



Dear Neighbor,

I was pleased to be able to join other elected officials and numerous community residents at the August 12 Trivia Night fundraiser for the Community Assistance Council, one of the few full-service social service agencies in south Kansas City that has helped many of our neighbors in need avoid homelessness, utility shutoffs and a lack of healthy and nutritious food.

All the teams had to have catchy team names, and although I thought my team did pretty good in the contest, I'm glad I named it Sharper Than Some, instead of Sharper Than Most, which might not have been accurate.

But even though we didn't win the contest for the most correct answers (or the best team name) we had a lot of fun and helped raise money for a good cause.

I appreciate my House colleagues – Representatives Richard Brown, Michael Johnson and Ashley Bland Manlove – joining me in person to support CAC, along with Grandview Alderwoman Debbie Bibbs and Hickman Mills School Board member Carol Graves.

I also appreciate the numerous other area elected officials who pledged money to sponsor the event – Jackson County Legislator Dan Tarwater and City Council members Lee Barnes, Andrea Bough, Kevin McManus and Ryana Parks-Shaw. (If I left anyone out I apologize.)

In much sadder news, please scroll through this Report and notice the plea for information regarding another homicide in my legislative district, the shooting death just after midnight February 17 of 31-year-old Johnny Sanders in the 11300 block of Sycamore Terrace.

Anyone with information about his tragic slaying is asked to call the Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline at 816-474-8477. The identity of anyone providing information is kept strictly anonymous, and persons providing information that leads to an arrest and/or filing charges are eligible to receive a reward of up to \$25,000, which also is available for any homicides in KCMO.

Although homicides in KCMO thankfully are not as high so far this year as they were for the same period during last year's record-breaking year, this year's homicides to date (98) are still higher than they were at this time of the year for the three preceding years. Eight of the victims were children 17 and under and 19 more victims were young adults from 18 to 24 years old.

In South Patrol there have been 14 homicides so far this year compared to 16 at the same time last year, but in 2019 there were only 3, and there were only 8 in both 2018 and 2017.

KCMO's recent homicide rates per capita are among the highest in the nation for large cities. We all must do everything we can to reverse this tragic trend!

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

WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, August 13, 2021

JUDGE ORDERS MEDICAID EXPANSION

Medicaid expansion finally took effect in Missouri on Aug. 10 after a Cole County circuit judge ordered the state Department of Social Services to allow newly eligible Missourians to enroll in the health care program.

The judge's order came almost three weeks after the Missouri Supreme Court upheld the validity of a voter-approved constitutional amendment mandating Medicaid expansion and nearly six weeks after that amendment was supposed to take effect on July 1.

In an Aug. 6 hearing before Judge Jon Beetem, attorneys representing the state had asked for a two-month delay in implementation, which plaintiffs countered was unnecessary and harmful to the estimated 275,000 additional

Missourians who are now eligible for the program.

Beetem opted against further delay and enjoined the state from refusing to enroll newly eligible people in Medicaid or discriminating against them, retroactive to July 1.

In a news release issued after Beetem's order, Gov. Mike Parson said his administration will implement expansion. However, the release also said it would take up to 60 days to do so, even though Beetem declined to grant the administration a delay. Those determined to be eligible for Medicaid, known in Missouri as MO HealthNet, could later be reimbursed for covered medical expenses incurred July 1 or afterward, according to the release.

"My administration is always going to follow the law and yesterday's court order is no exception," **Parson** said. "The necessary funding to cover the health care costs of the expanded population remains the issue. We will continue to work with the General Assembly and DSS to chart a path forward to comply with the court order and keep the MO HealthNet program solvent."

The expanded eligibility covers those earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level – or about \$18,000 a year for a single person. Under the federal Affordable Care Act, the federal government will pay 90 percent of the cost of serving the expanded population.

