



Dear Neighbor,

I was extremely pleased that Dr. Traci Johnson, MD, spoke about the dangerous fables that have deterred people from getting vaccinated to protect against COVID-19 at the joint town hall meeting I hosted September 25 at Concord Fortress of Hope Church with Representatives Michael Johnson and Yolanda Young.

**One of the dangerous myths that have kept people from getting vaccinated that she discussed was that if persons have had COVID-19 they are immune from further infections.**

**“That is a lie,” she said.**

She explained that although becoming infected does prevent reinfection for a short time, evidence shows that such protection is temporary. She stressed that antibody levels are much higher and last much longer after a vaccination than after an infection.

An expert on maternal health, Dr. Johnson said it is extremely important for pregnant women to get fully vaccinated since she explained they are three times more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19 than non-pregnant persons. She also pointed out that the delta variant of COVID-19 is about twice as likely as earlier variants to cause moderate to severe illness in pregnant women.

**She urged all eligible persons to get vaccinated to protect themselves and their loved ones, noting that low vaccination rates allow the virus to continue to spread and mutate, with new mutations becoming even more contagious and more likely to cause serious illness or death.**

I also was very pleased to be able to recognize Mrs. Penny Rice, the founder and CEO of the Empowerment Organization For Change for her years of service to our southland community. That nonprofit organization operates a transitional living facility in south KC to help women recover from alcohol or drug dependency.

In accepting the resolution from the Missouri House of Representatives honoring her for her community service, Mrs. Rice made sure to take time to thank the organization's board and staff and her family, friends and sorority sisters for their help and support.

**Please don't forget the 6<sup>th</sup> Council District Fall Neighborhood Clean Up from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 2, with drop-off sites in the parking lots of Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111<sup>th</sup> St., & South-Broadland Presbyterian Church, 7850 Holmes Rd.**

There is no charge for any KCMO residents to drop off bulky items such as old furniture, leaves & brush, tires with or without rims and trash at both sites, and free paper shredding is available at both sites.

**Electronics also may be dropped off for recycling at the Ruskin site, but there are different charges for monitors, TVs and anything containing Freon that are listed on the attached flyer.**

Representatives of the KCMO Fire Department are scheduled to pass out information about the Department's program to deliver and properly install free smoke detectors in residences that need them at both sites.

City Council members Andrea Bough & Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, Community Assistance Council and South Kansas City Alliance are sponsoring the clean up.

Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, my legislative aide Kaylee Bauer is ready to help you.

**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*



**Representative Sharp, seated at right with Representatives Michael Johnson and Yolanda Young, listen to Dr. Traci Johnson, MD, explain some of the dangerous myths that have kept people from getting vaccinated to protect against COVID-19 - sometimes with deadly consequences - at the town hall meeting they hosted September 25 at Concord Fortress of Hope Church.**



**Representative Sharp, joined by Representatives Johnson and Young on the left, presents a resolution from the Missouri House of Representatives to Penny Rice, second from right, thanking her for her service to the community at the September 25 town hall. Mrs. Rice is the founder and CEO of the nonprofit Empowerment Organization for Change that operates a south Kansas City transitional living facility that helps women recover from alcohol or drug dependency.**

# WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, October 1st, 2021

## JUDGE DEALS SCHMITT LAWSUIT SETBACKS

Attorney General Eric Schmitt suffered two major losses on Sept. 28 in his efforts to block Missouri school districts from enforcing mask mandates. However, Schmitt dodged total defeat when the judge declined to completely dismiss the case.

**Schmitt sued the Columbia Public Schools on Aug. 24 after the district adopted a mandatory mask requirement for students, faculty and staff in an attempt to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and minimize the need to shift to remote learning to contain outbreaks.**

After a hearing on various motions filed in the case, Boone County Circuit Judge Brouck Jacobs denied Schmitt's request to grant the case class-action status so that any ruling would apply to all other Missouri school districts. As a result, Schmitt will have to individually sue districts if he wants to challenge their mask requirements.

