



I'm not in the habit of begging, but as I said at a June 30 press conference I attended at Police Headquarters, **I beg everyone to urge their friends, neighbors and relatives not to engage in celebratory gunfire on or before July 4 and to try to talk anybody out of it who is about to do so.**

I spoke at the press conference along with Mayor Quinton Lucas and Michele Shanahan DeMoss, the mother of 11-year-old Blair Shanahan Lane who died after being struck by celebratory gunfire here on July 4, 2011. Ms. DeMoss has devoted much of her time since then to warn people of the danger of celebratory gunfire that has killed others in Kansas City.

“I don't want another mother, father, a family to be standing where I'm standing,” she said at the press conference.

Police spokesman Sgt. Jacob Becchina warned at the press conference that discharging a firearm within the city is against the law and punishable by a fine and jail time.

I have introduced state legislation called Blair's Law that would make celebratory gunfire or any other discharge of firearms with criminal negligence within or into city limits a serious state offense.

That legislation which was strongly supported by the Kansas City Police Department passed the Missouri House this year and was unanimously recommended for passage by a Senate committee, but the regular session of the General Assembly ended before the legislation could be approved by the full Senate.

I have pledged to Blair's mom that I will continue to sponsor this legislation until it is signed into law, and have been assured by leaders in the House that they will assist getting it through the House quicker next year to improve its chances of passing the House and Senate before the session adjourns.

Turning to other matters, **please join Senator Barbara Anne Washington, City Councilwoman Ryana Parks-Shaw and me at a Taking Back Our Youth public town hall from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at Hillcrest Community Center, 10401 Hillcrest Rd., that will focus on reducing violent crime among our youth.**

I appreciate everyone who participated online or in person at the joint town hall I hosted with my House colleagues – Representatives Michael Johnson and Yolanda Young – on June 26 at Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center.

I also appreciate Major Kari Thompson, the commander of the East Patrol Division, who spoke at the town hall about the importance of police building two-way partnerships with the community. Major Thompson also testified in favor of Blair's Law on behalf of the Police Department when it was heard by a Senate committee, and her powerful testimony helped assure its committee passage.

Our next joint town hall will be at the same time Saturday, September 25, at Concord Fortress of Hope Church, 11050 West Longview Parkway. Please save the date.

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



Representatives Michael Johnson, Yolanda Young and I hosted a virtual and in-person town hall June 26 at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center and got together afterward for a picture with friends and relatives who attended. Shown from left are my

dad - former Councilman John Sharp, me, Representative Yolanda Young, Rodney Bland, Representative Ashley Bland Manlove and Representative Michael Johnson.

WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, July 2, 2021

LAWMAKERS RENEW TAX, AVOID BUDGET CUTS

Narrowly staving off a near financial disaster, the House of Representatives voted 140-13 on June 30 to grant final approval to legislation renewing a tax on hospitals and other health care providers that's essential to funding Missouri's Medicaid program. I voted yes.

The Senate had approved the bill 28-5 four days earlier.

The tax, known as the Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA), allows the state to leverage substantially more federal Medicaid dollars. Lawmakers typically renew the FRA without controversy. Some Senate conservatives blocked this year's renewal effort during the regular legislative session in an attempt to include unrelated provisions banning Medicaid coverage for certain birth control methods and prohibiting funding for Planned Parenthood.

As a result, Gov. Mike Parson called lawmakers into a special legislative session on June 23 to pass an FRA renewal bill before the start of the new state fiscal year on July 1. If they failed to do so, he threatened to cut \$722

million in spending authority from the FY 2022 budget to make up for the loss of FRA revenue.

Conservative senators made another run at trying to add the unrelated provisions to the renewal legislation in the special session but were unsuccessful. The renewal measure includes language saying Medicaid funds can't pay for abortion services, but that already is prohibited by federal law.

To mollify conservatives, the House voted 109-45 in favor of a stand-alone bill seeking to defund Planned Parenthood. I voted no. However, the bill died hours later when both chambers adjourned the special session without the Senate taking it up.

Senate Republican leaders issued a statement saying they would form a committee over the summer to study the defunding issue. Federal law prohibits states from discriminating against providers of non-abortion health services.

JUDGE BLOCKS CHANGING MEDICAID PAYMENTS

A Cole County judge issued a temporary restraining order on June 25 prohibiting the Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS) from implementing changes in how Medicaid providers are reimbursed, saying those challenging the changes appear likely to prevail in a lawsuit claiming the department acted without proper authority.

