



Dear Neighbor,

With only two weeks left in this year's session of the Missouri General Assembly before it adjourns on May 14, there is the usual rush to try to get identical versions of bills passed by both branches of the legislature before adjournment.

I will report on significant legislation approved by both branches in future Reports and at a virtual town hall at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 26, hosted by legislative colleagues and me.

Please consider taking advantage of the free COVID-19 vaccination sites that are now open in Kansas City and upcoming free vaccination events in our area for Missourians who are at least 16 or 18 years old, depending on the type of vaccine being administered.

Walk-ins are welcome to receive Pfizer vaccinations for Missouri residents 16 and over provided by the Kansas City Health Department next week Tuesday-Friday, May 4-7, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Smith-Hale Middle School (formerly Hickman Mills High School), 9010A Old Santa Fe Rd.

After that, Pfizer vaccinations will be available at the site only on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3-week intervals, with the next vaccination events scheduled for May 15 and June 5.

A drive-through vaccination event sponsored by Community Builders of Kansas City administering Pfizer vaccine will be

conducted in my legislative district from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, 11424 Hickman Mills Dr. All Missourians 16 and over are eligible, and appointments are not required but encouraged.

To make an appointment, persons should go online to <https://swopehealth.org/vaccine-may8/> or call Swope Health from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays at 816-321-3333.

Healthy food from Harvesters, diapers from Happy Bottoms and children's books from the Kansas City Public Library also will be available at the event.

A vaccination event with personnel from Truman Medical Center administering Pfizer vaccine will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, May 12-13, at my church, Concord Fortress of Hope, 11050 W. Longview Parkway. Persons must make an appointment by Sunday, May 2, by calling 816-761-1909. Persons may return for their second shots on June 2 & 3.

Walk-ins for vaccinations are being accepted at Truman Medical Center's two campuses at 2211 Charlotte and 7900 Lee's Summit Rd. from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Persons also may book a vaccination appointment at www.trumed.org or by calling 816-404-CARE (2273).

Persons who wish to take a farewell tour of Indian Creek Elementary School, 9801 Grand, before it is demolished and take guided tours for a sneak peek at the interior of its replacement can do so tomorrow (Saturday, May 1) from 9 to 11 a.m. A brief ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m.

Visitors will be required to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

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



Former Missouri State Representative and first African-American female Mayor of St. Louis City Tishaura Jones (center) stopped by the Missouri House of Representatives and visited with members of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus.

WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, April 30, 2021

SENATE REJECTS FULL MEDICAID FUNDING

The Senate voted 14-20 on April 28 to defeat efforts to fully fund Missouri's Medicaid program in the state operating budget for the

2022 fiscal year.

Because the House of Representatives also excluded full Medicaid funding from its version of the budget, full funding isn't likely to be reconsidered when the two chambers negotiate the final versions of appropriations bills in the coming days.

Under a constitutional amendment Missouri voters approved last year, every Missourian with an income at or below 138 percent of the federal poverty level will be eligible for Medicaid as of July 1, which also is the first day of FY 2022.

Gov. Mike Parson's administration already has submitted its plan for implementing expansion to the federal government.

However, without full funding to cover the additional recipients, the program could exhaust its spending authority well before the end of the fiscal year. An estimated 275,000 additional uninsured Missourians will be eligible for the program.

Failure to fund the voter-approved constitutional mandate is considered almost certain to be challenged in court.

Under the federal Affordable Care Act, the federal government will pay 90 percent of the cost of expansion, or about \$1.4 billion for FY 2022. In addition, implementing expansion will secure an additional \$1.5 billion for our state under the most recently passed COVID-19 relief bill.

Such a large influx of spending is expected to create tens of thousands of jobs and provide a massive stimulus to the state's economy. Only four Republicans joined all the Senate's 10 Democrats in voting for full Medicaid funding.

House and Senate negotiating teams will begin hammering out the final version of the 13 appropriations bills that make up the state operating budget early next week. Lawmakers must grant final passage to the bills no later than May 7 or the budget process would be required to start over in a special session of the legislature this

summer.

