



Dear Neighbor,

Persons interested in serving on the Grandview C-4 Board of Education which includes part of my legislative district may apply to fill a vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of first term Board member Amy Blankenship.

The appointment to the unpaid but very important position (which will be made by the remaining Board members) will be for the remainder of her unexpired three-year term which ends on April 5, 2022, when the next school board election will be held.

**Anyone interested must submit a letter of intent to the Board in time to be received no later than noon Friday, October 1. Letters may be emailed to [boe@grandviewc4.net](mailto:boe@grandviewc4.net) or mailed to Grandview C-4 Board of Education, 13015 10<sup>th</sup> St., Grandview, MO 64030. The letter must include the applicant's name, address, phone number, email and the reason he or she wants to serve on the Board.**

To qualify as a Board member, an applicant must be at least 24 years old, a citizen, a resident taxpayer of the District and have lived in Missouri for at least a year immediately prior to his or her selection. An applicant must not be delinquent in the payment of taxes, must not have been found guilty of a felony or misdemeanor and not be required to register as a sex offender. An applicant also must have filed all required campaign finance disclosures for any previous campaigns.

Anyone appointed who would want to continue to serve on the Board would have to be elected April 5. The filing deadline for Board positions is December 28.

**Free Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations provided by Swope Health will be available for anyone 12 years old and up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, September 4, at Laborers Local 663, 7820 Prospect. Persons under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to authorize their vaccinations. Persons may make arrangements for their second dose while at the event.**

Persons being vaccinated will receive \$25 QuikTrip gift cards and food boxes from Harvesters.

The event is sponsored by the A. Phillip Randolph Institute, the Greater Kansas City AFL-CIO and the Greater Kansas City Building & Construction Trades Council. Information on union apprenticeships also will be available at the event.

I'm pleased to see that another major new business has located just a few blocks south of my legislative district. A 4-story Comfort Suites with 75 suites, an indoor pool, fitness center, business center and other amenities has opened in Grandview at the southwest corner of the west access road to I-49 and Harry S. Truman Drive south of Truman's Marketplace.

**The new hotel will host an open house and tours from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, September 11. Persons may RSVP to General Manager Tamika Pouncil at 816-491-1934 or [grandviewcomfortsuites@gmail.com](mailto:grandviewcomfortsuites@gmail.com) but walk-ins also are welcome.**

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*



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**I appeared on the field in my Monarchs jersey at Kauffman Stadium during pre-game ceremonies before the August 31 Royals game versus the Cleveland Indians to promote purchases of the special Negro Leagues Baseball Museum license plate to raise statewide awareness of the museum and funds for its operation that was authorized by legislation sponsored by Senator Barbara Anne Washington that I handled in the House.**

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**In May, Missouri Governor, Mike Parson was joined by State Senator, Barbara Washington, State Representative, Mark Sharp and NLBM President, Bob Kendrick, at Kauffman Stadium to sign SB 189, which creates a special Missouri license plate commemorating the NLBM.**

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**It gives motorists the option of donating \$10 to the museum, making them eligible to apply for the specialty license plate. The plate itself requires another \$15 charge on top of the regular license plate registration fee. The law went into effect on August 28th.**

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**The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum can begin collecting the 200 applications for Missouri Personalized and Special License Plate, Form 1716, along with the \$15 specialty plate fee and Emblem Use Authorization Statement (EUAS), for the one-time \$10 donation to the NLBM for each of the 200 applications submitted.**

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**APPLY TODAY**

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# WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, September 3, 2021

## JUDGE DECLINES TO BLOCK GUN LAW

A Cole County judge on Aug. 27 declined to grant a preliminary injunction blocking enforcement of a new Missouri law purporting to declare certain federal gun laws invalid and unenforceable in the state and imposing penalties on local law enforcement agencies that assist federal authorities in investigating violations of such laws.

The measure has been in effect since it was signed into law by the governor on June 12.

In his brief order, Circuit Judge Daniel Green didn't address the merits of the lawsuit challenging House Bill 85, which the Missouri General Assembly enacted earlier this year on straight party line votes with no Democratic support.

Instead, Green said the plaintiff's request for a declaratory judgment that the law is unconstitutional isn't proper since they have other legal avenues to pursue their claims.