Expansion is expected to bring about \$1.4 billion in additional federal Medicaid funding into Missouri for fiscal year 2022, plus secure another \$1.5 billion for the state under the latest federal COVID-19 relief package. The additional economic activity from pumping billions more in federal spending into Missouri, along with the savings resulting from more Missourians having access to preventative care, is expected to provide sufficient new revenue to pay for the state's share of expansion.

The case is *Doyle v. Tidball*.

HOUSE REDISTRICTING HAS ROUGH START

In a stark example of what could have been avoided had a nonpartisan

redistricting process approved, but later rescinded, by Missouri voters remained in place, a state House redistricting commission evenly split between Democrats and Republicans deadlocked for nearly eight hours on Aug. 10 over which party should wield the chair's gavel as the process for drawing new House district boundaries got underway.

Republican commissioners insisted one of their members should be chair since a Republican is governor. Democrats said a fairer method would be to determine the chairmanship by a coin flip. The state constitutional provisions creating the commissions to redraw state House and Senate boundaries don't specify how the chair and other leadership posts should be chosen.

After deadlocking nearly all day on a series of 10-10 votes, the commission finally agreed to elect Republican Jerry Hunter of St. Louis as chair, with Democrats Keena Smith of St. Louis and Mark Schaeperkotter of Owensville respectively being chosen as vice-chair and secretary. The parties also agreed that Hunter and Smith would share authority.

For decades, commissions consisting of equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans had first crack at drawing new state House and Senate districts every 10 years after each census. However, those commissions frequently deadlocked, kicking the job to separate commissions of six state appellate judges.

In an effort to minimize partisanship in the redistricting process, Missouri voters ratified a constitutional amendment in 2018 promoted as "Clean Missouri" that granted the responsibility for initially drawing new legislative district boundaries to a nonpartisan state demographer whose redistricting plans would go into effect unless disapproved by the bipartisan House and Senate redistricting commissions. The measure passed with 62 percent of voters in support, and the new system was supposed to be used for the first time this year.

However, a lopsided majority of Republican lawmakers placed a second constitutional amendment on the 2020 ballot to largely repeal the 2018 changes. Aided by favorable ballot language that I and many other critics felt over-emphasized two minor reforms in the amendment while not mentioning that it repealed the 2018 "Clean Missouri" redistricting reforms until the very

end, the measure narrowly passed with 51 percent support.

While the House commission spent hours sparring, the Senate commission quickly elected its leadership, choosing Republican attorney Mark Ellinger of Jefferson City as chair; Democrat Susan Montee, a former state auditor, as vice-chair; and Democrat Nicole Greer as secretary.

The redistricting process won't begin in earnest until after the U.S. Census Bureau provides the precinct-level data needed to draw new maps, which currently is expected to occur in September.

The House and Senate commissions each have scheduled six meetings around the state in October and November to take public testimony.

PARSON APPOINTS NEW COMMISSIONER

Gov. Mike Parson on July 30 appointed agricultural journalist Margy Eckelkamp of Washington to the Missouri Conservation Commission.

The powerful four-member commission is the independent governing authority of the state Department of Conservation.

Eckelkamp, a Republican, is editor of The Scoop for Farm Journal.

Although she can begin serving immediately, the Senate must confirm her appointment when it reconvenes in January. If confirmed, she will serve for a term ending on June 30, 2027.

DRU BUNTIN NAMED DNR DIRECTOR

Gov. Mike Parson on Aug. 11 appointed Dru Buntin as director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Buntin, a longtime employee of the department under both Democratic and Republican administrations, had been serving as acting DNR director since his predecessor, Carol Comer, died from cancer on June

9.

Buntin held a variety of positions at DNR from 2000 until his departure in 2013 to become executive director of the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association. He returned to DNR in 2017 as deputy director.

DNR oversees environmental regulations in Missouri and also is in charge of the state parks system.