Jacobs also refused to grant a preliminary injunction barring the Columbia district from enforcing its mask requirement. However, Jacobs denied the district's motion to dismiss, meaning the case will continue.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends universal indoor masking in schools, including for vaccinated adults. So far, none of the three COVID-19 vaccinations in widespread use in the U.S. have been

approved for children under age 12.

**Although children appeared less susceptible to COVID-19 early in the pandemic, infection rates among children have soared with the highly contagious delta variant.**

Schmitt has made his legal efforts to thwart local government responses to the continuing pandemic a central component of his campaign for the Republican nomination to replace U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt, who is retiring after the 2022 elections.

### **COURT HEARS REFERENDUM PETITION CASE**

The Missouri Supreme Court heard a case Sept. 29 that could determine whether the Missouri secretary of state is empowered to essentially kill referendum petitions he doesn't like by dragging out the process for approving them for circulation until supporters can't realistically meet the deadline for gathering the more than 100,000 signatures needed to qualify for a statewide ballot.

The case dates to May 2019 when the General Assembly enacted House Bill 126 on the final day of the legislative session. The bill sought to criminalize most abortions after just eight weeks of pregnancy and included other abortion restrictions. Opponents quickly filed a referendum petition, which blocks a bill passed by lawmakers and signed by the governor from taking effect unless approved by voters.

Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft initially declared the petition unconstitutional because a portion of HB 126 was subject to an emergency clause causing it to take effect immediately upon being signed by the governor, and the state constitution prohibits referendums on bills that already have become law.

**After a legal challenge by petition organizers, the Missouri Court of Appeals Western District ruled on July 8, 2019, that the secretary of state has no authority to declare referendums unconstitutional and ordered Ashcroft to certify the petition.**

However, Ashcroft didn't immediately do so, noting that state law granted him up to 51 days to complete the job.

**He finally cleared the petition for circulation on Aug. 14, 2019, just two weeks before the deadline for submitting the necessary signatures. Ashcroft's actions prompted a follow-up lawsuit seeking to prevent him from blocking future referendum attempts.**

In a December 2020 ruling, Cole County Judge Jon Beetem noted that for a bill passed on the final day of a legislative session, the deadline for submitting a referendum petition is just 90 days, but state law allows state officials to take away up to 51 of those days. As a result, Beetem said the relevant statutes unconstitutionally impede the right of citizens to force statewide votes on legislative acts and should no longer be enforced.

**The Supreme Court will render its decision in the case, *No Bans on Choice v. Ashcroft*, at a future date.**

Meanwhile, enforcement of most of HB 126's key provisions has remained blocked by a federal court for violating the U.S. Supreme Court landmark decision in *Roe v. Wade* protecting abortion rights.

### **STATE FUEL TAX INCREASES OCTOBER 1**

Missouri's statewide fuel tax goes up by 2.5 cents per gallon today, marking its first increase in 25 years and taking the state's total fuel tax to 19.5 cents per gallon. The increase is called for under legislation Gov. Mike Parson signed into law this summer.

**Missouri's fuel tax had remained at 17 cents per gallon since 1996, when the last 2 cents of an overall 6-cent increase approved by lawmakers in 1992 took effect. Under Senate Bill 262, four more 2.5-cent bumps in the tax will kick in every July 1 until it tops out at 29.5 cents per gallon in 2025.**

When the 12.5-cent hike called for by SB 262 is fully phased in, it is expected to generate more than \$513 million a year in additional revenue for state and local transportation projects.

**The first 2.5-cent increase is expected to bring in \$77 million during the remaining nine months of the 2022 fiscal year which ends June 30.**

One unusual feature of SB 262 allows Missourians to annually apply for refunds on the new portion of the tax. However, relatively few people are expected to go to the trouble of maintaining receipts and filing annual refund requests with the Missouri Department of Revenue.

The bill's fiscal estimate predicts refunds will total about \$2.21 million for FY 2022, with the amount dropping to \$1.81 million by the time the 12.5-cent tax hike is fully implemented.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR LEAVING**

Missouri Department of Economic Development Director Rob Dixon will leave the agency effective Oct. 22 to take a new job with utility company Ameren Missouri.

