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**Capitol Report**

**April 8, 2021**

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*Dear Neighbor,*

I hope you had a joyful Easter Holiday as many of us are beginning to show signs of COVID fatigue. It has been a long pandemic but I want to encourage you to continue to take precaution and protect yourself as we will get through this crisis together.

There are five weeks left in the legislative session and we should start having bills referred from the Senate for perfection on the House Floor. There is still much work to be done as we have to complete our work by the Missouri Constitutional deadline of May 14 at 6 PM.

It is an honor and I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve your interest in Jefferson City. I pledge to continue to work to the best of my ability for you and your loved ones.

***Yours in Service,***

*Rich*

## House Legislative Dashboard



### **BILLS THIRD READ IN THE HOUSE THIS WEEK**

[HB 60](#) - Creates the state department of defense

[HB 167](#) - Designates the Missouri National Guard Armory in Joplin as the "Sergeant Robert Wayne Crow Jr. Memorial Armory"

[HB 252](#) - Authorizes certain cities to levy a transient guest tax or food tax upon voter approval

[HB 299](#) - Modifies provisions of law relating to child custody arrangements

[HB 306](#) - Relating to expanding choices for educational opportunities

[HB 391](#) - Provides that Missouri National Guard members be treated as state employees for certain purposes

[HB 563](#) - Authorizes the city of Springfield to create a land bank

[HB 604](#) - Modifies provisions relating to certificates of self-insurance

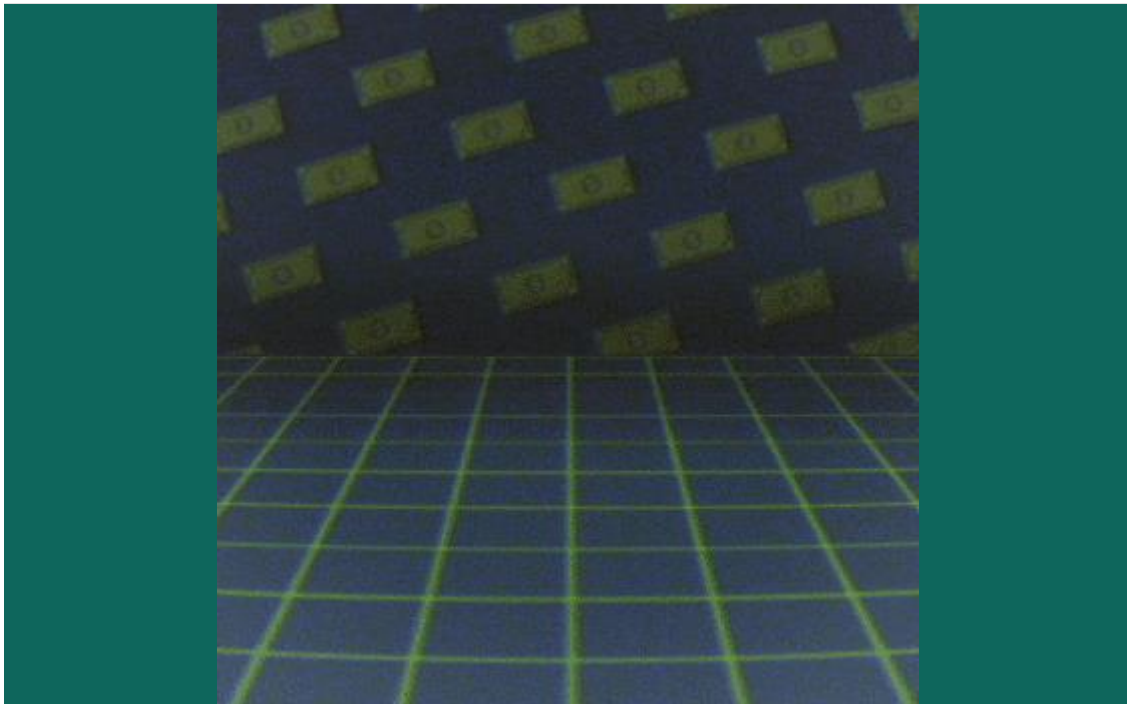
[HB 661](#) - Modifies provisions relating to disqualifications from driving a commercial motor vehicle

[HB 678](#) - Specifies the areas in a courthouse where a judge or county commission may establish rules

[HB 744](#) - Modifies the duration of certain orders of protection

[HB 1236](#)- State fiscal management

[HB 1242](#)- Modifies provisions relating to juvenile court proceedings



## HOUSE MOVES TO EXEMPT STIMULUS CHECKS FROM STATE TAX

The House of Representatives on April 7 granted first-round approval on a voice vote to legislation that would exempt the recent federal stimulus payments – and any additional such checks that Missourians might receive in the future – from being

subject to state income taxes. A second, recorded vote is required to advance the bill to the Senate.

