

Don't forget the special free household hazardous waste drop-off from 8 to noon tomorrow (Saturday, July 31) at the south parking lot of Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St., just east of the intersection of Blue Ridge Blvd. & Red Bridge Rd.

Please see the flyer below for details on what items will be accepted.

Normally hazardous waste must be taken all the way to the city's Environmental Campus at 4707 Deramus Ave. to be disposed of properly.

I had the opportunity on July 28 to join other elected and appointed officials, community leaders, news media representatives and area residents at the grand opening of the 50,000 square foot new Ball's Price Chopper at 5665 E. Bannister Rd. which replaces the outdated Price Chopper at 9550 Blue Ridge Blvd.

The new store was built on the site of the demolished eastern part of the former Kmart store on the southwest corner of Bannister & Hillcrest Roads, just across Hillcrest Rd. from my legislative district.

Besides already providing new jobs for scores of area residents and Ruskin High School students and still seeking more new employees, the new store is expected to stimulate additional economic growth along the Bannister Rd corridor. A new Hampton Inn is now under construction on the north side

of Bannister just east of I-435. A new Taco Bell recently opened on the north side of Bannister almost directly across the street from the new Price Chopper.

Unlike the now closed Price Chopper on Blue Ridge, the new store has a large in-house bakery, a floral department, a greatly expanded produce department with more organic and precut products and a much larger deli with a meat smoker and salad, soup and wing bars, plus indoor seating.

Other officials attending the grand opening included KCMO City Council members Lee Barnes and Ryana Parks-Shaw; Grandview City Alderwoman Debbie Bibbs; Hickman Mills School Superintendent Yaw Obeng; Hickman Mills School Board members Byron Townsend (president), DaRon McGee (vice president), Carol Graves, Irene Kendrick and Cecil Wattree; and Maurice Glover, community outreach liaison for KCMO Mayor Quinton Lucas.

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

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Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, my legislative aide, <u>Kaylee Bauer</u> 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 joined numerous area officials as well as scores of neighborhood residents at the July 28 ribbon cutting celebrating the grand opening of the new Ball's Price Chopper at the southwest corner of Bannister & Hillcrest Roads which is expected to help attract more businesses and jobs to the Bannister Rd. corridor.

WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE Friday, July 30, 2021

STATE ORDERED TO PAY \$1.14 MILLION

A three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on July 26 ruled Missouri must pay \$1.14 million in legal fees as part of a lawsuit the state settled in 2019 over allegations it had violated the federal National Voter Registration Act.

Despite agreeing to comply with the law, the state disputed the amount of fees awarded to the attorneys who brought the case.

The League of Women Voters of Missouri and other groups filed the lawsuit in April 2018 claiming the state hadn't been automatically updating voter registration information, as required by federal law, when Missourians submitted address changes to the state Department of Revenue.

In settling the case in November 2019, the Revenue Department agreed to redirect residents who submit address changes on-line to the Secretary of State's voter registration site. The Revenue Department also agreed to modify its handling of address changes made in person or by mail to better ensure voter registration information is updated.

In upholding the attorney fees, the appellate panel said the state offered no evidence those fees were excessive.

The case is League of Women Voters of Missouri v. Ashcroft.

OFFICIAL SUES OVER BALLOT LANGUAGE

Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick filed a lawsuit against Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft on July 19 challenging ballot language Ashcroft's office wrote for a proposed constitutional amendment that will go on the statewide ballot next year to give the treasurer greater flexibility in investing state funds.

In the lawsuit, Fitzpatrick argues the ballot language is argumentative and likely to prejudice voters against the measure. In particular, the ballot language says it would "allow the General Assembly to override the current constitutional restrictions of state investments by the state treasurer." However, the wording of the proposed amendment grants the legislature no role in managing state investments, which is the constitutional responsibility of the treasurer.