Buntin's appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

**GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS
816-474-TIPS HOTLINE**

**PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

DATE: August 11, 2021

FROM: Det. Kevin Boehm, Crime Stoppers
Coordinator

SUBJECT: Homicide Investigation

KANSAS CITY, MO --- The Kansas City, missouri Police Department and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline are asking for the assistance of the public in identifying those responsible for the homicide of Johnny Sanders on February 17, 2021.

Just after midnight on February 17, 2021, Officers were dispatched to 11351 Sycamore Terrace Kansas City, Jackson County, MO on a reported shooting. Officers located Mr. Sanders (B/M, 04/18/1990) seated in the driver seat of a black Chevy Tahoe suffering from apparent gunshot trauma. KCFD-EMS responded and declared the victim deceased because of his injuries.

Any information regarding this on-going homicide investigation is urged to contact the Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers Tips Hotline to remain anonymous or Detective Jeremy Wells at 816-889-1624.



Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers Greater Kansas City TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477), TIPS may also be submitted electronically at www.KCcrimestoppers.com, or by downloading our NEW mobile app, P3TIPS, on Google Play or the Apple iOS stores for FREE. Information leading to an arrest and/or filing of charges could be eligible for up to \$25,000.00 in reward money. ALL INFORMATION IS ANONYMOUS.

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KCMO.GOV/FIRE

ONE ENTRY = ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL SUBSEQUENT DRAWINGS

* WINNERS MAY NOT WIN MORE THAN ONE TIME *

How to Enter

Missourians can enter to win using our secure online form at MOStopsCovid.com/win. Those unable to enter online can call (877) 435-8411.

We will not automatically enter Missourians who have been vaccinated. You must enter separately.

Winner Prizes & Categories

The Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services will partner with the Missouri Lottery to draw 180 winners in 5 randomized drawings who will win either \$10,000 cash or \$10,000 towards an education savings account. In total, the state will award 900 individuals throughout the incentive program.

Red Pool

Missourians 18+

If you are a Missourian 18 years of age or older and received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine **after July 21, 2021**, you may register for a chance to win \$10,000 in the red category.

White Pool

Missourians 18+

If you are a Missourian 18 years of age or older and received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine **before July 21, 2021**, you may register for a chance to win \$10,000 in the white category.

Blue Pool

Missourians 12 to 17

If you are a Missourian between the ages of 12 to 17, you may register for a chance to win a \$10,000 education savings account through the Missouri State Treasurer's MOST 529 program.

Drawing Timeline

Vaccinated individuals only need to enter one time to be eligible for all drawings that occur after the date their entry is received.

	ENTRY DEADLINE AT 11:59 P.M.	DRAWING DATES
DRAW #1	AUGUST 11, 2021	AUGUST 13, 2021
DRAW #2	AUGUST 25, 2021	AUGUST 27, 2021
DRAW #3	SEPTEMBER 8, 2021	SEPTEMBER 10, 2021
DRAW #4	SEPTEMBER 22, 2021	SEPTEMBER 24, 2021
DRAW #5	OCTOBER 6, 2021	OCTOBER 8, 2021

Questions?

Translation services available online and by phone

COVID-19 Website
MOStopsCovid.com



COVID-19 Hotline
(877) 435-8411

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

Dear Community & Neighborhood Association Leaders,

You are invited to participate in a virtual training session on economic development incentive tools presented by the Economic Development Corporation. Below is a link to register for this session, which will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

If you prefer to schedule a separate training session to include your whole organization, please contact me separately at jquinn@edckc.com.

Please feel free to forward this message and invitation to your contacts and colleagues who may also be interested in attending.

