



Dear Neighbor,

I was very pleased to recently receive the attached heartfelt letter from Bobby Bostic thanking me for sponsoring an amendment to Senate Bill 26 that was approved by the General Assembly to enact a needed reform to our sentencing laws for persons under 18 years of age when they committed an offense.

The bill is now awaiting the governor's signature to become law.

My amendment provided that if a young offender is sentenced to imprisonment for 15 years or more for an offense or multiple offenses committed when they were under 18 that they will be eligible to apply for parole after imprisonment for 15 years. It will not apply to young offenders convicted of first degree or capital murder.

The need for this reform came to my attention when I became aware of the case of Bobby Bostic who was sentenced to 241 years in prison in Missouri for multiple offenses that occurred one night in 1995 when he accompanied an older youth who later admitted he instigated the crimes that did not include any homicides. Bostic's sentences were imposed consecutively, so he currently won't be eligible to apply for parole unless he lives to be 112 years old.

Bostic wrote that he has heard from many incarcerated persons from throughout the state who committed crimes as youth who are grateful for the amendment's passage.

“It gives us a second chance that some of us did not have and allows others to get that second chance many years in advance,” he wrote.

“Words can not say how grateful we are. Many juvenile rights organizations across the country are grateful for this piece of legislation as well. Hopefully I will see the parole board this year and get my chance to go home,” he concluded.

Please don't forget about the spring 6th Council District Neighborhood Cleanup from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 12.

There will be two drop-off sites for the cleanup at the east parking lot of **Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St.**, and the parking lot of **South-Broadland Presbyterian Church, 7850 Holmes Rd.**, that will accept bulky items such as old furniture, leaves & brush, tires with or without rims and trash. Both sites will provide document shredding, and there is no fee for any of these services.

The Ruskin site also will accept electronics, but there is a fee. The amounts for various items are listed on the attached flyer.

Also, please remember **Coffee With a Cop from 7 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, at Martin City Coffee, 13115 Holmes Rd.**, for coffee and conversations with members of the Kansas City Police Department sponsored by the Department and the Martin City Community Improvement District.

And please **save the date for the next virtual town hall** I am hosting with Representatives Michael Johnson and Yolanda Young, at **1 p.m. Saturday, June 26**, to discuss the successes and failures of the now concluded 2021 regular session of the Missouri General Assembly.

Watch future issues of this Report for the links to participate.

Please scroll down to see the flyer about the reward of up to \$25,000 for any information leading to an arrest or filing charges in the senseless slaying of 18-year-old **Elijaah Boston**, a graduating senior at Paseo Academy of Fine & Performing Arts who was shot to death

in the 11100 block of Hillcrest Rd. at 10:11 p.m. on May 5 while walking home after getting off work at the nearby Taco Bell. He had enlisted in the Air Force and was planning to start basic training after graduation.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline at 816-474-8477. The identity of tipsters is kept anonymous, and tipsters to not have to testify in court to receive a reward.

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

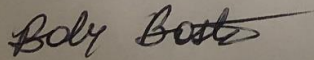
Representative Mark Sharp,

5-20-2021

Thank you so much for adding the amendment that allows me (and many other juveniles) to go see the parole after serving 15 years. There is so many juveniles throughout the state that I have heard from that is so grateful for the language that you included in Senate Bill 26. It gives us a second chance that some of us did not have and allows others to get that second chance many years in advance.

Words can not say how grateful we are. Many juvenile rights organizations across the country are grateful for that piece of legislation as well. Hopefully I will see the parole board this year and get my chance to go home. I just wanted to write you and thank you.

Sincerely Grateful,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobby Bostic". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Bobby Bostic

Sixth District

CLEAN UP

June 12, 2021: 8 AM - NOON

LOCATIONS:

- **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), Document Shredder

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

Bulky, Brush, Tire drop off (with
or without rim in it), Document
Shredder

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

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

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



FIREWORKS AT EVANGEL 2021

Saturday, June 19th, 2021 | 7 PM
Evangel Church
1414 E. 103rd. St., Kansas City, MO

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Wednesday, June 23, 2021

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Martin City Coffee
13115 Holmes Road
Kansas City, MO 64145

**Coffee and Conversations with the
Kansas City Police Department**



June 25th | 8:00 PM
9701 Marion Park Drive KCMO 64137

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- POPCORN
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- BOUNCY HOUSE

