



Capitol Report

March 25, 2021

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Dear Neighbor,

I have been hard at work as the clock is ticking on the legislative year. Next week we hope to pass the Budget in the House and send it to the Senate so they can start their process. The state Constitution requires Missouri lawmakers to approve a balanced budget, by early May.

This session has gone rather smoothly since we had to shut down earlier for security concerns and a COVID 19 outbreak. Thank you for your continued trust and the opportunity to serve you in Jefferson City.

Yours in Service,

Rich

House Legislative Dashboard



BILLS THIRD READ IN THE HOUSE THIS WEEK

[HB 76](#) - Modifies provisions relating to the abandonment of newborn children

[HB 432](#) - Establishes the Birth Match Program

[HB 228](#) - Permits recording of IEP or Section 504 meetings by a student's parent or legal guardian

[HB 273](#) - Prohibits the division of professional registration from requiring a barber or cosmetology license for persons engaged solely in shampooing under the direction of a licensed barber or cosmetologist

[HB 542](#) - Establishes the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact

[HB 543](#) - Establishes transfer procedures to nonresident districts for students in public schools

[HB 585](#) - Authorizes the next-of-kin of a deceased person to delegate control of the final disposition of the remains

[HB 627](#) - Establishes a children's savings account program

[HB 687](#) - Exempts new motor vehicles from certain inspection requirements

[HB 738](#) - Modifies several provisions relating to elections

[HB 850](#) - Modifies provisions for ballot summary language adopted by the general assembly

These bills now head to the Senate

**MISSOURI INDIVIDUAL TAX FILING,
PAYMENT DEADLINE**

EXTENDED THROUGH MAY 17

The deadline was pushed from April 15 to May 17. Gov. Mike Parson announced the extension Friday, saying additional time would help Missourians still reeling from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The move follows the lead of the national government: The U.S. Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) pushed its filing deadline to May 17 this week as well. Additional guidance is expected in the coming days.

The extension does not apply to estimated tax payments due on April 15, only to individual taxpayers. Interest and penalties will still accrue on any unpaid balance beyond the new deadline.

An extension of the filing deadline for income taxes can still be requested, bumping the deadline to Oct. 15. Payments must still be made by the May deadline.

Department of Revenue online services and resources:

- The Department's [Tax Return Status Tracker](#) allows customers to enroll in automatic text and email alerts that are sent each time the status of their return is updated. Customers need their Social Security number, filing status, and anticipated refund or balance due to enroll and must re-enroll each year.
 - Get answers 24/7 by reviewing the [Personal Tax FAQs](#) or with the help of the Department's chatbot [DORA](#) a virtual assistant programmed to respond to common taxation, motor vehicle, and driver licensing questions.
 - Email questions to income@dor.mo.gov
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CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR RETURN!

Want to receive regular updates
on your 2018, 2019 or 2020
Individual Income Tax Return?

Give the return tracker
application a try!



After you have filed your
return, sign up here to
receive tracker email
or text notifications.

REAL ID

New deadline: October 1, 2021

Will you be ready? [Click here to learn more.](#)

Senior Service Awards

The Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award was instituted in 2005 to promote and highlight the positive accomplishments and contributions Missouri's senior citizens have made in their communities. **Individuals should be at least 60 years old and volunteer a minimum of 25 hours per year.** This is a wonderful opportunity to nominate an outstanding senior citizen in your area.

The deadline to submit nominations is April 9, 2021. I encourage you to nominate a senior whose service and dedication to their communities has made a positive difference.

