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Dear Neighbor,

House Bill 66 that I co-sponsored to create a long overdue pretrial witness protection program in Missouri passed the Missouri House of Representatives Tuesday, August 25, by a vote of 147-3. An emergency clause to make it effective as soon as it is signed by the governor passed 118-31.

Naturally, I voted for both measures.

The bill now awaits action by the Missouri Senate which is scheduled for next week.

**HB 66 will establish a pretrial witness protection fund that will be administered by the Missouri Department of Public Safety that will provide funding to law enforcement agencies to protect victims, witnesses and their immediate families whenever their testimony in criminal trials would jeopardize their lives.**

Agencies will need to apply for funding for specific criminal cases and outline projected costs and how they intend to protect victims or witnesses. Those of us who strongly support the bill hope the governor will call for a special session of the General Assembly to coincide with the September 16 veto session to approve appropriating money for the program.

Another bill I co-sponsored that should greatly reduce the incentive for guilty defendants in murder cases or other serious felonies to try to have witnesses killed before they can testify (or to intimidate them into not testifying) also passed the House 133-11 on August 25. An emergency clause was approved 128-16. I voted for both issues.

**House Committee Substitute for House Bill 2 will allow a judge to admit statements by witnesses into evidence if the judge finds (in a hearing outside the presence of the jury in a jury trial) that a defendant engaged in or consented to wrongdoing that caused the unavailability of a witness despite due diligence by the prosecution or the witness is unavailable “because the defendant caused the death of the witness”.**

Hopefully, these two bills will encourage more victims and witnesses to testify so the small number of persistent violent offenders who commit a high percentage of KCMO’s violent crimes can be prosecuted successfully and incarcerated before they can hurt more victims.

This should help reduce our soaring number of homicides in KCMO which totaled 129 for this year on August 27, a 42% increase from the average number of homicides (91) by that date for the last four years. (This is 19 more homicides than the number listed in the August 1 Capitol Report when I first started tracking homicides in this Report.)

Please scroll down for information on other legislation scheduled for

Senate consideration next week and on important upcoming local events.

Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, my assistant [Brian Farmer](#) is ready to help you.

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*

## **Mark A. Sharp Weekly Capitol Report** **Friday, August 28th, 2020**

### **THREE MORE BILLS AWAITING SENATE ACTION NEXT WEEK**

Besides legislation to protect witnesses, three more bills approved by the House this week are scheduled to be considered by the Senate next week.

**House Bill 11** will make it a Class D felony to aid or encourage a child under 17 to commit a state weapons offense. This bill passed the House 117-33, and an emergency clause to make it effective as soon as it is signed by the governor passed 111-39. I voted yes on both issues.

**House Committee Substitute for House Bill 16** gutted the original version of this bill that I co-sponsored to make it a Class E felony to knowingly deliver, give, lend or sell a firearm to someone under 18

without the consent of the recipient's custodial parent or guardian.

The committee substitute eliminated the present law making it a Class A misdemeanor to recklessly deliver, give, lend or sell a firearm to persons under 18 without the consent of the recipient's custodial parent or guardian. An amendment to restore this important public safety provision was defeated 41-94. I voted for it.

**If this bill passes in its present form, there will be no state law prohibiting individuals from delivering, giving, lending or selling firearms to persons under 18, although federal law prohibits such transfers of handguns by individuals with certain exceptions such as for target practice and hunting.**

Ironically, the committee substitute keeps in place the present law making it a Class A misdemeanor to knowingly deliver, give, lend or sell a blackjack to a person under 18 without parental consent.

It also makes it a Class E felony to deliver, give, lend or sell a firearm to a person under 18 to avoid, interfere with or prevent a felony arrest, detention or investigation which is much more narrow in scope than the original bill.

The committee substitute passed the House by a vote of 103-45, but an emergency clause was narrowly defeated 99-49 since an emergency clause requires two-thirds of the 163 members of the House to support it in order to pass. I voted no on both measures.

**House Committee Substitute for House Bill 46** will modify the provision in present state law that allows St. Louis City to require that current officers and civilian employees of the St. Louis City Metropolitan Police Department live in the city for at least seven years and to require them to live within an hour's drive from the city limits after seven years of service by eliminating the seven-year residency requirement.