PANEL REJECTS COVID-19 LAWSUIT IMMUNITY

The House Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee voted 7-3 on April 26 to reject a Senate bill seeking to provide businesses and religious organizations with legal immunity from most lawsuits related to COVID-19.

Such protections are a top priority of Gov. Mike Parson, who in January called on lawmakers to make it the first bill sent to him this year after they declined to pass similar legislation in 2020.

Senate Bill 51's failure came as a surprise since passage through a procedural committee usually is a formality. The House Special Committee on Litigation Reform had previously approved the bill in March. The Senate sent it to the House in February by a vote of 20-13.

Missouri's major business groups, with Parson's backing, began seeking liability protections shortly after the pandemic began more than a year ago. Lawmakers took a pass on addressing the issue during the 2020 regular legislative session and again during a special session. To date, it doesn't appear any lawsuits have been filed in Missouri relating to COVID-19 exposure.

Although the bill's defeat in committee is a major setback, supporters are expected to attempt to attach it to other bills that are further along in the legislative process. The 2021 legislature session ends May 14.

MISSOURI TO RETAIN CONGRESSIONAL SEATS

Missouri will retain eight seats in Congress for the next decade according to national apportionment data released on April 26 based on the results of the 2020 U.S. Census. Congress has 435 voting members with every state entitled to at least one representative and the remainder distributed based on each state's population.

Texas will pick up two congressional seats, while Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina and Oregon each will gain one. Those redistributed seats will come from seven states – California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The redistribution will take effect for the 2022 congressional elections, with those elected that year taking their seats in January 2023.

By now, Missouri and other states normally would be deep into the process of redrawing congressional district lines to reflect population shifts over the past decade. However, because the detailed Census data necessary for redistricting isn't expected to be available until September, Missouri lawmakers likely won't take on congressional redistricting until a special legislative session at the end of the year.

The size of Missouri's current congressional delegation is half of what it was a century ago. The state topped out at 16 congressional seats in 1903 but slipped by three seats to 13 in 1933. Missouri lost two more seats in 1953, leaving 11 total, and then dipped to 10 seats in 1963. The state didn't lose another seat until 1983 and continued with nine members of Congress until its most recent loss of a seat in 2013 to create its current eight-member delegation.

According to the Census, Missouri's population stood at 6,160,281 as of April 1, 2020. That's an increase of just 2.48% from the state's 2010 population of 6,011,478. After congressional redistricting, each of Missouri eight districts should contain about 770,035 residents.

HOUSE APPROVES CHOKEHOLD RESTRICTIONS

The House of Representatives on April 28 granted preliminary approval to legislation that would prohibit law enforcement officers from using respiratory chokeholds, except when necessary to defend the officer or another person from serious physical harm or death.

A second vote is required to advance the bill to the Senate.

House Bill 876 includes the “Police Use of Force Transparency Act” which requires law enforcement agencies to report to the Missouri Department of Public Safety any incident when a fatality or serious bodily injury occurs connected to a use of force by a peace officer or when an officer discharges a firearm at or in the direction of a person. The department would be required to develop procedures for collecting and reporting statewide and agency-specific data by June 30, 2022.

The Missouri attorney general would be required to create a database concerning instances of excessive use of force by law enforcement officers including a mechanism to track termination of officers and convictions of officers and civil judgments against officers for on-duty conduct.

The bill also includes the “Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights” governing any investigations of officers’ conduct that could lead to disciplinary action which requires that complaints be in writing containing the name of the person filing the complaint. Advocates for policing reform say its provisions would make it harder to hold officers accountable for misconduct, while supporters say it is necessary to assure that officers are guaranteed fair treatment during disciplinary investigations.

The legislation also contains provisions to make it a crime for law enforcement officers to engage in sexual conduct with detainees or prisoners in their custody or to engage in any sexual conduct through coercion while on duty.

Other provisions strengthen background checks for potential officers and provide salary increases for county sheriffs.



