

E News for South Kansas City

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A Note from Major Byron Price - Former Commander of KCMO Police Department – South Patrol Division

I just want to let the residents of South Patrol Division know that it was an honor to serve them for the past two years and I am impressed with the way they come together to rally for a cause like the response to Gold Diggers and the AMF Bowling Alley. Those of you who are familiar with the Kansas City, MO Police Department know that personnel are transferred periodically based on the needs of the organization, but please be assured that I have turned the reigns over to a more than qualified Division Commander in Major Mark Dumolt.

Major Dumolt has approximately 27 years on the police department, many of which have been as a commander and that will benefit the South Kansas City community. His most recent assignment was the Special Operations Division where he oversaw all of the "good toys" like Traffic, Mounted Patrol, Helicopter, and K-9.

Please also keep in mind that changing Division Commanders is only a change in leadership, but it is actually the professional police officers that work our streets and neighborhoods, patrol the community, and provide services on a daily basis that produce the results you see. We as the police department want to reduce crime and the fear of crime, however we know a big component in achieving this is to do it in conjunction with the community. As examples of this philosophy we initiated programs such as the www.kcsouthpatrol.org message board and Crime Free Multi-Housing at South Patrol. I am now in the Planning and Research Division based out of our Head Quarters building but I still live in South Patrol and have a vested interest in staying aware of the crime trends and advancements in the division.

*Sincerely,
Major Bryon Price
Planning & Research Division
Kansas City, MO Police Department
816-889-6050*

Community Assistance Council

Invites you to join us for

"Sundaes on Sunday"

Sunday, September 30, 2007 at 2:00 pm

Hillcrest Community Center

10401 Hillcrest Road –in Darter Park

At this annual meeting, we will celebrate our achievements and recognize our volunteers and supporters! Please join us! Please RSVP today to Carol at 816-763-3277 x 103 or carolo@cackc.org.

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For more information about the Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund, call Gina Robinson (816) 513-3245, or <http://www.kcmo.org/neigh>

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NEW! TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2. KANSAS CITY NETWORKING BREAKFAST. 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Clarion Hotel (soon to be the Sheraton), 9103 East 39th St., KCMO 64133. Celebrate the kickoff of Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week 2007 KC Style!! By attending the Kansas City's Networking Business Breakfast which offers Small Business owners the opportunity to introduce their business to other small businesses, large businesses, school districts and universities, not-for-profit business resource organizations, and local, state and federal agencies. For more info: <http://r6.gsa.gov/breakfast/>

NEW! WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3. 1ST ANNUAL KC GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES FAIR. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, 3700 Blue Parkway. Admission is free. KCMO Human Relations Division of the City Manager's Office will host this first annual event in conjunction with Minority Enterprise Development Week, which is a national annual celebration that recognizes the contributions made by minority-owned and women-owned businesses to the country's economy. The procurement fair will provide attendees with details of government needs as well as insight into the best business practices for submitting bids. Attendees desiring in-depth information regarding a specific project can sign up for face-to-face meetings with department representatives. Several Kansas City area government entities with multimillion-dollar projects scheduled for this year will give detailed presentations regarding current and upcoming project needs. Attendees may also attend an 8 a.m. ribbon-cutting and welcome ceremony with Kansas City Council members and other community leaders. City Manager Wayne A. Cauthen will speak of his vision for the City during his "Box Lunch with the City Manager" presentation. The Human Relations Division of the City Manager's Office will present, "Doing Business with the City," an overview of how to obtain a city contract and deal with the expectations that follow. An optional box lunch is available for individuals who submit an early registration form with their order and pre-payment of \$10. For more info about fair, contact Ashlea Blue at ashlea_blue@kcmo.org or (816) 513-1813 or <http://www.kcgcpo.org>.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4. "THE FASCINATING BRAIN GYM." 6 – 8:00 p.m., Boone Elementary School, 8817 Wornall, KCMO. Learning specialist Nancy G. Peterson, a neuro development consultant who specializes in learning challenges of all kinds will be presenting *The Fascinating Brain Gym* which is recognized world-wide and is used in schools, clinics, day cares, and corporations for learning enhancement. Children who have ADD, ADHD, low self-esteem, or reading and math problems greatly benefit from using the Brain Gym activities. Sponsored by Indian Creek Elementary School. For information, contact Susie Frost at sfrost@center.k12.mo.us