The nomination form can be found here: <https://ltgov.mo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Senior-Service-Award-Nomination-Form-2021-fillable.pdf>

COMMUNITY BUILDERS OF KANSAS CITY HOSTS DRIVE-THRU EVENT:

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE



Location:

Kansas City Zoo - Cheetah Parking Lot
6800 Zoo Drive, Kansas City, MO 64132

****Enter on Mall Drive**

Date:

Wednesday, March 31st

Time:

10:00am - 4:00pm

Special Guest



FREE FOOD & DIAPERS



COVID-19 VACCINES



VACCINATIONS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFYING MISSOURI RESIDENTS. FOR INFORMATION VISIT:

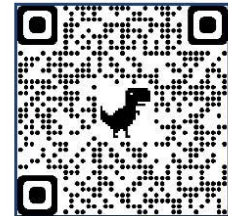
<https://swopehealth.org/register/>

CALL TO REGISTER WEEKDAYS 9:00-4:30

(816) 321-3333

NOW ELIGIBLE:

Education, Teachers, Childcare, Government, Transportation System, Communication Infrastructure, and Food Production/Wholesale/Retail/Grocery.



ELIGIBLE: Health Care Workers, Long-term Care Facility staff and residents, EMS/EMT/ Paramedics, First Responders, Public Works, and those age 65+. Any adults with:

Cancer, Chronic Kidney Disease, COPD, Heart Conditions, Weakened immune system due to organ transplant, Severe obesity (BMI >40), Pregnancy, Sickle Cell Disease, Type 2 Diabetes, Mellitus, Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities such as Down Syndrome

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND VOLUNTEERS:



UP NEXT: Critical Infrastructure

Phase 1B – Tier 3, starting March 15

Protecting those who keep the essential functions of society running.

Education (K-12)
Childcare
Communications Infrastructure
Dams Sector
Energy Sector
Food & Agriculture Sector 1
Government
Information Technology
and more

MOPStopsCOVID.com

COVID-19 vaccine website

Missouri has launched a new vaccine website, which answers common questions and clarifies what it calls misinformation.

The new website is mostopscovid.com, and provides Missourians with information about the safety of the vaccines, research and production processes and when they could be eligible for vaccination.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Navigator](https://mostopscovid.com)





On Monday, March 22nd, I spoke about the Atlanta Massage Parlor massacre and shared information about those involved as flags were lowered to half staff across the nation.

[You can watch the video here.](#)



I too am Asian. This is a photo taken in 1968 with my mother's side of my family in Kobe, Japan. Can you pick me out?



Invitation to

Center School Board

Zoom Candidate Forum

March 25, 2021 6:30 pm

Go to the League of Women Voters website lwwkc.org

For the **Zoom** Link

This will also be live streamed on

www.facebook.com/LWVKC/

2 positions open—Candidates are Bryce T. Shields, Rebecca Lahann (incumbent)
Julie Kramschuster, Kathleen Ramel



This candidate forum is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of KC and South KC Alliance

please visit lwwkc.org southkcalliance.org

online nonpartisan voter guide at www.Vote411.org/ballot

Truman Medical Centers has available services for Jackson County residents during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

If you are experiencing a fever, a new cough or new shortness of breath, you can call **404-CARE (2273)** and speak to a health care professional to be screened for COVID-19.



[Click Here to get on the Wait List for COVID 19 Vaccine at Truman Medical Center.](#)



The Pandemic aint over!



COMMUNITY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

An advertisement for the myKCMO app. The background is teal with a white dotted pattern. On the left, the text 'Introducing myKCMO the new City app' is in white, with the tagline 'Faster and easier connection to city services.' below it. A grid of six red buttons lists features: '311 requests', 'Track your case', 'Upload photos', 'Report Potholes', 'Connect with staff', and 'Make payments'. Below the buttons is the myKCMO logo and the text 'DOWNLOAD myKCMO TODAY!'. To the right, a hand holds a smartphone displaying the app's interface with icons for 'Report an Issue', 'Issues Fee Reported', 'Coronavirus Vaccine', 'Municipal Court', 'Pay Online', 'Elected Officials', 'Leaf and Branch', and 'Hear From Us'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play', and the City of Kansas City, Missouri logo.

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the new City app

Faster and easier connection to city services.

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CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

“This cutting edge new app will enable residents and visitors to more conveniently access information and report local issues,” said City Manager Brian Platt. “The more efficient workflow and request tracking system will allow us to respond quicker and more efficiently to concerns.”

