



Dear Neighbor,

I was extremely disappointed that time ran out during this year's regular session of the General Assembly that adjourned yesterday before there was a vote by the full Senate on Blair's Law to make celebratory gunfire and any other discharge of a firearm with criminal negligence within or into city limits a serious state offence.

I had added Blair's Law to another bill that passed the House and was recommended for passage 4-0 on May 7 by the Senate General Laws Committee, but the bill was never taken up for a vote by the full Senate.

Chances of adding it to a Senate bill in the closing hours of the session vanished when the Senate unexpectedly adjourned at 2 p.m. Friday, four hours before the mandatory adjournment of the legislature at 6 p.m.

I will continue to push for passage of this legislation named after 11-year-old Blair Shanahan Lane who died after being struck by celebratory gunfire here on July 4, 2011. Hopefully, passage can come before there is another senseless death from such reckless and irresponsible behavior.

On a brighter note, I was very pleased that an amendment I offered to enact a needed reform to our sentencing laws for persons under 18 years of age was approved by the General Assembly, and the amended bill (Senate Bill 26) is now awaiting the governor's signature

to become law.

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

The need for this sentencing reform came to my attention when I was made aware of the case of Bobby Bostic who was sentenced to 241 years in prison for multiple offences that occurred one night in 1995 when he accompanied an older youth who later admitted he instigated the crimes. Bostic's sentences were imposed consecutively, so he will not be eligible to apply for parole until he is 112 years old.

Walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations are available at the two campuses of Truman Medical Centers at 2211 Charlotte and 7900 Lee's Summit Rd. from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Children 12-15 years old are eligible for the vaccine with parental or guardian consent.

Persons also may schedule a vaccination appointment at www.trumed.org or by calling 816-404-CARE.

Police are seeking help from the public in solving the shooting death of Elijaah Boston, an 18-year-old African-American man who was shot to death in the 11100 block of Hillcrest Rd. just a few blocks from my house while walking home from his job about 10 p.m. on May 5.

Anyone who saw or heard something that might be related to his shooting that night or who knows any other information about his slaying is asked to contact the KCPD homicide unit at 816-234-5043. Pretrial witness protection is available.

Persons who wish to remain anonymous may call the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline at 816-474-8477. A reward of up to

\$25,000 is available for information leading to filing charges or an arrest, and tipsters do not have to testify in court.

Through May 13 this year, there have been 56 homicides in KCMO, only four less than at the same time last year when the city suffered a record number of 178 homicides. There have been 10 homicides so far this year in the South Patrol Division compared to only 8 this time last year.

Please look at the flyers below the Weekly Capitol Update about the 6th Council District Neighborhood Cleanup from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 12, and the 6th Council District Household Hazardous Waste Collection for the same hours Saturday, July 31.

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

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

The free household hazardous waste collection also will be at the Ruskin High School site, and the flyer lists what items will be accepted. South Kansas City residents now must take household hazardous waste to the city's Environmental Campus at 4707 Deramus to dispose of it properly.

Jackson County Parks + Rec is seeking summer employees who must be at least 16 years old and have a valid driver's license to staff its beaches and softball complexes.

The department needs at least 10 more lifeguards and two managers to staff its beaches at Longview Lake and Blue Springs Lake that are scheduled to open Saturday, May 29. It will pay for Red Cross

lifeguard certification or recertification for strong swimmers as needed.

It also has an immediate need for concession workers at the Frank White, Jr., Softball Complex by Longview Lake and Adair Park Softball Complex in Independence.

Interested candidates should apply as soon as possible by going to www.jacksongov.org/jobsand looking under Parks + Rec or by contacting Tina Spallo at 816-503-4872 or tspallo@jacksongov.org.

Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, my legislative aide, [Kaylee Bauer](#) is ready to help you.

Please scroll down to read about other state government matters and important upcoming local events.

Feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends and family who might want to know the latest news about what is happening in state government and about important local events. Be safe and God bless!

Yours in Service,
Mark A. Sharp



Representative Sharp taking a final photo in his office before heading to the Missouri House floor for the last time on the last day of the 2021 regular legislative session.

WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Saturday, May 15, 2021

PARSON CHANGES COURSE ON MEDICAID EXPANSION

Going back on an earlier commitment to implement a constitutionally mandated expansion of Medicaid, Gov. Mike Parson on May 13 said his administration is withdrawing the expansion implementation plan it submitted to the federal government in March.

Parson's reversal marks a setback for expansion proponents and almost guarantees a lawsuit will be filed to force the state to do as the Missouri Constitution requires.

In a news release announcing his decision, Parson cited the General Assembly's refusal to include expansion funding in the state operating budget for the 2022 fiscal year. However, under a constitutional

amendment voters approved in 2020, an estimated 275,000 additional uninsured Missourians will be eligible for the health care program and entitled to services when the new fiscal year begins July 1, regardless of whether the program is fully funded or not.

Under the Affordable Care Act, the federal government will pay 90 percent of the cost of expansion – about \$1.4 billion for FY 2022. Implementation also would secure an additional \$1.5 billion for our state under the latest federal COVID-19 relief package.

In addition to the societal benefits of increasing health care access for more Missourians, injecting that much new federal spending into the state would create an estimated 80,000 jobs and provide a substantial boost to the state's economy.

LAWMAKERS APPROVE FUEL TAX HIKE

Following four hours of contentious debate, the House of Representatives on May 11 voted 104-52 to grant final approval to legislation to increase Missouri's motor fuel tax for the first time in 25 years. I voted for it.

The bill heads to Gov. Mike Parson who issued a statement the next day signaling his intent to sign it into law.

Over several years, Senate Bill 262 would gradually add a total of 12.5 cents to the state fuel tax, which currently stands at 17 cents per gallon. The tax would generate more than \$500 million a year in additional revenue for state and local transportation projects once fully implemented.

The first 2.5-cent increase is scheduled to kick in Oct. 1, with additional 2.5-cent bumps every subsequent July 1 until the tax tops out at 29.5 cents in 2025. Missouri currently has one of the nation's lowest state fuel taxes and one of the nation's largest highway systems. Its fuel tax was last raised in 1996 under

legislation enacted in 1992.

Like the last successful fuel-tax hike bill in 1992, SB 262 isn't subject to voter approval. One unusual feature of the legislation allows Missourians to annually apply for refunds of the new portion of the tax. However, supporters expect few people will go through the trouble of maintaining receipts and filing annual refund requests with the Missouri Department of Revenue.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PASSES

The House of Representatives voted 91-64 on May 11 to grant final approval to legislation creating a statewide prescription drug monitoring program to help prevent opioid abuse. I voted for it.

If the governor signs the bill into law, it will mark the culmination of a years-long effort to create a PDMP in Missouri, which is the only state in the nation that currently doesn't have one.

For eight straight years, PDMP legislation routinely passed the House only to die in the Senate. But with the bill's long-time House sponsor now a senator, the upper chamber approved it in early April on a vote of 20-12.

Opponents of a statewide PDMP steadily lost leverage over the years as many Missouri counties joined a PDMP network started by St. Louis County in response to the legislature's prolonged inaction. The St. Louis County PDMP now covers about 90 percent of Missouri's population. Under Senate 63 the new statewide PDMP will replace St. Louis County's version.

PARSON BLOCKS ENHANCED BENEFITS

Gov. Mike Parson's administration will block Missourians from receiving \$300 a week in enhanced federal unemployment benefits after June 12, the governor announced May 11.

The enhanced benefits are being provided to unemployed workers under the latest federal pandemic relief package and are scheduled to expire in September. Parson's action cuts off Missourians from the benefits months early.

The move follows a recent trend among some governors who claim, with little evidence, that the temporary extra unemployment benefits are keeping people out of the workforce.

That argument ignores various market factors, including increased competition for workers that has pushed up wages to levels some employers don't want to pay – particularly for jobs with a higher risk of COVID-19 exposure – and the inability of some parents to return to work because of the lack of child care since many schools and child care facilities remain closed or below capacity.

BOARDING SCHOOL REGULATIONS PASS

For the first time in several decades, religious boarding schools would be subject to state regulation under legislation that cleared the General Assembly on May 13.