**Gov. Mike Parson will select an interim director in the coming weeks, with a permanent appointment coming later, according to a news release from his office.**

Dixon was appointed economic development director in July 2017 by Gov. Eric Greitens and stayed on during the Parson administration after Greitens resigned in June 2018. With Dixon's departure, five state department directors appointed by Greitens remain.

As director, Dixon presided over a massive restructuring ordered by Parson in January 2019 that reduced the department in both size and importance as several of its agencies were shifted to other state departments. After the moves, the department went from having nearly 700 employees to fewer than 200.

### **FORMER SENATE LEADER DIES AT AGE 83**

Former Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Jim Mathewson, whose record tenure as the chamber's leader likely never will be broken, died of cancer on Sept. 27 at age 83, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported on Sept. 28.

**Mathewson, a Sedalia Democrat, served 30 years in the Missouri General Assembly. He was first elected to the state House of**

**Representatives in 1974, where he served three terms with my father before moving to the Senate in 1980.**

After six terms in the upper chamber, he was forced to retire in 2005 after Missouri voters ratified a constitutional amendment establishing term limits for state lawmakers.

**Since lawmakers now are generally limited to serving just eight years in either legislative chamber, it appears Mathewson's record eight-year tenure as Senate leader will stand for all time, barring a voter repeal of term limits.**

Although theoretically possible that a senator could tie Mathewson's mark, that also seems unlikely since it would require the Senate to elect a freshman senator as its leader and for that person to then hold the office for both of his or her four-year terms.

Mathewson was born March 17, 1938, in Fristoe, Mo. After leaving the legislature, he served separate appointed stints on the Missouri State Fair Board and Missouri Gaming Commission. He is survived by five children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, according to an online obituary posted by Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia.

# MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

**On October 1, 2021, Missouri's current motor fuel tax rate of 17 cents per gallon will increase to 19.5 cents per gallon.**

**Under Senate Bill 262, you may be eligible to receive a refund of the 2.5 cents tax increase you pay on gasoline in Missouri beginning October 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Refund claims for this period may be submitted after July 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022.**

**Although you can't apply for a refund claim until July 1, 2022, you will need to start saving your gas receipts beginning after October 1 if you want to intend to include in your refund claim next year.**

**A refund claim form will be available on the Department of Revenue's website prior to July 1, 2022. You may only turn in receipts with your name on them and you must keep your receipts for three years in the event you are audited by the Department of Revenue.**

**The following information will be required when submitting a refund claim:**

- **Vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle into which the motor fuel was delivered;**
- **Date of sale;**
- **Name and address of purchaser;**
- **Name and address of seller;**
- **Number of gallons purchased; and**
- **Number of gallons purchased and charged Missouri fuel tax, as a separate item.**

**The Department will be developing an online system so that customers can electronically file a claim and receive an**

approved refund.

**Please note: Missouri's motor fuel tax rate will increase by 2.5 cents per gallon annually on July 1 until it reaches 29.5 cents in July 2025. Under SB 262, you can request a refund of the Missouri motor fuel tax increase paid each year: 2.5 cents in 2022, 5 cents in 2023, 7.5 cents in 2024, 10 cents in 2025, and then 12.5 cents in 2026 and each year after.**

**Please refer to our [FAQs - 2021 Senate Bill 262](#) for additional information. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office with any questions. We will connect you with the appropriate resources at the Department of Revenue.**

**Missouri Governor — Michael L. Parson**  
Office of Communications

September 30, 2021

**Governor Mike Parson and Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson Celebrate Historic Partnership to Complete I-49 Connector (JEFFERSON CITY, MO)** – Today, Governor Mike Parson and

Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson joined together at the Missouri-Arkansas state line for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the I-49 Missouri-Arkansas Connector. The connector includes the final five miles of the I-49 and I-29 corridor that stretches from North Dakota to Louisiana.