**St. Louis City and St. Louis County jointly filed the lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the law in June, and Jackson County subsequently joined the suit. They argued the law violates the U.S. Constitution's Supremacy Clause which prohibits individual states from invalidating federal laws.**

The U.S. Department of Justice filed a brief in support of the plaintiffs' position and argued the law has already chilled cooperation between state and federal law

enforcement officials in criminal investigations.

**In addition to purporting to nullify certain federal gun laws, HB 85 authorizes alleged violators of those laws to sue Missouri law enforcement agencies for a \$50,000 civil fine per occurrence, plus attorney fees, for assisting federal authorities in their arrests.**

The bill also subjects law enforcement agencies to \$50,000 civil fines merely for hiring a former federal agent who previously 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.

The new law is labeled as the "Second Amendment Preservation Act".

### **JUDGE OKAYS PARSON CUTTING JOBLESS BENEFITS**

A Cole County judge on Aug. 31 upheld Gov. Mike Parson's decision to cut off Missourians from enhanced federal unemployment benefits, saying the governor acted within his legal authority.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of unemployed workers and sought reinstatement of the benefits which were paid from federal funds, retroactive to when the governor ended them.

**Congress approved the enhanced benefits last year amid high unemployment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Parson withdrew Missouri from the optional program in June, claiming it would encourage more people to find jobs.**

In the months since Parson's decision, its impact on Missouri's labor market has been negligible.

Although the wisdom of the governor's policy decision is subject to debate, Circuit Judge Jon Beetem said Parson acted within his discretion in making it.

**"The court will not substitute its judgment for that of Missouri's duly elected Governor on such an important policy question, which both**

**Missouri law and the principle of separation of powers confer on Missouri's Executive Branch," Beetem wrote.**

Under the enhanced unemployment benefits, recipients received an extra \$300 a week. Congress has not renewed the program, which is set to expire Sept. 6.

The case is *I.D v. Michael L. Parson*.

### **COURT WON'T HEAR CHALLENGE TO GUN BAN**

The Missouri Supreme Court on Aug. 31 declined to take Attorney General Eric Schmitt's appeal of a state appellate court ruling that largely upheld the University of Missouri System's prohibition against firearms on its four campuses but struck down part of the rule relating to firearms stored in personal vehicles parked on university grounds.

**The case, originally filed by an MU law professor in 2015 but later taken over by Schmitt's office, challenged a long-existing UM System rule barring firearms on campus.**

The lawsuit claimed the rule violates a 2014 state constitutional amendment that revised the gun-rights provision of the Missouri Constitution. However, the Supreme Court subsequently ruled in several unrelated cases that the 2014 amendment created no new or expanded rights and merely restated gun-rights protections as they already existed.

Although a trial judge in 2019 upheld the entirety of the university's rule, a three-judge panel of the Missouri Court of Appeals Western District in February ruled that a portion of the rule barring firearms that are stowed out of sight in locked vehicles on campus is pre-empted by a state law that specifically allows state employees to keep weapons in their vehicles. The appellate panel agreed with the trial judge that the rest of the rule passed constitutional muster.

**In his appeal, Schmitt asked the Supreme Court to invalidate the rule in its entirety. The court rejected Schmitt's request without comment in a brief entry in the court's minutes.**



The case is *State ex rel. Eric Schmitt v. Mun Choi*.



**I had the opportunity to get a good look at one of Union Pacific's "Big Boy" giant steam locomotives that was built in 1941 and is longer than two buses when it was on display September 2 at Union Station. Whenever the "Big Boy" has passed through Martin City just south of my legislative district it has always drawn a crowd of onlookers.**



**Missourians including members of the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition, the League of Women Voters and other civic groups (some of whom are shown here posing with Congresswoman Cori Bush from St. Louis in the black GET IN GOOD TROUBLE tee shirt) participated in the August 28 rallies and march for voting rights in Washington, D.C., to demonstrate support for passage of the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.**

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***City Manager makes commitment to increase clean energy fleet***  
**Kansas City going green with electric vehicles**

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The push toward a healthier environment is taking another step forward with City Manager Brian Platt's announcement that new municipal fleet purchases for the City of Kansas City, Missouri, must all be full battery electric vehicles where available.

