



Dear Neighbor,

I am very pleased to report that the House General Laws Committee voted 15-0 on March 8 to recommend passage of legislation introduced by two other legislators and me to deter potentially deadly celebratory gunfire by making such gunfire and any other discharge of firearms with criminal negligence within or into city limits a serious state offense.

**All of us who are concerned about our community's growing problem of celebratory gunfire owe a debt of thanks to Michele Shanahan-DeMoss (the mother of 11-year-old Blair Shanahan Lane who died after being struck by celebratory gunfire here on July 4, 2011) whose heart-wrenching testimony in support of this legislation had a visible impact on committee members.**

I am also extremely grateful for the oral and written testimony in favor of this urgently needed legislation by representatives of the Kansas City Police Department, the AdHoc Group Against Crime, the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, the city of Kansas City and both the Greater Kansas City and South Kansas City Chambers of Commerce.

This bipartisan legislation (House Committee Substitute for House Bills 795, 99 & 722) named Blair's Law to memorialize Blair Shanahan Lane now awaits a hearing by the House Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee that also must recommend its passage before it can be considered by the entire House of Representatives. It makes

discharging a firearm within or into city limits a felony.

The three very similar bills the committee combined are House Bill 99 I introduced with five co-sponsors, House Bill 722 introduced by Representative Rory Rowland of Independence and House Bill 795 introduced by Representative Nick Schroer of O'Fallon in St. Charles County with one co-sponsor.

**My goal is to pass this legislation BEFORE our community suffers another senseless death due to this irresponsible behavior, not AFTER we suffer another tragedy!**

I am very sad to report there has been another homicide in my House district. Eighteen-year-old Andrew Haines was found dead in a vehicle at E. 116<sup>th</sup> Ter. & Troost about 9:30 p.m. March 11 from apparent gunshot wounds.

Persons with information about this homicide are asked to call the Police Department Homicide Unit at 816-234-5043. Missouri now has a pretrial witness protection program created by a bill I-co-sponsored that became law last year.

Those wishing to remain anonymous should call the Crimestoppers TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477). A reward of up to \$25,000 is available for information leading to an arrest or filing charges. Persons do not have to testify in court to receive the reward.

**As of March 11, there have been 31 homicides reported so far this year in KCMO, the identical number reported at the same time last year when the city set a new annual record of 176 homicides, far surpassing the prior record of 151 set in both 2017 and 2019. Six of this year's homicides have been within South Patrol.**

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*



REP. MICHAEL JOHNSON | REP. YOLANDA YOUNG | REP. MARK A. SHARP  
DISTRICT 23                      DISTRICT 22                      DISTRICT 36

**You are invited to a Zoom webinar.**

**When: Saturday Mar 27, 2021 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)**

## **Topic: Legislative Town Hall**

**Description: Please join us for the first of this three-part series of Town Hall meetings offering important information and dialogue brought to you by Representatives Mark A. Sharp, Yolanda Young and Michael Johnson in partnership with the Black Archives of Mid-America, Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center and Concord Fortress of Hope Church.**

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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Representative Sharp (right) meets with Representative Michael Johnson (left) and Representative Yolanda Young at the Black Archives of Mid-America to discuss their upcoming virtual town hall Saturday, March 27, which they will jointly host from the Archives. Joining them is longtime community activist and political leader Archie Welch (second from left).

# WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, March 12, 2021

## SENATE ENDORSES FUEL TAX INCREASE

The Missouri Senate on March 11 voted to send legislation to the House of Representatives that would gradually increase the state fuel tax from its current level of 17 cents per gallon to 29.5 cents a gallon in 2025.

The tax would generate an estimated \$462.4 million a year in additional revenue for state and local transportation projects once fully phased in.

**Senate Substitute 2 for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 262 would increase the fuel tax by 2.5 cents on Oct. 1, with additional 2.5-cent bumps every subsequent July 1 until the tax tops out at 29.5 cents on July 1, 2025. Missouri currently has one of the nation's lowest state fuel taxes and last increased it in 1996 under legislation enacted in 1992.**

In an unusual twist, supporters are promoting this measure as an optional tax increase for most Missourians since the bill would allow Missourians to seek a refund on the new portion of the tax paid each year for fuel for vehicles weighing 26,000 pounds or less. However, the expectation is that few people would go through the trouble of saving their receipts and filing annual refund requests with the Missouri Department of Revenue.