"We thank our transportation partners here in Missouri and across the state line in Arkansas for completing this historic project and providing a vital connection for our communities," **Governor Parson** said.

"From Kansas City to Fort Smith, travelers will have safe and efficient travel options. This high-quality roadway will help promote tourism, business investment, and workforce opportunities between our two great states."

Missouri programmed partial funding for the connector, and the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Council was awarded a \$25 million federal grant that allowed the Missouri Department of Transportation to complete the Missouri portion of the project. The first segment of I-49 was designated in Missouri in 2012, stretching from Kansas City to Pineville.

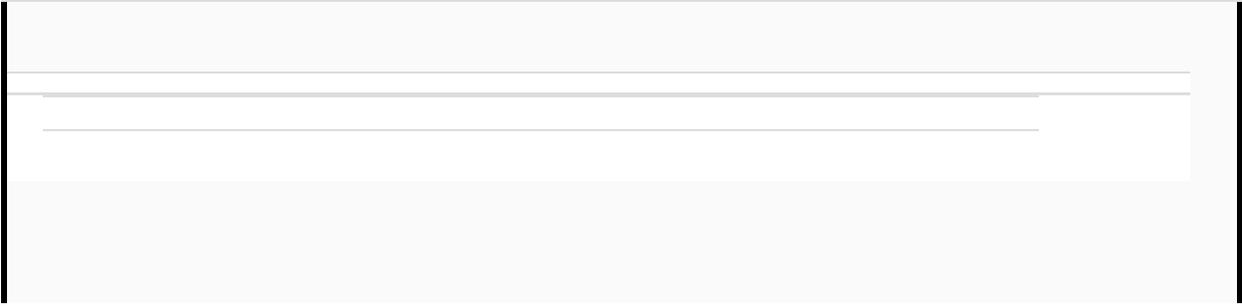
The I-49 and I-29 corridor consists of more than 1,600 miles of roadway, connecting six states: Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, South Dakota, and North Dakota. The connector will create an additional link to New Orleans area ports in the Gulf of Mexico for the transportation of various goods and services to and from states in the heart of America.

“From roadways to railways and from broadband to wastewater, without reliable infrastructure our economies cannot grow,” **Governor Parson** said. “It’s not often we get to partner with our neighbors on such important and impactful infrastructure projects like this one, but we look forward to additional opportunities to work together in the future.”

Missouri Department of Transportation Director Patrick McKenna and Arkansas Department of Transportation Director Lorie Tudor joined Governor Parson and Governor Hutchinson on the new lanes at the state line for today’s ceremony, where they highlighted the important achievement of this historic partnership.

“Arkansas, Missouri, and federal transportation officials have discussed the necessity of the I-49 Missouri-Arkansas Connector for more than 25 years,” said **MoDOT Director Patrick McKenna**. “This success wouldn’t have been possible if it weren’t for the hard work of our team, as well as the support from our legislators and federal officials through the years.”

This final segment measures just five miles, but the completed I-49 Missouri-Arkansas Connector stretches 290 miles between Kansas City, Missouri and Fort Smith, Arkansas. The newly constructed highway opens to the public on Friday, October 1, 2021.





# Sixth District Fall Clean Up Event

**October 2, 2021: 8 AM - NOON**

Join us for our annual Sixth District Clean up event that is open to all KCMO residents

**LOCATION:**

**RUSKIN HIGH SCHOOL  
7000 E 111TH ST  
KANSAS CITY, MO, 64134**

**Location:**

**South-Broadland Presbyterian  
7850 Holmes Rd  
KANSAS CITY, MO, 64131**

**Accepted items:**

Bulky Items/Trash  
Leaf and Brush  
Tires  
Document Shredding  
Electronic Collection

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**Councilmembers  
McManus & Bough**  
Sixth District