The bipartisan bill passed 23-9 in the Senate and 147-1 in the House of Representatives and now heads to the governor. I voted for it.

The longstanding problem of unregulated religious boarding schools operating in Missouri came to the forefront last fall following a Kansas City Star investigation that revealed allegations of abuse at the Circle of Hope Girls Ranch in Cedar County. In March, the state Attorney General's Office charged the couple who owns the now-closed ranch with 101 felony counts, including statutory rape, statutory sodomy, child molestation and child abuse or neglect.

Not long after, the governor appointed the attorney general to assist Cedar County officials in investigating a second religious facility, Agape Boarding School, over allegations of physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Missouri and South Carolina are the only states in

the nation to completely exempt religious schools from regulation.

House Bill 557 would require religious boarding schools to notify the Missouri Department of Social Services of the existence of their operations and follow basic safety requirements, such as submitting to fire, safety and health inspections and maintaining medical records for all residents. The bill also requires the schools to conduct background checks on all employees and volunteers, as well as guarantee parents have access to their children.

TUITION CAP LIFTED & ATHLETES' RIGHTS ENHANCED

Lawmakers granted final passage on May 14 to legislation that would eliminate a statutory cap limiting how much Missouri's public colleges and universities can increase tuition each year.

The bill, which includes various provisions relating to higher education, also would guarantee the right of college athletes in Missouri to financially benefit from their names and likenesses, NCAA rules to the contrary notwithstanding.

House Bill 297 would eliminate the tuition cap as of July 1, 2022. The cap has been in state law since 2007. Because current state funding for higher education is at about the same level as it was two decades ago, the bill's supporters say colleges and universities urgently need the ability to enact higher tuition to generate needed revenue. Opponents of lifting the cap argue that lawmakers instead should bolster state higher education spending.

The provision allowing college athletes to profit from their names and likenesses follows a national trend of pushing back on NCAA rules that prohibit athletes from profiting in any way from their participation in college sports, despite the fact that college sports is a multibillion business that provides substantial revenue to schools and enables coaches and athletic department officials to demand hefty salaries.

The House of Representatives voted 145-8 in favor of the bill following a 23-9-1 vote in the Senate a day earlier. I voted for it.

Before being transformed into an omnibus higher education bill, HB 297 originally was limited to creating a statewide educational mission in visual and performing arts, computer science and cybersecurity for Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

OFFICERS' CHOKEHOLDS RESTRICTED

Law enforcement officers would be prohibited from using respiratory chokeholds unless they are defending themselves or another person from serious physical injury or death under wide-ranging criminal justice legislation that secured final passage through the General Assembly on May 13.

The Senate voted 26-7 in favor of the bill before the House of Representatives sent it to the governor on a vote of 140-4. I voted for it.

Senate Bill 53 also requires law enforcement agencies to track and report use-of-force incidents and increases penalties for officers who have sexual contact with those in their custody.

It grants prosecutors more authority to seek to overturn past wrongful convictions. Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker said she is grateful the bill provides a mechanism to have such cases reviewed by a judge and she is ready to carry out this new duty if the governor signs the bill into law.

The measure also eliminates a requirement that Kansas City police officers and other department employees reside within the city limits although it allows the Board of Police Commissioners to require that they live within 30 miles of the nearest city boundary and within the state of Missouri.



Representative Sharp takes a picture with Hall of Fame inductee and long time St. Louis Cardinals shortstop "The Wizard" Ozzie Smith on a visit to the Missouri Capitol.

JOIN US AT THE MARTIN CITY COMMUNITY TREE

May 17th | 3:00 - 7:00 PM
200 E 135 ST, KCMO 64145

KC Running Co Parking Lot

**May is Law Enforcement
Appreciation Month**

- Check out cool cars, equipment, motorcycles, rollover vehicles
- Thank an Officer
- Donate a backpack
- Refreshments for all!



