



Dear Neighbor,

There will be several events in south Kansas City to provide safe trick or treating and other fun activities for area children and their families this Halloween season.

The South Patrol Division of the KCMO Police Department will host its annual Trunk or Treat event which provides treats to children from **1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 23, at the South Patrol Police Campus, 9701 Marion Park Dr.**

Any organizations wishing to participate and provide treats should email Community Interaction Officer Mary McCall at Mary.McCall@kcpd.org. Candy and other children's treats also may be dropped off at South Patrol before the event.

Serve the World Charities is hosting a family event from **11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 30, at Evangel Church, 1414 E. 103rd St.,** featuring free candy, games, inflatables, a petting zoo and pony rides. Food will be available for purchase from several vendors.

Persons may go online at www.servetheworldkc.org for more information.

A Kids Carnival will run from **1 to 3 Saturday, October 30, at Hillcrest Community Center, 10401 Hillcrest Rd.,** featuring free candy, carnival

games, prizes and a photo booth for children up to the 6th grade accompanied by an adult.

Persons may call the Center at 816-513-8560 for more information.

St. Luke's & St. James United Methodist Church is sponsoring a drive through Trunk or Treat event from **2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 30, at the church, 9420 James A. Reed Rd.**

Candy for the number of children in each vehicle and grab & go meals will be provided. Persons are asked to stay in their vehicles and bring their own containers for the treats. Wearing masks is encouraged. The church is planning to have enough treats for 250 children.

And please don't forget the **5th Council District Fall Clean Up** open to all KCMO residents coming up in a week from **8 to noon Saturday, October 23.**

Drop off sites for unwanted items are at **Center Alternative School, 8434 Paseo; Loma Vista Shopping Center, 8800 Blue Ridge Blvd.; Southeast High School, 3500 E. Meyer Blvd.; and Urban Christian Academy, 2810 E. 80th St.**

Everything is free, except there are charges for dropping off monitors, TVs and items containing Freon that only will be accepted at Center Alternative School which is the only drop off site that will accept electronics. See the attached flyer for the specific charges and a list of items that will be accepted at each site.

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



I was very pleased that five of my colleagues in the Missouri House of Representatives accepted my invitation to join me in participating in the

Peace Parade through the Ruskin community October 11 sponsored by the Hickman Mills Community Alliance and the South Patrol Division of KCPD to call attention to the need to reduce violence in our community. Shown, from left, are Representative Patty Lewis, me, South Patrol Community Interaction Officer Aaron Whitehead, Representative Richard Brown, Representative Ashley Aune and Representative Emily Weber.

WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, October 15th, 2021

PARSON REPLACES DEPARTMENT HEADS

With little explanation, Gov. Mike Parson instituted a major overhaul of his administration on Oct. 12, announcing temporary replacements for five state department heads. In a terse news release, Parson merely said the moves “will better position our cabinet to provide the best possible service to Missourians in the coming years.”

The five affected agencies – the social services, mental health, revenue and economic development departments, plus the Office of Administration – represent nearly a third of Missouri’s 16 state departments.

The removal of Jennifer Tidball, who served as acting Department of Social Services director for nearly two-and-a-half years, long had been anticipated since she was a frequent target of bipartisan criticism from lawmakers. That criticism related to her agency’s handling of child abuse and neglect

investigations and a recent federal report citing lax procedures for locating children who go missing from foster care, among other concerns. Despite those issues, Tidball will remain with the department as chief operating officer.

Robert Knodell, the governor's deputy chief of staff, will serve as acting social services director until a permanent leader is chosen. Knodell recently spent several months as acting director of the Department of Health and Senior Services following the sudden and unexplained resignation of its previous director last spring.

One unexpected change included in Parson's latest moves was the immediate resignation of Office of Administration (OA) Commissioner Sarah Steelman who had held the post for nearly five years. Steelman, who was elected state treasurer in 2004 but passed on a second term to make an unsuccessful bid for the Republican nomination for governor in 2008, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch she was asked to resign by Parson's chief of staff but given no reason why.

Department of Revenue Director Ken Zellers will take over as acting OA commissioner. In turn, Joseph Plaggenburg will become acting director of the Department of Revenue. Plaggenburg previously had been the department's general counsel. OA oversees contracting, procurement and payroll for state government.