RAIN? NO PROBLEM! MEET IN THE GYM



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FOOD GIVEAWAY DRIVE THROUGH

Be The Reason For Someone's SMILE

**Venue: Islamic Center Of
Greater Kansas City
(8501 E 99 St)
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm
Date: 29th June 2021**



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DISTRICT 1

(Virtual) **TUESDAY, AUG. 3, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 6 – 8 PM**
NNI - 5340 NE Chouteau Trafficway

DISTRICT 2

(Virtual) **MONDAY, AUG. 9, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **MONDAY, JUNE 28, 6 – 8 PM**
Northland Cathedral, 101 NW 99th Street (Gym)

DISTRICT 3

(Virtual) **FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **FRIDAY, AUG. 6, 6 – 8 PM**
Robert J. Multipurpose FOCUS Mohart Center, 3200 Wayne Avenue

DISTRICT 4

(Virtual) **THURSDAY, JULY 8, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **THURSDAY, AUG. 2, 6 – 8 PM**
National WWI Museum and Memorial, 2 Memorial Drive

DISTRICT 5

(Virtual) **WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **TUESDAY, AUG. 17, 6 – 8 PM**
Southeast Community Center, 4201 E 63rd St

DISTRICT 6

(Virtual) **TUESDAY, JULY 13, 6 – 8 PM**
(In-person) **TUESDAY, AUG. 10, 6 – 8 PM**
Hillcrest Community Center – 10401 Hillcrest Rd.

PIAC PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESENT A PROJECT | SHARE YOUR PRIORITIES | ADDRESS REPRESENTATIVES

The 2021 deadline date to submit a request is August 31.

The Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC) solicits resident input to make recommendations on citywide and neighborhood portions of the capital budget.

In addition to coming to the hearings, citizens can also tell PIAC about needed public improvements by completing a PIAC application request form. These forms will be available at the hearings or are available from the Capital Improvements Program by phone: (816) 513-1173 or by emailing piac@kcmo.org.

KCMO.GOV/PIAC



Speak Easy Sessions are opportunities for residents to speak directly to City officials and staff. Expect an interactive session and lots of discussion. We want your ideas to help us run the city better. For more information and other sessions, visit kcmo.gov/speakeasy.



Sixth District Household Hazardous Waste Collection

July 31, 2021: 8 AM - NOON

LOCATION:

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

Accepted items:

- Automotive products
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- CFL light bulbs
- Fertilizers
- Flammables
- Fuels
- Hazardous Cleaners
- Hazardous Liquids
- Household Cleaners
- Lawn and Garden Products
- Paint
- Pesticides
- Photographiic Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Solvents
- Thinners
- Used oils

Unacceptable Items:

Appliances, Asbestos, Containers larger than 5-gallons, Explosives, Ammunition, Fireworks, Medical waste and needles, Prescription drugs, Propane bottles that are over one pound, Fire extinguishers, Butan and Freon, Tires, and Yard waste

Sponsors:

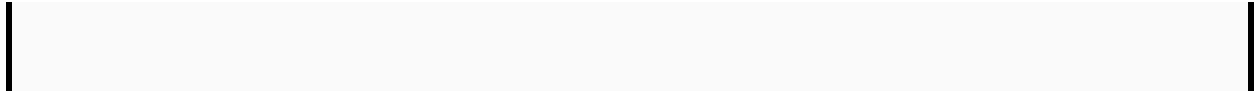


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Please call with any information regarding the
murder of Elijaah Boston



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816-474-8477

WEB TIPS
KCcrimestoppers.com

FREE MOBILE APP
P3Tips.com



Occurred on 05/05/2021 at 10:11 PM

11100 Hillcrest Rd.



UP TO **\$25,000**
REWARD



FOR ANONYMOUS KCMO HOMICIDE TIPS THAT LEAD TO AN ARREST

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P-SNAP approved for June

Missouri received approval from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to provide Pandemic Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (P-SNAP) benefits for the month of June.

Under P-SNAP, each household receives the maximum SNAP benefit amount for their household's size. Through September 30, 2021, Missouri P-SNAP benefits include a 15 percent increase. The chart below shows the maximum monthly SNAP amount.

