



Build Independence

Jobs Plus Newsletter

Hocker Heights & Pleasant Heights Residents



ISSUE NO. 40

FEBRUARY 2022

FINANCIAL GOAL

CREDIT SCORE INFORMATION



Check your credit score! What is a good FICO score?

A good FICO score lies between 670 and 739, according to the company's website. FICO says scores between 580 and 669 are considered "fair" and those between 740 and 799 are considered "very good." Anything above 800 is considered "exceptional." According to FICO, the average credit score in 2021 was 716, which falls in the good range. FICO comes from Fair Isaac Corp., the company that first developed a credit scoring system. FICO uses consumer data from three major credit reporting bureaus: TransUnion, Equifax and Experian. FICO scores typically express a consumer's creditworthiness as a number between 300 and 850. Toll Free FICO Support Center 800-319-4433.

MISSOURI MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Missouri minimum wage law increased effective January 1, 2022. Missouri minimum wage is \$11.15 per hour. Employment in the food service industry tip wage \$5.57 per hour.

SKILL-UP TRAINING

Skill-Up program offers free training to residents receiving food stamps - SNAP recipients. Classes are offered around your work schedule. Finish training in a few months. How do you apply for the SKILL-Up training program? **Call Family Support Division at 1-855-FSD-INFO (1-855-373-4636). Visit online <https://mydss.mo.gov/skillup-program>.**

ONIN STAFFING - NOW HIRING

Call 816-272-3555. GET HIRED TODAY! ONIN Staffing located at 3609 South Noland Road Independence, Mo. Now Hiring for warehouse, assembly workers and forklift drivers. Benefits available. Full-time employment opportunities. Worksites near bus route. **Text "job" to 39522 for online application.** Complete online application and contact ONIN Staffing for interview. Call 816-272-3555.

PREVENT FROZEN WATER LINES

Reminder winter weather has arrived. Prevent frozen water pipes. Let cold water drip from a faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe—even at a trickle. Help prevent water pipes from freezing.

Hi-SET PROGRAM

Independence School District offers adult High School Equivalency Hi-SET at Hocker Heights Computer Center. Course held every Monday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pre-enrollment required. Contact Dana Kuritz 816-313-5578 to enroll. No registration fees. Free program.

1ST TIME HOME BUYERS WORKSHOP



January 20, 2022 P.A. TUCKNESS & Company offered a 1st Time Home Buyers workshop held at Hocker Heights Jobs Plus office. Pleasant and Hocker Heights residents attended this free workshop. Residents met with mortgage/lending experts; discussed pre-approval process; and the importance of checking credit report. Congratulations to residents saving toward home ownership.

HOCKER & PLEASANT HEIGHTS OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Hocker & Pleasant Heights Jobs Plus offices and Property Management offices are closed Monday, February 21, 2022. Emergency Maintenance telephone number 816-985-2605.

JOBS PLUS MILESTONES EVENT - FEBRUARY 4, 2022

Celebrate your Jobs Plus milestone achievement for the year 2021. Milestone achievements: employment part-time or full-time 180 days or more; Enrolled or completed specialized training program; Completed High School Diploma or Hi-Set enrolled; Enrolled or completed college degree program. Contact: Jobs Plus office to enroll in Jobs Plus Program and Jobs Plus Earned Income Disregard (JPEID). Milestone event to be announced online with event information will be emailed to award winning residents.

JACKSON COUNTY OFFERS RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE

(ERAP) Assistance for residents in rent & utility arrears. Financial assistance for rent, gas, sewer, and/or electric services. ERAP is a Jackson County program to assist families. Documentation required of delinquent bills, copies of your pay stubs, SSI award letter, TANF letter, rental agreement, 2020 Income tax form or survivor benefits. Contact: **Community Services League (CSL) 816 254-4100** request ERAP program application assistance. Schedule appointment and bring your documentation.

COMMUNITY COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

CVS Pharmacy, Inc. #10241

1315 West 23 Rd St., Independence, MO 64050

Open 8:00 AM-08:00 PM

Hy-Vee Inc. #1260

1525 E 23rd Street, Independence, MO 64055

Open 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Walgreen Co. #4224

1536 E 23 Rd St S, Independence, MO 64055-1657

Open 8:00 AM - 08:00 PM

JOBS PLUS PROGRAM

Ann Benson - **Program Director** 816-836-9200 ext. 348

Hocker Heights

Vicki McGee – **Community Coach**

Pleasant Heights

Cree Harvey - **Community Coach**

Online Newsletter: <https://www.independencecha.org/JobsPlusGrant.aspx>