EDC Economic Development Incentive Tools Training



A KANSAS CITY TRIBUTE TO
CAROL A. COE

PLEASE JOIN US SATURDAY
AUGUST 21ST FOR 2 EVENTS

COUNCILWOMAN MELISSA ROBINSON WILL LEAD
THE OFFICIAL DEDICATION FOR THE NAMING OF
"THE CAROL COE BRIDGE OF OPPORTUNITY" @ NOON
(LOCATED AT 19TH & VINE IN THE HISTORIC 18TH & VINE DISTRICT)

Immediately following,
The Marching Cobras will lead attendees to
The Historic Gem Theater for the

"THE CAROL COE STORY HOUR" @ 2PM
MC: FORMER COUNCILMAN TERRY RILEY

Presented in Partnership with the



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IN KANSAS CITY

FREE ADMISSION TO THE GEM THEATER

RSVP BY AUGUST 16TH TO CARRIE STAPLETON
carrie.e.stapleton@gmail.com

Include your phone # if you would like to "Share a Carol Story"

**Masks are required at both events*





SOUTH KANSAS CITY
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**DIVERSITY &
INCLUSION:**
AN AUTHENTIC
PERSPECTIVE

Tuesday, August 24, 2021
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CDT

***Zoom Link will be emailed
within week prior to event.**

D&I Workshop Series Presenting Sponsor:



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This event series is in partnership with:

- Greater KC Chamber of Commerce
- South KC 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



Virtual
**DIVERSITY &
INCLUSION**

Workshop Series



You are invited to join the South KC Chamber for a virtual multi-chamber workshop presented by the Greater KC Chamber and D&I Workshop Series Presenting Sponsor, Commerce Bank for an authentic perspective on diversity and inclusion with Dr. Nicole D. Price, because Dr. Price gets it.

She understands that if leadership is anything, it is personal, and that everyone can be a great leader -- everyone can lead his or her own, whole life. So she gets personal. Dr. Price's transparency allows others to learn from her mistakes and helps them avoid the same pitfalls. She gets real. She will tell you, yes, having differences within a team can be harder, but that hard work can really pay off both professionally and personally. And she gets wise. She'll tell you, in a heartbeat, how she's gotten a few things wrong over the years, but a little grace and some solid coaching saved her.

Can you make mistakes and still be an awesome leader? Is it possible to lead effectively with so many personalities on one team? Can you genuinely lead people and still have a decent life and energy left to live it? If you ask Dr. Price, the answer is absolutely yes.

Through leadership development, coaching, consulting, keynotes, and other resources, Dr. Price encourages and enables others to live their lives in excellence. Her energetic and engaging sessions leave participants with strategies and specific tools that they can apply right away. Her lively

presentation style garners rave reviews and, very often, an invitation to return.

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

[Add to Calendar](#)

Cost is Free

Reservations requested by 8/19/2021

[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

Presenting Sponsor:



PLAYING WITH FIRE

August 27th | 7:00 PM

St. Luke's & St. James United Methodist Church
9420 James A Reed Rd KCMO 64138

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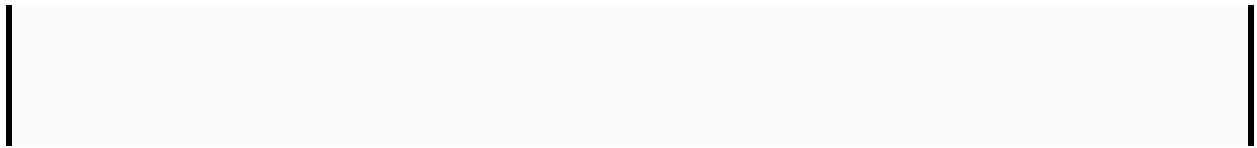


- POPCORN
- HOT DOGS
- BOUNCY HOUSE



RAIN? NO PROBLEM - WE'LL MOVE INSIDE!





BANDS *on* Byars



AUGUST 28, 2021

GRANDVIEW AMPHITHEATER

13501 Byars Road, Grandview

GATES OPEN AT 3:00 PM

MUSIC FROM 3:30 PM - 9:45 PM

Liverpool (Beatles tribute) ~ 3:30 - 5:15 PM

2nd House (Rock, Country & Pop) ~ 5:30 - 7:30 PM

JJ and the All Stars (Dance) ~ 7:45 - 9:45 PM

Fireworks to close out the evening!