The bill allows the city to re-impose the seven year residency requirement for employees hired after August 31, 2023.

It imposes the same restrictions on city residency requirements for public safety employees of the City Fire Department and Sheriff's Office.

The bill passed the House 117-35 and an emergency clause passed 113-38. I voted no on both issues primarily because the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen have already put an amendment to the city charter on the November ballot to eliminate the residency requirement for all city employees, and I thought this decision should be left to local voters.

A fourth bill that was expected to be voted on by the House this week was not taken up for a vote by the House Republican leadership and now appears dead.

**House Committee Substitute for House Bill 12** would have raised the age from 12 to 16 before a juvenile offender could be considered for prosecution as an adult for offenses that would be felonies if committed by adults.

It also mandated that before transferring a juvenile for prosecution as an adult could be considered there would have to be an evidentiary hearing to determine if the preponderance of evidence indicates there is probable cause to believe the juvenile committed the alleged offense.

This bill, which I felt was a big improvement over present law, had been recommended for passage by the House Special Committee on Criminal Justice by a vote of 7-1 and by the House Rules-Administrative Oversight Committee 12-1.

**LAWSUIT FILED OVER BALLOT NOTARIZATION REQUIREMENT**

A new Missouri law that authorizes a vote-by-mail process for the Nov. 3 election creates an undue burden on voters seeking to avoid coronavirus exposure from crowded polling places by requiring in-person notarization of ballots, according to a lawsuit filed on Aug. 20 in Cole County Circuit Court by a national advocacy group, American Women.

The Republican-controlled legislature passed Senate Bill 631 to expand remote voting options in Missouri just for this year. Although the state has long allowed absentee voting, unlike most states, Missouri requires voters to state a statutorily authorized reason for doing so.

SB 631 expanded options for mail-in absentee voting to include voters especially vulnerable to COVID-19, such as those age 65 or over or those who have certain medical conditions regardless of age.

**All other voters can use the newly created vote-by-mail process. However, unlike with absentee ballots, the new mail-in process requires in-person notarization of ballots.**

The lawsuit asks a judge to invalidate the notarization requirement, along with other statutory requirements it contends result in inconsistent procedures and voter confusion. The case hadn't yet been set for a hearing as of Aug. 27.



Representative Yolanda Young and I having a conversation about House Bill 66 to create a pretrial witness protection fund here in Missouri. Along with allowing more witness statements to be admissible in court, this will help solve homicide cases and other violent crimes. This will provide some comfort for anyone who's lost someone or been a victim of violent crime. This should also help reduce the number of murders and violent crimes in our city. We still need to address the root causes of this violence.





**RYANA PARKS-SHAW**  
COUNCILWOMAN - 5TH DISTRICT

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FACE SHIELDS, MASKS, GLOVES | **AUGUST, 29TH**  
**& HAND SANITIZER 9AM-12PM**

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**FREE BACKPACKS  
& SUPPLIES, KIDS' MASKS,  
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FEMININE PRODUCTS AND COVID TESTING**

**AUGUST, 29TH**  
**9AM-12PM**

**IN PARTNERSHIP  
WITH GIVING HOPE & HELP**





**DRIVE THRU  
PANTRY**

**Temple of Truth  
Church**

**7900 Westridge Road  
Raytown, MO 64138**

**Saturday Aug. 29th  
1PM-3PM**

**First come first served while supplies last**



**AUGUST 29, 2020 | 8 A.M. - 12 P.M.**

**LOCATIONS**

**Southeast High School**, 3500 E Meyer Blvd: tires (with or without rims), trash, bulky items, leaf & brush, electronics (see price list)

**Center Alternative School**, 8434 The Paseo: tires (with or without rims), trash, bulky items,

leaf & brush

**2801 E 80th St**  
Tires (with or without rims), trash, bulky items, leaf & brush

**ELECTRONICS PRICE LIST**

- CRT monitors \$5/ea
- CRT TVs 26" or less \$30/ea
- CRT TVs 27" or greater \$50/ea

- Wood console & true big screen/projection TVs \$50/ea
- LED/LCD/Plasma TVs \$20/ea
- Any freon containing unity \$10/ea

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Dumpsters are available upon request, first come first serve basis. For more information, contact Robert Woods at 816-513-8442



**ALL STAFF WILL BE ABIDING BY  
SOCIAL DISTANCING POLICY AND  
MASKS SHOULD BE WORN**

NEIGHBORHOODS AND HOUSING SERVICES

# 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

## CLEAN UP EVENT

Join us for our annual 6th District Clean up event open to all residents that live in the 6th District.