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BEGINNING MAY 17
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI HEALTH DEPARTMENT
**COVID-19 VACCINATION
CLINICS**
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**Kansas City, Missouri
Health Department**

Monday-Friday
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

2400 Troost Ave.
KCMO 64108



**Former Gen-X store at
31st & Prospect**

Monday-Friday
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

3102 Prospect Ave.
KCMO 64128



**Bruce R. Watkins
Cultural Center**

Tuesday-Friday
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

3700 Blue Parkway
KCMO 64130

Reserve your spot:
[KCMO.gov/coronavirus](https://www.kcmo.gov/coronavirus)



If you don't have access to a computer, call 311 for same-day appointment or visit the clinic directly to schedule.



Public Health

Sixth District

CLEAN UP

June 12, 2021: 8 AM - NOON

LOCATIONS:

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

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

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

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

ELECTRONICS PRICE LIST:

- CRT Monitors = \$5.00 each
- CRT TV's 26" or less = \$30.00 each
- CRT TV's 27" or greater = \$50.00
each
- Wood Console and True Big
- Screen/Projection TV's = \$50.00
each
- LED/LCD/Plasma TV's = \$20.00
each
- Any Freon containing unit=
\$10.00 each

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

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



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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DISTRICT 1

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

DISTRICT 2

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

DISTRICT 3

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

DISTRICT 4

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

DISTRICT 5

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

DISTRICT 6

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

PIAC PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESENT A PROJECT | SHARE YOUR PRIORITIES | ADDRESS REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

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

[KCMO.GOV/PIAC](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).

Missouri Governor — Michael L. Parson

Office of Communications

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 5, 2021

Governor Parson Issues State Workforce Directive

All State Employees to Return to Pre-COVID-19 Work Settings By May 17

(JEFFERSON CITY, MO) – Today, Governor Mike Parson directed all state workers to return to their offices for in-person work no later than **Monday, May 17, 2021**, and that all state buildings be open and accessible to the public during normal business hours.

“Since the start of COVID-19, our state team members have gone above and beyond to keep state government running and continue providing quality public service to Missourians,” **Governor Parson** said. “Thanks in large part to their efforts, Missouri is in a strong position, and we continue to move forward each day.”

“With COVID-19 vaccines now readily available across the state and virus activity at its lowest levels since early days of the pandemic, we are confident that it is safe to return to pre-COVID-19 work settings and schedules,” **Governor Parson** continued.

The health and well-being of the state workforce remains a top priority for Governor Parson and his administration. COVID-19 screening and testing protocols will remain in place, and the state encourages all employees to consider getting vaccinated. Vaccines are available to all state employees. Team members can use vaccinefinder.org to find available vaccinators in their area. While there will be no statewide mandates, state team members are encouraged to practice COVID-19 preventative measures.

“As public servants in state government, it is important that we maintain a front-facing presence for those we serve, and it’s time we take this step towards normalcy for ourselves and the people of Missouri,” **Governor Parson** said.

MAYOR

Quinton Lucas

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – May 13, 2021

Contact: [Morgan Said](#) | 816-385-3464

Mayor Lucas Announces Kansas City to Rescind Emergency Order Based on CDC Update

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Following the release of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s updated mask guidance, Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas—in consultation with Kansas City Health Director Rex Archer, M.D.—today announced that effective tomorrow at noon, Kansas City will rescind its Fourteenth Emergency COVID-19 Order.

“Kansas City’s most recent order allowed all to go maskless outdoors and permitted unvaccinated persons to go maskless indoors with others who are vaccinated,” **said Mayor Lucas.** “As a matter of compliance, that allowed the Kansas City Health Department to check

with retailers, employers, and more to ensure they were encouraging their staff to initiate the COVID-19 vaccine process. While welcome, today's CDC guidance creates confusion with Kansas City's order. Throughout the pandemic we have endeavored to ensure clarity and effective public health guidance for Kansas Citians and, importantly, our businesses. Staff at many establishments have been subject to harassment based on upholding our orders and we will not force them to do so further where our regulators cannot reasonably tell between those vaccinated or not at an establishment, and where our guidance may conflict with the CDC. We have followed CDC guidance throughout the pandemic and will continue to do so today."