(*Sponsored by Black Cat*)

Join us for this fun, FREE, family friendly, outdoor music event.

This year's event will include a Kidz Zone, food trucks and

beverage concessions will be available for sale at the event.

Those attending are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs or blankets for seating. No outside coolers, outside beverages or

pets will be allowed within the perimeters of the concert. For

more information about Bands on Byars contact the

Grandview Chamber of Commerce at 816-761-6505

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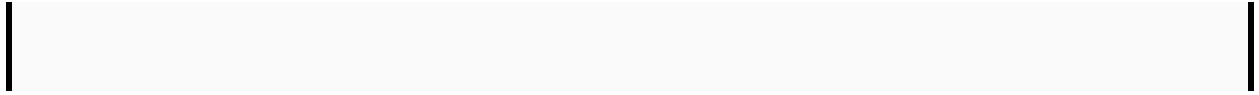


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SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

8AM-NOON

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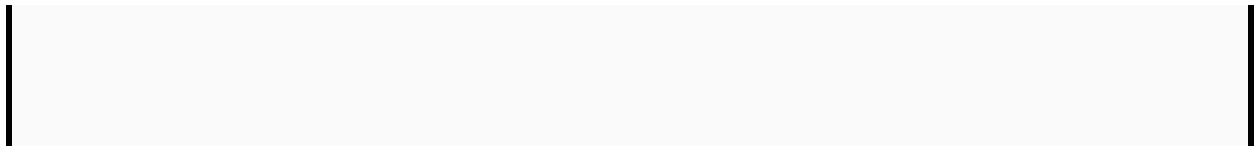
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL KCMO RESIDENTS
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10AM – 4PM

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- ❖ **Music from Prairie Dulcimer Club**
- ❖ **Exhibits including period quilts**
- ❖ **Historical speakers, including Col. Alexander Majors**

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MoDOT IS NOW HIRING MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

Right now, there are several full-time maintenance positions open across the state.

Salaries start at \$14.75 an hour and depend on level of experience and area of operation.

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES RECEIVE:

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If you're a service-oriented individual who is at least 18 years old and can successfully complete a criminal background check (a misdemeanor or felony conviction is not an automatic bar to employment) and drug screening, MoDOT wants you to consider a career to keep Missouri moving during the winter season and beyond.



STAY FOR THE MOW

Apply online at mocarriers.mo.gov/modot.





Important SNAP/Food Stamp Dates to Remember

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is taking extra steps to keep SNAP/Food Stamp recipients aware of upcoming changes and to ease the return to regular SNAP program benefits and operation.

Apply for P-EBT now

DSS strongly encourages families with students who qualified for free or reduced-price meals in the previous school year to [apply for Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer \(P-EBT\) benefits by August 20, 2021](#). P-EBT helps families cover extra food costs they experienced during the pandemic. The P-EBT benefit amount is based on the time the school reported was not in-seat learning. The monthly amount is \$129.58 if most of the month was not in-seat or \$77.75 if only some of the month was not in-seat. For more information on P-EBT visit [dss.mo.gov](#).

IMPORTANT NOTE:

All SNAP households with a student must apply to receive P-EBT benefits for their student.

How to apply for SNAP benefits

For your ease, you can apply for SNAP benefits 24/7 online by visiting [MyDSS.mo.gov](#), or sending a completed application and verification

documents by email to FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov, or by fax to 573-526-9400.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- It is important for you to report to the Family Support Division (FSD) if you now have an income above the maximum limit (contact information below).
- If you are an able-bodied adult without a dependent, you must report any change in your circumstances to FSD (contact information below).

Questions:

- Visit myDSS.mo.gov to start a chat and get immediate answers to basic questions that are not specific to your case 24 hours a day.
 - Call the FSD Information Line at **855-FSD-INFO** or (855-373-4636) Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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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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with any feedback, questions or ideas!**