

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you can join two of my House colleagues and me from 1 to 2:30 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday, September 25) at Concord Fortress of Hope Church, 11050 W. Longview Parkway, in south Kansas City near Longview Lake for our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final joint town hall this year.

**Representatives Michael Johnson, Yolanda Young & I** will discuss major state issues that impact us here in Kansas City and important legislation we intend to sponsor and support in the upcoming 2022 legislative session.

We all will stay after the formal part of the meeting to talk to people individually and to offer assistance to anyone having problems with state agencies.

Our guest speaker will be **Dr. Traci Johnson**, **MD**, an expert in maternal health, who will explain the importance of COVID-19 vaccinations to protect the health of mothers and children.

A southland resident who has devoted countless hours for years to improve our community will be honored during a special presentation.

In-person attendees will need to wear masks. We will meet in the sanctuary, so there will be plenty of room to maintain social distancing.

Those wishing to participate virtually should go online to zoom.us and click

on Join a Meeting. The ZOOM webinar ID IS 828 8862 5922, and the passcode is 569361.

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

There is no charge for any KCMO residents to drop off bulky items such as mattresses & old furniture, leaves & brush, tires with or without rims and trash at both sites, and free document 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 will pass out information about the Department's program to deliver and properly install **free smoke detectors** in residences that need them at both sites.

Masks should be worn at the drop-off sites.

The clean up is sponsored by City Council members Andrea Bough & Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, Community Assistance Council and South Kansas City Alliance.

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* 

# JOIN US <u>SEPTEMBER 25</u> AT <u>IPM</u> FOR OUR TOWN HALL EVENT

To learn about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine from Dr. Traci Johnson, an expert in Black maternal health from Truman Medical Centers, and to discuss redistricting, crime, and critical race theory. Concluded by a ceremony to honor an outstanding citizen in South KC.

HOSTED IN-PERSON AT CONCORD FORTRESS OF HOPE CHURCH 11050 W. LONGVIEW PARKWAY, KCMO 64134

OR JOIN US ON ZOOM AT:

WEBINAR ID: 828 8862 5922 PASSCODE: 569361



REP. MICHAEL JOHNSON | REP. YOLANDA YOUNG | REP. MARK A. SHARP | DR. TRACI JOHNSON
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Paid for by the Missouri House of Representatives.

In May, Missouri Governor Mike Parson was joined by State Senator Barbara Washington, State Representative Mark Sharp and NLBM President Bob Kendrick, at Kauffman Stadium to sign SB 189, which creates a special Missouri license plate commemorating the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

It gives motorists the option of donating \$10 to the museum, making them eligible to apply for the specialty license plate. The plate itself requires another \$15 charge on top of the regular license plate registration fee. The law went into effect on August 28th.

The NLBM can begin collecting the 200 applications for Missouri

Personalized and Special License Plate, Form 1716, along with the \$15

specialty plate fee and Emblem Use Authorization Statement (EUAS), for the one-time \$10 donation to the NLBM for each of the 200 applications submitted.

APPLY TODAY



Representative Sharp joined by Representative Richard Brown walking in the September 18 Missouri Bicentennial Parade in Jefferson City, Missouri, holding a banner displaying the new Negro Leagues Baseball Museum license plate that's now available to purchase by calling the NLBM at (816) 221-1920.

# WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

# Friday, September 24, 2021

## COURT RULES AGAINST STATE ON SENTENCING

A three-judge panel of the 8<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Sept. 17 ruled that Missouri's process for determining whether inmates sentenced to mandatory life in prison for crimes committed as juveniles should be eligible for parole is unconstitutional.

While upholding the trial court on that point, the appellate panel ordered the lower court to reconsider its decision that the plaintiffs weren't entitled to state-funded legal counsel.

The case had its origins in a 2012 U.S. Supreme Court decision declaring that sentencing juvenile offenders to life without the possibility of parole violates the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment since the immaturity of youthful offenders renders them inherently less culpable for their actions.

Four years later, the Supreme Court clarified that its prior ruling is retroactive to the cases of juvenile offenders sentenced before 2012.