Lawmakers approved House Joint Resolution 35 in May to place the question before voters. HJR 35 passed on votes of 156-1 in the House of Representatives and 32-0 in the Senate. It will appear on the Nov. 8, 2022, statewide ballot as Amendment 1.

Fitzpatrick is asking a Cole County judge to rewrite the ballot language to impartially reflect what Amendment 1 would do if ratified by voters.

The case is Fitzpatrick v. Ashcroft.

BILL WITH MULTIPLE SUBJECTS STRUCK DOWN

The Missouri Supreme Court on July 22 unanimously struck down 2018 state legislation containing provisions relating to elections, tax levy reporting and fire protection districts, saying it violates a state constitutional prohibition against bills containing multiple subjects.

As originally filed and passed by the House of Representatives, House Bill 1446 sought to allow more small municipalities to forgo holding elections for uncontested offices.

The Senate, however, added three provisions – one requiring the Missouri Department of Revenue to annually compile a list of all sales and use taxes it collects, another expanding access to records of voters who have requested absentee ballots and a third relating to the interplay between municipalities and local fire protection districts in certain counties. Those additional provisions remained in the final version of the bill signed into law by the governor. In the court's written opinion, Chief Justice Paul Wilson said since the bill's title says its subject is "elections" but it contains provisions unrelated to elections, HB 1446 is unconstitutional. Although the court typically severs the unconstitutional portions of bills while upholding the rest, Wilson said the court was unable to do that with HB 1446 because it isn't clear the legislature would have enacted the bill without the unconstitutional portions.

Although the bill was challenged over opposition to the fire districts' provision, perhaps the most significant impact of the ruling will be that municipalities with more than 1,000 residents, but fewer than 2,000, residents, will again be required to hold elections when candidates for office are running unopposed.

The case is City of De Soto v. Parson.

COURT UPHOLDS MALPRACTICE DAMAGE CAPS

After striking down a previous law attempting to limit non-economic damages in medical malpractice cases, the Missouri Supreme Court on July 22 upheld the constitutionality of the latest version of the statute.

However, a dissenting judge warned the majority ruling allows the legislature to pull a "blatant end-run" around the state constitution's guarantee of the right to trial by jury.

The case involved a woman who sued doctors at Truman Medical Center in Kansas City claiming they negligently handled the Caesarian delivery of her child and her postpartum care, allegedly causing her to suffer major injuries. The jury found in her favor and awarded her \$30,000 in economic damages and \$1 million in non-economic damages, which includes compensation for things such as pain and suffering.

Because of a 2015 law capping non-economic damages, the trial judge reduced that portion of the award to \$748,828. In her appeal, the woman argued the cap unconstitutionally interferes with the ability of juries to determine appropriate damages.

In earlier cases, the Supreme Court has ruled that while the General

Assembly can cap damages in cases involving statutorily created causes of action, it can't do so when the cause of action existed under the English common law prior to Missouri becoming a state in 1821. That's because of a provision of the state constitution saying "the right to trial by jury as heretofore enjoyed shall remain inviolate."

After the high court struck down an earlier version of medical malpractice damage cap law in a 2012 case, the legislature passed a new version in 2015 that eliminated medical malpractice as a common law cause of action and replaced it with an identical, but statutorily created, cause of action.

Writing for the five-judge majority, Judge Zel Fishcer said: "It is undisputed that the General Assembly possesses the authority to abolish common law causes of action." Since medical malpractice is now a statutory cause of action in Missouri, the majority said lawmakers have the authority to impose a damage cap in those cases.

In his dissenting opinion, Judge George Draper III disputed that the Missouri Constitution allows lawmakers to abolish causes of action and recreate them just to avoid constitutional constraints.

"This Court's holding provides the legislature with unconstitutional carte blanche to limit the constitutional right to trial by jury through hostile legislation," Draper wrote of the case, *Velazquez v. University Physician Associates*.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - July 28, 2021

Mayor Lucas Announces Reinstatement of Indoor Mask Mandate

Action follows new masking recommendation by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Areas with High Rates of COVID-19 Transmission, including Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Following new masking guidance issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to curb the spread of COVID-19, Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas today announced that he will reinstate an indoor mask mandate—for all persons aged five and older, regardless of vaccination status—in places of public accommodation, effective at 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 2 through at least 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 28.

