



Dear Neighbor,

Please be sure to look at the attached information about upcoming vaccination clinics and COVID testing sites and other important events in our community.

This Report also includes information about the mobile food pantries in south Kansas City for individuals and families in need. As you can see from the picture, the Ruskin High School mobile food pantry has resumed operation on the third Thursday of the month from 4 to 5:30 p.m. after taking a June/July summer break.

If you like watching free family movies while meeting your neighbors, mark your calendar for **Friday, August 27, at St. Luke's and St. James United Methodist Church, 9420 James A. Reed Rd., to see the family comedy Playing With Fire.**

**Activities including a bouncy house, free hot dogs and popcorn and information about community organizations and resources will start at 7 p.m., and the movie will begin at dusk.**

Persons should bring blankets or lawn chairs. The event will be moved inside in case of inclement weather.

The event is sponsored by St. Luke's & St. James, Cerner Corporation, International House of Prayer, Kansas City Police Department and City Council members Lee Barnes, Andrea Bough, Kevin McManus and Ryana Parks-Shaw.

Also, save the date for the annual document shredding and electronics recycling event sponsored by the Urban Ranger Corps from **9 a.m. to noon Saturday, September 11, in the parking lot of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 2 E. 75<sup>th</sup> St.** Persons can enter the parish parking lot from 74<sup>th</sup> St. between Main and Wyandotte.

**The only charge for the service is \$20 to \$25 for TVs and \$55 for all monitors.**

Donations will be accepted to support the Urban Rangers program which gives boys and young men from 12 to 18 an opportunity to develop the life skills necessary to become successful and contributing members of society.

**I would also like to congratulate Kansas City Police Officer Douglas Davidson from KCPD's DUI Section for receiving the Officer of the Year Award last month from the Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advocacy Council at a conference in Lake Ozark.**

The Officer of the Year Award is the highest honor an officer can receive from the group.

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

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Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, my legislative aide, Kaylee Bauer is ready to help you.

**Please scroll down to read about other state government matters and important upcoming local events.**

Feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends and family who might want to know the latest news about what is happening in state government and about important local events. Be safe and God bless!

Yours in Service,  
*Mark A. Sharp*



**I got a chance to again help Ruskin High School staff volunteers load healthy food from Harvesters in the vehicles of area families in need as the school resumed food distributions on the third**

**Thursday of the month starting at 4 p.m. after a June and July summer break.**

## **WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE**

### **Friday, August 20, 2021**

#### **DOJ ASKS COURT TO BLOCK NEW GUN LAW**

The U.S. Department of Justice is asking a Cole County circuit judge to block a new Missouri law that purports to declare certain federal gun laws invalid and unenforceable in the state and imposes punishments on local law enforcement agencies that assist federal authorities in certain types of gun crime investigations.

The Justice Department stated its position in an Aug. 18 filing in support of a lawsuit brought jointly by St. Louis City and St. Louis County in June asking the court to declare House Bill 85 labeled as the “Second Amendment Preservation Act” unconstitutional.

**The Missouri General Assembly passed the bill without any Democratic support in May, and Gov. Mike Parson signed it into law the following month. The lawsuit argues the bill violates the Supremacy Clause of the federal Constitution which prohibits individual states from invalidating federal laws.**

In addition to attempting to nullify certain federal gun laws, HB 85 authorizes alleged violators of those laws to sue Missouri law enforcement agencies for a \$50,000 civil fine per occurrence, plus attorney fees, for assisting federal authorities in their arrests.

The bill also subjects law enforcement agencies to \$50,000 civil fines merely for hiring a former federal agent who previously knowingly enforced or attempted to enforce any federal gun laws listed in the bill as unconstitutional, or who knowingly gave material aid and support to such efforts after the bill's June 12 effective date.

**“HB 85 is unlawful under the Supremacy Clause,” the Justice Department filing says. “The state of Missouri lacks authority to nullify valid federal law, including the firearm regulations at issue here. Once the central premise upon which HB 85 stands is rejected – and federal firearm laws are recognized as valid – all remaining substantive provisions of HB 85 must also be rejected, because they are non-severable.”**

The Department also said “HB 85 has caused, and will continue to cause, significant harms to law enforcement within the state of Missouri” by prompting local law enforcement agencies to cease cooperating and sharing information with federal authorities for fear of being sanctioned under the new state law.

The case is *City of St. Louis, et al., v. State of Missouri*.