Lawmakers put a proposed 10-cent fuel tax increase on the statewide ballot in 2018, but tacked it onto an unrelated bill providing a special tax break for Olympic athletes and included confusing ballot language that attempted to sell the fuel tax hike as a funding boost for law enforcement, even though the intent was to provide new revenue for transportation projects. Voters defeated the measure which only garnered 46.4% support.

This legislation would not go on the ballot for voter approval, and like the last successful fuel-tax hike in 1992, would simply take effect if enacted by the legislature and signed into law by the governor. Missouri voters haven't approved any kind of tax increase since endorsing a 4-cent bump in the fuel tax in April 1987.

## **AMENDING CONSTITUTION COULD GET HARDER**

The House of Representatives on March 11 voted 111-46 to advance a proposed constitutional amendment that would require support from at least two-thirds of voters to ratify future amendments to the Missouri Constitution. I voted no.

In addition, the measure, would significantly increase the number of signatures required to put a proposed constitutional amendment on the statewide ballot using the initiative petition process.

**Throughout Missouri history, only a simple majority has been required to amend the state constitution.**

Of the 133 constitutional amendments Missouri voters have ratified since the current state constitution was adopted in 1945, only 45 (33.8 percent) hit the two-thirds majority threshold that would be required under this measure.

**In a move that critics claimed was designed to mislead voters, House Committee Substitute for House Joint Resolutions 20, 2, 9 & 27 also includes a provision that already exists elsewhere in the state constitution stating that only U.S. citizens who are Missouri residents and registered voters can vote in Missouri elections.**

Supporters apparently added that provision in order to justify proposed ballot language included in the measure telling voters it would "allow only citizens of the United States to qualify as legal voters" which is already law, before mentioning its other provisions,

which they might find less palatable.

If the Senate also approves the measure, it automatically would go on the November 2022 ballot. Following current constitutional requirements, only a simple majority of voters would be needed for ratification.

## **REPEALING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX STALLS**

After several hours of debate, the Missouri Senate on March 8 rejected legislation that would have cost local governments an estimated \$1.45 billion in lost revenue by eliminating personal property taxes.

However, on March 11 the Senate reconsidered the failure to tentatively approve the latest version of this measure, and placed the bill on its informal calendar so it can be brought up again for debate.

Property taxes, including levies on real property such as land and buildings, account for a significant portion of local budgets, especially for public school districts. This measure would only eliminate taxes on personal property, such as vehicles, machinery and business equipment.

**Although the bill phases out personal property taxes over 10 years, critics said it would still devastate the budgets of cities, counties, school districts and other local governments since there is no guarantee that growth from other revenue sources would be anywhere close to sufficient to make up the losses.**

Supporters argued that personal property taxes are highly unpopular and aren't imposed by a majority of states.

## **ONLINE SALES TAX BILLS ADVANCE**



The House of Representatives on March 11 voted 96-59 to approve legislation that would allow the state and local governments to better capture sales tax revenue from online purchases that already is due under state law but rarely collected.

The measure, House Bill 554, now advances to the Senate, which approved similar legislation, Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bills 153 & 97, earlier in the day.

A 2018 U.S. Supreme Court case, *South Dakota v. Wayfair Inc.*, clarified that state and local governments can levy taxes on purchases made by their residents from businesses located elsewhere.

**Small business owners have long maintained the state's failure to fully enforce the collection of taxes on online sales puts Missouri brick-and-mortar operations at a competitive disadvantage to out-of-state vendors, while local officials lament the lost tax revenue.**

While facilitating the collection of taxes on internet sales, the state wouldn't reap any financial windfall under HB 554, and in fact, would end up collecting less in overall taxes. That's because the bill attempts to achieve revenue neutrality by cutting the state income tax to offset any new revenue. According to the bill's fiscal note, however, the income tax cut would result in a net loss of nearly \$120 million in state general revenue collections once fully implemented.

Although I strongly support leveling the playing field on collecting sales tax for Missouri businesses and out-of-state vendors, I voted against this legislation since it is projected to significantly reduce state revenue that is urgently needed to fund public education and other under-funded essential state services.

**HOUSE OKAYS GUNS ON PUBLIC TRANSIT**

Concealed weapons permit holders could carry firearms on public transit under legislation the Missouri House of Representatives approved on March 8. The bill advanced to the Senate on a vote of 124-32, with 3 voting present. I voted no.

