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Please don't forget to call my office at **573-751-9469** and reserve a seat if you want to attend in person the **1 p.m. Saturday, June 26**, Joint Town Hall I am sponsoring with two of my House colleagues at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, 3700 Blue Parkway, since **seating is limited**.

You also may fully participate online by entering the ZOOM webinar ID and passcode listed in the above announcement and ask questions of all of us making presentations.

My colleagues and I will speak about the most significant successes and failures of the 2021 regular session of the Missouri General Assembly and how they will directly and indirectly impact all of us, the topics that may be considered in a likely upcoming special session this summer of the General Assembly and our priorities for legislation we plan to introduce and support in next year's legislative session starting in January.

We also will hear about the current state of policing in Kansas City from Major Kari Thompson, the new commander of the East Patrol Division, which thankfully has experienced a significant drop in homicides so far this year (19) compared to this time last year (36) when the city set a new all-time record for the total number of homicides in the city with 178.

Major Thompson testified before a legislative committee earlier this year on behalf of the KCPD supporting Blair's Law which I introduced to make celebratory and other indiscriminate gunfire with criminal negligence within or into city limits a serious state offense. Her powerful testimony was a major factor in the committee unanimously voting to recommend the bill for passage, but unfortunately time ran out before it could get final approval by the legislature before adjournment.

It is named after 11-year-old Blair Shanahan Lane who died after being struck by celebratory gunfire here on July 4, 2011, and I have promised her mother I will continue to sponsor it until it becomes law.

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 help a little June 12 at the 6th Council District Neighborhood Cleanup drop-off site in my district at Ruskin High School which accepted bulky items, electronics, leaves & brush, tires and trash. It was conducted by the City Neighborhoods and Public Works Departments and sponsored by Councilwoman Andrea Bough, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, the Community Assistance Council and the South Kansas City Alliance.

WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, June 18, 2021

SPECIAL SESSION STILL UP IN THE AIR

Gov. Mike Parson had been expected to call a special legislative session as soon as today for the final weeks of June so the General Assembly could renew a tax on hospitals and other health care providers that generates the bulk of funding for the state's Medicaid program.

However, negotiations on language that would prohibit Medicaid coverage of certain birth control methods and funding for Planned Parenthood insisted on by some conservative senators apparently reached an impasse today so the timing and likelihood of a special session now is in doubt.

Lawmakers typically renew the tax, known as the Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA), without controversy, but this year's effort derailed during the regular legislative session when some conservative senators insisted on adding language limiting Medicaid coverage for certain types of birth control.

The FRA allows the state to leverage much more federal Medicaid funding. The current tax is set to expire Sep. 30. However, because newly enacted legislation typically doesn't take effect until 90 days after a legislative session, lawmakers must pass a renewal bill no later than July 3 or add an emergency clause to the bill to ensure it is in effect by Oct. 1 to prevent collection of the tax from being interrupted.

Adding an emergency clause allowing the bill to take effect immediately upon being signed into law by the governor normally wouldn't be an issue. However

since an emergency clause requires the support of two-thirds majorities in both legislative chambers, it appears highly unlikely that there are sufficient votes to meet that threshold unless an agreement on the issues in question is reached.

Critics of the efforts to ban coverage of certain types of birth control have warned that doing this could jeopardize federal funding for the entire Medicaid program since the state would no longer be covering services required by federal law.

U.S. JUSTICE DEPT. ISSUES WARNING

The U.S. Department of Justice on June 15 warned Gov. Mike Parson that Missouri has no authority to nullify federal laws, despite legislation he recently signed purporting to declare certain federal gun laws invalid and unenforceable in the state, the Associated Press reported the next day.

The warning came in a letter from Justice Department officials and informed Parson that under the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution, federal law trumps conflicting state law. The letter also told Parson federal agents will continue to enforce federal gun laws and regulations in Missouri.

The governor and Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt disputed the Justice Department's findings in a 7-page joint letter on June 17 to Acting Assistant U.S. Attorney General Brian Boynton which said Missouri is defending its citizens from federal government overreach by prohibiting state and local law enforcement agencies from being used by the federal government to infringe on Missourians' right to keep and bear arms.

“We will fight tooth and nail to defend the right to keep and bear arms protected by the Second Amendment...And we will not tolerate any attempt by the federal government to deprive Missourians of this critical civil right,” they wrote.

Parson signed the measure titled the Second Amendment Preservation Act into law on June 12 at a gun store in Lee's Summit. It contained an emergency clause making it effective immediately upon his signature.

House Bill 85 attempts to nullify in Missouri federal laws and regulations relating to the taxation, registration or tracking of firearms, as well as laws prohibiting the possession, ownership, use or transfer of specific types of

firearms.

Nullification is a discredited 19th century doctrine asserting that individual states can reject federal laws they object to. Since the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled nullification is unconstitutional, a lawsuit challenging HB 85 is expected.