Saturday,  
**OCT. 10,  
2020**

**SOUTH  
BROADLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
&  
RUSKIN SR  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**8 A.M.  
to  
NOON**

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

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

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

- Bulky • Brush • Electronics (Price List)
- Tire drop off (with or without rim in it)

### ELECTRONICS PRICE LIST

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



**KC** All staff will be abiding by social distancing policy and masks should be worn.

For more information, call Robert Woods at 816-513-8442





**Feeling ill with COVID-19 symptoms?**  
*Fever, cough, new shortness of breath, flu-like symptoms?*



**Call 816-404-CARE (2273)**  
**to get tested at this location.**

**Thursday, September 3**  
*In Partnership with*

***St. James United Methodist Renaissance Campus***

**10am-1pm**

7205 Longview Road #3394

Kansas City, MO 64134

Proceed behind the church

*Must be a Missouri Resident and have a valid phone number*



*Testing provided by*  
**Truman Medical Centers/University Health**



# COVID-19

## FREE TESTING CLINIC

*Testing symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals!*

**Tuesday, Sept. 1**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.\*

***Metro Christian Fellowship Church***

2217 High Grove Rd.  
Grandview, MO 64030



**Register today at:**  
<https://form.jotform.com/202365234399156>

**Wednesday, Sept. 2**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.\*

***Heart of God Fellowship***

3720 N Buckner Tarsney Rd.  
Buckner, MO 64016



**Register today at:**  
<https://form.jotform.com/202384773279162>

**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.\*

***Old Fire Station #3***

210 SW Pryor Rd.  
Lee's Summit, MO 64081



**Register today at:**  
<https://form.jotform.com/202336616657155>

*\*Lunch will be held from 11:50-12:40, and there will not be testing during this time.*



***Testing provided by the Jackson County Health Department***



## **Introduction to Drawdown: Reversing Global Warming Monday, Sept. 8 from 7:00-8:00 PM Central Time on Zoom**

This short Introduction will feature the new data in the Project **Drawdown 2020 Review** which revised the top solutions to reversing global warming. You must register for this free online introduction at this link:

[Register Here for the Zoom Introduction to Drawdown Sept. 8](#)

If you miss this date, you are welcome to watch the recording of the live-stream on YouTube at this link:

[View the Live-Stream of the Introduction to Drawdown Sept. 8](#)

Presenter: David Hakan



## "Getting Into Action"

### 5-Session Course Starting in September

*PREREQUISITE: attend an Introduction to Drawdown, live or online*

Now that you know that it's *possible* to reverse global warming,  
what will it take to get YOU to your the next steps?

This course will get you into gear!

You will move from just knowing to taking effective action;  
learn more about Drawdown actions; learn how to talk to others  
about global warming and Drawdown; find your personal  
Drawdown solutions; and develop your capacity  
to achieve what you choose to do.

**Click here to Register for this free 5-session course on Zoom.**

- **Sunday @ 2:00 - 5:00 PM - beginning Sept. 27, 2020** on Zoom. (The next 4 sessions will be spread out over the next 8 weeks.)

**EARN YOUR MASTERS DEGREE!**

## Avila Info Sessions

Education - September 8 & 22  
 Organizational Development - September 10  
 Management - September 10  
 Psychology - September 24  
 MBA - September 24

Meeting via Zoom. [Click here to RSVP!](#)

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**All alumni will receive a 10% discount on tuition.**

COMMUNITY BUILDERS OF KANSAS CITY PRESENTS A SAFE, SOCIALLY DISTANCED, END-OF-SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENT



# MOVIE NIGHT AT STARLIGHT

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

### THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG

Doors Open at 7:00 p.m., Movie Starts at 7:30 p.m.