Parson also said Maggie Kost will take over as acting director of the Department of Economic Development when the agency's current leader, Rob Dixon, departs on Oct. 22. Dixon had previously announced he will resign to take a job with utility company Ameren Missouri. Kost currently is deputy director of the department.

In addition, Parson said Department of Mental Health Deputy Director Valarie Huhn will become acting director of the agency upon current Director Mark Stringer's retirement at the end of October.

FINALISTS PICKED FOR COURT VACANCY

The Missouri Appellate Judicial Commission on Oct. 13 announced three

finalists to fill a vacancy on the state Court of Appeals Western District created by the July retirement of Judge Thomas Newton. Gov. Mike Parson has through Dec. 12 to appoint one of the finalists or forfeit the selection to the commission.

The finalists are Shaun Mackelprang, a deputy attorney general and 1997 graduate of the Brigham Young University School of Law; Jackson County Circuit Judge Jalililah Otto, a 2002 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law; and Clay County Circuit Judge Janet Sutton, a 1990 graduate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

Under the Missouri Constitution, the seven-member commission is charged with selecting three finalists to fill judicial vacancies from among the applicants. The process is intended to minimize the influence of partisan politics in judicial appointments by denying governors the power to appoint whomever they want as judges.

Newton served nearly 22 years on the Western District court which is based in Kansas City. He was appointed to the bench by former Gov. Mel Carnahan.

JUDGE BLOCKS MARIJUANA RESIDENCY RULE

A federal judge has ruled a requirement that companies engaged in the medical marijuana industry in Missouri must be majority owned by Missouri residents is unconstitutional, the Kansas City Star reported on Oct. 12.

The decision allows for greater out-of-state investment and participation in the state's medical marijuana industry.

Missouri's residency requirement is part of the state constitutional amendment authorizing marijuana for medical use and establishing regulations governing the industry that voters ratified in 2018. U.S District Judge Nanette Laughrey ruled the requirement violates the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution which precludes states from restricting access to their markets.

A Pennsylvania resident who is a minority owner of a company that operates

three marijuana dispensaries in Missouri filed the lawsuit challenging the residency requirement. The state Department of Health and Senior Services, which has regulatory authority for the industry, could appeal Laughrey's ruling to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

FY 2022 NET STATE REVENUE DOWN

Net state general revenue collections for the first quarter of the 2022 fiscal year were down 10.6 percent compared to the same period in FY 2021, going from \$3.09 billion last year to \$2.76 billion this year. Year-to-date collections for the first two months of FY 2022 (July and August) were down 22.5 percent compared to FY 2021.

However, because the deadline for filing income tax returns in 2020 was pushed from April to July due to the COVID-19 pandemic, state revenue collections during the early months of FY 2021 were drastically inflated. Comparisons with last year's collections are skewed as a result.

Net general revenue collections for September 2021 increased 16.3 percent compared to those for September 2020, going from \$944.5 million last year to \$1.1 billion this year.



COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING

Find Out Your Covid-19
Status at: **Memorial Church International**
11424 Hickman Mills Drive



Testing Starting from
OCTOBER 17, 2021
Open from 11:15am - 2:15pm

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No Insurance Needed
No Appointment Needed
A Free Service for all Residents
WALK IN or PRE-REGISTER

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816.363.7939

<https://kcmo.smarttrackeronline.com/sr/iKnVU0DeQuP>





Fresh produce, protein & non perishables at no cost.

Marlborough Neighborhood



Heavy Construction Laborers Union 663

7820 Prospect Ave

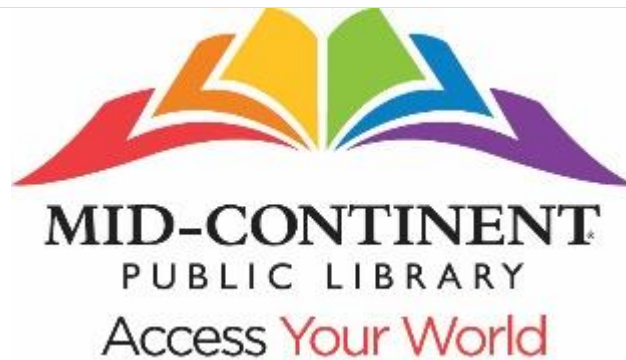
Kansas City, MO 64123

3rd Sundays 2-5pm

See 2021 Dates Below

- Drive through or walk up options available
- COVID Precautions: Mandatory masks and social distancing
- Please check cor.org/hunger for updates regarding severe inclement weather
- Distribution while supplies last

Sept 19 | Oct 17 | Nov 21 | Dec 19



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).

