



Please see the news releases below about bills recently signed into law by the governor that were passed this year including legislation to raise Missouri’s motor vehicle fuel tax for the first time in 25 years that I supported.

Senate Bill 262 will raise the state’s motor vehicle fuel tax by 2.5 cents a gallon for five years starting October 1. When fully implemented the increase is estimated to provide about \$330 million annually for state highways and bridges and about \$125 million for city and county street and bridge projects.

Missourians can submit fuel receipts and apply for annual refunds of the tax increases, but most motorists are not expected to go to the time and trouble to do so unless they do a great deal of driving.

The governor now has signed or vetoed all legislation passed by this year’s regular and special legislative sessions.

In other breaking news regarding legislation, on July 15 Jackson County joined a lawsuit filed earlier by St. Louis City and St. Louis County to overturn a bill I opposed that passed this year that purports to declare certain federal gun laws and regulations invalid and unenforceable in Missouri and authorizes lawsuits against law enforcement agencies that assist with investigations of suspected violations.

“You cannot do long-term undercover investigations and combat the violent crime happening in our community if you impair the ability of law enforcement to do their job,” said 3rd District At-Large County Legislator Tony Miller in a news release announcing the county joining the suit.

House Bill 85 attempts to nullify federal laws relating to taxation, registration or tracking of firearms, firearm accessories or ammunition or their ownership and laws prohibiting the

possession, ownership, use or transfer of such items by law-abiding citizens or the confiscation of those items from such citizens.

Nullification is a discredited 19th century legal theory asserting that individual states can reject federal laws they oppose. The U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled states have no such right, describing nullification in the 1958 case Cooper v. Aaron as the “illegal defiance of constitutional authority”.

Under HB 85, alleged federal gun law offenders could sue any local law enforcement agency whose officers assisted in their arrests for certain gun crimes. Those agencies would be subject to a \$50,000 civil fine per occurrence plus reasonable attorney’s fees.

Law enforcement agencies would also be subject to a \$50,000 civil fine for each employee they hire who they know previously was employed by a federal agency and knowingly enforced or attempted to enforce any federal gun laws listed in the bill as unconstitutional, or who knowingly gave material aid and support to such efforts after the bill’s June 12 effective date.

The Kansas City Health Department is hosting a free walk-in back to school vaccination clinic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at Smith-Hale Middle School, 9010A Old Santa Fe Rd., which will provide regular vaccinations for children entering kindergarten and higher grades and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations for youth 12 and older.

Adults 18 and over also may get their COVID-19 vaccinations at the clinic. The clinic will furnish a choice of the Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccine, the Moderna two-dose vaccine which requires a second dose four weeks after the first and the Pfizer two-dose vaccine which requires a second dose after three weeks.

Now is a critical time for people to get fully vaccinated, said Health Department Deputy Director Frank Thompson, before the Delta variant of COVID that is overwhelming hospitals in Springfield, MO., kicks into high gear in this region.

Thompson added that in the last 30 days, COVID cases in Kansas City have tripled!

Health insurance is not required, but persons with insurance are asked to bring their insurance information to process an administration fee. There will be no charge to individuals being vaccinated or their families.

See the flyer and news release below for more information.

Don't forget the free household hazardous waste drop-off from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 31, at Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St. Please see the flyer below for details on what items will be accepted.

See the link below to take part in my online survey to learn your thoughts on issues that are likely to be considered during the 2022 session of the Missouri General Assembly.

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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 posed for a picture with Vickie Wolgast, president of the South Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, at the Chamber's Morning Mingle July 13 at the Community Assistance Council office on the Ruskin High School campus. CAC, one of the few full-service social service agencies located in south Kansas City, provides rent and utility assistance and healthy food to many needy south KC families.

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

Governor Parson Signs SB 262: Transportation Funding for Critical Infrastructure Projects

(JEFFERSON CITY, MO) – Governor Mike Parson has signed SB 262 into law, which will increase transportation funding for critical state and local infrastructure projects across the state of Missouri.

