



## **WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE**

**Tuesday, September 6th, 2022**

### **GOP LEADERS BALK AT SESSION START DATE**

In an unprecedented move, neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives will convene for today's Sept. 6 start of the special legislative session the governor has called seeking a massive state income tax cut and approval of tax credits to benefit Missouri agriculture.

**Instead, Republican legislative leaders on Aug. 31 announced all lawmakers won't be asked to return to the Capitol until Sept. 14, the same day as the General Assembly's annual veto session to consider whether to override any of the governor's vetoes.**

It remains unclear how GOP leaders intend to proceed once the

session does get underway.

While it is common for special sessions to get off to a slow start, with lawmakers just holding procedural sessions with few members present on some days, it doesn't appear legislative leaders ever have previously decided just to not have lawmakers show up at all on a special session's first day, let alone delay starting a session for eight days.

In a joint statement, top House and Senate Republicans say they are engaged in ongoing discussions over what provisions to include in the tax cut bill – an indication of disagreement with at least some parts of the governor's proposal.

While lawmakers have no obligation to pass everything – or anything – the governor has asked for, the constitution prohibits them from passing legislation not authorized by the governor's special session call.

**The governor's proposal calls for cutting the state income tax rate from 5.3 percent to 4.8 percent, eliminating the bottom tax bracket and increasing the standard income tax deduction to \$16,000 a year for individuals and \$32,000 for married couples filing jointly.**

Many Democrats opposed a special session on tax cuts because of the possible negative impact on the state's long-term financial stability. While Parson says his plan would cost about \$700 million a year in lost revenue while stimulating overall economic growth, an analysis by the nonpartisan Missouri Budget Project puts the cost at closer to \$1.1 billion annually.

The governor also is asking lawmakers to create or renew several tax credits for the agricultural industry, many of which were in House Bill 1720 passed during this year's regular session but vetoed by Parson because the law required the credits to be reauthorized after only two years which he said was too short a period to effectively boost agricultural investments.

**“Applicants often need a minimum of 24 months in order to secure the equity and private investment needed for projects,” Parson said in his veto message, noting he wants the credits extended for a minimum of six years before reauthorization is required.**

**Of particular interest to my legislative district and other urban areas is the proposal to create new income tax credits to encourage investments in urban agriculture such as what I proposed in House Bill 1570 that I sponsored during this year's regular session to provide tax credits for investments to establish urban farms including community gardens that would not have to be reauthorized for six years. The language in the vetoed HB 1720 was similar to my language in HB 1570, but the credits required reauthorization after only two years instead of six.**

Under the state constitution, a special session can last no more than 60 days. Despite the eight-day delay in starting the session, that constitutional clock still starts ticking from the Sept. 6 start date set by the governor. As a result, the latest the session could end is Nov. 5, just three days before the Nov. 8 general election.

## **STATE CONTRACTS NO LONGER SEARCHABLE**

Information on state contract awards is no longer easily accessible through the state's website after the Missouri Office of Administration pulled it, citing a new state law that makes the "personal information" of non-profit organizations in the possession of government entities a closed record, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Aug. 30.

**OA handles contract bids for most state agencies. A notice on an OA procurement website says a function that previously allowed site users to search for awarded bids and related contract documents has been removed due to a provision of a new law, House Bill 2400, that was enacted earlier this year and took effect Aug. 28.**

Part of the bill created the "Personal Privacy Protection Act" which was intended to shield nonprofits from having to disclose their donors to government entities.

As the bill was going through the legislative process, OA warned lawmakers the legislation would force it to take down its online procurement database, according to the Post-Dispatch. Other state agencies also predicted the bill would force the closure of previously open and accessible information.

**The notice on the OA website instructs those seeking information on contract awards and bidding documents to submit a formal request under the state's Sunshine Law,**

**although any documents that are provided could be redacted to comply with the law.**

**Because a high volume of requests is anticipated, the notice warns that those making requests “may experience an extensive wait time for document availability” to obtain information that until recently was available with a few clicks.**





**Area elected officials pose with Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce at the grand opening August 30th of CommunityAmerica Credit Union's Community Access Center at 11501 Blue Ridge Blvd. which includes classrooms for Metropolitan Community**

**College that occupy the entire second floor and a large meeting room available at no charge for community groups along with traditional banking services and financial coaching provided by the credit union on the first floor. Pictured from left are president of the Hickman Mills Board of Education DaRon McGee, 5<sup>th</sup> District KCMO City Councilwoman Ryana Parks-Shaw, Kelce, vice president of the Lee's Summit Board of Education Megan Marshall and State Representative Mark Sharp.**



**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SHREDDING AND  
RECYCLING EVENT**  
**Saturday, September 10, 2022**  
**9:00 a.m. to noon**

**St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church**  
**Parking Lot Behind the Church**  
**(access from 74th Terr off of Main)**

**Shredding:** Bring up to 5 bags/boxes of your old documents. The rangers will help you unload them and take them to the ProShred truck for shredding. You can watch it get shredded.