In light of recent litigation between the State of Missouri and the City and County of St. Louis, Mayor Lucas will also introduce a resolution in the weeks ahead for City Council support of emergency actions. Mayor Lucas stands with Mayor Tishaura Jones and County Executive Sam Page in protecting Missourians from the spread of COVID-19.

"Since COVID-19 first entered our community, Kansas City has followed the guidance issued by our nation's leading scientific experts at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and locally by our own Health Department and regional health care leaders," **said Mayor Lucas**. "With a 15 percent increase in hospitalizations over the past week and a full vaccination rate of just 39 percent in Kansas City, the CDC and our own Health Department have issued recommendations that all persons—regardless of vaccination status—begin masking in all places of indoor public accommodation. As such, Kansas Citians will need to begin masking in all indoor public places on Monday to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community and throughout Missouri." "Still, the most effective way to rid COVID-19 from our community is to get vaccinated, and we will continue our efforts to reach all Kansas Citians in all neighborhoods about the importance of taking the vaccine," **continued Mayor Lucas.** "I applaud all who have taken the COVID-19 vaccine, and who have shared the importance of the vaccine with their friends and family—please keep talking with those close to you about how the vaccine is the best way to protect themselves and those around them and our community. I thank all Kansas Citians, our businesses, and our schools for understanding the reinstatement of the mask requirement is a necessary and immediate step we must take to protect our community."

"Vaccinations are the best of all prevention measures," **said Kansas City Health Department Deputy Director Health Frank Thompson**. "As long as transmission continues, variants will continue to develop. We don't know what the next variant will look like, how virulent it will be, and that should concern everyone. Because less than 50 percent of Kansas City is vaccinated, and transmission is still occurring, Kansas Citians should wear a mask according to CDC guidance. The Kansas City metro area has so many jurisdictions, and few people stay in just one to live, work, and play. No matter where you travel to in the metro, please continue to mask up. This is one important way we can all protect each other."

Vaccination Opportunities:

The Kansas City Health Department offers COVID-19 vaccine clinics at the Health Department, 2400 Troost Avenue, each Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. **Walk-ins are welcome.**

Any Kansas Citian interested in being paired with a COVID-19 vaccine may also call 3-1-1 or visit <u>www.kcmo.gov/coronavirus</u>.

Later this week, Mayor Lucas will share additional details related to incentives for Kansas Citians who choose to take the COVID-19 vaccine ahead of the Gucci Mane and Garth Brooks concerts, among other upcoming community events.



Missouri Department of Public Safety **NEWS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MICHAEL L. PARSON, GOVERNOR SANDY KARSTEN, DIRECTOR

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 26, 2021

To improve services, state task force invites Missourians to complete survey on rights of sexual assault victims and survivors

Newly formed state task force requests public comment and provide suggestions in order to strengthen protections and services for Missouri sexual assault victims

JEFFERSON CITY – A new state task force is seeking comments and suggestions from the public on how to strengthen protections and services for Missouri sexual assault victims. Comments and suggestions are being gathered through an online survey at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MORightsTaskForce</u>. The survey closes Sept. 30, 2021.

The **Missouri Rights of Victims of Sexual Assault Task Force** has also scheduled four online public hearings to gather suggestions and comments from experts from a variety of fields who have been asked to testify.

The task force was created through Senate Bill 569, which was signed into law by Governor Mike Parson in July 2020. In addition to including the "Justice for Survivors Act" and the "Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights," it <u>mandated establishment of the task force</u>, which must "collect feedback from stakeholders, practitioners, and leadership throughout the state and local law enforcement, victim services, forensic science practitioners, and health care communities to inform development of future best practices or clinical guidelines regarding the care and treatment of survivors."