HB 85 also empowers those arrested for or convicted of certain federal gun crimes to sue law enforcement agencies whose officers assisted in their arrests. Those agencies would be subject to a \$50,000 civil fine per occurrence, with the money going to the alleged offender, who also would be entitled to attorney fees.

Opponents criticized this provision for literally defunding law enforcement agencies to benefit gun law offenders. Supporters said it's intended to prevent law enforcement agencies in Missouri from cooperating with federal law enforcement agencies' efforts to enforce unconstitutional gun laws.

The legislation also subjects law enforcement agencies to a \$50,000 civil fine for each employee they hire who they know previously was employed by a federal agency and 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.

LAW LIMITS PUBLIC HEALTH RESTRICTIONS

Local officials will face new restrictions on their authority to respond to future public health emergencies under legislation Gov. Mike Parson signed into law on June 15.

The restrictions are a product of a backlash from some lawmakers to local restrictions, most now lifted, imposed last year in an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19.

During the height of the pandemic, Parson imposed few statewide mandates and repeatedly said such decisions should be left to local health officials, who were best positioned to determine the appropriate measures necessary based on local conditions. By signing House Bill 271 into law, Parson has limited the ability of local officials to respond appropriately to local circumstances.

Under the bill, local orders that fully or partially close businesses, churches or schools or place restrictions on any public or private gatherings can last for no more than 30 days during a 180-day period, although such orders can be extended by a vote of the local governing authority.

HB 271 also prohibits local governments from requiring proof of a COVID-19 vaccination to use public transportation or access public accommodations. That prohibition does not apply to businesses or other private organizations.

Although the limits on the authority of public health officials were highly controversial, because HB 271 is an omnibus bill containing numerous other topics relating to local government, it passed on near-unanimous votes of 147-2 in the House of Representatives and 29-3 in the Senate.

However, since the wide-ranging, 49-page final legislation started as a 3-page bill limited to creating a “local government expenditure database,” HB 271 is susceptible to a lawsuit for violating constitutional prohibitions against bills that are changed from their original purpose or contain multiple subjects.

SUNSHINE LAW INVESTIGATION DECLINED

In a questionable legal position with potential consequences for open government, Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt has declared he can't investigate Gov. Mike Parson's office for alleged violations of the state Sunshine Law since he sometimes represents the office in other cases.

The Missouri Independent, an online news organization focusing on state government, first reported on Schmitt's position on June 11.

The attorney general is primarily responsible for enforcing the Sunshine Law, which requires most government meetings and records to be open to the public with limited exceptions. If the attorney general refuses to handle a case, those who believe a government official or agency has violated the law must pursue it at their own expense.

After Parson's office broke with longstanding past practice and refused to make public the resignation letters of two high-ranking state officials who recently stepped down without public explanation, the Missouri Independent filed a complaint with Schmitt. His office claimed the attorney-client relationship with the governor's office creates a conflict of interest that prevents him from

investigating the matter.

This view breaks with the actions of previous attorney generals who have pursued Sunshine Law investigations of previous governors.

If correct, Schmitt's new interpretation raises the question of whether his office can investigate any Sunshine cases involving state government since the attorney general represents all state agencies and officials in litigation.

In addition, following Schmitt's logic, the attorney general arguably could never investigate state agencies or officials for any reason – including criminal offenses – due to the attorney-client relationship. Such a position would severely weaken accountability in state government.

According to the Missouri Independent, Schmitt's office didn't respond to questions regarding the scope of his new policy and whether it applies to other state agencies and circumstances. Schmitt became attorney general in 2019 when Parson appointed him to the post to fill a vacancy.



I recently visited the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center with two of my House colleagues where our June 26 joint town hall will be conducted. Shown, from left, are me, Representative Young, Center Executive Director Glenn North and Representative Johnson.



LET'S GET VACCINATED

STOP COVID-19

Saturday, June 19th 10am-2pm

Laborer's Local #663

**Parking Lot. 7820 Prospect
KCMO, 64132**



6/19/21



FIREWORKS AT EVANGEL 2021

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

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www.servetheworldkc.org

Breaking Bread

Saturday June 19

11am-2pm at Lemonade Park

Parking for the event will be on the street around Lemonade Park.

1628 Wyoming St. KCMO 64102

A free city-wide event
to connect and recognize the accomplishments of
fellow neighborhood leaders
Includes lunch and local entertainment



For more information or to RSVP

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email at info@conlkc.com





COFFEE WITH A COP

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
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CLEAN UP

JUNE 26, 2021 - 8 AM - NOON

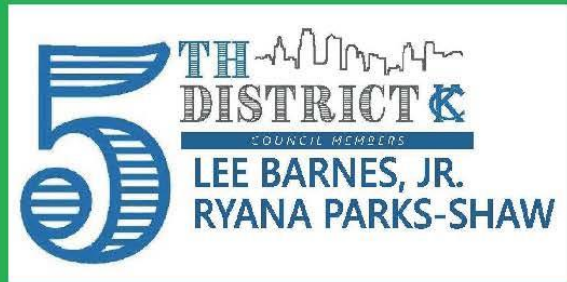
LOCATIONS

- Southeast High School, 3500 E Meyer Blvd: tires (with or without rims), trash, bulky items, leaf & brush
- 2801 E 80TH ST:
Trash, bulky items, leaf & brush
- Center Alternative School, 8434 The Paseo: tires (with or without rims), trash, bulky items, leaf & brush, and electronic collection