**Electronic Equipment:** Here's a list of what you can bring. There is a small fee for TV's and monitors.

- ALL TV's - \$40-\$45 each
- ALL Monitors \$25 each
- Desktop computers
- Laptops
- Tablets
- Printers
- Copiers
- Fax Machines
- Scanners
- Keyboards, mice, and other peripherals
- Cell Phones
- Phone systems
- Video games & video game equipment
- Batteries (including vehicle batteries)
- UPS battery backups
- Stereos
- Blue-ray/DVD players/VCRs
- Portable music players (iPods, MPC players, etc.)
- Alarm clocks
- Speakers
- Radio equipment
- Calculators
- Network equipment (modems, Routers, etc.)
- Cables, cords, and power supplies
- Electronic musical equipment (sound pedals, electric instruments)
- Recording equipment (sound boards, digital recorders)
- Power tools
- Microwaves
- Toasters
- Large appliances
- Metal scrap
- Basically anything with a circuit board.

Cost: **FREE** – except for Monitors (\$25 charge) and TV's (\$40 charge). Donations are gratefully accepted and will be used to support the Urban Ranger Corps. Check us out at [www.urckc.org](http://www.urckc.org)





## FREE MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.

*Disney's The Lion King*



**FREE EVENT! RSVP REQUIRED AT [WWW.KCSTARLIGHT.COM](http://WWW.KCSTARLIGHT.COM)**

<https://www.kcstarlight.com/events/event-detail-production/communitymovienight/>



## *Annual Kansas City 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony*

*Please Join the American Legion District 5,  
VFW District 5, DAV, Passantino Bros. Funeral Home,  
Muehlebach Funeral Care, and  
The Catholic Cemeteries of Kansas City-St. Joseph*

*Sunday September 11, 2022*

*5:30—6:00 pm Music by the American Legion Band*

*6:00—7:00 pm Remembrance Ceremony*

*First Responder Memorial, Mount Olivet Cemetery*

*7601 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64138*

*A livestream of the ceremony can be viewed on the  
Muehlebach Funeral Care Facebook page*

*With Special Guests*

*Master of Ceremonies Mark Alford*

*The Most Reverend James Johnston*

*Raytown Mayor Mike McDonough*

*KCMO Deputy Police Chief Doug Niemeier*

*KCMO Fire Chief Donna Lake*



**KANSAS CITY  
MISSOURI**

# 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](http://KCMOSidewalks.com)

**Questions?** Contact Uday Manepalli at [Uday.Manepalli@kcmo.org](mailto: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**



**Hy-Vee**  
**OpportUNITY**  
Inclusive Business Summit

**hy-veeopportunitysummit.com**

**#HyVeeOpportUNITY**

*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!**

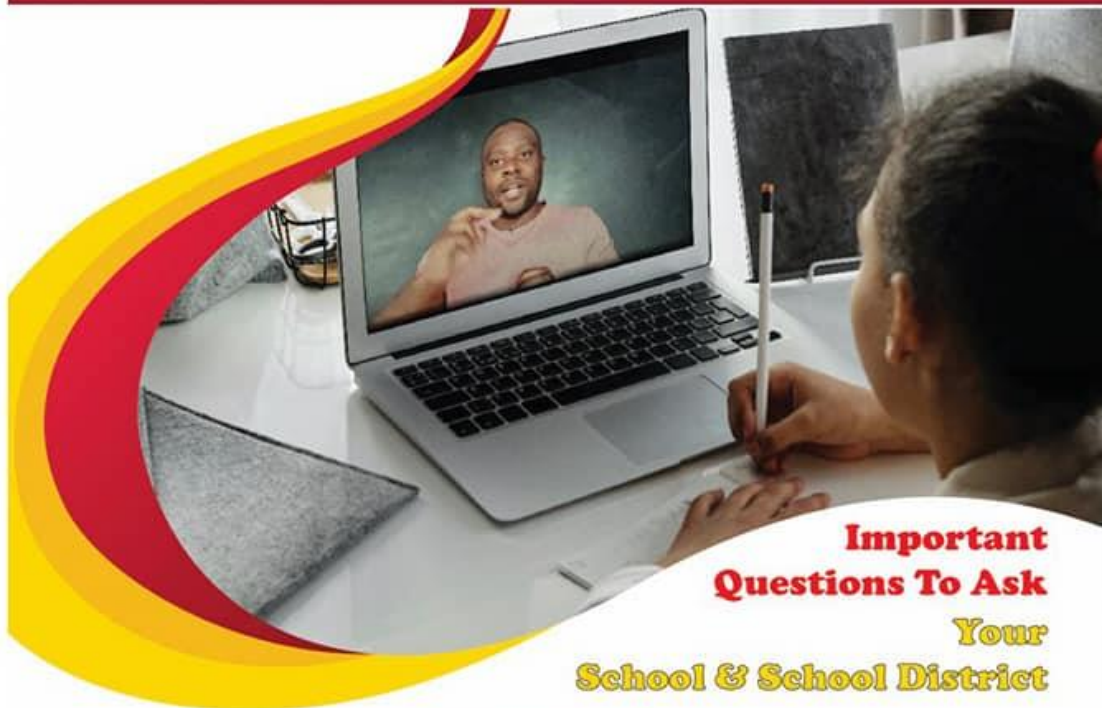
Post on social media during or after the summit using #HyVeeOpportUNITY.