Special Guest: Dr. Mark Bedell, Superintendent of Kansas City Public Schools

Parking in Zebra Lot, Enter through Gate 8

**FREE FOOD & BEVERAGES**



- Everyone will need to wear a facemask throughout the evening.
- Seating will be spaced for social distancing.
- If you want to bring a bag in, it will need to be clear.
- Sanitizing stations will be available inside the venue.

**Seating is limited! You must PRE-REGISTER to attend at:**  
<https://cbkcmovienight.eventbrite.com>

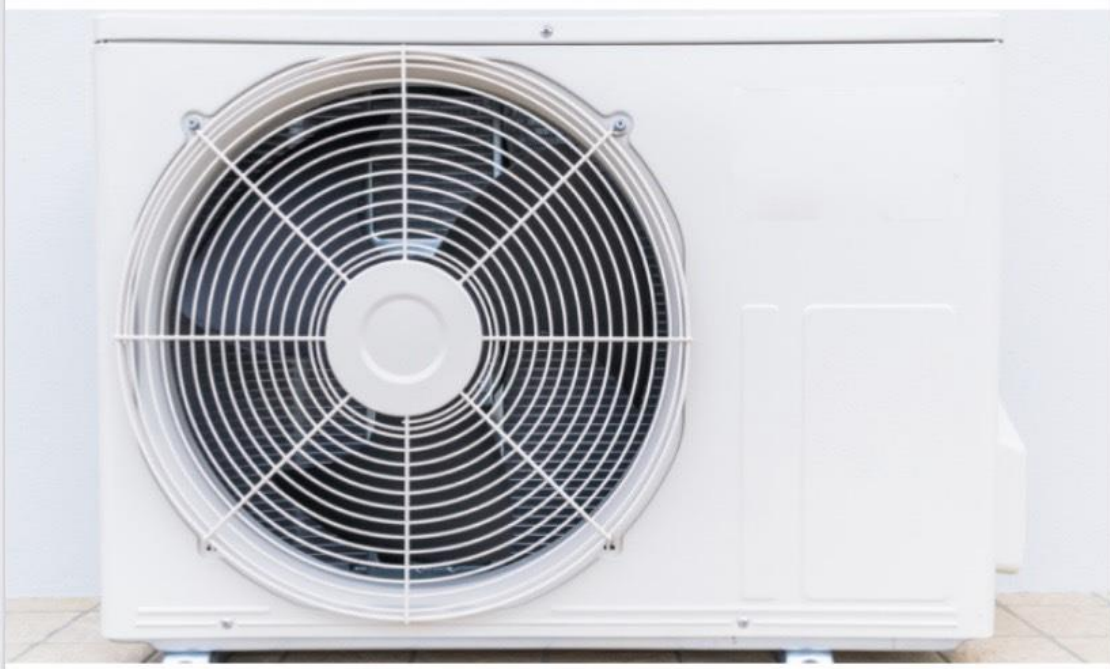
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Give us a call at 816-358-6868 to see if you meet our eligibility guidelines to receive an air conditioner at no cost to you.

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\*This program is funded 93% at \$2,529,241.00 with federal funds and 7% at \$174,011.00 with non-governmental sources for a total amount of \$2,703,252.00. The federal funds



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## **LEAKSTOPPERS PROGRAM**

Bridging the Gap is offering a FREE program called Leakstoppers. In partnership with KC Water, Bridging The Gap is helping income-eligible KCMO households reduce their water consumption and water bills by finding and fixing toilet leaks and installing toilet tank banks, fill cycle diverters, high-efficiency showerheads, and faucet ae



*Check it out!*



**Who:**

The KCMO Health Department has partnered with the Harvesters Community Food Network to help individuals and families in need of food assistance.