## **COVID DEATHS HIGHER THAN STATE REPORTED**

Missouri's death toll from COVID-19 topped the 10,000 fatality mark on Aug. 12, according to official numbers reported by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

**However, because the state undercounts COVID-19 fatalities compared to statistics compiled by local health departments, the state's total death count from the disease stood at 11,182 that day, according to an analysis conducted by the Missouri Independent, an online news organization focusing on state government.**

Because of the undercount, Missouri likely topped 10,000 deaths from COVID-19 in late May or early June, according to the Independent. Missouri's first death from the disease was reported on March 18, 2020. The

10,002 cumulative cases the state reported for Aug. 12 was 1,180 short of what local health departments reported.

The discrepancy is because the state only counts fatalities in cases in which a person's COVID-19 positive status was confirmed by a polymerase chain reaction or PCR test, and excludes cases confirmed by an antigen test. Most counties include antigen test cases in their fatality counts, according to the Independent. The news site first reported that Gov. Mike Parson's administration had been underreporting case totals and death counts in March.

**Missouri currently ranks in the top third among U.S. states with the most new COVID-19 cases and deaths per capita. It also has among the lowest vaccination rates, with just 43 percent of eligible Missourians being fully vaccinated as of Aug. 19, according to tracking data maintained by The New York Times.**

### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER TRAINING WEAKENED**

The Missouri State Board of Education voted 7-0 on Aug. 17 to approve a regulation permanently authorizing drastically weakened requirements for obtaining a substitute teacher's license in Missouri.

The board first authorized the lower standards a year ago on a temporary basis to address a statewide substitute teacher shortage that was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Under the alternate training process, prospective substitute teachers with a high school diploma only must complete a short on-line training course approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that is supposed to cover professionalism, honoring diversity, student engagement, classroom management and educational strategies – all in only 20 hours of actual instruction. No college credits are required!**

**Previously, substitute teachers were required to have at least 60 hours of college credit. Under the revised regulation, applicants can still go the college-credit route to qualify for a substitute teacher's license.**



I realize Missouri is suffering from a substitute teacher shortage, worsened by the pandemic, but I think a much better long term strategy to address this would be to pay all teachers - including substitutes – a competitive salary. **Missouri consistently ranks near the bottom of the 50 states in teacher pay!**

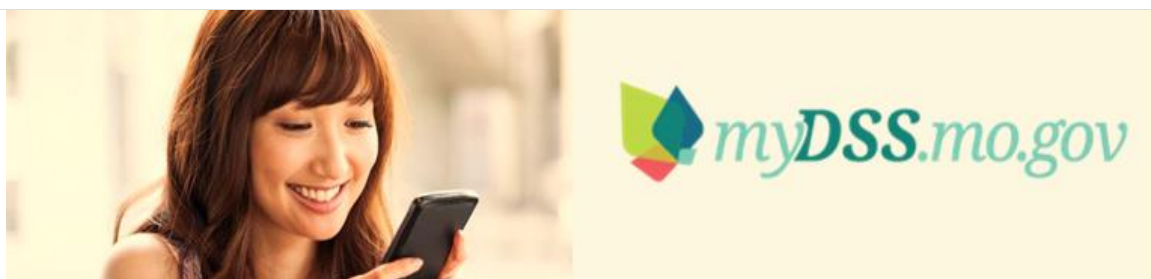
If emergency action was needed due to the resurgence of the pandemic, I would have much preferred simply extending the temporary regulation rather than making such a drastic lowering of the standards permanent.





**I was pleased to be able to discuss today promoting more public awareness of the state's pretrial witness protection program created by legislation I co-sponsored with, from left, Sandy Karsten, Director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety;**

**State Representative Emily Weber; KCPD Major Kari Thompson, commander of East Patrol Division; and State Representative Richard Brown. During our meeting at the Black Archives of Mid-America in Kansas City we also discussed disaster preparedness and law enforcement officer training.**



## **Alert! Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) fraud scheme**

The Department of Social Services (DSS) warns Missourians to be alert of fraud activity involving Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds. People have reported getting phone calls saying they are eligible to receive a large sum of money through CSBG funds if they agree to pay a start-up fee.

**If you suspect you have received a fraudulent text, call, or email, do not respond.**

Report it immediately to the [Welfare Investigations Unit online](#) or by phone 877-770-8055.

*“The Department of Social Services will not email, text, or call an individual asking for money in exchange for more money,” said Jennifer Tidball, Acting Director, Department of Social Services.*

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>.

## Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

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.

## COVID-19 Testing Clinic Resources (Free)

### **Every Monday & Thursday- 11am-7pm**

Heavy Construction Laborers  
7820 Prospect  
KCMO, 64132

### **Every Saturday- 11:00am-7:00am**

Teamsters  
4501 Emmanuel Cleaver II Blvd  
KCMO, 64130

### **Hope Faith**

705 Virginia Ave  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat, 7:30am-2pm  
Thursday- 7:30am-1pm  
816-471-4673

### **Samuel U. Rodgers**

825 Euclid Ave  
Mon, Tues- 8am-5pm

Wednesday- 7am-12pm  
Thurs & Friday- 8am-5pm  
816-889-4795

## Outside Vaccine Clinics

### **KC CARE Clinic**

-St. John Bosco (526 Campbell, KCMO, 64106)

- Tuesdays 9am-3pm

### **Samuel U. Rodgers** (825 Euclid Ave, KCMO, 64124)

- Wednesdays 8am-4pm
- 816-889-4795

### **Swope Health** (3801 Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd, KCMO, 64130)

- Monday-Friday 8:30am-12pm & 1pm-4pm
- 816-923-5800

### **Saint Luke's Primary Care**

#### **12+**

Barry RD Location

- 5844 NW Barry RD Ste 110, KCMO, 64154
- MWF 8am-4pm

\*\*Appointments scheduled online at [saintlukeskc.org](http://saintlukeskc.org)

#### **18+**

Plaza Location

- 4321 Washington St. Ste 3000, KCMO, 64111
- MWF 8am-4pm

\*\*Appointments scheduled online at [saintlukeskc.org](http://saintlukeskc.org)

### **Kansas City Public Libraries**

**Plaza Library** (4801 Main St)

- Tuesdays 10am-2pm

**Waldo Library** (201 E. 75<sup>TH</sup> St)

- Wednesdays 2pm-6pm

**NE Library** (6000 Wilson Ave)

- Thursdays 12pm-6pm

**Homebound Vaccinations**

KC Shepherd's Center  
816-444-1121 x109  
Danielle Wootton



HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT

2400 TROOST AVE  
KCMO 64108



# PROTECT YOURSELF PROTECT OUR KIDS

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL & COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

Saturday, August 21 • 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
KCMO Health Dept. • 2400 Troost Ave  
Call (816) 513-6108 to schedule!



Get vaccinated,  
get FREE school  
supplies!

Evening back-to-school clinics are also available Tuesday, Aug. 24, Thursday Aug. 26, and Tuesday, Aug. 31 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. Please call 816-513-6108 for an appointment.



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



**BLACK  
ARCHIVES**  
OF MID-AMERICA  
IN KANSAS CITY

**FREE ADMISSION TO THE GEM THEATER**

RSVP BY AUGUST 16TH TO CARRIE STAPLETON  
[carrie.e.stapleton@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.e.stapleton@gmail.com)

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

*\*Masks are required at both events*







OPERATION Breakthrough

***You're Invited***  
to party with us as we  
celebrate our 50th Anniversary!

We are closing Troost  
between 30th and 31st for our

## **OB Family Reunion Block Party!**

**Sunday, August 22 2pm - 5pm**  
**RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

*Family-friendly event for old and new friends of OB, alumni and current families.*

3:30 pm  
program  
includes OB's  
choir and  
dancers  
performing.

Fun for the  
kids!  
Carnival  
games, face  
painting, yoga  
and more!

Light  
refreshments  
and snacks  
DJ & dancing!

OB children  
will give tours  
of the  
buildings and  
show you  
their projects.



SOUTH KANSAS CITY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Connecting, Educating, Growing Together



**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:*

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.

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**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](mailto:vwolgast@southkcchamber.com)

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South Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

***Presenting Sponsor:***

## 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](https://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.

DRAW #1	AUGUST 11, 2021
DRAW #2	AUGUST 25, 2021
DRAW #3	SEPTEMBER 8, 2021
DRAW #4	SEPTEMBER 22, 2021
DRAW #5	OCTOBER 6, 2021

#### DRAWING DATES

AUGUST 13, 2021
AUGUST 27, 2021
SEPTEMBER 10, 2021
SEPTEMBER 24, 2021
OCTOBER 8, 2021

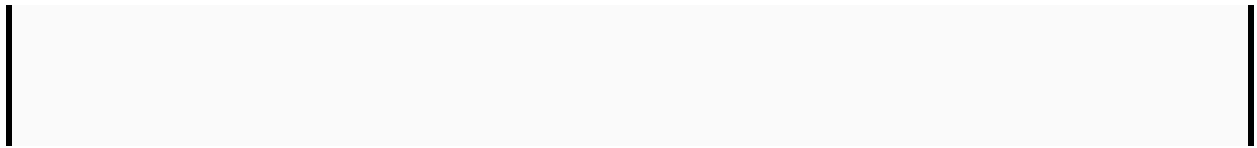
### Questions?