“This is a big and bold step toward cleaner air, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and decreasing the city’s dependence on fossil fuels, Platt said. “We all want cleaner air in Kansas City, and to reduce our impact on the planet for future generations.”

Platt on Wednesday signed the new policy, called an administrative regulation, in a ceremony at a city-owned parking lot at 18th & Lydia.

Air pollution contributes to the high rate of asthma in the central city, so reducing gas emissions will make breathing easier for many of our residents. Additionally, increasing our use of electric vehicles will help us achieve our climate protection goals.

“The municipal fleet produces approximately 15% of the city’s greenhouse gas emissions,” said Andy Savastino, the city’s Chief Environmental Officer. “Electrification of our fleet is a necessary step to reach the city’s goal of carbon neutrality for municipal operations by 2030.”

The City of Kansas City already has about 15 electric vehicles in its fleet.

Kansas City has pledged to be climate neutral citywide by 2040. Go to [kcmo.gov](https://www.kcmo.gov) to learn more about the planning process and join the conversation on electric vehicles and other strategies.

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# FREE COVID-19 VACCINE FOR ANYONE 12 & OLDER\*

(PFIZER OR JOHNSON & JOHNSON)

**DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

**TIME: 10 AM-2 PM**

**PLACE: LABORERS UNION HALL**

7820 PROSPECT AVENUE, KANSAS CITY MO 64132

\*IF UNDER 18 YEARS OLD, A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST BE WITH YOU TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE.

VACCINES PROVIDED AND ADMINISTERED BY **swopeHEALTH**



**FREE \$25  
QUIKTRIP  
GIFT CARD**

FOR ANYONE WHO  
GETS THE VACCINE  
PROVIDED BY LOCAL  
LABOR LEADERS



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**FREE FOOD  
BOXES**  
WILL BE PROVIDED BY  
HARVESTERS



## Medicaid Order and Judgement

In accordance with the Cole County Circuit Court's [August 10 Order](#), individuals may [apply for healthcare coverage through Missouri Medicaid \(MO HealthNet\)](#) under Article IV Section 36(c) of the Missouri Constitution.

This Medicaid [Order and Judgement](#) is posted on our website at [mydss.mo.gov](#) as required. This notice does not ask or require anything from you. It is just to inform you of the Order and Judgement.

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## One-time Summer P-EBT benefit

If your family receives SNAP and has an eligible child under age six, your family will automatically get a one-time Summer Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefit of \$375 for that child added to your household's existing EBT card.

Last Friday, half of those eligible Missouri SNAP families received that benefit. The remaining SNAP households with an eligible child under age 6 will get that Summer P-EBT benefit added this Friday, September 3, 2021.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) continues to process P-EBT applications. All submitted P-EBT applications received or postmarked by August 20, 2021 (including all denied applications) will be automatically reviewed for eligibility for a Summer P-EBT benefit. Families do not need to take any action for their child to be considered for the Summer P-EBT benefit. Children who are eligible for Summer P-EBT will be issued a one-time benefit of \$375.

### 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.

### More Information

- The [Missouri Services Navigator](#) has information on over 2,800 programs and services available in the state. Missourians in need of information on SNAP, Medicaid, Child Care Subsidy, LIHEAP, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit programs can visit [dss.mo.gov](#).

## More Information

If you need information on SNAP, Medicaid, Child Care Subsidy, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit programs, visit [dss.mo.gov](#).

You can also apply for these services 24/7 online by visiting [myDSS.mo.gov](#), sending completed

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applications and verification documents by email to [FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov](mailto:FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov), or by fax to 573-526-9400.

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**Our Mission:**

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

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**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](https://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 Missourians 18+

If you are a Missourian 18 years of age or older and received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine **after July 21, 2021**, you may register for a chance to win \$10,000 in the red category.

### White Pool Missourians 18+

If you are a Missourian 18 years of age or older and received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine **before July 21, 2021**, you may register for a chance to win \$10,000 in the white category.

### Blue Pool Missourians 12 to 17

If you are a Missourian between the ages of 12 to 17, you may register for a chance to win a \$10,000 education savings account through the Missouri State Treasurer's 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.