**What:**

Variety fruits and vegetables available at no cost to you

**When:**

2nd Tuesday of every month, starting at 1:30pm until supplies run out

**Where:**

KCMO Health Department in the UMKC Health Sciences District  
2400 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO 64108

## 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 four sites in south Kansas City monthly to distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites are:

**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.

**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.

**Martin City K-8 School**, 201 E. 133<sup>rd</sup> St., from 11 a.m. until food runs out on the third Saturday of the month. This event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church.

**Truman Medical Centers has available services for Jackson County residents during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.**

If you are experiencing a fever, a new cough or new shortness of breath, you can call **404-CARE (2273)** and speak to a health care professional to be screened for COVID-19.





# 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.



## **Website for Essential Companies Hiring NOW!!**

Missouri faces unprecedented times due to the impacts of COVID-19. Here at the Department of Economic Development, we recognize that many of the low-income, at-risk citizens your organizations work with will be hit the hardest and be the first to lose employment. With that in mind, we wanted to direct your attention to the Missouri Now Hiring website <https://missourionestart.com/now-hiring>. Missouri One Start is connecting unemployed workers to essential companies who are staffing up to meet the increased demand for their products and services. There you will find a list of companies that are hiring right now. This site takes workers directly to the hiring/application pages of the respective companies. The list is updated on an ongoing basis, so checking back daily is advised. Please link your clients in-need to this website so our workers can make it past this situation as painlessly as possible.

## **UNEMPLOYMENT**

### **How to File?**

If you're eligible, you'll need the following:

1. Your Social Security number;
2. Any amount you were paid in the past week, before taxes and deductions;
3. The name and mailing address of each job you worked in the past 18 months;

4. The dates you started and ended work at each of those jobs.

If this is your first time filing for unemployment please watch [this video](#) on unemployment basics. Visit [uinteract.labor.mo.gov](http://uinteract.labor.mo.gov), create an account and file your claim. If your job loss is related to coronavirus issues, make sure to check a box that says “COVID-19” in your application to waive a requirement to search for a new job amid the crisis.

Missouri provides benefits for up to 20 weeks, which can be extended to 33 weeks under the federal provisions.

The state will pay you up to \$320 per week, and the federal government will provide \$600 on top of whatever you get from the state for each week you're on unemployment prior to July 31.

Benefits can be paid within 22 days unless there is an issue with your eligibility, which on average can take 4-6 weeks to resolve.

You should continue filing weekly requests for payment even if you have not yet received benefits.

Regional Claims Center representatives are available by phone Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM by calling:  
**Kansas City Claims Center: 816-889-3101** or visit [Missouri Unemployment Website](#)

Please visit the Missouri Department of Labor's website for more information about COVID-19 FAQ's for Businesses and Workers: <https://labor.mo.gov/coronavirus>

US Department of Labor has a few sites dedicated to Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employee-paid-leave>

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-questions>

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

**FROM: Det. Kevin Boehm, Crime Stoppers Coordinator**

**SUBJECT: Reward Increase – 9 Year Old Dominic Young Homicide**

**KANSAS CITY, MO --- The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline continue to seek information in the January 20, 2018 homicide of 9 year old Dominic Young Jr. at 71 Highway and Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.**

**Dominic Young Jr. was apparently hit by a stray gunshot while occupying a vehicle driven by his father and died as a result of his injuries. Dominic, his father and brother were en route to Grandview at the time. The vehicle driven by Dominic's father was hit by gunshots from other vehicles apparently engaged in a gunfight according to statements.**

**KCPD found a possible crime scene near the intersection where the father said the shooting happened. When the father arrived home in Grandview, Dominic was not responsive. Grandview police initially responded to the father's home and found the boy in critical condition. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.**

**A number of community leaders and organizations including State Representative Richard Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, former City Councilmen Scott Taylor, Scott Wagner, John Sharp; the City of KCMO and Concord Fortress of Hope Church (Pastor Ron Lindsay) have come forward to increase the existing reward in the case up to \$30,000.00. Those leaders are available for comment in regard to the case.**

**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](http://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 \$30,000.00 in reward money. ALL INFORMATION IS ANONYMOUS.**



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**Web Tips**

**[www.Kccrimestoppers.com](http://www.Kccrimestoppers.com)**

**Free Mobile App**

**[www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com)**



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