Translation services available online and by phone

COVID-19 Website  
[MOStopsCovid.com](https://MOStopsCovid.com)



COVID-19 Hotline  
(877) 435-8411







# PLAYING WITH FIRE

August 27th | 7:00 PM

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

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET

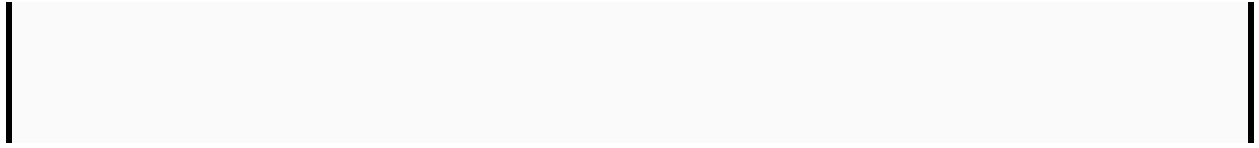


- POPCORN
- HOT DOGS
- BOUNCY HOUSE



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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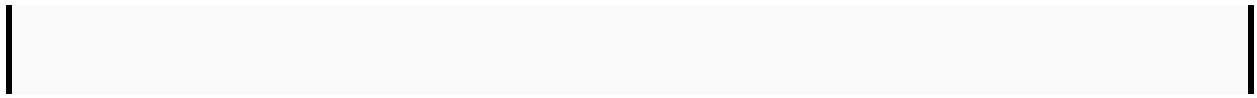


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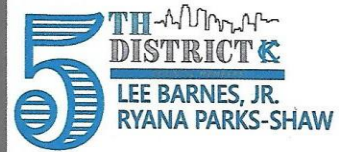






CITY OF  
KANSAS CITY,  
MISSOURI

**PUBLIC WORKS**



# *Marlborough East Shredder Event*

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

8AM-NOON

80TH AND CHESTNUT AVE, KCMO, 64132 (PARKING LOT)

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL KCMO RESIDENTS  
UNLIMITED NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS SHREDDED ON-SITE



MASK HAVE TO BE ON AT ALL TIMES



**CONTACT ROBERT WOODS AT 816-513-8442  
FOR ANY QUESTIONS**







**Free  
Family  
Fun!**

Commemorating the Bicentennial of the

# SANTA FE TRAIL

200 Years of Commerce, Conflict and Culture



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**

**10AM – 4PM**

**Trailside Center, 99<sup>th</sup> & Holmes Rd.**

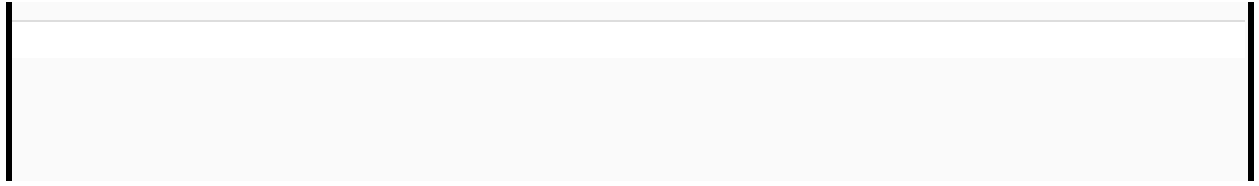
**Kansas City, Missouri**

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

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*Save* THE DATE

# URBAN SUMMIT

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6TH 2021

*Is Equity*  
**Enough?**

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE- PENN VALLEY CAMPUS

3201 SOUTHWEST TRAFFIC WAY KANSAS CITY, MO 64111

PHONE: 816.241.0408



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



**REMAIN ANONYMOUS • RECEIVE CASH REWARDS**



**TIPS HOTLINE**

**816-474-8477**



**WEB TIPS**

**KCcrimestoppers.com**



**FREE MOBILE APP**

**P3Tips.com**



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