

Dear Neighbor,

Persons may drop off their unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications for safe and environmentally friendly disposal from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 23, at the following three south Kansas City locations:

First Call, 9091 State Line Rd.

South Patrol Police Campus, 9701 Marion Park Dr. (Please go early if going to South Patrol since it is hosting its popular annual **Trunk or Treat** event which provides free treats to children from **1 to 3 p.m. Saturday**.) **Research Medical Center Brookside Campus, 6601 Rockhill Rd.**

Altogether, there are 11 drug take back sites on the Missouri side of the metropolitan area that will be open Saturday as part of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's 21st National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. See the attached news release from the KCMO Police Department for all the locations.

The sites will accept tablets, capsules, patches and other solid forms of prescription and over-the-counter drugs including vaping devices if their lithium batteries are removed. Liquids, syringes and illegal drugs will not be accepted.

Last year over 93,000 people died of drug overdoses in the U.S., the largest number ever recorded, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Opioid-related deaths accounted for 75% or all overdose deaths in 2020.

"The majority of opioid addictions in America start with prescription pills found in medicine cabinets at home," said DEA Administrator Anne Milgram.

Last April's Drug Take Back Day collected approximately 420 tons of unwanted medications at 5,060 sites throughout the U.S.

And don't forget the 5th Council District Fall Clean Up open to all KCMO residents from 8 to noon Saturday.

Drop off sites for unwanted items are at Center Alternative School, 8434

Paseo; Loma Vista Shopping Center, 8800 Blue Ridge Blvd.; Southeast

High School, 3500 E. Meyer Blvd.; and Urban Christian Academy, 2810

E. 80th St.

Everything is free, except there are fees for dropping off monitors, TVs and

items containing Freon that only will be accepted at Center Alternative School which is the only site that will accept electronics. See the attached flyer for the specific charges and a list of items that will be accepted at each site. Hazardous waste will not be accepted.

Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, my legislative aide <u>Kaylee Bauer</u> 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*



State Representative Maggie Nurrenbern, me and Chris Gahagan at the 2021 Labor-Management Council/BOMA-KC Public Officials Reception at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts.

WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, October 22nd, 2021

COURT HEARS CONSERVATION TAX CASE

The Missouri Supreme Court on Oct. 20 heard arguments on whether the Missouri Conservation Commission has the authority to spend revenue from

a constitutionally dedicated conservation sales tax without a budget appropriation approved by the General Assembly.

The four-member commission oversees the Department of Conservation, which is funded by a dedicated 1/8-cent statewide sales tax. Under the Missouri Constitution, only the commission can expend conservation sales tax revenue.

However, other constitutional provisions prohibit expenditures without an appropriation by the legislature that "distinctly specifies the amount and purpose" of the authorized spending. Also, Supreme Court precedent has established that "appropriations" and "expenditures" are separate actions under the constitution.

Although for more than 40 years the commission expended conservation funds pursuant to annual legislative appropriations, it sued the state in 2020, claiming it has the constitutional authority to spend the conservation sales tax revenue without appropriation.

While several constitutional provisions say certain revenue stands appropriated, most notably money in the state road fund, the conservation sales tax provisions include no such language.

Cole County Circuit Judge Cotton Walker ruled in the commission's favor in April. However, Walker's analysis focused more on the perceived intent of voters in passing the 1976 amendment that created the conservation sales tax

than on the language of the relevant constitutional provisions and how they interact.

On appeal, the state Attorney General's office argued that since "stands appropriated" language existed in other constitutional provisions at the time voters ratified the conservation sales tax amendment, its proponents could have included such language if that was their intent.

Since the amendment issues no such specific directive, the state said it can't be interpreted as shifting the legislature's exclusive power to appropriate funding to an executive branch agency. As the state put it in its brief to the court: "Removing the legislature's historical role in the appropriations process would be met with trumpets, not silence."

The court will issue a ruling at a later date. The case is *Conservation Commission v. Eric Schmitt*.

PARSON THREATENS PAPER FOR FINDING FLAW

Gov. Mike Parson on Oct. 14 generated national news after threatening to prosecute a St. Louis Post-Dispatch reporter who discovered a flaw on a state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website that potentially exposed the Social Security numbers of more than 100,000 Missouri educators.

After discovering the flaw, which was publicly accessible on the DESE website to anyone who cared to look, the paper immediately informed the department of the problem and delayed publication of its story until the affected web pages could be taken down.

The paper published the story in its Oct. 14 edition. That morning Parson held a news conference at which he accused the reporter of hacking and vowed to prosecute and pursue civil sanctions against all involved with the story.

Parson's characterization was widely derided by cybersecurity and legal experts in subsequent reports by local and national news organizations, including The Washington Post and The New York Times.

No other state officials have backed Parson's position and a few publicly disputed it, including State Rep. Tony Lovasco, R-O'Fallon, who on Twitter said the governor's office "has a fundamental misunderstanding of both web technology and industry standard procedures for reporting security vulnerabilities."