SB 569 also requires the task force to study nationally recognized best practices and make recommendations regarding the development and implementation of a method for tracking and investigating complaints about the handling of sexual assault investigations and reporting, and the development of documentation to be provided to sexual assault survivors informing them of their rights. It also directs the task force to determine when there is a need for additional employees or volunteers at rape crisis centers, determine the costs of meeting the potential need and methods for meeting the need.

The task force, which includes members of the General Assembly, the Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Public Safety, Missouri Hospital Association and representatives from a rape crisis center and a coalition against domestic and sexual violence, created the online survey for comments from the public. Anyone is invited to provide comments through Sept. 30, 2021. The survey and additional information about the task force are available on the task force website at https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvsu/task-force.php.

There will also be four virtual public hearings this year during which invited stakeholders will share their comments and recommendations. Each of the four individual listening sessions will deal with a specific topic related to the experiences of sexual assault victims. The public hearings will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the following dates:

- Aug. 25, Standard Practices
- Sept. 14, Survivor Privacy
- Sept. 22, Funding
- Sept. 28, Evidence Collection

The public hearings will be conducted through WebEx. Information on how to listen in will be provided on the task force <u>website</u> once it is available.

The task force is also required to collect data on sexual assault reporting, arrests, prosecution rates, access to sexual assault victim services, and any other relevant information for its deliberations and recommendations.

The task force is required to submit a report on its findings, including any majority and dissenting opinions to the Governor and General Assembly by Dec. 31, 2021. The Department of Public Safety is tasked with providing administrative support to the task force.



Drug Enforcement Administration St. Louis Division Todd L. Zimmerman, Special Agent in Charge

Contact: Andree Swanson, 571-362-5149 July 28, 2021 • <u>www.dea.gov</u> • @DEAStLouisDiv

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DEA St. Louis Division Breaks Fentanyl Seizure Record

First three quarters of fiscal year have topped 107 kilograms of fentanyl seized

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Drug Enforcement Administration region that includes Missouri, Kansas and part of Illinois has seized a record 107 kilograms of fentanyl already this fiscal year, topping the 104 kilograms seized in 2019.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention cited fentanyl as a primary factor behind the nearly 30 percent increase in overdose deaths in 2020. Synthetic opioid deaths, mainly illicitly manufactured fentanyl, rose almost 55 percent.

"We're seeing tremendous amounts of fentanyl across the country, peddled by drug trafficking organizations that don't care about human life," said Special Agent in Charge Todd Zimmerman, head of DEA St. Louis Division. "They're putting fentanyl into pills that look like the real thing, but they're counterfeit. DEA's investigators are working hard to stop this dangerous drug from reaching into our neighborhoods, but we want people to be aware that these pills could be deadly."

DEA St. Louis Division seizures for the last four years:

FY2018 – 34 kilograms FY2019 – 104 kilograms FY2020 – 82 kilograms FY2021 (first three quarters) – 107 kilograms

DEA St. Louis Division was selected in March this year to be part of DEA's Project Wave Breaker, which directs interdiction, enforcement, and outreach efforts to disrupt the flow of fentanyl in and around the United States. The initiative employs analytical intelligence assets to target the activities of transnational criminal organizations, which are the primary suppliers and distributors of illicit fentanyl and fentanyl substances throughout the United States.

Facts about fentanyl:

• A kilogram of fentanyl can potentially make 500,000 counterfeit pills.

- Of counterfeit pills tested in DEA laboratories, one in four pills made with fentanyl contained a potentially lethal dose.
- Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is approximately 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent that morphine.
- The seizure of fentanyl-laced pills along the Southwest border increased more than 89 percent from January 2019 to December 2020.

Project Wave Breaker aims to reduce the amount of fentanyl coming across the Southwest border, reduce crime and violence associated with drug trafficking, and ultimately save lives by reducing the demand for illicit fentanyl.