"With nearly \$1 billion in unfunded transportation needs each year, we can no longer wait for another day or another generation. We must change course and address these problems head-on," **Governor Parson** said. "SB 262 provides vital revenue that will help us fund essential road and bridge projects all across the state. Quality roads and bridges increase the efficiency and safety of our roadways, invite travelers and business investment, and save Missourians money."

Missouri has the seventh largest transportation system in the nation but only ranks 45th in available revenue per road mile. Over the last 25 years, the state has not significantly increased funding streams for state or local transportation projects, while the cost to maintain Missouri roadways has continued to increase significantly.

SB 262 could increase transportation funding by more than \$450 million once its provisions are fully implemented. An estimated \$330 million per year would be available for the State Road Fund administered by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), and nearly \$125 million – approximately 30 percent of total revenue – would go directly to cities and counties for local transportation projects.

All revenue that SB 262 will generate is constitutionally required to be used to maintain roads, bridges, and the overall transportation system. MoDOT will use these funds to help cover the more than \$8.25 billion funding gap for high priority annual transportation needs that have been identified over the next 10 years.

Under SB 262, revenues for the State Road Fund and local transportation projects will increase by 2.5 cents per gallon of fuel annually for five years, starting in 2021. However, Missourians that do not wish to increase their contributions to state and local roadway repair and replacement projects can submit the required documentation – including fuel receipts – to the Missouri Department of Revenue each year for a refund.

"Whether rural, suburban, or urban, all Missourians benefit from better roadways," **Governor Parson** said. "SB 262 is an investment in our state that will benefit Missourians for generations to come, and we thank Lt. Governor Kehoe, Senator Schatz, and Representative Ruth for getting this legislation passed and helping move Missouri forward."

Missouri Governor — Michael L. Parson

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Governor Parson Concludes 2021 Bill Signings

(JEFFERSON CITY, MO) – By the end of today, Governor Mike Parson will have signed 13 remaining pieces of legislation into law, concluding bill signings for the 2021 legislative session.

SB 26 - Public Safety

Modifies several provisions related to public safety, including providing taxpayers with the ability to obtain injunctive relief if a local government decreases its police department's budget by a prescribed amount and creating additional protections for law enforcement officers.

Additionally, this bill modifies provisions related to jail time credit for criminals prior to conviction and allows a defendant's behavior during that same period to be considered in sentencing proceedings.

SB 49 - Public Safety

Modifies several provisions related to public safety, including establishing new watercraft and waterway regulations and eliminating safety inspections for new vehicles.

SB 53 - Public Safety

Modifies several provisions related to public safety, including clarifying the Raise the Age statute, increasing the penalty for doxing a first responder or law enforcement officer, modifying the residency requirement for Kansas City law enforcement officers to assist with recruitment efforts, and creating a judicial procedure that provides a pathway for a prosecuting attorney to correct a miscarriage of justice resulting from a wrongful conviction.

The bill also allows prosecutors to use a witness or victim statement when a defendant engaged in wrongful conduct that prevented the witness or victim from being available to testify in a criminal proceeding.

HB 69 - Certain Metals

Modifies record keeping requirements for purchasers of gold, silver, or platinum to reduce theft.

HB 72 - Awareness and Monument Designations

Establishes Law Enforcement Appreciation Day as the first Friday in May, creates Pioneering Black Women's Day on March 26th, and establishes The Gateway Arch as Missouri's official state monument.

SB 120 - Military Affairs

Ensures National Guard service members are granted interviews for state government positions, promotes awareness of the state's resources that are available for veterans, and creates the Purple Star Campus for K-12 schools.

HB 297 - Higher Education

Expands the available uses of 529 education savings plans, requires Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to create a state plan for Career and Technical Education, and allows college student-athletes to earn compensation for their name, image, or likeness.

HB 349 - Empowerment Scholarship Accounts

Creates Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs) that will offer scholarships to qualifying students to attend a K-12 school that is outside of their current school district.

SB 86 - Public Funds

Prohibits the contribution or expenditure of public funds for a variety of political causes and updates provisions related to ESAs.