Representative Brian Seitz, a fellow member of the House Crime Prevention Committee, and I discuss sentencing reform for juveniles.

SAY FAREWELL TO THE CURRENT INDIAN CREEK ELEMENTARY BUILDING
AND HELLO TO THE NEW BUILDING

SATURDAY, MAY 1 2021 | 9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM
9801 GRAND AVE, KCMO 64114



INDIAN CREEK
ELEMENTARY
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TOURS
AND A SNEAK PEEK
TOUR OF THE NEW
BUILDING





Your World **EMPOWERED**



Shape It. Change It. Improve It.

We have planned an exciting virtual program to help students explore the possibilities of a career in engineering, architecture, drafting, environmental science or construction management. It's going to be their world to shape, change and improve in the future. Students in grades 7-12 attend along with parents and interested teachers.

Your World Empowered
Wednesday, May 5 | 6-7:30 p.m. Central
Virtual Event

A link to join the live virtual event
will be available upon registration.

The program will include:

- An overview of the variety of STEM-related careers
- Seeing how classroom education is relevant to the real world
- Learning about job shadowing and internship opportunities
- Gaining real-world perspectives from Burns & McDonnell employee-owners
- A Q&A panel discussion with recent graduates to answer students' questions

Register online at
burnsmcd.com/Empowered2021

KCMO EMERGENCY RENTAL & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



If you need help now, contact one of these agencies for **IMMEDIATE** assistance:

■ **Metro Lutheran Ministry**

Call 816-514-2683 or
Fill out the online application:
www.mlmc.org/rent---utility.html

*Paper applications available at
3031 Holmes, KCMO 64109 &
1100 NE Vivion, KCMO 64118*

■ **Journey to New Life** - Call 816-960-4808
or email agrove@jtnl.org

■ **reStart** - Call 816-886-9153 or
email: rentalassistance@restartinc.org

■ **Community Assistance Council (CAC)**
816-763-3277 x-108

*Funding is provided by the second Congressional
COVID-19 relief package.*

The full list of agencies and eligibility requirements is posted at:

KCMO.GOV/RentHelp



Apply for assistance:
communitycarelink.com/cares-act-assistance-sign-up

COMMUNITY BUILDERS OF KANSAS CITY HOSTS DRIVE-THRU EVENT:
KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

VACCINATION EVENT

Location:

Memorial Missionary Baptist

11424 Hickman Mills Dr.

Kansas City, MO 64134

Date:

Saturday, May 8th

Time:

10:00am - 2:00pm



A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS:



**COMMUNITY
ASSISTANCE
COUNCIL**



**FREE FOOD, DIAPERS &
CHILDREN'S BOOKS**



PFIZER VACCINE

1st Dose - May 8th

2nd Dose - June 5th

swopeHEALTH

FOR INFORMATION VISIT:

<https://swopehealth.org/vaccine-may8/>

CALL TO REGISTER WEEKDAYS 9:00-4:30

(816) 321-3333

**ALL MISSOURI RESIDENTS
AGE 16+ ARE ELIGIBLE!
WALK-UPS WELCOME!**

Are you a nurse?

Do you need help with diapers for your child?



wants to honor you with a free box of
diapers!

WHAT: Free Diapers for RNs, LPNs, CNAs!
(while supplies last)

WHEN: May 10th, 11th, 12th 11am-2pm

WHERE: HappyBottoms, 303 W 79th St. KCMO
*Drive up to garage door

Concord Fortress of Hope Church (11050 W Longview Parkway) is hosting a vaccination event on Wednesday and Thursday, May 12th and 13th, from 9:30am-2:30pm.

Call (816) 761-1909 by Sunday May 2.

Those who receive their first dose at this event can expect to return to Concord for Fortress of hope on June 2nd or 3rd to receive their second dose.



MAY 12-13 | 9:30AM - 2:30PM

**DISTRICT 36
COVID-19
VACCINATION
EVENT**

**CONCORD FORTRESS OF HOPE CHURCH
11050 W. LONGVIEW PARKWAY
CALL (816) 761-1909 TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT**



Blood Donors are Always Royal.