ELECTRONICS PRICE LIST

- CRT monitors \$5/ea
- CRT TVs 26" or less \$30/ea
- CRT TVs 27" or greater \$50/ea
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- LED/LCD/Plasma TVs \$20/ea
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Robert Woods at 816-513-8442



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

VACCINATION




BACK 2 SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINIC



**Saturday, June 5th
& Saturday, June 26th
9:30am-2pm**

**Smith-Hale Middle School
9010A Old Santa Fe Rd,
Kansas City, MO 64138**

What to bring!

- Letter from your school
- A copy of the child's previous shot record 
- Parent or guardian must be present with photo I.D.



Public Health



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

Come enjoy a free outdoor concert by musicians of the Kansas City Symphony

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021

PARKING OPENS AT 6:30 PM, PERFORMANCE BEGINS AT 7 PM

IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE CBKC OFFICES

4001 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd (formerly Blue Pkwy), Kansas City, MO 64130



Bring your lawn chairs and blankets! We thank you for social distancing and wearing a facemask, if you have not received the vaccine, at the concert. Your safety is our primary concern!



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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Blood Donors are Always Royal.

Please make a life-saving blood donation at our upcoming blood drive. Present to donate and receive your choice of a limited edition Royals t-shirt or hat.

Can you help us make our goal of collecting 30 units of blood?

Tuesday, June 29, 2021
11:00 am - 04:00 pm

Red Bridge Shopping Center - Unit 508
(Located on the South side of the Shopping Center, facing Sun Fresh)
508 E 112th Street
Kansas City, MO 64131

[Schedule Your Appointment](#)

Schedule an appointment by clicking the link above or contact:

Cierra Pritchett – Community Blood Center Representative

cpritchett@cbckc.org or by text or call at 816.352.5372

Appointments are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**;
walk-ins will only be accepted as capacity allows.

Please wear a face mask to your donation. If you do not have one, we will provide you with a mask upon your arrival. Remember to bring a photo ID or donor ID card. For questions about eligibility due to travel outside the U.S., medications or medical conditions call 1.800.688.0900.

To learn more about the importance of donating at this time and to answer your questions about COVID-19, please visit www.savealifenow.org/coronavirus.

Did you receive the COVID-19 vaccine? You can still donate! To learn more, [click here](#).

DONORS PRESENTING:

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May NOT donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May NOT donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

We do not test for COVID-19. Please see your health care provider if you want to be tested.



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

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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](https://www.kcmo.gov/piac)



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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](https://www.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

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Please call with any information regarding the
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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/GetEmergencyBroadband.org)



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)



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



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 Shari at 816-763-3277 x 105, shari.simmermon@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.

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.

June Food Appointments Available

CAC has food appointments available 9 to 2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, plus 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.

Join Us at CAC's Trivia Night Aug. 12

Put on your hard pants, have a lot of fun and be social again!

Fox 4's Mark Alford will MC this evening to support Community Assistance Council, south Kansas City's social services agency that is the frontline of homelessness prevention in SKC. You may:

- Bring a team of six for the trivia contest, \$100 entry fee.
- Come on your own and we'll find you a team, \$20/individual.
- Enjoy food and donations cash bar available. No outside food and drink please.
- Get in the spirit with fun team name, "costume", table decorations.

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- There will be audience participation games for more fun!
 - Sponsor or donate prizes or supplies for the evening and receive recognition. Register/sponsor online [HERE](#). Download PDF of reg/sponsor form [HERE](#).

Contact Rachel Casey, rachel.casey@cackc.org, 816-763-3277 x 103 for more info.

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!

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!

Important SNAP Dates

Steps for return to regular SNAP/Food Stamp benefits

Starting later this summer, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will take gradual steps to ease Missouri's return to regular SNAP/Food Stamp benefits. If you receive SNAP benefits, you will get a letter in July letting you know when each SNAP change will occur.

Since March of 2020, you received Pandemic Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (P-SNAP) benefits each month that maximized your SNAP amount based on the size of your household. You also get a temporary 15 percent SNAP benefit increase through September.

Here are the SNAP changes that will start at the end of summer:

- FSD will restart SNAP recertification interviews on August 1, 2021 for recertifications received on or after that date.
- August will be the last month for P-SNAP benefits that maximize benefits based on the household size.
- September will be the last month to get the [temporary 15 percent SNAP increase](#).
- Starting October 1, regular SNAP benefits will resume and you will get just the regular SNAP benefit amount your household is eligible to receive.

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

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.

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](https://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.

Our Mission:

Empower Missourians to live safe, healthy, and productive lives.

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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