**It currently is illegal to possess weapons on buses, light rail or other means of public transit. House Bill 52 would exempt concealed-carry permit holders from that prohibition, although weapons would still be prohibited on Amtrak trains.**

Supporters say the bill would enable public transit users to protect themselves if necessary. Opponents say allowing firearms on public transit would do more to spark incidents of violence than prevent them.

## **COURT FINALISTS TO BE ANNOUNCED**

The Missouri Appellate Judicial Commission is accepting applications for the Supreme Court vacancy created by the March 8 retirement of Judge Laura Denvir Stith after 20 years of service. The commission is scheduled to interview applicants in May and announce its list of three finalists on May 21.

**Stith's replacement will mark Gov. Mike Parson's first Supreme Court appointment since taking office in June 2018. Once the commission announces the finalists, Parson will have 60 days to choose one of them or forfeit the decision to the commission.**

However, during the nearly 80 years Missouri's current judicial selection process has been in place, a governor has never declined to make an appointment.

Until her retirement, Stith had been the court's current longest-serving member, a distinction now belonging to Judge Mary Rhodes Russell who has been on the court since September 2004. Stith's departure creates the court's first vacancy in more than four years.

## **REVENUE COLLECTIONS UP 8.1 PERCENT**

Net state general revenue collections for February 2021 increased 8.1 percent compared to February 2020, going from \$685.4 million last year to \$740.7 million this year.

**Strong growth in both individual and corporate income tax collections largely was responsible for driving the improved collections, as has been the case in recent months.**

Year-to-date net general revenue collections through the first eight months of the 2021 fiscal year increased 18.5 percent compared to the same period in FY 2020, going from \$6.08 billion last year to \$7.2 billion this year. However, since the COVID-19 pandemic prompted the delay of last year's income tax filing deadline from the last quarter of FY 2020 to the first month of FY 2021, the year-to-date revenue figures are inflated.



Representative Sharp poses at the Black Archives of Mid-America with Leeyah James, one of his former home room students when he taught at the nearby KIPP Endeavor Academy.

**Missouri Governor — Michael L. Parson**

Office of Communications

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 11, 2021

**Governor Parson Announces Mega Vaccination Site In Kansas City**

**(JEFFERSON CITY, MO)** – During today’s briefing at the State Capitol, Governor Mike Parson announced that the state will host a Mega Vaccination Site at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City on Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20, 2021.

"We appreciate the Jackson County Health Department, Truman Medical Center, Chiefs' Organization, KCATA, Jackson County Executive Frank White, and all local leaders and legislators who have offered their help to make this event possible," **Governor Parson** said. "By working together, we will ensure that every Missourian who wants a vaccine will have the opportunity to receive one."

"I would like to thank Governor Parson for making this event happen," **Jackson County Executive Frank White, Jr.** said. "Easily accessible events with a substantial number of vaccines are essential to the safety of our residents who need and deserve it. This is especially true for our communities of color who have been devastated by this dangerous and deadly disease. I look forward to working with the Governor and his team to provide many more opportunities like this in the near future."

The Mega Vaccination Site is expected to operate from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. both Friday and Saturday of next week. Approximately 6,000 doses of the Janssen vaccine have been reserved to fully vaccinate 3,000 Missourians each day of the event. If the state receives additional shipments of the Janssen vaccine, more doses could be allocated to the event.

Two Missouri National Guard mass vaccination teams and personnel from the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) will partner with the Jackson County Health Department, Truman Medical Center, Chiefs' Organization, Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, numerous volunteers, and other local leaders to make the event possible.

**Names of eligible Missourians in activated phases will be chosen from a list of those who have previously registered for the vaccine with the Jackson County Health Department and through the state's Vaccine Navigator. Those selected will be notified of their appointment date and time and be provided with further instructions.**

**Missourians should not try to contact the Jackson County Health Department to sign up for this event as available appointments will be filled using the health department's existing waiting list. This event will help reduce the backlog of unfilled vaccination appointments in the area and open up appointments within Region A for future mass vaccination events.**

**Missourians interested in receiving a vaccine at other state-supported events are encouraged to use the state's Vaccine Navigator.**

"We are working as quickly as supply will allow to meet the higher vaccine interest in our urban populations while still keeping vaccine distribution equitable across the state," **Governor Parson** said. "This mega vaccination event will provide an additional opportunity to assist local vaccine providers in meeting the higher vaccine demand of the Kansas City region, and we have begun planning a similar event in the St. Louis area."