During his news conference, Parson also claimed the incident will cost taxpayers \$50 million but didn't explain how. His office has since failed to provide an accounting of how Parson arrived at that amount and what the money would be used for.

However, in response to an inquiry from legislative budget analysts

initiated by House members, the state Office of Budget and Planning said the \$50 million was a rough and preliminary estimate of the cost to pay for credit monitoring for the 100,000 educators affected and to set up a call center. If the supposed costs are indeed limited to those efforts, the governor's figure appears to be grossly inflated.

In a separate and unrelated data incident first reported by the Post-Dispatch on Oct. 19, the Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri notified members of the pension program that it experienced a "data security incident" in September when an employee's email was accessed without authorization. The pension system said the incident didn't result in anyone gaining access to its operating system.

STATE REP. TOM HANNEGAN DIES OF STROKE

State Rep. Tom Hannegan of St. Charles died Oct. 20 of a sudden stroke at age 51. Hannegan, a Republican, was serving his third term in the Missouri House of Representatives.

Hannegan was first elected in 2016 and represented the 65th District in eastern St. Charles County. He served as chairman of the House Local Government Committee.

As one of the few openly gay lawmakers in the Missouri legislature, Hannegan pushed for legislation seeking to expand the state law prohibiting discrimination in housing and employment to protect LGBTQ Missourians.

FINALISTS CHOSEN FOR APPELLATE COURT

The Missouri Appellate Judicial Commission on Oct. 13 announced three finalists to fill a vacancy on the state Court of Appeals Eastern District created in May by Judge Robin Ransom's elevation to the state Supreme Court.

The finalists include two private practice attorneys plus an assistant state attorney general.

Kathleen Hamilton, of St. Charles, is a partner at HeplerBroom LLC in St. Louis and a 2002 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. Jeffery McPherson, of Webster Groves, is a partner at Armstrong Teasdale LLP in St. Louis and a 1994 graduate of Saint Louis University School of Law. Cristian Stevens, of Kirkwood, is first assistant attorney general and a 1998 graduate of the MU law school.

Gov. Mike Parson has through Dec. 13 to appoint one of the finalists to the St. Louis-based appellate court or forfeit the selection to the commission.

Under the Missouri Constitution, the seven-member commission selects three finalists for judicial vacancies from among the applicants. The process is intended to minimize the influence of partisan politics in judicial appointments by denying governors the power to appoint whomever they want.

Ransom is the first Black woman appointed to the Missouri Supreme Court and a two-time Parson appointee. He previously picked her for the Eastern District appellate bench in 2019.

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: https://faithcontentnetwork.brushfire.com/heaven/513604

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
- 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

ELECTRONICS PRICE LIST

- CRT monitors \$5/ea

- CRT TVs 26" or less\$30/ea
 CRT TVs 27" or greater \$50/ea
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- LED/LCD/Plasma TVs\$20/ea
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Kansas City Missouri Police Department

News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE information, contact:
October 21, 2021

For more

KCPD Media Unit

816-234-5170

Turn in your unwanted and unused medications at National Prescription Drug Take Back Day event October 23

The Kansas City Police Department will collect unused, unwanted, and expired prescription drugs on Saturday, Oct. 23, during Take Back Day, a nationwide event hosted by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

Between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., area residents can dispose of these medications for free, with no questions asked at 11 convenient locations around the area.

KCPD will accept tablets, capsules, patches, and vaping devices if their lithium batteries are removed. Liquids, syringes, and sharps will be not be accepted.

Police are conducting this city-wide effort to turn the tide against the opioid epidemic. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 2020 marked the highest number of drug-related deaths in a year. A separate study shows that most people who misused a prescription drug received it from a family member or friend.

Turning in unwanted and expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications to police is the safest and most environmentally friendly way to dispose of them.

Visit any of these locations Saturday to drop off your medications:

- South Patrol Division, 9701 Marion Park, KCMO 64137
- North Patrol Division, 11000 NW Prairie View Rd., KCMO 64153
- · Shoal Creek Station, 6801 Pleasant Valley Rd., KCMO 64119
- Midtown KC Now, 3931 Main St., KCMO 64111
- · Liberty Hospital, 2525 Glenn Hendren Dr., Liberty, Mo. 64068
- Research Medical Center Brookside Campus, 6601 Rockhill Rd., KCMO 64131
- Children's Mercy Broadway Campus, 3101 Broadway Blvd, KCMO 64111
- Children's Mercy East Campus, 20300 E Valley View Pkwy, Independence, MO 64057
- · Children's Mercy North Campus, 501 NW Barry Rd. KCMO 64155
- · CVS, 4750 Lees Summit Rd., KCMO 64136
- · First Call, 9091 State Line Rd, 64114 KCMO

For more information, visit https://takebackday.dea.gov.

FIND YOUR BEST FRIEND!