For resources and additional information on fentanyl and other illicit drugs, visit www.dea.gov/divisions/facts-about-fentanyl.

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Video footage: https://vimeo.com/538781644

Photos on DEA.gov: https://www.dea.gov/galleries/drug-images/fentanyl



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
- Houshold 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:



Councilmembers McManus & Bough Sixth District





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

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



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featuring Ciara Dixon, Licensed Professional Counselor

Saturday, July 31st 12-IPM

with a raffle to give away gift cards! must register & attend to win* Link to Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ Eqceuupj4iHNzalip_OoYMwzHlxdByUaWx

Healthy **Relationships &** Toxic **Relationships: Recognizing Red Flags & Building Boundaries**

> Please register using the link or at. @YouthAmbassadorsKC in bio Ages 14+

ONE ENTRY = ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL SUBSEQUENT DRAWINGS * WINNERS MAY NOT WIN MORE THAN ONE TIME *

How to Enter

Missourians can enter to win using our secure online form at MOStopsCovid.com/win. Those unable to enter online can call (877) 435-8411.

We will not automatically enter Missourians who have been vaccinated. You must enter separately.

Winner Prizes & Categories

The Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services will partner with the Missouri Lottery to draw 180 winners in 5 randomized drawings who will win either \$10,000 cash or \$10,000 towards an education savings account. In total, the state will award 900 individuals throughout the incentive program.

Red Pool	White Pool	Blue Pool
Missourians 18+	Missourians 18+	Missourians 12 to 17
If you are a Missourian	If you are a Missourian	If you are a Missourian
18 years of age or older	18 years of age or older	between the ages of 12 to
and received at least	and received at least	17, you may register for a
one dose of a COVID-19	one dose of a COVID-19	chance to win a \$10,000
vaccine after July 21,	vaccine before July 21,	education savings
2021 , you may register for	2021 , you may register for	account through the
a chance to win \$10,000	a chance to win \$10,000	Missouri State Treasurer's
in the red category.	in the white category.	MOST 529 program.

Drawing Timeline

Vaccinated individuals only need to enter one time to be eligible for all drawings that occur after the date their entry is received.

	ENTRY DEADLINE AT 11:59 P.M.	DRAWING DATES
DRAW #1	AUGUST 11, 2021	AUGUST 13, 2021
DRAW #2	AUGUST 25, 2021	AUGUST 27, 2021
DRAW #3	SEPTEMBER 8, 2021	SEPTEMBER 10, 2021
DRAW #4	SEPTEMBER 22, 2021	SEPTEMBER 24, 2021
DRAW #5	OCTOBER 6, 2021	OCTOBER 8, 2021
DRAW #3 DRAW #4	SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 SEPTEMBER 22, 2021	SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 SEPTEMBER 24, 202

Questions?

Translation services available online and by phone





COVID-19 Hotline (877) 435-8411

FIFTH DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: Monday,August 20,2021 Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm Location: Southeast Community Center 4201 E. 63rd St., KCMO 64130 In-person and virtual

Name: Robert Farmer

Title: Senior Vice-President, Urban America Topic: Update on 63rd St. Project

Name: Officer Bryan Masterson

Title: Community Interaction Officer, KCPD Metro Patrol Topic: KCPD report

Name: Frank Thompson

Title: Interim Director of Health Department Topic: COVID report and vaccination opportunity

Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting Or call in (audio only) +1872-212-5076,,984046603# United States, Chicago Phone Conference ID: 984 046603# Find a local number | Reset PIN Learn More | Meeting options



VISIBILITY STRATEGY SESSION - THURSDAY

Join us for the second strategy session on Visibility, which is a virtual meeting set for 3:30-5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 5! To let us know you'll be attending, please fill out <u>this form</u> and an invitation with a meeting link will be sent to you before the meeting.

