



Dear Neighbor,

Governor Mike Kehoe's proposal to help keep the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals in Missouri through state-supported stadium funding gained strong bipartisan backing in the House but faced procedural delays in the Senate that killed it for now.

Designed to respond quickly to competitive offers from Kansas, the plan aimed to ensure Missouri remains home to two of its most iconic sports franchises.

The proposal emerged in the final days of the 2025 legislative session and was added as an amendment to a bill already under consideration, giving lawmakers

an opportunity to act swiftly on an urgent issue if they chose to do so.

It would have committed the state to fund up to half the cost of new or upgraded stadiums for Major League Baseball and National Football League teams, using existing tax revenues generated by the teams themselves to repay the investment. The plan included a provision requiring teams to repay public funds if they later relocated out of state.

While the process drew criticism for its last minute introduction, the substance of the proposal reflected a proactive and responsible approach to economic development. By offering a state-level solution after local voters in Jackson County rejected a stadium tax and Kansas moved aggressively to attract the teams, Missouri's new governor and bipartisan legislative supporters signaled their willingness to compete and invest in our communities. The plan also allowed flexibility for future projects beyond Kansas City, potentially benefiting other regions like St. Louis.

Though the bill was set aside in the Senate following extended debate, the strong support in the House underscores the urgency many lawmakers feel to retain the Chiefs and Royals. The conversation is far from over, and with continued public engagement, a refined and more detailed version of the plan could return in a special session of the General Assembly this summer. I strongly support the concept of this approach!

This week, the Missouri General Assembly took a meaningful step toward promoting inclusivity and respect in our schools.

On May 12, lawmakers gave final approval to the *Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair (CROWN) Act*, sending it to the governor's desk with broad bipartisan support. The bill passed the House 117-11, following a 32-1 vote in the Senate.

The CROWN Act prohibits discrimination in K-12 public and private schools that receive taxpayer funding based on a student's natural hair texture or protected hairstyles - when those styles are commonly associated with a particular race or ethnic origin.

Every student deserves to feel safe, accepted and respected at school! By passing this legislation, Missouri is affirming that students should not be treated differently or unfairly simply because of how they wear their hair. I'm proud to support this effort to foster a more respectful and inclusive environment for all of our children.

On May 14 the Missouri Senate approved House Joint Resolution 73, a proposed constitutional amendment that would repeal abortion rights and reenact a broad statewide ban on abortions.

It passed 21-11 after Republican leaders ended a Democratic filibuster. The House had passed the measure weeks earlier.

If approved by voters, HJR 73 will erase Amendment 3 passed just last November by Missouri voters which protects abortion access up to fetal viability.

The new amendment allows abortion only in narrow cases of rape, incest (up to 12 weeks) or vague "medical emergencies". It also will eliminate constitutional protections for contraception and other reproductive care.

Despite the sweeping changes, the ballot language omits any mention of repealing Amendment 3 and instead claims it would guarantee emergency care that's already protected.

It also includes unrelated language banning gender-affirming care for minors - a move critics call “ballot candy” to sway voters to support it.

Unless the governor sets an earlier date, Missourians will vote on the amendment in November 2026. Legal challenges to the ballot wording are expected.

Also on May 14, the Missouri Senate passed legislation to repeal the state’s new earned sick leave law, overriding weeks of Democratic opposition. The bill, HB 567, passed 22-11 after Senate leaders cut off debate. The House approved the repeal earlier in March.

The law, which took effect May 1 following voter approval of Proposition A last November, requires most private employers to provide one hour of sick leave for every 30 hours worked. It also includes penalties for violations. HB 567 repeals these sick leave requirements effective August 28 but will not affect the minimum wage increases voters approved, including the scheduled rise to \$15 an hour next year.

Since nearly four months of sick leave will have been accrued by workers by the time HB 567 takes effect, questions remain about how businesses will handle that accumulated leave.

Governor Kehoe is widely expected to sign the repeal into law.

Here is my current list of committee assignments for the 103rd General Assembly:

Special Committee on Urban Issues, Chairman

Crime and Public Safety, Ranking Minority Member

Joint Committee on Capitol Security

Joint Committee on Legislative Research

Revision Subcommittee - Joint Committee on Legislative Research

**Consent and House Procedure
Local Government**

If you would like to be added to this email or have any questions regarding state legislation or state issues please feel free to reach out to my legislative assistant Mariah Gilmore.