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

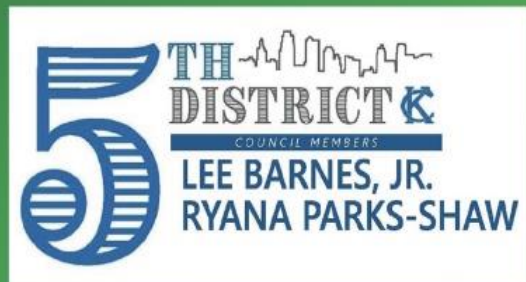
LOCATIONS

- 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
- Wood console & true big screen/projection TVs \$50/ea
- LED/LCD/Plasma TVs \$20/ea
- Any freon containing unit \$10/ea

SPONSORS:



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



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

STW CHARITIES INVITES YOU

HALLOWEEN AT EVANGEL



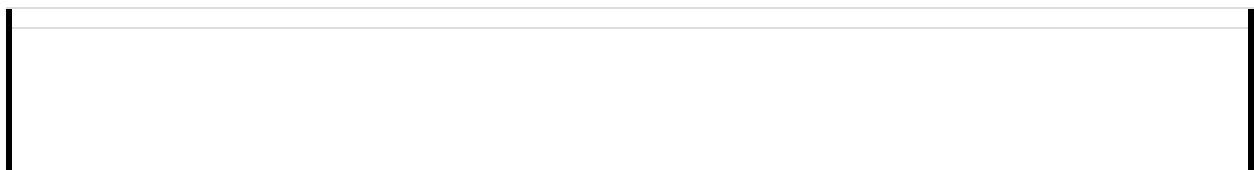
COME OUT AND ENJOY A FUN FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT, WITH INFLATABLES, PONY RIDES, PETTING ZOO, GAMES, FOOD, COSTUMES, AND EVERYONE'S FAVORITE....CANDY!!!!

OCTOBER 30, 2021, 11-2 PM

EVANGEL CHURCH 1414 E. 103RD ST, KCMO 64131

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE
AT WWW.SERVETHEWORLDKC.ORG





Drive Thru

Trunk ~or~ Treat

Saturday, October 30

2-4^{PM}**

- 🍁 Access going South on James A. Reed Road – Enter North Driveway, Exit South Driveway
- 🍁 Please stay in your vehicle
- 🍁 Bring your own container for treats
- 🍁 Masks are encouraged for participants in cars
- 🍁 For safety, walk ups will not be allowed
- 🍁 Candy for the number of children in the car
- 🍁 “Grab & Go Meal” provided
- 🍁 Halloween costumes permitted

**This Event ends at 4pm or earlier if we run out of candy. We are planning for 250 children.

St. Luke's & St. James United Methodist Church

9420 James A. Reed Rd. (corner of Bannister) Kansas City, MO 64138

St. Luke's: 816.763.8444 www.stlukeskc.org

St. James South Campus: 816.444.5588 sjumckc.org



SUBURBAN BALANCE PRESENTS

BOYS—TO—MEN Leadership Event

CULTIVATING LEADERS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- Leadership
- Entrepreneurship
- Advocacy
- Quality Education

Q & A SESSION
& LIGHT SNACKS

Calling all Suburban Balance
Middle & High School Boys

SATURDAY, OCT 30, 2021 @2PM
CONCORD FORTRESS OF HOPE
11050 W. LONGVIEW PKWY KCMO 64134
(MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL)



Shawn Edwards
Moderator
Fox 4 News Film Critic



Kevin Holmes
KSHB 41
News Anchor



Mark Sharp
Missouri State Rep,
District 36



Chris Evans
Business Owner,
T-Shirt King, Inc.
(Morehouse Man)

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. 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 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. 117th St., from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month in the church parking lot.



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