Because the purpose of federal stimulus payments is to immediately inject money into the economy through increased individual spending, it has long been the practice for Missouri lawmakers to exempt such payments from state taxation in order to maximize the economic benefit. The tax exemption measure is House Bill 991.



I recently met with the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, the Honorable George Draper.



## *Missouri joins other states not planning to mandate vaccine passports*

*COLUMBIA, Mo. (KMIZ)*

*By Zola Crowder*

Gov. Mike Parson announced Missouri will not mandate coronavirus vaccine passports, joining several other states in opposition of the credentials.

The passport would be used to show confirmation that a person has been vaccinated against the coronavirus.

During a Fox News interview, Parson said, "we're never gonna do that in the state of Missouri. We're never gonna have a mandate, a vaccine passport in this state."

However, Parson said Missourians are welcome to carry a vaccine card.



"That's called freedom, it's called individual rights. But it's not the government's place to do that," he said.

[Rep. Richard Brown](#), a Democrat from Jackson County who represents South Kansas City said the vaccine cards could be helpful but should not be mandated.

"I agree why and understand we need to have vaccine passports for public health and public safety I think it's a good idea but I don't think mandatory vaccine passports is a good idea," Brown said.

The Biden administration has said it does not plan to require Americans to carry a vaccination credential.

Some government officials have raised privacy concerns over the concept of a vaccine passport saying that it could keep too much private, health data in one place.

Leaders in several other states like Florida, Texas, Georgia, Tennessee and Nebraska have also shown said they will not mandate vaccine passports.

Since last week, GOP governors from Texas and Florida have signed executive orders prohibiting various agencies from requiring the use of vaccine passports.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp said he was opposed to state-mandated vaccine passports on Tuesday. And Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts said in a tweet last month that Nebraska won't use vaccine passports or participate in the program.

## 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.](#)

All Missourians 16 & over will be  
eligible for vaccines beginning April 9

[mostopscovid](#)

**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.](#)





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**The Pandemic aint over!**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS**



COMMUNITY BUILDERS OF KANSAS CITY HOSTS DRIVE-THRU EVENT:  
**KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE**

**GET VACCINATED!**

**Location:**

**Friendship Baptist Church**  
3530 Chelsea Drive  
Kansas City, MO 64128



**Date:**

**Saturday, April 10th**

**Time:**

**10:00am - 4:00pm**

**Special Guest**

CONGRESSMAN  
**EMANUEL  
CLEAVER**  
representing the 5th district of Missouri



**JOHNSON & JOHNSON - SINGLE SHOT**

**swope** HEALTH 

FOR INFORMATION VISIT:

<https://swopehealth.org/vaccine-registration-form/>

CALL TO REGISTER WEEKDAYS 9:00-4:30

**(816) 321-3333**

**ALL MISSOURI RESIDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE!**

**Leaf & Brush**  
 Spring 2021 Curbside Set-out Dates  
 KCMO.GOV/LEAFANDBRUSH

YOUR TRASH DAY	NORTH	CENTRAL	SOUTH	REGION MAP
MONDAY	APRIL 26	APRIL 12	MARCH 29	<p>NORTH: MISSOURI RIVER</p> <p>CENTRAL: BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF</p> <p>SOUTH: 63RD STREET</p>
TUESDAY	APRIL 27	APRIL 13	MARCH 30	
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 28	APRIL 14	MARCH 31	
THURSDAY	APRIL 29	APRIL 15	APRIL 1	
FRIDAY	APRIL 30	APRIL 16	APRIL 2	

## Curbside Leaf and Brush Collection happening now

In addition to the twice annual citywide leaf and brush collection, the City operates leaf and brush drop-off sites for your convenience.

### Spring 2021 Leaf and Brush Pick-up:

- Southland: March 29 - April 2
- Central: April 12 - 16
- Northland: April 26 - 30



# Introducing myKCMO the new City app

*Faster and easier connection  
to city services.*

311 requests    Track your case    Upload photos

Report Potholes    Connect with staff    Make payments

**DOWNLOAD myKCMO TODAY!**

Download on the App Store    GET IT ON Google Play

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
- 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

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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.

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*In Memoriam*





Sue Wheeler 1931-2021

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



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**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](http://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**

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**Free Mobile App**

**[www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com)**



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

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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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