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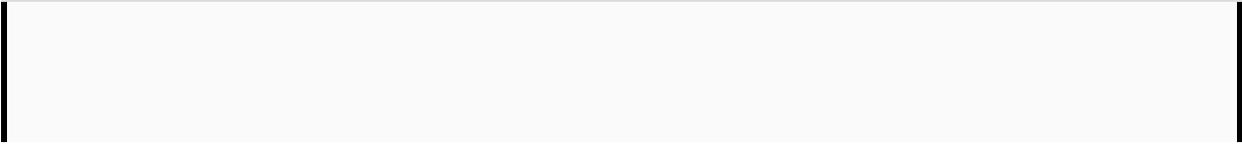
Masks should be worn at all times



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





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UMKC Department of Architecture, Urban Planning + Design

COMMUNITY BUILDERS OF KANSAS CITY AND CENTER FOR NEIGHBORHOODS PRESENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

# FREE BREAKFAST & GRANT WRITING workshop

9:30-11:30 AM

**BRUCE R. WATKINS CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER**

3700 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD., KANSAS CITY, MO 64130

*facilitated by*



**Dr. Stacey  
Dainels-Young**

Former Director of Jackson County  
COMBAT (Anti-Drug Tax) & Former  
CEO of the Black Health Care Coalition



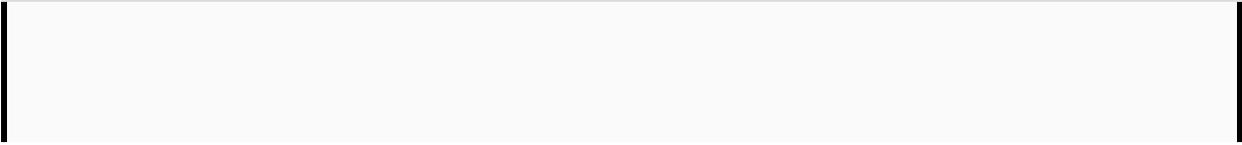
**Murray Woodard**

Engagement Manager for the  
Kauffman Foundation

PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 30.

**PLEASE CALL: 816-627-2154**

COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED.





Enhance your basketball skills with help from Coach Calvin Wainright & local college basketball players - all skill levels welcome!

# PAL SOUTHLAND HOOP CLINICS

Free registration, lunch, drinks and T-shirt for all players



## OCTOBER 2, 2021

### Elementary & Middle School

9:00am-9:30am Check-In  
9:30am-11:30am Hoop Clinics/ Resiliency Activities  
11:30am-12:30pm Lunch/ Resiliency Activities

### High School

1:00pm - 1:30pm Check-In  
1:30pm - 3:30pm Hoop Clinics/ Resiliency Activities  
3:30pm - 4:30pm Lunch/ Resiliency Activities

Click or Scan to Register:  
<https://bit.ly/KCPALHoops>



### SOUTH PATROL DIVISION ANNEX BUILDING

9701 MARION PARK DRIVE  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64137

### PARENT ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

will also be held during the morning & afternoon Basketball clinics.

To register for the parent enrichment sessions, please call:  
(816)497-4886

## **Fire Prevention Week 2021 focuses on understanding smoke and carbon monoxide alarm sounds and taking appropriate actions**

*This year, National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3-9, calls attention to understanding the meaning of different sounds produced by home alarms*

JEFFERSON CITY – Americans are bombarded by more rings, beeps, chirps and electronic sounds than ever before. Next week, National Fire Prevention Week 2021 (Oct. 3-9) focuses on the importance of understanding what the sounds coming from smoke and carbon monoxide alarms mean, and making sure everyone knows how to respond. The campaign is called “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety.”

“It’s important that every member of your household, including young children and the elderly, understands what to do when they hear different sounds coming from a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm,” State Fire Marshal Tim Bean said. “When a smoke alarm chirps intermittently, it means it’s time to change the battery, but a continuous set of three loud beeps – beep, beep, beep – means smoke or fire, and get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out. Understanding the difference and taking the appropriate response saves lives.”

Bean shared these safety tips to help Missourians “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety:”

### **SMOKE ALARMS**

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.

- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

### CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS

- A continuous set of four loud beeps – beep, beep, beep, beep – means carbon monoxide is present. Get outside, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- CO alarms also have “end of life” sounds that vary by manufacturer. This sound means it’s time to get a new CO alarm.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Also, make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities. Remember these tips:

- Install a bedside alert device that responds to the sound of the smoke and CO alarms. Use of a low frequency alarm can also wake a sleeping person with mild to severe hearing loss.
- Sleep with your mobility devices, glasses and phone close to your bed.
- Keep pathways like hallways lit with night lights and free from clutter to make sure everyone can get out safely.

As a reminder, the end of Daylight Saving Time, 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021, when clocks are adjusted to “fall back” an hour, can serve as an easy reminder to change smoke and CO alarm batteries once a year. **Remember, when you change the time, change the batteries.**

More tips on a variety of fire safety topics are available on the Division of Fire Safety website at: <https://dfs.dps.mo.gov/safetytips/>.



**You are cordially invited to join Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department at the Faith & Blue Prayer Breakfast. This event will be held at Colonial Presbyterian, 9500 Wornall Rd., on Friday, October 8th, from 7 am - 10 am.**

**RSVP is not required but appreciated.  
Please email [Mary.McCall@kcpd.org](mailto:Mary.McCall@kcpd.org)**





# FAITH & BLUE

KC FAITH LEADERS ARE PARTNERING WITH KCPD TO BRING YOU A FUN, PRAYERFUL, & RESOURCEFUL WEEKEND OF EVENTS.



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**NF&B PRAYER BREAKFAST** Colonial Presbyterian Church  
7am - 10 am | 9500 Wornall Rd

**NF&B BLOOD DRIVE** Red Cross  
10 am - 3pm | 6425 Wornall Rd

**KCPD FRIDAY FUN NIGHT** Vineyard Park  
6pm - 8pm | 40th & Vineyard

**CRIME PREVENTION NIGHT** Northland Neighborhoods Inc.  
6pm - 8pm | 5340 NE Chouteau Tfwy



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**HUMAN TRAFFICKING WORKSHOP** Christ Community Church  
9am - 12pm | 400 W. 67th St.

**SOUTH KC BLOCK PARTY** South KC Chamber of Commerce  
10am - 5 pm | 11212 Holmes Rd

**KCPD & HARVESTERS FOOD DISTRIBUTION** Macedonia Baptist Church  
10am | 1700 E. Linwood

**NF&B BREAKFAST** The Rock of KC Church  
8am - 10am | 12750 N Winan Rd.



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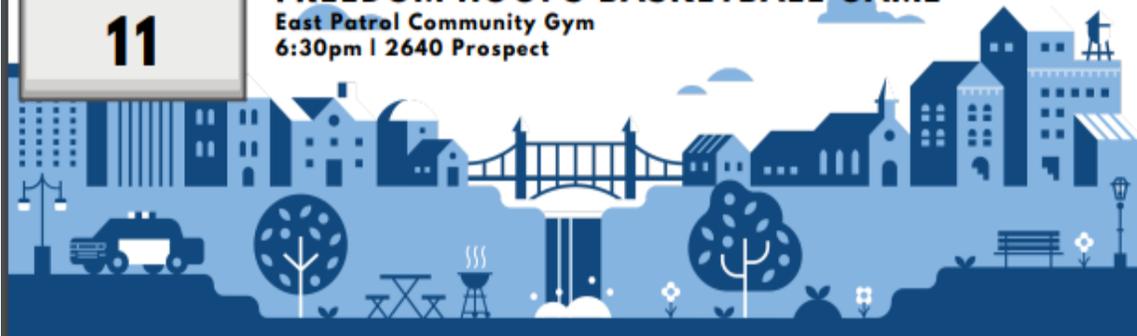
**KC CHIEFS TAILGATE PARTY** Morningstar Baptist Church -  
Community Center  
12pm- 3pm | 2411 E. 27th St.