How to Apply

For your ease, you can apply for SNAP benefits 24/7 online by visiting [MyDSS.mo.gov](https://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.

NOTE: Closed Memorial Day

The Family Support Division Resource Centers and Customer Service Center will be closed on Monday, May 31 and will resume normal hours on June 1.

Check out our [media release](#) for full details.

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.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT



What is it?

A temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband services;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

Who is eligible?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.



How do I apply?

There are three ways to apply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit.

1 Contact your Preferred Participating Provider Directly

Ask your provider if they participate in the EBB, or use our online tool to find a participating company near you.



2 Online

Use the online application at [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)



3 By Mail

Print an application in English or Spanish. Complete the application and send with proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

For additional information, Call 833-511-0311, or visit [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)

KCMO EMERGENCY RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Tenants can apply for emergency rent relief through a new **\$14.8 million assistance fund**.

The funds will be distributed through existing community agencies that specialize in providing these services. Funding is provided by the second Congressional COVID-19 relief package.



Income and eligibility requirements include:

Who is Eligible?

An eligible renter household has at least one person who:

- Has qualified for unemployment benefits, or experienced a cut in income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Is at risk of experiencing homelessness. Risk factors include:
 - Has past due utility bills or rent or has an eviction notice
 - Is living in unsafe or unhealthy conditions
- Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI)

Income

Household income is determined as either the household's total income for calendar year 2020 or the household's monthly income at the time of application.

Eligible Expenses

- Current and past due rent
- Current and past due utility bills
- Trash removal

Emergency rent assistance **CANNOT** be used for telephone, cable or internet.

APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE

<https://gkcassistanceprogram.org/>

For more info and other neighborhood services visit:
[KCMO.GOV/RentHelp](https://kcmo.gov/RentHelp)



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KCMO EMERGENCY RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

RENT/UTILITY ASSISTANCE

- **CHES, Inc.** - (816) 533-7417
 - **Mattie Rhodes** - (816) 471-2536
 - **Community Assistance Council (CAC)**
(816) 763-3277 ext. 108
 - **Metro Lutheran Ministries**
(816) 285-3137 (North)
(816) 285-3139 (South)
 - **Reconciliation Services** - (816) 931-4751
 - **Guadalupe Center** - (816) 421-1015
 - **reStart, Inc.** - (816) 472-5664 or
rentassistance@restartinc.org
 - **Hope Faith** - (816) 540-6915
 - **Journey to New Life**
(816) 960-4808 or agrove@jtnl.org
 - **Save, Inc.** - (816) 531-8340
 - **United Way of Greater Kansas City**
Call 211
- Link to online application:*
www.mlmkc.org/rent---utility.html
- **Community Linc** - (816) 531-3727
 - **Greater KC Housing Information Center** - (816) 931-0443

LEGAL SERVICES FOR EVICTIONS

- **Heartland Center for Jobs & Freedom**
(816) 278-1092
- **Legal Aid of Western Missouri**
(816) 474-6750

OTHER SERVICES

- **Mid America Assistance Coalition (MAAC Link)** –
Utility assistance only - (816) 474-5112
- **Community Capital Fund**
<https://www.ccfkansascity.org/essential-services>

NOTE: Residents of the CCED Sales Tax District in Kansas City, Missouri—*the area bounded by Ninth Street on the north, Gregory Boulevard on the south, The Paseo Boulevard on the west, and Indiana Avenue on the east*— may apply for up to \$3,000 through the Essential Services Fund. to help cover rent, mortgage, utility, grocery, transportation, or quarantine-related hotel expenses.

Information regarding rent/utility assistance and legal services for evictions.
Call (816) 513-3026 or Contact Tiffany Drummer



CAC Needs Your Input!

Please click on and fill out this short survey, link [HERE](#), to help Community Assistance Council plan for classes, programs and services, and communicate with the SKC community as effectively as possible.

We've got some exciting plans ahead, but we want to make sure we can share out information and accommodate when and how people would attend classes and programs as best we can. It's short and anonymous. Thanks for your feedback!

HMC-1 Families, Sign Up to Get Empowered!

What would you need to help support your children's well-being, reduce your stress, further your education, improve your job and income and help stabilize your housing situation? CAC's Empower program is designed to help with many of these needs and more. This FREE program is signing up new Hickman Mills families now!