HB 369 - Land Management

Provides additional liability protections for Missouri landowners.

HB 432 - Relating to the Protection of Vulnerable Persons

Makes statutory changes to implement the Office of Childhood, clarifies wage requirements for sheltered workshops, and establishes a right to unpaid leave for victims of domestic or sexual violence and their caregivers.

SB 520 - Memorial Highways

Establishes numerous memorial highways throughout the state.

HB 557 - Relating to the Protection of Children

Establishes minimum reporting requirements for license-exempt residential care facilities in an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of children and requires background checks for all facility and agency workers who have contact with children.



Jackson County joins lawsuit seeking to block new state gun law

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – In an amended petition filed today, Jackson County was added to a lawsuit with St. Louis City and St. Louis County that seeks to block the recently signed Missouri House Bill 85 (HB 85). The legal action is supported by County Executive Frank White, Jr., who asked the County Legislature to express their support through a resolution. The County Legislature last week voted 5-3 on Resolution 20708 expressing its intent for the County to join the litigation.

“By voting to join our colleagues from the east side of the state, our County Legislature has made it clear that we will not stand by as our residents lives are put in jeopardy by Jefferson City,” said **Jackson County Executive Frank White, Jr.** “The residents of Jackson County deserve to have their voices heard,

just like the people of St. Louis City and County.”

“A recent national study found that Missouri ranks second in the nation for the number of women murdered by men, a majority of them killed by guns,” said **2nd District At-Large Legislator Crystal Williams**. “Because of that, domestic violence agencies in our community have every right to be concerned and terrified by this law because as we’ve seen, the state legislature refuses to pass anything to protect victims of domestic violence. I refuse to sit back and do nothing while this unnecessary law puts more innocent lives in danger.”

“You cannot do long-term undercover investigations and combat the violent crime happening in our community if you impair the ability of law enforcement to do their job,” said **3rd District At-Large Legislator Tony Miller**.

“It has already been said by the federal government that this is illegal, yet the state of Missouri deliberately continues to defy the rule of law,” said **1st District At-Large Legislator Jalen Anderson**. “Though I am very disappointed in the state’s reckless actions, I am proud that as the second-largest county in Missouri, Jackson County has chosen to fulfill its moral obligation to stand up when we see something is wrong. Nobody wants more violence in this community but that’s exactly what we’re asking for if we let this law remain.”

Jackson County is joining the lawsuit to protect its interests, uphold federal gun laws and keep residents safe. The County employs numerous law enforcement officers who regularly enforce federal gun laws and therefore, is at risk of civil penalty for upholding the laws of the United States.

Together, Jackson County and the City and County of St. Louis are seeking an injunction of unconstitutional provisions, and ultimately, for the law to be overturned on constitutional grounds. The entities will jointly argue that HB 85 violates the U.S. Constitution Supremacy Clause, which provides that federal law preempts state law and also is in contravention of other Missouri law.

Filed in Cole County Circuit Court, a copy of the amended petition with Jackson County is attached as well as the U.S. Department of Justice letter to Governor Mike Parson and Attorney General Eric Schmitt.

Be ready for school and get your student's immunizations up-to-date!

KCHD's Back-To-School Walk-In Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, July 17 - 9am to 2pm

**Smith Hale Middle School
9010-A Old Santa Fe Road, KCMO**



✓ **Child & adolescent school immunizations**

✓ **COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine for ages 12+**

✓ **1st & 2nd Doses of Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson
COVID-19 vaccine also available for adult 18+**

***** Please bring your vaccination records *****

Visit Us on
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Twitter:
[@KCMOHealthDept](#)



**Kansas City, MO Health Department
Child Immunization Clinic
2400 Troost Ave. Suite 1400
(816) 513-6108**

Families in the Hickman Mills and Center school districts are encouraged to set aside some time on Saturday, July 17, to get their children vaccinated and ready to return to school.

The Kansas City Health Department's vaccine team will be at Smith Hale Middle School, 9010-A Old Santa Fe Road, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., providing regular vaccinations to children entering kindergarten and older grades, as well as COVID-19 vaccinations for children 12 years and older.