The next hearing in the case is set for July 9.

The Missouri Hospital Association filed the lawsuit on June 11, one week after the DSS division that oversees the state's Medicaid program notified service providers that the policy change would take effect with the start of the new state fiscal year on July 1. The lawsuit contends the division failed to promulgate rules, as required by state law, before implementing the changes.

The hospital association said the change would cost its members as much as \$45 million in lost revenue for the new fiscal year.

In issuing his restraining order, Circuit Judge Cotton Walker said the hospital association's members met their burden of proving they would be harmed if the change took effect and are likely to win the case. Walker also

chided the department for asserting that the law requiring it to promulgate rules didn't apply without offering any evidence or precedent to support that assertion.

The case is *Missouri Hospital Association v. Missouri Department of Social Services*.

GOVERNOR SIGNS ONLINE SALES TAX BILL

Gov. Mike Parson signed legislation into law on June 30 that will enable local governments and the state to more easily collect sales taxes from online retailers, while also authorizing future cuts to state income taxes if certain revenue collection thresholds are triggered.

Senate Bill 153 also creates a state-level earned income tax credit to benefit working Missourians.

Supporters have pushed for the online sales tax provision for years, saying it's necessary to level the competitive playing field between local businesses that collect sales taxes and internet retailers that usually don't, even though such taxes have always been due under state law. Missouri is the last state in the nation to enact such legislation.

To win support for final passage, various tax-cutting provisions were added to the bill that will offset much of the new revenue the state expects to collect from improved collection of online sales taxes. SB 153 passed on final votes of 25-4 in the Senate and 145-6 in the House of Representatives. I voted yes.

GOVERNOR SIGNS BUDGET, VETOES \$115 MILLION

Gov. Mike Parson on June 30 signed the various bills that make up the \$35 billion state operating budget for the 2022 fiscal year but issued 51 line-item vetoes to eliminate about \$115 million in spending authority approved by lawmakers.

With the state experiencing record surpluses, the vetoes weren't due to lack of revenue. Instead, according to the explanatory messages accompanying them, most were because the governor didn't request the funding or otherwise didn't think it necessary.

The vetoed items include \$5 million in maintenance grants for charter schools, \$3 million to recruit high school teachers in rural areas, \$26.4 million to increase certain health care provider rates and \$50 million to insulate hospitals from financial losses from a planned change in billing procedures currently being challenged in court.

However, 15 of the vetoes totaling \$5.42 million were of funding the governor not only requested but fought for three years to get. Those vetoes involved a salary incentive program for high-performing employees. Lawmakers resisted the funding in previous years due to concerns it would provide unconstitutional bonuses but finally relented this year. The reason for Parson's change of heart is unclear. In the veto messages, Parson simply said his administration is considering "alternative performance-based incentive structures" for employees.

This year's budget is most notable for what's missing: full funding of a constitutionally mandated expansion of the state's Medicaid program that was supposed to take effect July 1, making an estimated 275,000 more uninsured Missourians eligible. A Cole County judge ruled the expansion was unconstitutional last month, but the Missouri Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments in the case on July 13.

The budget does include an \$8.5 million increase to the \$3.56 billion formula for distributing state money to local public school districts. The relatively slight bump is sufficient to claim "full funding" of K-12 schools, but only because the legislature moved the goal posts a few years ago to drastically reduce the amount of new money required each year to achieve "full funding".

In addition, the budget shortchanges funding for local student transportation costs by about \$165 million from what state law says should be allocated.

After years of either flat appropriations or deep cuts to higher education, the budget provides increases of at least 3.7 percent to the core operating budgets of Missouri's public colleges and universities.

The budget also includes an additional \$3 million to enable the state's chronically underfunded public defender system to hire 53 additional attorneys to

help reduce caseloads.

COURT NIXES FEES FOR SUNSHINE REQUESTS

The Missouri Supreme Court on June 30 unanimously ruled government agencies have no legal authority to charge fees for having their attorneys review public documents prior to fulfilling records requests under the state Sunshine Law.

In the case, the court said sufficient evidence was pleaded that Gov. Mike Parson's office "had an intent to violate the law" when it charged excessive fees and committed other alleged violations related to a 2018 records request.