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Members of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus at the conclusion of the 2025 Legislative Session. While not all members were present for the photo, the caucus remains united in our mission to uplift, advocate, and legislate for a stronger and more equitable Missouri. Top row, left to right, Assistant

Minority Floor Leader Rep. Marlon Anderson, Rep. Melissa Douglass, Rep. David Tyson Smith, Chair Rep. Michael Johnson, Vice Chair Rep. Yolonda Fountain-Henderson, Secretary Rep. Yolanda Young, Rep. Marty Joe Murray. Bottom row, left to right: Rep. Stephanie Boykin, Rep. Donna Barnes, Rep. Marla Smith, Rep. Tonya Rush, Rep. Tiffany Price and me as the Treasurer.

5TH DISTRICT MAY DROP-OFF EVENT

**Saturday, May 17th
8AM – Noon
For All KC Residents**

Trash, Bulky Item, Leaf & Brush, Tire Disposal will be available at the following locations:

- Southeast High School (3500 E Meyer Blvd.)
- Center Academy for Success (8434 The Paseo):
- Ruskin High School (7000 E 111th St.)

Document Shredding and Electronic Recycling will be available at the following locations:

- Center Academy for Success (8434 The Paseo):
- Ruskin High School (7000 E 111th St.)

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal will be available at the following location:

- Ruskin High School (7000 E 111th St.)

Electronics Free to Recycle:

- Computers & Networking Equipment
- Printers, Scanners, Copiers or Fax Machines
- Home/Pro Audio Equipment
- Home Video & Gaming
- Photography & Lighting
- Phone Systems
- Medical Equipment

Items with Fees:

- CRT TVs: \$30.00 each
- LCD TVs: \$20.00 each
- Projection TVs: \$50.00 each
- CRT Monitors: \$5.00 each

List of Unaccepted Items and Household Hazardous Waste Accepted Items can be found online at the link below.



<https://www.kcwater.us/hhw>

Visit kcmo.gov/trash for more info on upcoming drop-off events.

Jackson County Legislators
Donna Peyton and DaRon McGee announce the

TRADES CAREER FAIR

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

MACEDONIA
BAPTIST CHURCH
Parking Lots

1700 E Linwood Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64109

Promoting Awareness & Possibilities



Hickman Mills United Neighborhoods Presents



THREE TRAILS Farmers & Craft Market

Calling All Vendors, Food Trucks & Volunteers!

Join us on the 4th Saturday of every month from April 26, 2025, to October 25, 2025 at Consuming Fire Ministries (10306 Blue Ridge Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64134).

Come be a part of a vibrant community event where you can sell your products, advertise your business, and connect with your neighbors.



Stay in Contact!

April 26, 9 AM - 2 PM

May 24, (Memorial Day Weekend) 7 AM - 12 PM

June 28, 7 AM - 12 PM

July 26, 7 AM - 12 PM

August 23, 7 AM - 12 PM

September 27, 7 AM - 12 PM

October 25, 8 AM - 1 PM



Vendor Signup

Locations from June to October are subject to change, so please follow us on Facebook and check out our page, hmunited.org, for updates.

For Inquiries, Email Contact@hmunited.org



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. Persons should call 816-763-3277, ext. 100, or email info@cackc.org for appointments or questions.

Serve and Lift Center – South KC, 8001 Longview Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Walk-in, call for an appointment or order online at <https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/pantry/>

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 816-908-7800 for appointments by the prior Wednesday.

Harvesters (the community food network) brings the semi-truck that serves as its mobile food pantry to seven sites in south Kansas City monthly to distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites are:

Center School District, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. as long as food is left on the first Saturday of the month. Persons should drive through the bus parking lot to the district warehouse. The event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church in partnership with the Center School District.

Center District Warehouse, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month. Persons should go to the entrance to the Center Administrative Office and drive through the bus parking lot to the warehouse where volunteers will load the food. Persons should take the Troost Ave exit. The event is sponsored by the Center Education Foundation in partnership with the

Center School District.

Evangel Church, 1414 E. 103rd St., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Persons may remain in their vehicles, and food will be brought to them.

United Believers Community Church, 5600 E. 112th Terr., with vehicles lining up at 8:30 a.m. and contactless food distribution running from 9 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month.

Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St., from 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.

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



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