Missourians are encouraged to visit [MOStopsCOVID.com](https://moplastsCOVID.com) to view the latest vaccine updates, find out when they are eligible for the vaccine, and locate available vaccinators and events in their area.



### **Mayor Lucas to Launch Boards and Commissions Training Program for Women**

*On International Women's Day, Mayor Lucas announces \$15,000 grant to launch a Kansas City Boards and Commissions Training Program for women from historically underrepresented communities*

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. —** Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas today announced that his office has secured a \$15,000 grant through the National League of Cities to help recruit women from underrepresented communities into positions of local leadership through Kansas City Boards and Commissions. With this grant, Mayor Lucas announced the creation of a Kansas City Boards & Commissions (KCBC) Women in Local Government Training Program to encourage women from all backgrounds and identities in the community to apply for positions on Kansas City's boards and commissions.

The training sessions included in this program—cohosted with United WE's Appointments Project, and in coordination with Sisters' Circle and VozKC—will provide an overview of the application and appointment process to Kansas City Boards and Commissions and provide networking opportunities with women already serving in these positions.

The first training session in this program will be virtual and is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14 at noon. Women interested in attending should register [here](#). Women from historically underrepresented communities—women of color, women from immigrant or refugee communities, women-identifying, and LGBTQ+ individuals—are especially encouraged to apply. Individuals can also nominate women in their lives who they know to be great community leaders for this program, using the same form.

"As someone who got their start in Kansas City public service serving on a City board, I understand the importance of boards and commissions in local government, and the importance of making sure those who serve on these boards are reflective of our community," **said Mayor Lucas**. "Launching this program today is great way to celebrate International Women's Day in Kansas City, and our commitment to opening doors for women, especially women from underrepresented communities, will continue year-round."

"Through this program, we are actively recruiting, educating, and connecting talented women from historically underrepresented groups to create a new ecosystem of leaders—who might have otherwise not been given an opportunity to get their foot through the door," **continued Mayor Lucas**. "I hope all in our community will help nominate and encourage the talented, passionate women in their lives to attend this training program, to build a decision-making space that is welcoming for all in our community for generations to come."

“International Women’s Day is a global day to celebrate women’s achievements and raise awareness about women’s equality,” **said Wendy Doyle, President & CEO of United WE.** “With support and leadership from Mayor Quinton Lucas and women applying for a seat at the decision-making tables of their communities, gender parity on Kansas City boards and commissions is gaining momentum as we work to close the gender leadership gap through our Appointments Project.”

“The Sisters’ Circle GKC is excited to partner with the office of the Mayor, VozKC and the United WE/Appointments project to identify and share best practices that assist women in navigating the culture and language of commissions and board service and to provide a runway for women interested in serving on them,” said **Dr. Marjorie Williams, Co-Founder of Sisters’ Circle.**

"VozKC is excited to partner with the City of Kansas City on this important mission to improve Latinx representation on boards and commissions," **said Daniela Velazquez, VozKC Leadership Board Member.** “As an often-underrepresented community, we know how much of a difference it makes to be at the decision-making table."

To apply or nominate someone for the first installation of this training program, [click here](#).



News from the  
**City Communications Office**

City of Kansas City, Missouri  
kcmo.gov

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**New phone app connects residents with city services**  
*myKCMO app makes it easier than ever to contact 311*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 11, 2021

A new smartphone app, myKCMO, is now available so that KCMO residents can quickly request city services anytime and anywhere. Download the myKCMO app to request and track city services. Report potholes, illegal dumping, missed trash pickups and more.



**Introducing myKCMO**  
the new City app

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to city services.*

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**CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

The graphic features a teal background with a white circle on the right containing a hand holding a smartphone displaying the myKCMO app interface. The app screen shows icons for 'Report an Issue', 'Issues Fee Reported', 'Coronavirus Vaccine', 'Municipal Court', 'Pay Online', 'Elected Officials', 'Legal and Branch', and 'How From Us'. The bottom of the screen shows 'myKCMO' and the date 'Wednesday, March 11, 2021' with a temperature of '73°'.

“This cutting edge new app will enable residents and visitors to more conveniently access information and report local issues,” said City Manager Brian Platt. “The more efficient workflow and request tracking system will allow us to respond quicker and more efficiently to concerns.”