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SOUTH KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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ACKNOWLEDGING THE DIVIDING LINES: **RACE & REAL ESTATE**

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CDT

*Zoom Link will be emailed within week prior to event. D&I Workshop Series Presenting Sponsor:





Event Partner:



Virtual

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Workshop Series





Join the South KC Chamber for a virtual multi-chamber workshop presented by the Greater KC Chamber and Presenting Sponsor, Commerce Bank for a conversation with KC Real Estate Attorney, Shomari Benton and Tanner Colby as they discuss the history of race and real estate practices and how our communities continue to be impacted today.

In conversation with KC Real Estate Attorney, Shomari Benton; Tanner Colby, the author of Some of My Best Friends Are Black: The Strange Story of Integration in America, will discuss the history of race and real estate practices and how our communities continue to be impacted today.

Colby's book Some of My Best Friends are Black is a narrative history of modern race-relations in the United States, and was nominated for the American Library Association's 2013 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Non-fiction. After the election of America's first black president, Tanner Colby realized that not only had he had no black friends, but he'd never even had a black teacher, college professor, or workplace mentor. Nearly everyone he knew and interacted with was white. Colby sought to discover how half a century after the Civil Rights Movement true integration has made few in roads in so many Americans' lives. The Strange Story of Integration offers an honest portrait of race in America, and specifically traces the history of housing discrimination in Kansas City neighborhoods."

The conversation between Colby & Benton is facilitated by Educator Marlee Bunch and is made possible in part through a grant from Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. The mission of Freedom's Frontier is to tell the stories of our struggle for freedom. Freedom's Frontier promotes heritage conservation, recreation, and economic development through it's partnerships with organizations across Kansas and Missouri.

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 Add to Calendar

Cost is Free

Reservations requested by 10/24/2021

Register Now!

You must register to participate.

You will receive an email from the Greater KC Chamber in the week prior to the event with connection information to join the Zoom workshop.

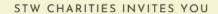
For questions contact the Chamber Office at vwolgast@southkcchamber.com

This event series is in partnership with:

Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce Grandview Chamber of Commerce Independence Chamber of Commerce Liberty Area Chamber of Commerce Mid-America LGBT Chamber of Commerce South Kansas City Chamber of Commerce







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





Drive Thru



Saturday, October 30

2-4pm**

- Access going South on James A. Reed Road Enter North Driveway, Exit South Driveway
- Please stay in your vehicle
- m Bring your own container for treats
- masks are encouraged for participants in cars
- in For safety, walk ups will not be allowed
- candy for the number of children in the car
- "Grab & Go Meal" provided
- malloween costumes permitted

**This Event ends at 4pm or earlier if we run out of candy. We are planning for 250 children.

St. Luke's & St. James United Methodist Church

9420 James A. Reed Rd. (corner of Bannister) Kansas City, MO 64138

St. Luke's: 816.763.8444 www.stlukeskc.org St. James South Campus: 816.444.5588 sjumckc.org



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- Advocacy
- · Quality Education

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SATURDAY,OCT 30,2021 @2PM CONCORD FORTRESS OF HOPE 11050 W. LONGVIEW PKWY KCMO 64134 (MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL)



Shawn Edwards Moderator Fox 4 News Film Critic



Mark Sharp Missouri State Rep, District 36



Kevin Holmes KSHB 41 News Anchor



Chris Evans Business Owner, T-Shirt King, Inc. (Morehouse Man)



WONDERSCOPE TRICK OR TREAT



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 / 3-5 PM



Join us for fun, games, spooky photo ops, and of course CANDY at the Red Bridge Shopping Center Halloween Trick-or-Treat event!



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Virtual Auction

Start: Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6 a.m. Ending: Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6 p.m.





AUCTION SITE:

www.32auctions.com/HMEF2021







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JOIN US IN 2022 Adult Learner Scholarship is now open until Nov 19!

KC Scholars is hosting virtual application assistance sessions in October & November for adult learner applicants who need help completing the application or who have specific questions. More information is available at http://www.kcscholars.org/AppHelp



CSBG Fraud Scheme Alert

The Department of Social Services (DSS) warns Missourians to be alert of new fraud activity involving Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds. Individuals are reporting that they are getting messages from social media profiles that impersonate their friends or family asking for a \$500 gift card in exchange for a large sum of money through CSBG funds.

"The Department of Social Services will not email, text, call, send a message on social media, or ask anyone else to contact an individual to ask for money or gift cards in exchange for more money," said Robert Knodell, Acting Director of the Department of Social Services. "We want to make sure Missourians are aware of this fraudulent activity and remind them that it is important to report any suspicious emails, texts, messages, or calls immediately to prevent this from happening to others."

If you suspect you have received a fraudulent text, call, email, or message on social media, do not respond. Instead, report it immediately to the <u>Welfare Investigations Unit online</u> or by phone at 877-770-8055.

Security Tips

For more tips on keeping your information secure, visit the Missouri Attorney General's website on Identity Theft & Data Security at https://www.ago.mo.gov/civil-division/consumer/identity-theft-data-security.

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is a federal block grant provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that helps fund a network of 19 Community Action Agencies that help create, coordinate, and deliver programs and services to low-income Missourians across the state. For more information about CSBG and the services available visit the DSS website.

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. 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.

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. 117th St., from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month in the church parking lot.



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