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**SOUTH KC PEACE PARADE** Optimist Bingo Hall  
5pm - 8pm | 11154 Blue Ridge Blvd

**FREEDOM HOOPS BASKETBALL GAME** East Patrol Community Gym  
6:30pm | 2640 Prospect



**Volunteers Needed**



**October 9, 2021**

Our 4th annual South KC Block Party at Red Bridge Shopping Center will be on October 9th and it is shaping up to be a great event! We have lots of vendors, games and crafts for kids, entertainment and more!

The Chamber is looking for volunteers to help with the event. We need people between the hours of 6 am and 6 pm (you pick the times you are available) and here are some of the things we need help with:

- **Set-Up:** Help us get ready for the day by putting up signs, setting up chairs, marking off vendor booths etc.
- **Kids' Fun Zone:** Run an activity and give out prizes.
- **Check-In/Information Booth:** Check in vendors and volunteers and answer general questions about the event and help to direct vendors to their space.
- **Beer Garden:** Sell and serve beverages.
- **General Volunteer:** Let us put you where we need you.
- **Tear Down Clean Up:** The event is over and everything must go away.

It takes many people to put on an event like this and there are many opportunities and times available so I hope you and/or your company will consider volunteering that day!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at 816-761-7660 or [aalesi@southkcchamber.com](mailto:aalesi@southkcchamber.com). Also, feel free to share this information with others.

Have a great day!

Vickie Wolgast  
President

# Register Now!

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**Please forward and share this information.**

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## **October Food, Diapers Available**

CAC Food Pantry: Appointments (preferred, call 816-763-3277 x 100) or walk-ins **9 to 2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, plus 4 to 6 pm, Wednesday, Oct. 6 and 9 am to noon, Saturday, Oct. 23.**

Happy Bottoms diapers: No appointment needed but call 816-763-3277 x 100 if new, 9 to 2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

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## **CAC Hosts SKC Virtual Pastor's Coffee**

We'd like to hear about the needs and experiences in your communities, share about CAC's services, and how we can work together. We're sending our email with zoom link to faith representatives, but email [rachel.casey@cackc.org](mailto:rachel.casey@cackc.org) if you don't receive an invite and would like to be a part of this discussion. All are welcome.

## Let's share what's brewing!

Please join us for a virtual

### Pastor's Coffee

9 am, Thursday, October 14, 2021.

We'd like to hear about what you are doing and experiencing in your community. And we'd like to provide an update on what is happening and available at CAC, and how we can partner to serve south Kansas City, and support healthy, stable individuals, families and communities.

Thank you,

Rachel Casey, executive director

[rachel.casey@cackc.org](mailto:rachel.casey@cackc.org) | 816-763-3277 x 103



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KANSAS CITY MEDICINE CABINET  
COMMUNITY RESOURCES CONNECTIONS  
JOB ASSISTANCE

HAPPY BOTTOMS DIAPERS  
BASIC DOCUMENTS



**MID-CONTINENT**

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Access **Your World**

### Mid-Continent Public Library Trades Food for Fines

Greater Kansas City, MO – Mid-Continent Public Library's biannual Food for Fines program is back! This fall, Food for Fines will be held from **Monday, October 11, through Sunday, October 17**. During

the weeklong initiative, MCPL customers will have the chance to donate nonperishable food items in place of money to pay off overdue fines or replacement card charges.

Customers with no fines or fees can also donate to “pay it forward” toward another customer’s fees. Following the completion of the program, the food will be given to charitable organizations across the Kansas City metro.

Traditionally, MCPL offers the Food for Fines program twice a year—leading into the summer to encourage active participation in the annual Summer Library Program and in the fall to alleviate any barriers for students seeking resources at the Library—however, it’s been on pause since 2019 due to COVID-19. **To date, the Library has collected more than 145,000 items for local charities through the program.**

Suggested donations include boxed meals, canned food, peanut butter, cereal, and pasta. Donations must not be expired, damaged, open, non-nutritious, or in a glass, plastic, or cardboard drink container. Each donated food item will count as \$1 toward a customer’s fines and fees (up to \$10).