Its features will help residents:

- Report and track 311 requests more easily
- Upload photos to show us the problem
- Connect directly with the staff member responding to the problem
- Make payments through the app
- Receive alerts when your 311 case is updated, and for other city emergencies

For good luck, you may notice that we are releasing this app on March 11, or “3/11”, since it includes an extensive upgrade to our 311 system.

“The new myKCMO app highlights Kansas City government’s

commitment to providing the basic services our residents expect, making it faster and easier for Kansas Citians to share with the City what requires attention in their own neighborhoods,” said Mayor Quinton Lucas. “myKCMO will be a helpful tool in our efforts to fill potholes and improve roads, and I encourage all to download the app today.”

The myKCMO app is available for free download to your phone or tablet. Type “myKCMO” to find it in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

The city has also recently upgraded additional online tools to help our residents and businesses:

- KC BizCare recently launched a website to help small businesses thrive.
- Data KC has updated functionality to help resident better understand and use the data the city posts here for the public.
- AlertKC has upgraded its platform for residents to receive alerts by text or email for severe weather, broken water mains in your neighborhood, and other community messages.



**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT of  
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*Helping Missourians Prosper*



## Missouri Community Service Commission announces Bicentennial Community Service Challenge

March 10, 2021

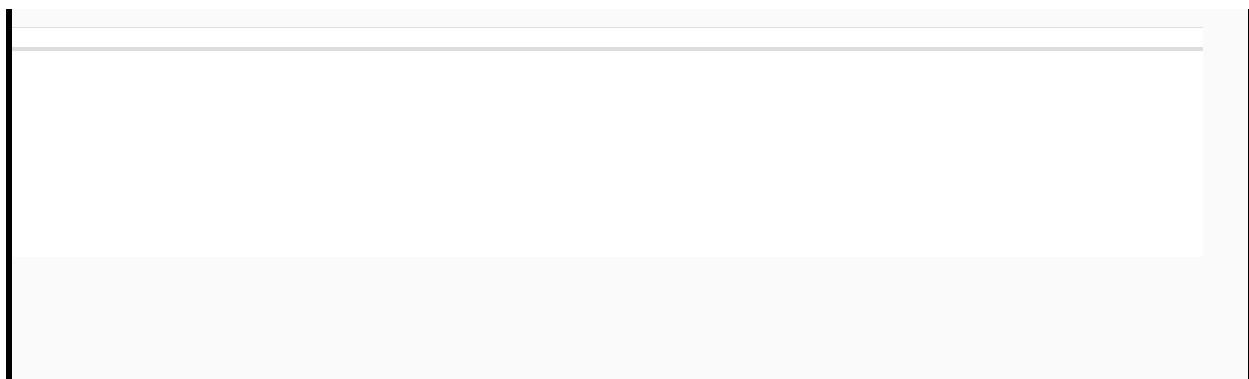
**Jefferson City** – Today the Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) announced the Bicentennial Community Service Challenge. The Challenge encourages Missourians to volunteer for 200 hours this year in honor of the state's 200th year of statehood. Those who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate for their service during Missouri's bicentennial year.

"Through the Bicentennial Community Service Challenge, we're observing this historic year for our state while recognizing the many Missourians who serve," said Scott McFarland, Executive Director of Missouri Community Service Commission. "Volunteerism has played a key role in Missouri's rich history, and it's also vital in building a strong and prosperous future."

According to [AmeriCorps](#), more than 1.5 million Missourians volunteer each year, totaling more than 130 million hours of service. These hours are estimated to be worth billions of dollars in value for Missouri communities. Service projects can range from tutoring to disaster relief and more.

"Missouri's bicentennial is an opportunity to celebrate what makes our state great," said Jefferson City Mayor Carrie Tergin, Co-Chair of the Missouri Bicentennial Commission. "The Bicentennial Community Service Challenge is a productive way to mark this milestone by joining the countless Missourians who volunteer their time to improve our communities."

Missourians who wish to take part in the Bicentennial Community Service Challenge can [download a volunteer form](#) to track their progress throughout the year. Completed forms are due by December 31, 2021, to be eligible for a certificate. Details on the challenge, including service opportunities, are available at [ShowMeService.org](#).