"I cannot in good faith impose an order, replete with penalties for non-compliance, that is impossible for our businesses to follow," **continued Mayor Lucas**. "Accordingly, effective tomorrow at noon, Kansas City will rescind its Fourteenth Emergency Order. We will shift, as is necessary, to ensuring those needing access to the vaccine take it, and that we look out for the continued health and safety of our neighbors. We thank the many individuals and businesses in Kansas City who have worked hard to keep us all safe over the past fourteen months. We saved lives looking out for each other and all in Kansas City should be proud of the steps we have taken to protect our community's health."



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 14, 2021

Jackson County Health Order Expires

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Jackson County Executive Frank White, Jr. – in consultation with Jackson County Health Department Director Bridgette Shaffer, MPH and Emergency Management Coordinator Troy Schulte – is announcing the expiration of the county health order. The order, which requires masks in indoor businesses and places of public accommodation, expired upon its signature this afternoon.

The announcement follows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s revision to its guidance for fully vaccinated individuals. The new guidance states that individuals who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 can resume activities — both indoor or outdoor, large or small — without wearing a mask or social distancing. Exceptions to this new guidance include health care settings, correctional facilities, homeless shelters and public transportation.

According to CDC, individuals are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine

“As I have said from the very beginning of this pandemic, Jackson

County's decisions will be led by science. In light of the most current information available, and in light of the CDC's recommendations, we are rescinding our current health order today," said Jackson County Executive Frank White, Jr. "While this is welcome news for many, we cannot forget that this virus is still present and poses a risk to our residents, especially those who are not fully vaccinated. People are still contracting COVID-19 and dying from it. We need everyone to take personal responsibility and get vaccinated so we can truly put this devastating virus behind us."

"The science is clear – these vaccines are extremely effective in limiting community transmission and protecting the most vulnerable among us," said Jackson County Health Department Director Bridgette Shaffer, MPH. "We encourage everyone age 12 and older to take advantage of this important tool to help us end the pandemic."

Although the expiration of the order means that wearing masks indoors will no longer be mandated across the county, masks remain strongly recommended for individuals who are not fully vaccinated.

Businesses and other spaces continue to have the right to set their own mask requirements for entry. Jackson County Government and the Jackson County Health Department fully support the efforts of employers and organizations to protect their workers and customers when vaccination status cannot be determined. Masks will still be required in county buildings and facilities for staff and visitors until further notice.

While mask restrictions have lifted, other COVID-19 preventative measures remain in effect. Those who are not fully vaccinated and are identified as a contact of a positive case will still be required to quarantine for a 14-day-period, per the CDC's guidance. Those who are fully vaccinated or have had COVID-19 within the past three months will be able to avoid quarantining after exposure to COVID-19 as long as symptoms do not develop.

EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT CONSUMER INFORMATION

THE KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

TECH ACCESS

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary [FCC program](#) to help families and households struggling to afford broadband internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband service.
- 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 if the household contributes more than \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

Who is Eligible?

A household is eligible if a member of the household meets **ONE** of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, or [Lifeline](#);
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program or did so in the 2019-2020 school year.
- 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 broadband provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

Check out www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit for a **Consumer FAQ** and other program resources.

Three Ways to Apply

1. **Contact your preferred participating broadband provider** directly to learn about their application process.
2. **Go to GetEmergencyBroadband.org** to apply online and to find participating providers near you.
3. Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application, and return it along with proof of eligibility to:

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



Call 833-511-0311

or find more information about the Emergency Broadband Benefit at www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

Please forward and share this information.

May Food Appointments

CAC has food appointments available 9 to 2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 4 - 6 pm, Wednesday, May 5 and 9 am to noon, Saturday, May 22. 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.

Save the Date - Community Cleanup June 12

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

Make a Donation – Make a Difference

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

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

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

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

Community Assistance Council | www.cackc.org

816-763-3277 x 103 | rachel.casey@cackc.org

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.

Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th 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 food will be loaded in the vehicles when they reach the school by staff and student volunteers. This event is sponsored by the school and Community Assistance Council.

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 High School, 8715 Holmes Rd., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as long as food is left on the third Saturday of the month. The event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church in partnership with the Center School District.



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with any feedback, questions or ideas!**