After that 2016 ruling, the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole began granting parole hearings to juvenile offenders sentenced to mandatory life terms who had served at least 25 years of imprisonment. However, a 2017 class-action lawsuit alleged those proceedings failed to provide a meaningful opportunity for those offenders to be released since they didn't consider an inmate's youth and maturity level at the time of the offense as mandated by the Supreme Court.

The lawsuit also alleged the parole board improperly limited the testimony offenders were allowed to provide. A federal district judge later sided with the inmates. By a 2-1 vote, the appellate panel upheld the district court.

"We agree with the district court that these policies and practices, when implemented and considered in combination, worked to deprive Plaintiffs of their Eighth Amendment right to a meaningful opportunity

to obtain release based upon demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation," Judge Jane Kelly wrote for the two-judge majority.

The dissenting judge found that the hearings provided by the board were constitutionally sufficient.

The case is Norman Brown, et al., v. Anne Precythe, et al.

A sentencing reform amendment I sponsored this year to Senate Bill 26 that was signed into law by the governor on July 14 provides that if persons were under 18 years of age when they committed an offense or multiple offenses and were sentenced to imprisonment for 15 years or more that they will be eligible to apply for parole after imprisonment for 15 years. It does not apply to young offenders convicted of first degree or capital murder or sentenced to mandatory life terms who were already allowed to apply for parole after 25 years of imprisonment.

The need for this reform came to my attention when I became aware of the case of Bobby Bostic who was sentenced to 241 years in prison in Missouri for multiple offenses that occurred one night in 1995 when he was 16 and accompanied an older youth who later admitted he instigated the crimes that did not include any homicides. Bostic's sentences were imposed consecutively, so he would not have been eligible to apply for parole unless he lives to be 112 years old without passage of my amendment.

## HEALTH DIRECTOR HAUNTED BY NEW LAW

The new head of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services told reporters on Sept. 16 that a recently enacted state law limiting the ability of local governments to respond to public health emergencies "haunts" him as he begins leading the state's efforts to combat the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, according to reports by various news outlets.

Donald Kauerauf, a 30-year veteran of the Illinois Department of Public Health with experience in emergency management, took over as Missouri's health department director Sept. 1.

In June, a new state law took effect tightly limiting the scope and duration of local health restrictions. "This is the one that haunts me, and this is the one I'm worried about," Kauerauf said in reference to the new law, according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"Public health is not politics. It is helping people."

Gov. Mike Parson signed the measure (House Bill 271) into law about five weeks before announcing the hiring of Kauerauf in July.

Parson's support for stripping authority from local officials was somewhat surprising since during the height of the pandemic the governor repeatedly justified his hands-off approach to imposing statewide restrictions by saying local officials were better positioned to determine the appropriate measures necessary based on local conditions.

During his virtual news conference, Kauerauf also spoke out in favor of wearing masks to limit the spread of COVID-19.

"Everything I've read, everything I've seen: masks work," Kauerauf said, according to the Missouri Independent.

## Missouri Governor — Michael L. Parson

Office of Communications

**State Extends Monoclonal Antibody Treatment Contract** 

(JEFFERSON CITY, MO) – Today, Governor Mike Parson announced that Missouri's six state-contracted monoclonal antibody treatment sites will be operational for an additional 30 days.

"Monoclonal antibody treatments have been successful for many COVID-19 patients and have allowed us to lessen the strain on Missouri's health care systems," **Governor Parson** said. "However, this treatment is not a replacement for the vaccine. Encouraging more Missourians to choose vaccination is still the most effective path for us to move past COVID-19."

The initial monoclonal antibody treatment contract with <u>SLSCO</u> of Galveston, Texas, was activated by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) in late August to provide <u>monoclonal antibody (mAb) infusion</u> treatment for 30 days at sites in Butler, <u>Jackson</u>, Jefferson, Pettis, and Scott counties as well as the City of St. Louis.

These sites began operating between August 25-31. The 30-day extensions will apply to each site's respective operating timeline. To date, 1,732 patients have been treated with monoclonal antibody infusions through these sites, and several other health care systems are also providing this care to their patients as needed.