KCMO Public Works  
invites you to a

## **Virtual Community Meeting**

to collect your feedback and ideas on

### **Blue Ridge Boulevard Streetscape Improvements**

and kick off the

### **Bannister Road Corridor Study**

6-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2021  
via Microsoft Teams

#### **Meeting Agenda**

- Introduction and Overview (10 minutes)
- Blue Ridge Boulevard (50 minutes)
- Bannister Road West (25 minutes)
- Bannister Road East (25 minutes)
- Conclusion and Next Steps

To access the Virtual  
Community Meeting:

**Microsoft Teams:**

<http://bit.ly/2MoMRTo>

or connect by phone at  
(872) 212-5076

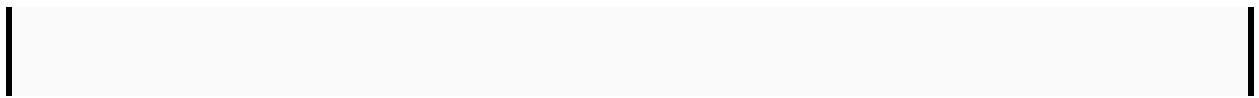
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View the back of the page for an overview of the  
projects. For more information, contact:

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(816) 513-2612





## Blue Ridge Boulevard Streetscape Improvements: 87th Street to Bannister Road



The Blue Ridge Boulevard Improvement Project consists of design of improvements along Blue Ridge Boulevard from 87th Street to Bannister Road.

The goal of the project is to design infrastructure and streetscape improvements that will serve the needs of the surrounding community. The hope is that these improvements will spur redevelopment along this corridor and improve connections to area businesses and services.

Blue Ridge Boulevard is an important connector in Kansas City. The project includes commercial nodes at 87th Street and Bannister Road, with residential areas in between - including the Loma Vista neighborhood. Blue Ridge Boulevard is currently four lanes with a center turn lane at the commercial nodes at 87th and Bannister Road. Access the project website at: <https://www.kcmo.gov/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/213/360>

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, no in-person meetings are scheduled at this time. Opportunities for public involvement will be provided through on-line services that will be made available as the Blue Ridge Streetscape Improvements project and Bannister Road Corridor Study progress.

## Bannister Road Corridor Study

### SHARE YOUR IDEAS

What transportation issues and improvements should be considered for Bannister Road? The Kansas City Public Works Department is kicking off the Bannister Road Corridor Study to identify existing and future needs. You can view study area maps, comment on them, and participate in an opinion survey on the website ([www.tinyurl.com/kcmobannister](http://www.tinyurl.com/kcmobannister)). Please tell your friends and family about it.

### BACKGROUND

The Bannister Road Corridor study area is 7 miles long, spanning from I-435 on the west to State Route 350 on the east. The study team is working with community members and others through 2021 to review previous recommendations, understand current issues and desires, develop concepts, identify a preferred alternative, and estimate improvement costs. Currently, no funding is available for design and construction of recommended improvements, but continued planning is necessary for Bannister Road's future if and/or when funding becomes available.

Join us at for the March 25 virtual kick-off and/or comment via the website through April 30, 2021. Your feedback will help the study team understand the transportation issues and improvements that should be considered to support surrounding neighborhoods and businesses.

For more information on the Blue Ridge Boulevard Streetscape Improvements Project, or the Bannister Road Corridor Study, contact:

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## Virtual Job Fair Coming Up!!!



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**APPOINTMENTS  
PREFERRED**

*Walk-ins welcome if capacity permits.*

## South Kansas City Chamber

Thursday, April 8th

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

St Peter & All Saints Episcopal Church

100 E Red Bridge Rd.

Kansas City, MO 64114

For information regarding CBC's response to COVID-19, visit [savealifenow.org/coronavirus](https://savealifenow.org/coronavirus).



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For additional details contact Angela Alesi at (816) 761-7660 or [aalesi@southkcchamber.com](mailto:aalesi@southkcchamber.com).

**Medical eligibility questions? Call 1.800.688.0900**



## MISSOURI EMERGENCY RENTAL ARREARS PROGRAM

The state of Missouri's new rental assistance program using funding through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) was passed by Congress in December 2020. On February 11, 2021 Governor Parson signed HB 16 into law, which provides more than \$324 million in funding for rental and utility assistance for Missourians. Missouri Housing Development Commission will administer this funding under the State Assistance for Housing Relief (SAFHR) program. Please click below for more information.