# October 11-17

Donate nonperishable food items at any MCPL branch to reduce your fines and help your community.

Ask staff for more information.






**Villa Ventura Senior Living**  
12100 Wornall Road  
Kansas City, MO 64145

**Friday, October 15, 2021**  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**Coffee and Conversations with the  
Kansas City Police Department**

**COFFEE  
WITH A  
COP**

JOIN US FOR A "LIGHTS ON KC" FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT  
Friday ~ October 22, 2021 ~ 6:00-10:00pm



*It's not over yet...*



Location: St. Regis Catholic Church (in the Parish Hall)

8941 James A. Reed Road ~ KCMO

Ticket Cost: \$ 5 per Person IN ADVANCE at: <https://faithcontentnetwork.brushfire.com/heaven/513604>

# Fifth District

## FALL CLEAN UP

**October 23, 2021 - 8 AM - NOON**

### LOCATIONS

- Southeast High School, 3500 E Meyer Blvd, KCMO, 64132:  
Tires (with or without rims), trash, bulky items, leaf & brush, glass collections
- 2801 E 80TH ST, KCMO, 64132:  
Trash, bulky items, leaf & brush
- 8800 Blue Ridge Blvd, KCMO, 64138:  
Trash, bulky items
- Center Alternative School, 8434 The Paseo, KCMO, 64131:  
Tires (with or without rims), trash, bulky items, leaf & brush, glass collection, and electronic collection

### ELECTRONICS PRICE LIST

- CRT monitors \$5/ea
- CRT TVs 26" or less \$30/ea
- CRT TVs 27" or greater \$50/ea
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For more information, contact  
Robert Woods at 816-513-8442



All staff will be abiding by social distancing policy and masks should be worn

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- Leadership
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## One-time Summer P-EBT benefit

If your family had a student approved for free or reduced priced meals during the previous 2020-2021 school year, you can apply for a one-time Summer Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (Summer P-EBT) benefit of \$375 for that child. Congress extended P-EBT to cover the summer following the school year during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Completed and signed [Summer P-EBT application \(aplicación en Español\)](#) must be submitted by October 10, 2021.**

Completed applications can be sent by email to [FSD.MOPEBT@dss.mo.gov](mailto:FSD.MOPEBT@dss.mo.gov) or by mail to:

Family Support Division  
615 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, MO 64106

**NOTE: DSS will automatically review all P-EBT applications (not to be confused with Summer P-EBT applications) families submitted by August 20, including applications that were denied, for Summer P-EBT benefit eligibility.** If the student is eligible for Summer P-EBT, the one-time benefit is loaded on an existing or new EBT card in the student's name.

### Questions

- Visit [myDSS.mo.gov](https://myDSS.mo.gov) to start a chat and get immediate answers to basic questions that are not specific to your case 24 hours a day.
- Call the FSD Information Line at **855-FSD-INFO** or (855-373-4636) Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or **TEXT 855-684-9242**

### More Information

- The [Missouri Services Navigator](#) has information on over 2,800 programs and services available in the state. Missourians in need of information on SNAP, Medicaid, Child Care Subsidy, LIHEAP, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit programs can visit [dss.mo.gov](https://dss.mo.gov).

- You can apply for **SNAP** benefits 24/7 online by visiting [MyDSS.mo.gov](https://mydss.mo.gov), or sending a completed application and verification documents by email to [FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov](mailto:FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov), or by fax to 573-526-9400.
- [SkillUp](#) and [Missouri Work Assistance \(MWA\)](#) are free programs available to all SNAP and TA recipients that help low-income Missourians with career planning, overcoming challenges to work, as well as getting and keeping a job

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## South KC Mobile Food Pantries

Many families in south Kansas City are being forced to rely on community food pantries such as Community Assistance Council's to have enough to eat.

Fortunately, 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 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. 103<sup>rd</sup> 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. 111<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Center School District**, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as long as food is left on the third 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.

**Red Bridge United Methodist Church**, 636 E. 117<sup>th</sup> St., from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month in the church parking lot.



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