Please make a life-saving blood donation at our upcoming blood drive. Present to donate and receive your choice of a limited edition Royals t-shirt or hat.

Can you help us make our goal of collecting 40 units of blood?

KC Police Department South Patrol Division

05/13/21 (01:00 pm - 06:00 pm)

9701 Marion Park Dr

KC Police Department South Patrol - Community Room

Kansas City, MO 64137

Schedule an appointment by clicking the link above or contact:

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 www.savealifenow.org/coronavirus.

Did you receive the COVID-19 vaccine? You can still donate! To learn more, [click here](#).

DONORS PRESENTING:

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May NOT donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May NOT donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

We do not test for COVID-19. Please see your health care provider if you want to be tested.

**THIS COMMUNICATION IS SENT ON BEHALF OF
T'RISA MCCORD, INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP OF KANSAS
CITY, MO:**

The next EDC Economic Development Incentive Tools Training Session has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. If you have been unable to attend any of the previous sessions, or if you would like to participate again for a refresher, please register at the link below. Feel free to share this with your contacts and colleagues who may also be interested in participating.

EDC Economic Development Incentive Tools Training Session



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL CHARLES FARRIS AT
PASTMASTER617@GMAIL.COM

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Sixth District

CLEAN UP

June 12, 2021: 8 AM - NOON

LOCATIONS:

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

Bulky, Brush, Electronics (Price List),
Tire drop off (with or without rim in
it), Document Shredder

- **SOUTH BROADLAND
PRESBYTERIAN**
7850 HOLMES RD
KANSAS CITY, MO, 64131

Bulky, Brush, Tire drop off (with
or without rim in it), Document
Shredder

ELECTRONICS PRICE LIST:

- CRT Monitors = \$5.00 each
- CRT TV's 26" or less = \$30.00 each
- CRT TV's 27" or greater = \$50.00
each
- Wood Console and True Big
- Screen/Projection TV's = \$50.00
each
- LED/LCD/Plasma TV's = \$20.00
each
- Any Freon containing unit=
\$10.00 each

SPONSORS:



**Councilmembers
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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



DISTRICT 1

(Virtual) **TUESDAY, AUG. 3, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 6 – 8 PM**
NNI - 5340 NE Chouteau Trafficway

DISTRICT 2

(Virtual) **MONDAY, AUG. 9, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **MONDAY, JUNE 28, 6 – 8 PM**
Northland Cathedral, 101 NW 99th Street (Gym)

DISTRICT 3

(Virtual) **FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **FRIDAY, AUG. 6, 6 – 8 PM**
Robert J. Multipurpose FOCUS Mohart Center, 3200 Wayne Avenue

DISTRICT 4

(Virtual) **THURSDAY, JULY 8, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **THURSDAY, AUG. 2, 6 – 8 PM**
National WWI Museum and Memorial, 2 Memorial Drive

DISTRICT 5

(Virtual) **WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **TUESDAY, AUG. 17, 6 – 8 PM**
Southeast Community Center, 4201 E 63rd St

DISTRICT 6

(Virtual) **TUESDAY, JULY 13, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **TUESDAY, AUG. 10, 6 – 8 PM**
Hillcrest Community Center – 10401 Hillcrest Rd.

PIAC PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESENT A PROJECT | SHARE YOUR PRIORITIES | ADDRESS REPRESENTATIVES

The 2021 deadline date to submit a request is August 31.

The Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC) solicits resident input to make recommendations on citywide and neighborhood portions of the capital budget.

In addition to coming to the hearings, citizens can also tell PIAC about needed public improvements by completing a PIAC application request form. These forms will be available at the hearings or are available from the Capital Improvements Program by phone: (816) 513-1173 or by emailing piac@kcmo.org.