"Many children fell behind on the vaccinations during the pandemic, as clinics shifted their focus to COVID testing and vaccinations. We know appointments in doctor's offices and clinics will fill quickly and the longer parents wait, the more difficult it will be to get on the schedule. Children will be sent home from school until they are current on their vaccinations," said Tiffany Wilkinson, Communicable Disease Prevention and Public Health Preparedness division manager.

The health department is also encouraging anyone in Kansas City who has not been protected against COVID with one of the COVID vaccines, to come in so their bodies can begin building immunity to the persistent and dangerous coronavirus.

"For people who have been on the fence and wondering should I or shouldn't I get the vaccine, now is a critical time for people to get fully vaccinated before this Delta variant kicks into high gear in this region," said Frank Thompson, Kansas City Health Department deputy director. "In the last 30 days, cases in Kansas City have tripled, and hospitals and health care workers are once again concerned about how they will care for patients if cases continue to rise."

Anyone 12 years and older is eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine, which requires a second dose three weeks after the first. The vaccine team will also have the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccines available for people to choose from. Moderna is a two-dose vaccine, with the second dose needed after four weeks. Johnson and Johnson is a single-dose vaccination.

Health insurance is not required, but if you do have insurance, please bring your information to process an administration fee. There will be no cost to you. Appointments are not required.

Map applications on cell phones often misdirect people to the old Smith-Hale Middle School on Longview Road. If using a map app, please confirm that the

final destination takes you to the school on Old Santa Fe Road and is not defaulting to the old school building via Raytown Road and Longview Road.

A promotional poster for the 'Heart to Help' event. The background is a photograph of a warehouse or storage area with people and large bags of supplies. The text is overlaid in white and orange. The title 'Heart to Help' is in a large, cursive font. Below it, the date 'SATURDAY, JULY 17' is on the left, the time '10AM TO 12:30PM' is in the center, and the location 'ROBERT J. MOHART CENTER 3200 WAYNE AVE' is on the right. At the bottom, it says 'A FREE DRIVE-THROUGH GIVEAWAY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT DAY EVENT'. There is also a logo for 'KC Kindness' featuring two hands holding a heart with 'KC' inside.

Heart to Help

SATURDAY, JULY 17 | **10AM TO 12:30PM** | **ROBERT J. MOHART CENTER**
OR UNTIL ITEMS RUN OUT | **3200 WAYNE AVE**

A FREE DRIVE-THROUGH GIVEAWAY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT DAY EVENT

KC Kindness

After helping nearly 250 KCMO families during the first two events, the third of four KC Kindness 'Heart to Help' giveaways looks to continue this effort on Saturday, July 17, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Robert J. Mohart Multipurpose Center, 3200 Wayne Ave.

During the first two giveaways, nearly 18,000 pounds of food and essential care items were distributed. The final event is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 7.

Several organizations, including *Harvesters*, *Happy Bottoms*, *Legal Aid of*

Western Missouri, KC Care Health Center and the Kansas City, Missouri Health Department, are providing much-needed assistance on a first come, first-served, drive-through basis until resources are gone. Participants will receive food, COVID-19 vaccinations, feminine hygiene products, books for school-aged children and adults, diapers, legal aid, etc. This event is for KCMO residents only and proof of residency is required.

KC Kindness is an initiative organized by KCMO city employees to help KCMO families struggling due to factors brought on by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. City employees not only created this initiative, but also act as volunteers. It is their way of giving back to their city.

Residents needing support can visit the city's website at www.kcmo.gov/coronavirus and click on the *Help for Residents* section or call the United Way resource line at 211 to be connected with social services. For those struggling with home internet access, check out the Emergency [Broadband Benefit](#), a federal program that provides monthly discounts for qualified applicants. The city also has information about funding for emergency rent and past due utility bills at www.kcmo.gov/renthelp.