[hy-veeopportunitysummit.com](https://hy-veeopportunitysummit.com)

#HyVeeOpportUNITY

**The concept and group effort was organized by Darron LaMonte Edwards, Lead Pastor, United Believers Community Church.**



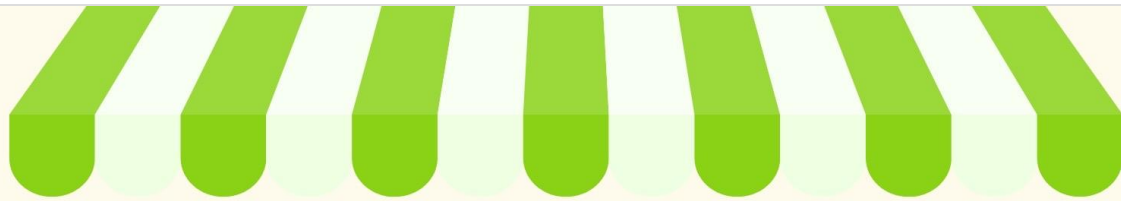
**Important  
Questions To Ask  
Your  
School & School District**

**(AT EVERY GRADE LEVEL)**

- ① How do you see your role as the teacher in the learning process for my student? (Equity)
- ② How is my child performing compared to their peers? Is there a particular subject where improvement is needed?
- ③ What are the most common barriers you see to academic progress in your classroom?
- ④ How will your lessons, teaching, and classes look different this year and as we go forward in this COVID-19 era?
- ⑤ How will you respond if my child struggles in class, and how can I help at home?
- ⑥ What enrichment opportunities are available if my child already knows the material for a particular lesson/unit?
- ⑦ What am I not asking, but should be? What additional resources may be available for my student that I might not be aware of?
- ⑧ What classroom management strategies do you employ to avoid distractions and keep the focus on learning?
- ⑨ What intentional methods are you using to make sure all students feel valued and empowered? (Connectivity)
- ⑩ How do you vary your instruction to account for a diverse group of learners? (Inclusion)







# FREE MEALS

*Breakfast & lunch*

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
UNITED BELIEVERS COMMUNITY CHURCH  
5600 E. 112TH TERR  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64134

BREAKFAST SERVED  
@9AM DAILY  
LUNCH SERVED  
@11AM DAILY  
AGES K-18



APPETITE 4 HUMANITY



# Understanding and Accessing MISSOURI MEDICAID

More Missourians than ever now qualify for Medicaid expansion, including parents who have not qualified before, and adults without children. Learn to see if you qualify for Medicaid and how to apply.

## Am I eligible?

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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\$1,481

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\$2,003

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\$2,525

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\$3,048

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\$3,570

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\$4,092

## 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**

# KIDS EAT FREE



## MEAL DISTRIBUTION

- CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT -

**UNITED BELIEVERS COMMUNITY CHURCH  
5600 E. 112 TERRACE, KCMO 64134**

**FRIDAY'S 3PM - 6PM**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT 314.701.7245 OR EMAIL US  
AT [KIDSEATFREE@INFLUENCECHURCH.COM](mailto:KIDSEATFREE@INFLUENCECHURCH.COM)

*\*THIS SITE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER*



## South KC Food Pantries

South Kansas City is fortunate to have several food pantries to help less-fortunate residents have enough healthy food to eat. These include:

**Community Assistance Council**, 10901 Blue Ridge Blvd. on the north end of the Ruskin High School campus, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Persons should call 816-763-3277, ext. 100, or email [info@cackc.org](mailto: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. 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 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. 117<sup>th</sup> 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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## GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS MOST WANTED



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TIPS HOTLINE

**816-474-8477**



WEB TIPS

**KCCrimestoppers.com**



FREE MOBILE APP

**P3Tips.com**





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