[KCMO.GOV/PIAC](https://www.kcmo.gov/piac)



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Speak Easy Sessions are opportunities for residents to speak directly to City officials and staff. Expect an interactive session and lots of discussion. We want your ideas to help us run the city better. For more information and other sessions, visit [kcmo.gov/speakeasy](https://www.kcmo.gov/speakeasy).

How to sign up for the COVID-19 Vaccine

Eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine?

We are making it easier for you to get in line.
Here's how it works:

Go to www.trumed.org
Click on the pop up link that reads
"click here to register."

When you sign up online, we will contact you when the vaccine becomes available. At this point, we are unable to estimate when we'll call for your appointment date.

Wait times depend on vaccine supply.

We appreciate your patience.

You may also call 816-404-CARE (2273) if you want to talk to a scheduler. Lines may be busy. Please be patient.



COVID-19 Vaccine **Walk-In** appointments are now available at our two hospital campuses (2211 Charlotte and 7900 Lee's Summit Road) 7am to 2pm Monday through Friday. In addition, one may schedule a vaccine at www.trumed.org or by calling 816-404-CARE.

The Jackson County Health Department also has same day and appointments available. See <https://jacohd.org/events>

For a COVID-19 test, please see <https://www.jacksongov.org/1190/COVID-19-Test-Sites> for COVID-19 COVID-19 testing locations. Pre-Registration is strongly encouraged.

In addition, those who are *symptomatic* are encouraged to call 404-CARE, option 2, to schedule a drive through test at one of our two hospitals.

April 28, 2021

Please forward and share this information.

May Food Appointments

CAC has food appointments available 9 to 2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 4 - 6 pm, Wednesday, May 5 and 9 am to noon, Saturday, May 22. Call 816-763-3277 x 100 for a food appointment. Hygiene items are distributed with food. Happy Bottoms diapers and pull-ups are available without an appointment 9 am to 2:30 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Call 816-763-3277 x 100 to register for diapers. Appointments are encouraged but drive-ups are acceptable if you see the red "Pantry Open" sign outside.

Save the Date - Community Cleanup June 12

Sixth District Community Clean Up Day will be 8 am to noon, Saturday, June 12 at Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St. (bulky items, brush, electronics for a fee, shredding) and South Broadland Presbyterian, 7850 Holmes (bulky items, brush, tires shredding). Download the flyer [HERE](#).

Make a Donation – Make a Difference

- \$5 can provide fresh milk for a family for a month
- \$50 can provide food for a family for a month
- \$1000 can help a family avoid homelessness
- \$5,000 can provide full Thanksgiving or Christmas meals for 225 families.

To make a one-time donation or set up a monthly payment click [here](#).

Call Rachel Casey at 816-763-3277 x 103 or email Rachel.casey@cackc.org to discuss ideas.

Community Assistance Council is the social services agency that covers South Kansas City, including all of Hickman Mills and Center School Districts, with a food pantry, Happy Bottom diapers and pull-ups, Giving the Basics hygiene items, KC Medicine Cabinet medicines and equipment, emergency rent and utilities assistance and limited case management. We'd love to give you a tour or provide a program for your organization!

Community Assistance Council | www.cackc.org

816-763-3277 x 103 | rachel.casey@cackc.org

South KC Mobile Food Pantries

With so many people out of work due to the coronavirus pandemic, a growing number of 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 five 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 food will be loaded in the vehicles when they reach the school by staff and student volunteers. This event is sponsored by the school and Community Assistance Council.

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 High School, 8715 Holmes Rd., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as long as food

is left on the third Saturday of the month. The event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church in partnership with the Center School District.

Coronavirus Facts and Resources

Kansas City

If you would like to receive updates about what the City is doing in response to the coronavirus, **text COVIDKC to 888777** or go online to kcmo.gov/coronavirus

Missouri

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is operating a [hotline](#) for residents and health care providers to call for information and guidance about COVID-19.

The statewide hotline number is **877-435-8411**. The hotline is being operated by medical professionals and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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TIPS HOTLINE

816-474-8477



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P3Tips.com



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**Please don't hesitate to contact me
with any feedback, questions or ideas!**