“The goal of this program is to set a foundation of kindness for many generations,” said Leranda Brewer, KC Kindness organizer. “We are seeking to be repairers of the breach and help restore the brokenness in the community.”

For more information about ‘KC Kindness’ and ‘Heart to Help,’ email kckindness@kcmo.org. Media can contact John Baccala at (816) 513-3202 or John.Baccala@kcmo.org.



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ONWARD

July 23rd | 7:00 PM



Bethel Family Worship Center
10801 Ruskin Way, KCMO 64134

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET



- POPCORN
- HOT DOGS
- BOUNCY HOUSE

RAIN? NO PROBLEM - WE'LL MOVE INSIDE!



URBAN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Connect with the UCC elves and friends for our annual Christmas in July Community Giveaway.

Toys/Gift Cards (kids 17 & under... must be in attendance)

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ATTENDEES

July
24th

South Patrol Police Dept.
9701 Marion Park, Dr.
Kansas City, MO 64137

12Noon
3PM

Household Supplies - Books - Educational Materials
Program Information - & More



home state health.



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KC SCHOOLS



www.urbancommunityconnections.org



Join the conversation

Tuesday, July 27

Wednesday, August 25

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Given the size and scale of the problem, no single entity can tackle illegal dumping alone. We want to hear the community's ideas for developing coordinated and consistent approaches for preventing illegal dumping across our metro area.

Please join us for a two-part group discussion to be held virtually. Your participation is important! All are welcome.

Session dates: Part 1 and Part 2

Part 1

Tuesday, July

27

4:00-5:30

p.m.

Listening Session

Part 2

Wednesday,

August 25

Plan for Action

Free to attend

Questions about registration? Please contact Nadja Karpilow at 816-701-8226 or email karpilow@marc.org

A meeting link will be sent to all registered participants before the workshop.

**4:00-5:30
p.m.**

**MARC Solid Waste Management District
600 Broadway, Suite 200 | Kansas City, MO 64105
phone 816-474-4240 | fax 816-421-7758
| www.marc.org/environment**

Kansas City Buffalo Soldiers Alexander/ Madison Chapter **155th ANNIVERSARY**



CELEBRATION

Join us as we commemorate the 155th Anniversary of the of the Congressional Act admitting black soldiers in the U.S. Army during peace time. We will also acknowledge the founding Chapter of the 9th and 10th Horse Calvary Association.

July 28, 2021
Wednesday, 6 - 8 p.m.

The Great Lawn
17th & Vine, KCMO

- ◆ Guest Speakers
- ◆ Presentations
- ◆ Multiple versions of the National Anthems
- ◆ Food Trucks
- ◆ Visual Historic Enactment
- ◆ Meet the ONLY Female Buffalo Soldier
- ◆ Photo Opportunity
- ◆ Veterans Salute

For more information, call 816-513-7701

buffalosoldierskc.org





Sixth District Household Hazardous Waste Collection

July 31, 2021: 8 AM - NOON

LOCATION:

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

Accepted items:

- Automotive products
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- CFL light bulbs
- Fertilizers
- Flammables
- Fuels
- Hazardous Cleaners
- Hazardous Liquids
- Household Cleaners
- Lawn and Garden Products
- Paint
- Pesticides
- Photographiic Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Solvents
- Thinners
- Used oils

Unacceptable Items:

Appliances, Asbestos, Containers larger than 5-gallons, Explosives, Ammunition, Fireworks, Medical waste and needles, Prescription drugs, Propane bottles that are over one pound, Fire extinguishers, Butan and Freon, Tires, and Yard waste

Sponsors:



Councilmembers
McManus & Bough
Sixth District



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

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



Presented by The S.A.V.E Program

Healthy Relationships & Toxic Relationships: Recognizing Red Flags & Building Boundaries

featuring Ciara Dixon,
Licensed Professional

Counselor

Saturday, July 31st

12-1PM

with a raffle to give away gift cards!

*must register & attend to win**

Link to Register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqceuupj4iHNzalip_OoYMwzHlxdByUaWx

*Please register using
the link or at.*

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Ages 14+



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