VISIBILITY

STREETSCAPES • QUALITY DESIGN • CULTURAL ASSETS PARKS & OPEN SPACES • HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Strategy Session - June 29, 2021

Strategy Session - August 5, 2021

Strategy Session - September 2021

MOBILITY

AUTOMOBILES • TRANSIT • BIKING WALKING • COMPLETE STREETS

Strategy Session - July 27, 2021 Strategy Session - August 2021 Strategy Session - September 2021 Strategy Session - October 2021 Strategy Session - November 2021



LIVABILITY

AFFORDABILITY • CODE ENFORCEMENT NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Strategy Session - Fall 2021

Strategy Session - Winter 2021

Strategy Session - Winter 2021

SERVICEABILITY

INFRASTRUCTURE • CITY SERVICES CITY RESOURCES • GROWTH

Strategy Session - Fall 2021

Strategy Session - Winter 2021

Strategy Session - Winter 2021

Dates and times are subject to change. For the most current information and meeting details, visit: playbook.kcmo.gov

* FREE OUTDOOR * MOVIE NIGHT *

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 8:30 PM PRESHOW, 9:00 PM FEATURED FILM





Please forward and share this information.

AUGUST 12 TRIVIA NIGHT NEWS:

Pre-Purchase Chiefs Raffle Tickets

Trivia Night will follow City Mask Guidelines

CAC is now offering raffle tickets for the Nov. 7 Chiefs - Packers package (Section 124, Row 37, Seats 7 - 10, Red Parking Pass - \$1,000 value) for pre-sale. Raffle tickets are \$50 each and only 100 are available. Click <u>HERE</u> to purchase online now before trivia night. Need not be there Aug. 12 to win, but we hope you are!

Trivia Night will follow the City of KCMO's mask guidelines. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available onsite. We will space team tables apart and attendees can stay within their team/table of 6.

Fox 4's Mark Alford is the Trivia Night MC and, in addition to the trivia contest, we've got audience participation games, so you know it's going to be a fun evening! There are only 30 trivia tables available so click <u>HERE</u> to get your team registered today! We've heard a lot of people say they plan to bring a team but haven't reserved a table. To ensure you have a table, register online now!

• Bring a trivia team of six, \$100/team.

- Come individually for \$20 and we'll find you a team.
- Purchase food onsite, donations cash bar. No outside food and drink

please.

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Get in the spirit with fun team name, "costume", table decorations. Go with the Games theme for bonus points.

Join in participation games that require no knowledge!

• Register/sponsor online <u>HERE</u>. Download PDF of reg/sponsor form <u>HERE</u>.

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





Finding information on SNAP, MO HealthNet, Energy Assistance, and other programs just got easier

Check out the new <u>myDSS.mo.gov</u> website redesign

The Department of Social Services redesigned the Family Support Division website, <u>myDSS.mo.gov</u> to give easy access to information on SNAP, MO HealthNet, and other programs such as Energy Assistance, Child Care Subsidy, Temporary Assistance, Child Support Enforcement, Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, and Employment and Training opportunities. The redesign also streamlined the application process to more easily find information and resources that help clients manage and keep their benefits. Plus, it's mobile-friendly for use when and where it's needed.

<u>MyDSS.mo.gov</u> gives you immediate 24/7 access to do business without waiting for service or leaving home.

For questions not specific to an individual's case, use the <u>DSS Virtual</u> <u>Assistant</u> to get immediate answers to basic questions 24 hours a day. Phone assistance is also available Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. call 855-FSD-INFO or 855-373-4636.

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 six 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.

Red Bridge United Methodist Church, 636 E. 117th St., from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month in the church parking lot.



The August 2021 issue of Kansas City's Most Wanted is now available.

Your monthly delivery of Kansas City's Most Wanted is here! Take a look at this month's local fugitives and see if you recognize anyone. If so, submit an anonymous TIP and you could receive a cash reward! No one will ever know except you.

TIPS can be anonymously submitted via the following methods:

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

Thank you for your continued support of the Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers program.

*Note: If your browser is still displaying last month's issue, please try opening the page in an incognito window.





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