[Please Click Here For Program Information](#)

Please note that the Missouri Emergency Rental Arrears Program (ERAP) is a separate program from above, and is utilizing ESG-CV funding authorized through the CARES Act. This program is open to landlords seeking rental arrears for qualified tenants.

[Please Click Here For Program Information](#)

*Bridging The Gap Tool Lending Shed provides the Greater Kansas City community access to tools, empowering our neighbors to build and maintain a sustainable, thriving community.*



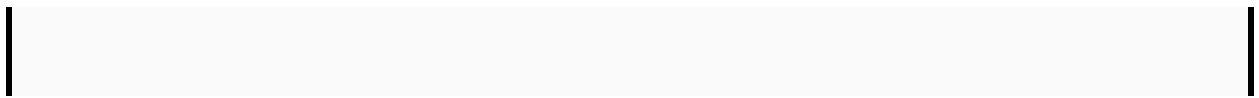
Groups can save expenses while completing many types of community-coordinated projects, such as garden installation, neighborhood improvement, maintenance, and beautification. We lend out free of charge an ever-growing inventory of tools. View our full inventory to decide what you need for your next project. **Tools are limited and available on a first come, first served basis.**

Once you are ready to checkout tools, follow these simple steps:

- Complete the Tool Lending Shed request form <https://www.tfaforms.com/4608222>
- Once we receive your request, you can expect to hear from us within 2-3 business days to confirm that the tools are available on the date requested. Please note: the completion of this form does not guarantee that the tools are available.
- **Tools can be picked up and dropped off Wednesday - Saturday between 10:00 am - 4:00 pm** at the Deramus Recycling Center at 4707 Deramus Avenue, KCMO 64120.
- You must bring a copy of the confirmation receipt in order to check-out tools. Tools will NOT be released without a copy of the confirmation email.
- Borrower will be responsible for any missing or damaged tools (other than normal wear and tear)

After your project, please clean all tools, return them at the prearranged time. Once you have returned the tools, we will contact you for information regarding your clean-up event. We need this information in order to continue to receive funding for this program.

For additional information please go to <https://bridgingthegap.org/litter/>



# COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC



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<https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/navigator/>

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# GREEN GUARD

## STEWARDSHIP TRAINING

**LEARN ABOUT NATURE AND STEWARDSHIP THROUGH A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS.**

*A stipend is paid upon completion of all workshops!*

<b>MARCH 13</b>	<b>1 TO 3PM</b>
<b>MARCH 27</b>	<b>1 TO 3PM</b>
<b>APRIL 10</b>	<b>1 TO 3PM</b>
<b>APRIL 24</b>	<b>1 TO 3PM</b>



**APPLY TODAY!**

**CONTACT SARAH AT HCA: 816-349-9201 OR  
SARAH@HEARTLANDCONSERVATIONALLIANCE.ORG**



## **Expanded, After-Hours Food Appointments Available**

Beginning in March, CAC has food appointments available 9 to 2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. This month after-hours are 4 - 6 pm, Wednesday, March 24 and 9 am to noon, Saturday, March 27. Call 816-763-3277 x 100 for a food appointment. Hygiene items are distributed with food and diapers are available the same hours during the week. Call the same number to register for diapers.

## **Child Protection Project Class:**

**March 23, 1 – 2 pm**

Class is free and open to anyone. This presentation is for parents and caregivers on child sexual abuse awareness in our community, safety tips and effective methods to talk with children about personal safety. Register for class [HERE](#) for ZOOM for phone link.

- Presented by Christina Sell, Bilingual Child Abuse Prevention Educator,,Sunflower House, Shawnee, KS
- How can we be proactive in protecting children?

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- At what age should parents start talking to their child about personal safety?

- If a child discloses abuse, what should I say?

Contact Julie Reid, [julie.reid@cackc.org](mailto:julie.reid@cackc.org), 816-763-3277 x 110 with questions.

## **Save the Date - Community Cleanup June 12**

Sixth District Community Cleanup Day will be 8 am to noon, June 12. Locations and more details to come.

**Thank you** to The Telegraph newspaper and all its wonderful readers! From February 11 to today, with generous reader and community support, donations to In From the Cold allowed CAC to provide week-long hotel stays for dozens of families, during some of the worst cold in Kansas City. This is especially significant since there is no homeless shelter in south Kansas City. We are so grateful for the support. Please know it helped make people's lives a little easier and warmer. THANK YOU.

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## **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

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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 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.

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## **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](https://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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