NEW! THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4. THE 3RD ANNUAL WORLD OF MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL. (formerly Southland KC Multicultural Fall Festival). 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m, Metropolitan Community College – Longview, 500 SW Longview Rd. This has really blossomed into an event for the Southland that promotes the appreciation of diversity through visual and performance arts! The MCC-Longview campus will again be transformed by the music, the words, the dance, and artistic traditions of many cultures! Admission is **free** and *open to the public*. Live music, dance, storytelling, food and crafts. For more info: Karen Dexter at (816) 672-2000.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4. 1ST THURSDAYS AT THE TRAILSIDE CENTER. 7:00 p.m., Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes, KCMO. **Topic: "Lewis and Clark"** presented by LCDR Orvis N. Fitts, USNR (retired). Mr. Fitts is a popular speaker on history at the Trailside Center! He is Past President of the Civil War Round Table of KC, the Westport Historical Society and Heart of America Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America and past chairman of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund. Inc. This is a popular event and is open to the public. Sponsored by the Historical Society of New Santa Fe. Info: Chuck Loomis at 816-942-3724.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6. HICKMAN MILLS COMMUNITY DAYS CELEBRATION.

There will be non-stop activity inside and outside during the Hickman Mills C-1 School District's annual Community Day celebration!! All the day's events will be held at Ruskin High School and District Stadium (7000 E 111th) from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Walkers will line the District Stadium track for the Head to Heart Cancer Foundation/Community Walk for Cancer beginning at 7:30 a.m. For a \$15 tax-deductible donation (\$10 for a group of 10), walkers receive a gift bag and the satisfaction of knowing their footsteps benefit a worthy cause. For more info on the walk, call (816) 316-8075 or 316-8100. Athletic events dominate the midday. At 10:00 a.m., Smith-Hale plays Ervin for middle school football bragging rights. At noon, Ruskin and Hickman Mills square off in a varsity soccer match. Then, at 2:30 p.m., Ruskin and Hickman Mills meet in varsity football. All three games will be played on the newly dedicated District Stadium field, partially funded thanks to a grant by the National Football League and the Kansas City Chiefs.

There will be another kind of kick-off inside the Ruskin High School multipurpose room; the Derrick Thomas/Neil Smith Third & Long Foundation Kick-Off Celebration. Created by the late Derrick Thomas, an all-pro linebacker with the Chiefs, the program's mission is to support and improve the reading and learning abilities of disadvantaged school children across the Kansas City metropolitan area. A program for interested parents and students begins at noon.

Inside the Ruskin High School cafeteria, chili will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In addition to dining on free chili, patrons can feast on knowledge. Each school will set up an information table and so will several other community groups. All events (including the sporting events) are FREE and open to the public. For more info: John Baccala, Public Information Coordinator, Hickman Mills C-1 School District, and (816) 316-8240.

NEW! WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10. PUBLIC HEARING – THREE TRAILS TIF PLAN.

10:30 a.m. Economic Development Corporation-Board Room, 4th Floor, 1100 Walnut, Ste. 1700, KCMO. Consideration of approval of the Second Amendment of the Three Trails District TIF Plan (redevelopment of Bannister Mall). Public is encouraged to attend! For info: 816-221-0636.

NEW! WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10. GROW FOOD NOT LAWN.

Increase local food security, improve your diet, beautify your surroundings, build community, reduce pollution and energy use. (It takes 87 calories of fuel to transport one calorie of perishable fresh fruit from west coast to east coast.) Food Not Lawns, will hold four classes dealing with topics that include whole system design, garden preparation, permaculture, water wise gardening, seed saving, planting, and locating free resources (foodnotlawns.com). Four sessions: Wed., beginning Oct. 10, 7 PM; then: Oct. 24; Nov. 7; Nov. 14. UMKC Campus, Spencer Chemistry Bldg., Rm 213, NE Corner, Intersection of 51st St. and Rockhill Rd. Convener: Ben Kjelskus, 816-767-8873 bkjelskus@sbcglobal.net
Registration Forms: www.UMKC.EDU/COMMU

NEW! FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12. SECOND FRIDAY'S AT THE TRAILSIDE CENTER.