Its features will help residents:

- Report and track 311 requests more easily
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- Upload photos to show us the problem
 - Connect directly with the staff member responding to the problem
 - Make payments through the app
 - Receive alerts when your 311 case is updated, and for other city emergencies

“The new myKCMO app highlights Kansas City government’s commitment to providing the basic services our residents expect, making it faster and easier for Kansas Citians to share with the City what requires attention in their own neighborhoods,” said Mayor Quinton Lucas. “myKCMO will be a helpful tool in our efforts to fill potholes and improve roads, and I encourage all to download the app today.”

The myKCMO app is available for free download to your phone or tablet. Type “myKCMO” to find it in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

KCMO EMERGENCY RENTAL & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



If you need help now, contact one of these agencies for IMMEDIATE assistance:

■ **Metro Lutheran Ministry**

Call 816-514-2683 or
Fill out the online application:
www.mlmc.org/rent--utility.html

*Paper applications available at
3031 Holmes, KCMO 64109 &
1100 NE Vivian, KCMO 64118.*

■ **Journey to New Life**

Call 816-960-4808 or email agrove@jtnl.org

■ **reStart**

Call 816-886-9153 or
email rentalassistance@restartinc.org

■ **Community Assistance Council (CAC)**

816-763-3277 x-108

The full list of agencies and eligibility requirements is posted at kcmo.gov/renthelp

*Funding is provided by the second
Congressional COVID-19 relief package.*

Tenants can apply for emergency rental relief through a new **\$14.8 million assistance fund.**

The City of Kansas City is working with community agencies to distribute rent and utility assistance in a fair, fast and equitable way across our community.

Apply for assistance:

communitycarelink.com/cares-act-assistance-sign-up

For more info and other neighborhood services visit:

KCMO.GOV/RentHelp



CITY OF
KANSAS CITY,
MISSOURI

**The reward has been raised to
\$30,000 for Dominic**



**GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS
816-474-TIPS HOTLINE**

**PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

FROM: Det. Kevin Boehm, Crime Stoppers Coordinator

SUBJECT: Reward Increase – 9 Year Old Dominic Young Homicide

KANSAS CITY, MO --- The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline continue to seek information in the January 20, 2018 homicide of 9 year old Dominic Young Jr. at 71 Highway and Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.

Dominic Young Jr. was apparently hit by a stray gunshot while occupying a vehicle driven by his father and died as a result of his injuries. Dominic, his father and brother were en route to Grandview at the time. The vehicle driven by Dominic's father was hit by gunshots from other vehicles apparently engaged in a gunfight according to statements.

KCPD found a possible crime scene near the intersection where the father said the shooting happened. When the father arrived home in Grandview, Dominic was not responsive. Grandview police initially responded to the father's home and found the boy in critical condition. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

A number of community leaders and organizations including State Representative Richard Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, former City Councilmen Scott Taylor, Scott Wagner, John Sharp; the City of KCMO and Concord Fortress of Hope Church (Pastor Ron Lindsay) have come forward to increase the existing reward in the case up to \$30,000.00. Those leaders are available for comment in regard to the case.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers Greater Kansas City TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477), TIPS may also be submitted electronically at www.KCcrimestoppers.com, or by downloading our NEW mobile app, P3TIPS, on Google Play or the Apple iOS stores for FREE. Information leading to an arrest and/or filing of charges could be eligible for up to \$30,000.00 in reward money. ALL INFORMATION IS ANONYMOUS.



Remain Anonymous • Receive Cash Rewards

Tips Hotline

816-474-8477

Web Tips

www.KCcrimestoppers.com

Free Mobile App

www.P3Tips.com

*** A program of the KC Metropolitan Crime Commission**

My office in Jefferson City is available to assist you with questions you may have about state government or legislative issues. Please call, email or write anytime. If you are unable to reach me, my assistant, Donna Gentsch is ready to help you. If you are in Jefferson City, come by my Capitol office in room 134, and introduce yourself. The door is always open and I encourage you to visit.

[Please forward this email to your friends and family who want to know how what is happening in Jefferson City will impact them here at home.](#)



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