Missouri patients and health care providers can learn more about the available treatment sites in Missouri and how to access them <u>using</u> this map. Treatment is completely free for patients when accessing one of the six state-operated treatment centers.

For more information see <u>Monoclonal Antibodies for COVID-19: Tips</u> and <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> or visit <u>combatcovid.hhs.gov</u>.

# Missouri task force to conduct final public hearing online on Sept. 28 to get input on rights of victims of sexual assault; public survey closes Sept. 30

Public hearing focused on evidence collection to support sexual assault victims and investigations will be held Sept. 28 from 1 to 3 p.m.

JEFFERSON CITY – The state task force reviewing the treatment and support of sexual assault victims in Missouri will conduct its fourth and final public hearing on Tuesday Sept. 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. The Missouri Rights of Victims of Sexual Assault Task Force invites members of the public to listen to the hearing, which will be conducted online. The hearing will focus on evidence collection recommendations to support and protect sexual assault survivors.

Missouri Rights of Victims of Sexual Assault Task Force Public Hearing Sept. 28, 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Topic: Evidence Collection** 

Join the WebEx online meeting by computer:

https://stateofmo.webex.com/stateofmo/j.php?MTID=mdf09387801f3448

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**Join by phone:** Dial 1-650-479-3207

Meeting number/access code: 177 703 0850

Meeting password: 7PApb3GJZA3

# **PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

1:00 – 1:15 p.m. – Welcome and Introductions

1:15 – 1:20 p.m. – Administrative Matters, Sarah Ehrhard Reid, Department of Health and Senior Services

# <u>1:20 – 2:45 p.m. – Public Testimony</u>

1:20 - 1:35 p.m. - Vanessa Holt

1:35 – 1:45 p.m. – Audrey McCormick, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office

1:45 – 1:55 p.m. – Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecutor

1:55 – 2:05 p.m. – Emily Warren, Kansas City Crime Lab

2:05 – 2:15 p.m. – Mark Webb, Bolivar Police Department

2:15 – 2:25 p.m. – Kelly Lenhart, Barnes Hospital

2:25 - 2:35 p.m. - Lana Garcia, Cox Health

2:35 – 2:45 p.m. – Sarah Cirese-Payton, Kansas City Anti-Violence Project

2:40 – 3:00 p.m. – Final Questions and Closing

3:00 p.m. – Adjournment

# The task force is also seeking comments and suggestions from the public on how to strengthen protections and services for Missouri sexual assault victims. Comments and suggestions are being gathered through an online survey

at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MORightsTaskForce. The survey closes Friday Sept. 30, 2021.

The Missouri Rights of Victims of Sexual Assault Task Force was created through Senate Bill 569, which was signed into law by Governor Mike Parson in July 2020. In addition to including the "Justice for Survivors Act" and the "Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights," it mandated establishment of the task force, which must "collect feedback from stakeholders, practitioners, and leadership throughout the state and local law enforcement, victim services, forensic science practitioners, and health care communities to inform development of future best practices or clinical guidelines regarding the care and treatment of survivors."

SB 569 also requires the task force to study nationally recognized best practices and make recommendations regarding the development and implementation of a method for tracking and investigating complaints

about the handling of sexual assault investigations and reporting, and the development of documentation to be provided to sexual assault survivors informing them of their rights. It also directs the task force to determine when there is a need for additional employees or volunteers at rape crisis centers, determine the costs of meeting the potential need and methods for meeting the need.

The task force is required to submit a report on its findings, including any majority and dissenting opinions to the Governor and General Assembly by Dec. 31, 2021. Recordings of the task force's previous public hearings and other information about its work is available here: <a href="https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvsu/task-force.php">https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvsu/task-force.php</a>. The Department of Public Safety is tasked with providing administrative support to the task force.



# SOUTH KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Connecting, Educating, Growing Together



Please make a life-saving blood donation at our upcoming blood drive.

Can you help us make our goal of collecting 30 units of blood?