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes, KCMO. **Speakers:** "Revision of the KCMO Development Code" presented by Patty Noll, Project Mgr., Zoning Ordinance & Subdivision Regulations Revision, KCMO City Planning; also Info about November election re: extending for 10 years the City's current 1% sales tax used for capital improvements (PIAC) – presented by Jerry Young, 6th district PIAC representative. Council Representatives Cathy Jolly and John Sharp chair the meeting, which is open to the public. Info: Carolyn Vellar 816-830-9124.

NEW! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13. SELF DEFENSE TRAINING CLASSES OFFERED FOR WOMEN.

10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Hillcrest Community Center, 10401 Hillcrest Rd., KCMO. KCMO Parks and Recreation has partnered with The Ali Kemp Educational (T.A.K.E.) Foundation to offer: T.A.K.E. Defense Training—a program, which provides young girls & women with hands-on self-defense training. Participants will learn basic self-defense techniques, which could save their lives. This 2 hour program consists of not only educating women on awareness, but also teaches the practical skills you may need to defend yourself. The goal is to build self-confidence and empower its participants. Pre-registration is required. Contact: Eric Rasch by e mail: eric_raqsch@kcmo.org or 816-784-7000.

NEW! THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18. FLU SHOT CLINIC. 4-6- p.m., Center Elementary School, 8401 Euclid, KCMO 64132. The Center School District has set up a public flu shot clinic at Center Elementary School through the Kansas City Health Department which will coincide with the Parent/Teacher conferences. The cost is \$20 and is open to the public. For more info: 816-349-3444.

KCMO Weatherization Program Grant Available!!

The City of Kansas City, MO's Neighborhood and Community Services Department can assist you with "**FREE**" energy improvements to your home or rental unit. Improvements include attic and sidewall insulation, door and window repair, furnace repairs or replacement, caulking and weather stripping. Owners of rental property contribute only 50% of the cost of improvements, with the City providing a grant for the remaining cost (There is no cost to the renter). This program is open to all qualified residents who live in Clay, Platte or Jackson Counties. You do not need to be a Kansas City resident to apply.

For more income guidenlines or to request a copy of the application, please call 816-513-3025 or online

http://www.kcmo.org/neigh.nsf/web/weather_mai n?opendocument

KC Dream Home Program Applications Available!!

KCMO Housing Development Division of the City Planning and Development Department has expanded its KC Dream Home Program to include all city residents who meet income and homeowner eligibility requirements.

Previously, the program was offered only in select areas of the city. "Due to citywide interest and program growth, we decided it was the best option to open the KC Dream Home Program to any homeowner within the city limits who meets the other eligibility requirements," said Coleman McClain, administrative officer, KC Dream Home Program. "This change is meant to maximize the benefits this program can have for homeowners."

The KC Dream Home Program assists low- to moderate-income first-time homebuyers and displaced homemakers purchase a home of their choice. The program provides home-ownership opportunities to people who may otherwise lack the resources to own their own home.

Assistance will be provided in the form of a second mortgage loan equal to 20 percent of the purchase price, with a maximum of \$20,000 per home for down payment and closing costs. Loans will be underwritten at 0 percent interest and would be forgivable after the owner has owned and lived in the house for 10 years. No monthly payments are required. Housing and Urban Development recapture provisions will apply to homes sold or re-financed without City approval prior to conclusion of the affordability period. The City will provide funds for this program through the Housing and Urban Development's American Dream Down Payment Initiative Program and the Home Investment Partnership Act program.

Applicants must meet income eligibility requirements, homeowner eligibility requirements and purchase a home meeting program requirements. Household incomes may not exceed the following:

- " One person, \$38,300
- " Two people, \$43,800
- " Three people, \$49,250
- " Four people, \$54,700
- " Five people, \$59,100
- " Six people, \$63,500

The City will not establish any minimum underwriting requirements regarding the consumer's down payment or out-of-pocket expenses. The underwriting criteria and programs already in use by participating lenders are suited for first-time homebuyers. The sales price of the home must not exceed \$150,000 and the purchase price must not exceed the appraised value.