	<b>ENTRY DEADLINE AT 11:59 P.M.</b>	<b>DRAWING DATES</b>
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

## Questions?

Translation services available online and by phone

COVID-19 Website  
[MOStopsCovid.com](https://MOStopsCovid.com)



COVID-19 Hotline  
(877) 435-8411

THE URBAN RANGERS CORPS



# SHREDDING EVENT

St. Elizabeth Church  
2 East 75th Street, Kansas City, MO 64114  
Saturday, September 11, 2021  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Shredding will be done in the parking lot behind St. Elizabeth's Parish at 75th and Main. Entrance to parking lot is off of 74th St. Participants should head north on Main, and turn West onto 74th Street (only way they can turn) and then follow directions given by Rangers and staff.

## Shredding

Bring up to 5 bags/boxes of your old documents. The rangers will help you unload them and take them to the truck for shredding. You can watch it get shredded.

## Electronic Equipment

- Televisions: \$20 for tube televisions and \$25 for wooden console and DLP-rear projection sets
- ALL Monitors \$15 each
- Desktop computers
- Laptops
- Tablets
- Printers
- Copiers
- Fax Machines
- Scanners
- Keyboards, mice, and other peripherals
- Cell Phones
- Phone systems
- Video games & video game equipment
- Batteries (including vehicle batteries)
- UPS battery backups
- Stereos
- Blue-ray/DVD players/VCR
- Portable music players (iPods, MPC players, etc.)
- Alarm clocks
- Speakers
- Radio equipment
- Calculators
- Network equipment (modems, Routers, etc.)
- Cables, cords, and power supplies
- Electronic musical equipment (sound pedals, electric instruments)
- Recording equipment (sound boards, digital recorders)
- Power tools
- Microwaves
- Toasters
- Large appliances
- Metal scrap
- Basically anything with a circuit board.



**THE CONCERNED CLERGY  
COALITION**

*PRESENTS*

**A TOWN HALL  
EDUCATION INEQUITY &  
INTERVENTIONS**

IN-PERSON/ LIVE ON FACEBOOK & ZOOM

**TUESDAY 9.14.21**

**6:30PM**

**COLONIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**9500 WORNALL RD.**

**KANSAS CITY, MO**



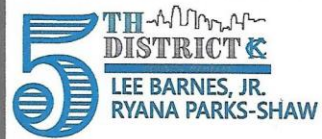
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KANSAS CITY,  
MISSOURI

**PUBLIC WORKS**



# *Marlborough East Shredder Event*

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

8AM-NOON

80TH AND CHESTNUT AVE, KCMO, 64132 (PARKING LOT)

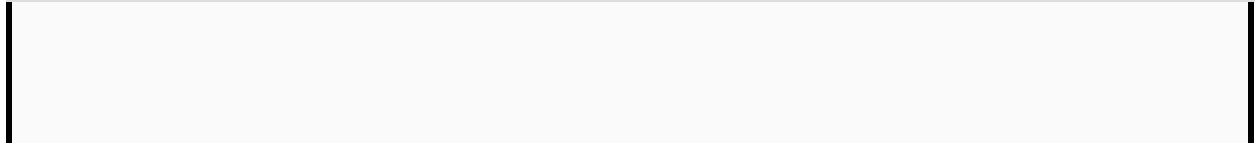
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL KCMO RESIDENTS  
UNLIMITED NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS SHREDDED ON-SITE