Empower provides long-term case management to help parents and their students develop and reach goals around emotional well-being and

mental wellness, budgeting, housing stability, education and jobs, and more. The best part? The program has funds available for not only some emergency needs, but tuition and other costs to help parents further their education or get a better job, or support students with summer and after-school activities, just as examples. Call or email Angie at 816-763-3277 x 104, angela.witherspoon@cackc.org if interested in the program.

Empower is a partnership of CAC, Hickman Mills C-1, Children's Services Fund of Jackson County and United Way. Pictured are case manager Angela Witherspoon (right) with her Empower client Sam.

June Food Appointments Available

CAC has food appointments available 9 to 2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, plus 4 - 6 pm, Wednesday, June 2; and 9 am to noon, Saturday, June 19. Call 816-763-3277 x 100 for a food appointment. Hygiene items are distributed with food. Happy Bottoms diapers and pull-ups are available without an appointment 9 am to 2:30 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Call 816-763-3277 x 100 to register for diapers. Appointments are encouraged but drive-ups are acceptable if you see the red "Pantry Open" sign outside.

CAC Eating Smart • Being Active Class

Join our Eating Smart • Being Active class Wednesdays, June 23 – July 28, 2 – 3 pm. The class offers research-based information about nutrition, physical activity, food safety and making the most of your food dollars. It is a FREE 6-week program provided by University of Missouri Extension Family Nutrition Education Programs. Interactive lessons focus on simple messages related to food, nutrition and tips for feeding your family. Lessons focus on food preparation and physical activity, and include items that reinforce

lesson topics as well as a certificate of completion at the end of the program.

- Presented by Dianna Obermueller, Nutrition Program Associate, Family Nutrition Education Program, University of Missouri Extension
- Go to CAC's website, www.cackc.org, To register for a ZOOM link for video or phone.

CAC Recognized for Brilliance in Resilience

CAC was one of three small nonprofits recognized for our Brilliance in Resilience - being flexible and making lemonade out of lemons during the changing demands of 2020 - during last week's virtual Nonprofit Connect 2020 Philanthropy Awards "Luncheon." Since it was virtual, Pastor Steve Williams from St. Luke's United Methodist Church brought lunch in for the CAC staff! Thank you to NP Connect, Pastor Steve, and all the CAC volunteers and staff who helped CAC turn lemons into lemonade and be brilliant in our resilience to the crazy year that was 2020!

Affected by COVID? TMC is Available to Help

Truman Medical Center (TMC) Behavioral Health, in partnership with Show Me Hope (SMH) Missouri, is offering support to anyone affected by COVID-19. Resources include: **Crisis Counseling** to help manage stress and learn coping skills; **Resources and Referrals** to connect residents to community resources for further help; and **Pandemic Preparedness Education** to learn how to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19. Call 816-404-6222 for counseling services information, or 800-9850-5990 for the immediate care Disaster Distress Helpline. Download the flyer [HERE](#).

Need Emergency Rent, Utilities Assistance?

CAC is one of several nonprofits partnering with the City of KCMO to distribute funds for emergency rent and utilities assistance. You can start on the application process from the link on CAC's website [HERE](#). Please see map of CAC's service area.

Save the Date - Community Cleanup June 12

Sixth District Community Clean Up Day will be 8 am to noon, Saturday, June 12 at Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St. (bulky items, brush, electronics for a fee, shredding) and South Broadland Presbyterian, 7850 Holmes (bulky items, brush, tires shredding). Download the flyer [HERE](#).

Make a Donation – Make a Difference

- \$5 can provide fresh milk for a family for a month
- \$50 can provide food for a family for a month
- \$1000 can help a family avoid homelessness
- \$5,000 can provide full Thanksgiving or Christmas meals for 225 families.

To make a one-time donation or set up a monthly payment click [here](#).

Call Rachel Casey at 816-763-3277 x 103 or email Rachel.casey@cackc.org to discuss ideas.

Community Assistance Council is the social services agency that covers South Kansas City, including all of Hickman Mills and Center School Districts, with a food pantry, Happy Bottom diapers and pull-ups, Giving the Basics hygiene items, KC Medicine Cabinet medicines and equipment, emergency rent and utilities assistance and limited case management. We'd love to give you a tour or provide a program for your organization!

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 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.

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.



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