Interested persons should contact one of the participating lenders to apply for the program. Participating lenders and other program information can be viewed at <http://www.kcmo.org/planning.nsf/web/kcdream>

Info: Coleman McClain, Housing Development Division, (816) 513-3

**Hillcrest Community Center
Youth Activities**

10401 Hillcrest Road, KCMO 64134
(816) 784-7000

**Wednesday's, Sept. 26 – Oct. 31 and Nov. 14-
Dec. 19 from 4-5pm, free, ages 13-18, co-ed -
Teen Boot Camp** 6 week total body conditioning boot camp to improve strength, weight loss, nutritional awareness and overall fitness. Special attention is on building confidence and leadership ability.

**Thursday's Oct. 4 - Oct. 26 from 4-5pm, cost
\$12 per youth, ages 9-12.- Writing: Creative
for Kids** Be creative, write a story! In this fun class young writers will learn the essential parts of a story and express their creative side. All materials will be provided.

**Saturday, Oct. 13th from 12:00pm-4:00pm,
Free, ages 13-18 - Nelson-Atkins Museum -** Enjoy an afternoon lunch at Winstead's before we tour the fine art galleries of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Pre-registration required, first-come, first served. Class size – 14. Bring money for lunch.

**Tuesday's Nov. 6 – Nov. 27 from 4-5pm, \$12
per youth, ages 10-14. Art: Magic Pencils** Introductory course teaches basics of drawing with pencils, colored pencils, and markers. Bring drawing pencils, art gum erasers, & a sketchbook to class. Other materials provided.

**Thursday's Nov. 1 – Nov. 29 from 4-5pm, \$12
per youth, ages 9-12. Art: Cartooning just for
Kids** Let your imagination run wild as you create cartoon characters of your very own. Materials provided.

**Saturday's Sept. 29 - Nov. 17 and Nov. 24-
Jan. 26, 2008 from 10:00am - 11:00am, cost
\$36 per youth ages 8-12 - Martial Arts Class** Class consists of teaching various forms, sparring, basis self-defense and exercises. Beginner's level.

**Saturday's Sept. 29 – Nov. 17 and Nov. 24 –
Jan. 26, 2008 from 11:15am-12:30pm, cost
\$45 for ages 13 and up. Martial Arts Class** Class consists of teaching various forms, sparring, basis self-defense and exercises. It starts out at beginner's level.

**CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS
SEEK INPUT ON PUBLIC TRANSIT**

One KC Voice, a citizen engagement initiative for Greater Kansas City housed at the Mid-America Regional Council, will host 25 community discussions on public transit from September through December at locations across the region.

The input received from the engagements will be used to update the Smart Moves Regional Transit Plan, which provides a vision for coordinated transit service. The Smart Moves update will: incorporate major transit-planning efforts underway – including light rail; revise the service plan and technical information, and identify new connections and services for key corridors and activity centers.

One KC Voice schedules engagements through a network of community and citizens' organizations in Greater Kansas City. To join the network or learn more about hosting a meeting, contact Liana Riesinger, lriesinger@marc.org Eleven sessions have already been scheduled (see below) and others will be added over the next few weeks. INFO: www.onekcvoice.org

**One KC Voice Citizen Engagement
Schedule**

October 10 – 3:30 p.m.– Southtown Council, 4875 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

October 11 – 5 p.m.– Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council, 3700 Woodland, KCMO

October 15 – 7 p.m. – Lee's Summit City Hall, 220 S.E. Green St., Lee's Summit, Mo.

October 16 – 6 p.m.–Downtown Library (Kansas City, Mo., Public Library) 14 W. 10th St., Kansas City, Mo.

October 18 –11:30 a.m.– MainCor, 3215 Main St., Suite 200, Kansas City, Mo.

**BOO
AT
THE ZOO**



Fall is the perfect time to visit the Kansas City Zoo. Come to the Zoo every Saturday and Sunday in October for very special Hoots and Early Howl-O-Ween activities. Bring the hobgoblins out October 27 and 28 for tons of fun and safe trick-or-treating. Events include: trick-or-treating at candy stations; visit the Haunted Pirates of the Zoo-rribbean Pirate Ship; ride the fun & spooky "Scarecrow Express" train; paint pumpkins; do hands-on crafts; ride the pedal tractors; take a hay ride; see live animal shows; visit the 900+ zoo animals.

www.kansascityzoo.org

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