**MASK HAVE TO BE ON AT ALL TIMES**



**CONTACT ROBERT WOODS AT 816-513-8442  
FOR ANY QUESTIONS**





**Free  
Family  
Fun!**

Commemorating the Bicentennial of the

# SANTA FE TRAIL

200 Years of Commerce, Conflict and Culture



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**

**10AM – 4PM**

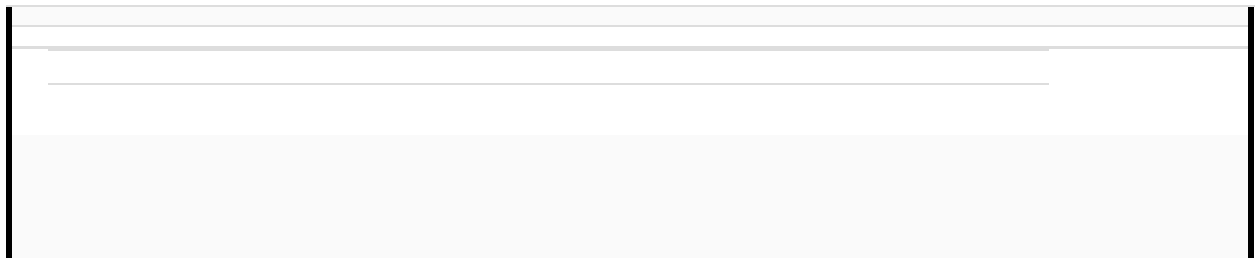
**Trailside Center, 99<sup>th</sup> & Holmes Rd.**

**Kansas City, Missouri**

- ❖ **Music from Prairie Dulcimer Club**
- ❖ **Exhibits including period quilts**
- ❖ **Historical speakers, including Col. Alexander Majors**

Santa Fe Trail logo used with permission of SFTA.

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# Sixth District Fall Clean Up Event

**October 2, 2021: 8 AM - NOON**

Join us for our annual Sixth District Clean up event that is open to all KCMO residents

**LOCATION:**

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

**Location:**

**South-Broadland Presbyterian  
7850 Holmes Rd  
KANSAS CITY, MO, 64131**

**Accepted items:**

- Bulky Items/Trash
- Leaf and Brush
- Tires
- Document Shredding
- Electronic Collection

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**There will be a cash charge for electronic items listed below:**

- CRT monitors \$5/ea
- CRT TVs 26" or less \$30/ea
- CRT TVs 27" or greater \$50/ea
- Wood console & true big screen/projection TVs \$50/ea
- LED/LCD/Plasma TVs \$20/ea
- Any freon containing unit \$10/ea



**Councilmembers  
McManus & Bough  
Sixth District**



**COMMUNITY  
ASSISTANCE  
COUNCIL**



**SKCA  
SOUTH KANSAS CITY ALLIANCE**



Masks should be worn at all times



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

IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE ...

NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

# MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

Join Us For A "Lights On KC" Family Movie Night

Friday ~ October 21, 2021 ~ 6:00-10:00pm

Location: Hillcrest Community Center  
10401 Hillcrest Road, Kansas City, Missouri

Ticket Cost: \$ 5 per Person at: <https://faithcontentnetwork.brushfire.com/mybrotherskeeper/513605> (link to purchase)

~ Masks Are Required ~



*Save* THE DATE

# URBAN SUMMIT

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6TH 2021

*Is Equity*  
**Enough?**

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE- PENN VALLEY CAMPUS

3201 SOUTHWEST TRAFFIC WAY KANSAS CITY, MO 64111

PHONE: 816.241.0408







## Missouri Community Service Commission

Strengthening Missouri's communities through **volunteerism** and **service**

### Take the Bicentennial Challenge!

The Missouri Community Service Commission challenges all Missourians to volunteer 200 hours in their community in honor of the state's 200 years.

## Volunteer 200 hours for Missouri's 200 years

Each year, Missouri volunteers give back more than \$3.2 billion in service to their communities, and we want to recognize those who are making a positive impact. Those who complete the 200 hours will be recognized for their service with a certificate of appreciation.

To complete the challenge, simply go to [ShowMeService.org](http://ShowMeService.org) and complete the form.

All completed forms must be returned to MCSC by December 31, 2021, to be eligible for the award.

Have questions? [Email us!](#)

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Missouri Community Service Commission

## South KC Mobile Food Pantries

Many 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 seven 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. 103<sup>rd</sup> St., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Persons may remain in their vehicles, and food will be brought to them.

**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.

**Ruskin High School**, 7000 E. 111<sup>th</sup> St., from 4 to 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Vehicles should line up on Ruskin Way on the east side of the school, and staff and students will load the food when vehicles reach the school.

**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. 117<sup>th</sup> St., from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month in the church parking lot.



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**TIPS HOTLINE**

**816-474-8477**



**WEB TIPS**

**Kccrimestoppers.com**



**FREE MOBILE APP**

**P3Tips.com**



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