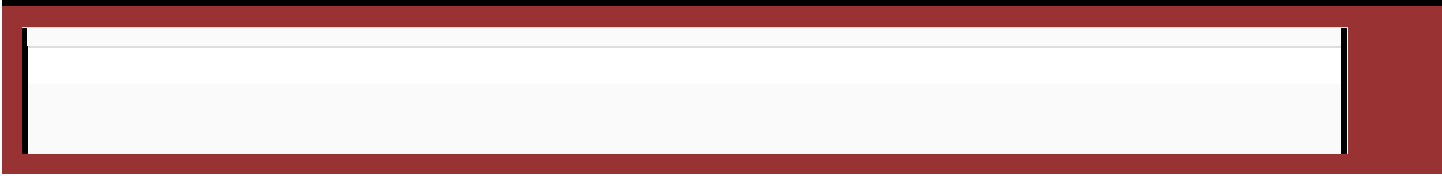
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Event space courtesy of the Kansas City Chiefs.







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MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

Hy-Vee is awarding \$50,000 to local businesses. You could be one of them!

STEP 1: APPLY TO PITCH YOUR PRODUCTS OR SERVICES

Visit the summit website to apply by 11:59 p.m. (CDT) on Sept. 1, 2022.

STEP 2: PARTICIPATE IN A PITCH COMPETITION AT THE SUMMIT

Selected applicants will provide a short presentation at the summit for a panel of judges.

STEP 3: WIN!

Businesses will participate in one of three pitch categories for the chance to win the grand prize of \$30,000! Plus one business from each category will earn \$5,000. Additional cash investments will be awarded.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEEKERS

Enjoy an expo with resources for small businesses, learning opportunities through presentations and panel discussions, the chance to be inspired by others and more. Plus, watch companies participate in a pitch competition for the chance to win up to \$30,000!

STEP 1: ATTEND THE SUMMIT!

Visit the summit website to register by 11:59 p.m. (CDT) on Sept. 20, 2022. Check back frequently for updates to the event agenda and list of featured speakers and panelists.

STEP 2: PROMOTE THE SUMMIT!

Invite colleagues, local organizations and other community members to attend this free networking and professional development event.

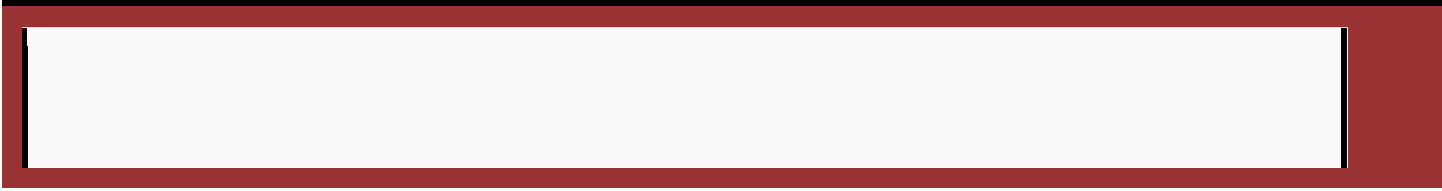
STEP 3: TALK ABOUT THE EXCELLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES!

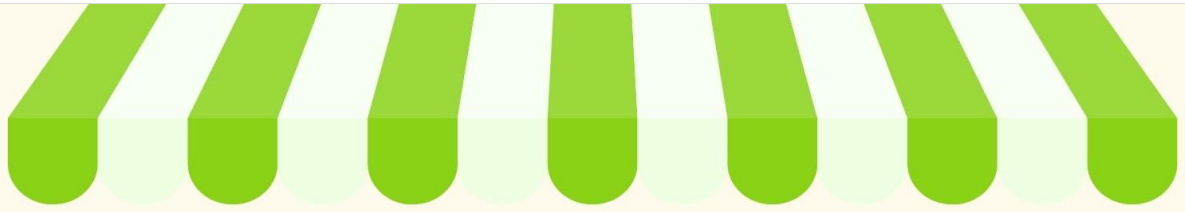
Post on social media during or after the summit using #HyVeeOpportUNITY.



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FREE MEALS

Breakfast & lunch

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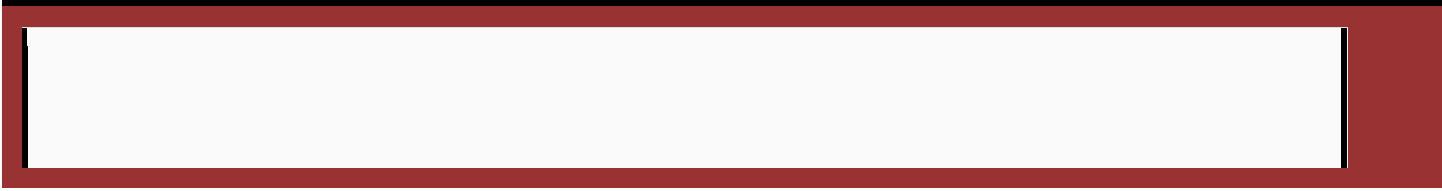
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Understanding and Accessing **MISSOURI MEDICAID**

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**.



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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

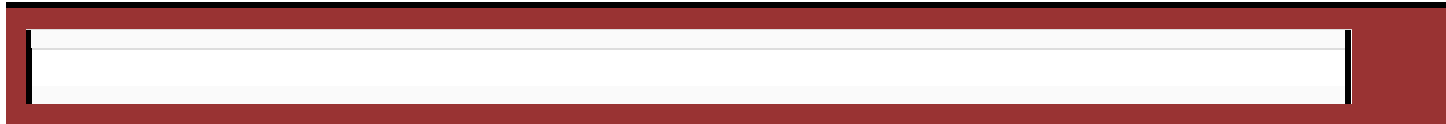
By Mail or Email:

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



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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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