Wednesday, September 29th 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Villa Ventura Senior Living First Floor Activity Room 12100 Wornall Road Kansas City MO, 64145

Cierra Pritchett – Community Blood Center Representative cpritchett@cbckc.org or by text or call at 816.352.5372

Appointments are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**; walk-ins will only be accepted as capacity allows.

Please wear a face mask to your donation. If you do not have one, we will provide you with a mask upon your arrival. Remember to bring a photo ID or donor ID card. For questions about eligibility due to travel outside the U.S., medications or medical conditions call 1.800.688.0900.

To learn more about the importance of donating at this time and to answer your questions about COVID-19, please visit <a href="www.savealifenow.org/coronavirus">www.savealifenow.org/coronavirus</a>.

Did you receive the COVID-19 vaccine? You can still donate! To learn more, <u>click here</u>.

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# 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

## Accepted items:

Bulky Items/Trash Leaf and Brush Tires

Document Shredding Electronic Collection

# 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

# Location:

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

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Councilmembers McManus & Bough

Sixth District









PUBLIC WORKS

Masks should be worn at all times For more information, contact Robert Woods at 816-513-8442





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

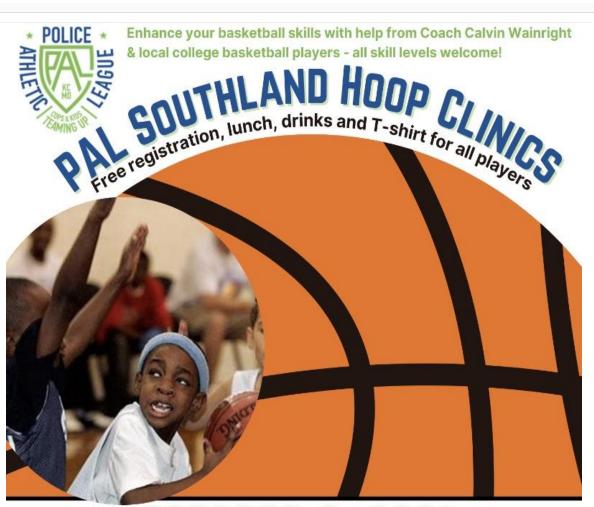


Murray Woodard Engagement Manager for the Kauffman Foundation

PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 30.

PLEASE CALL: 816-627-2154

COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED.



# **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

# 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 <u>aalesi@southkcchamber.com</u>. Also, feel free to share this information with others.

Have a great day!

Vickie Wolgast

President

# **Register Now!**



# 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: <a href="https://faithcontentnetwork.brushfire.com/heaven/513604">https://faithcontentnetwork.brushfire.com/heaven/513604</a>

# 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

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- CRT TVs 26" or less\$30/ea
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### **SPONSORS:**





PUBLIC WORKS

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







# HALLOWEEN, AT EVANGEL





COME OUT AND ENJOY A FUN FAMILYFRIENDLY 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







# IMPORTANT: SNAP/Food Stamp Dates to Remember

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is taking extra steps to keep SNAP/Food Stamp recipients aware of upcoming changes and to ease the return to regular SNAP program benefits and operation.

\*Starting October 1, 2021, regular SNAP benefit amounts will increase. The regular SNAP maximum benefit amount a family of four can receive in September (which includes the temporary 15 percent increase) is \$782 and starting October 1, that amount increases to \$835.

# How to apply for SNAP benefits

For your ease, you can apply for SNAP benefits 24/7 online by visiting <a href="mailto:MyDSS.mo.gov">MyDSS.mo.gov</a>, or sending a completed application and verification documents by email to <a href="mailto:FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov">FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov</a>, or by fax to 573-526-9400.

# **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

 It is important for you to report to the Family Support Division (FSD) if you now have an income above the maximum limit (contact information below). • If you are an able-bodied adult without a dependent, you must report any change in your circumstances to FSD (contact information below).

### Questions

- Visit <u>myDSS.mo.gov</u> 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.

### **Our Mission:**

Empower Missourians to live safe, healthy, and productive lives.

# **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.



# REMAIN ANONYMOUS • RECEIVE CASH REWARDS



TIPS HOTLINE

816-474-8477



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P3Tips.com



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