Although the Sunshine Law allows public records to be closed under certain circumstances, it doesn't require the closure of any records. However, it is not uncommon for government agencies to demand fees for time spent by attorneys to determine whether requested records can be closed under the law.

In the 6-0 ruling written by Judge Patricia Breckenridge, the court said the law only allows fees for certain purposes related to document retrieval and copying and that attorney reviews aren't a mandatory part of that process.

"A public records request may be fulfilled without any attorney review time," Breckenridge wrote. "Therefore, (the Sunshine Law) does not authorize a public governmental body to charge attorney review time as research time required for fulfilling records."

The case was brought by attorney and open government advocate Elad Gross who had filed a records request with the governor's office in 2018.

Parson's office sought to charge him \$3,618.40 to fulfil the request, nearly all of which was for 90 hours of attorney review time at \$40 an hour. Gross sued instead, but a Cole County judge ruled in favor of the governor. In reversing that decision, the Supreme Court ordered the case, *Gross v. Parson*, back to the trial court for further proceedings.

EPA WARNS STATE ON EMISSIONS TESTING

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has sent Gov. Mike Parson a letter

warning Missouri it could be hit with severe financial sanctions if he signs legislation that would eliminate vehicle emissions testing for residents of Franklin, Jefferson and St. Charles counties, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported on June 25.

According to the bill's fiscal note, noncompliance could cost the state about \$52 million a year in lost federal highway funding.

The three counties, along with St. Louis City and St. Louis County, are the only jurisdictions in the state subject to the vehicle testing requirement due to poor air quality in the St. Louis metropolitan area. In the letter, an EPA official said the vehicle inspection program remains required by federal law in all five Missouri jurisdictions.

The vehicle testing provision is included in House Bill 661, a wide-ranging 87-page omnibus bill that includes numerous provisions relating to transportation. The governor has through July 14 to either sign or veto the bill.



My parents and I presented replica \$1,000 Candice M. Richie Memorial Scholarship checks from the Hickman Mills Educational Foundation on June 29 to two Ruskin High School cheerleaders who graduated this year in honor of my late sister who was a four-year varsity cheerleader at Hickman Mills High School. The recipients are Imani Thompson who plans to attend Kansas State University in the top picture and Emily Druen who plans to attend Rockhurst University.

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INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP OF
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Dear Community & Neighborhood Association Leaders,

You are invited to participate in a virtual training session on economic development incentive tools presented by the Economic Development Corporation. Below is a link to register for this session, which will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

[EDC Incentive Tools Training Registration](#)

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

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Medical eligibility questions? Call 1.800.688.0900



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(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.

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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.



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
- Photographic 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:



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

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

Get Your Child Tax Credit!

If you have a child under the age of 18, you are eligible for cash assistance under the Child Tax Credit expansion, passed in March (the American Rescue Plan). You can receive up to **\$300 per child every month** for a year (2021-2022). That's up to \$3,600 *per child*. This hugely important progressive program is expected to cut childhood poverty in the U.S. in half, and Kansas City must take advantage of it!

To receive these funds from the IRS, **you must file a 2020 tax return OR fill out the Non-filer form on the IRS website:** <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool>

Need help? Call 211 for free tax help from United Way. Or visit the IRS office in Union Station (30 West Pershing Rd. Suite 600, KCMO).

Please forward and share this information.

July Food Appointments Available

CAC has food appointments available 9 to 2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, plus 4 to 6 pm Wednesday, July 7, and 9 am to noon, Saturday, July 24. 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

Fox 4's Mark Alford will MC this very fun evening to support Community Assistance Council. 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.
- 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.

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 FREE Empower program is designed to help with many of these needs and more. Hickman Mills families can sign up 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.

CAC Eating Smart • Being Active Class

You can still join our Eating Smart • Being Active class Wednesdays, through 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 video/phone link.

Hazardous Waste Collection July 31

Sixth District Hazardous Household Waste Collection Day is 8 am to noon, Saturday, July 31 at Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St., KCMO. Accepted items include household cleaners, lawn and garden products, paint, pesticides and more. Download the flyer [HERE](#) for details.

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!

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- \$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!

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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/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

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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

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](#), or sending a completed application and verification documents by email to FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov, or by fax to 573-526-9400.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

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

Questions:

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

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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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- The TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477)
- Online at www.kccrimestoppers.com
- The P3 Mobile App

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