



Build Independence

Jobs Plus Newsletter

Hocker Heights & Pleasant Heights Residents



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JPEID COUNT DOWN

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (ACP)

Xfinity/COMCAST held an onsite ACP enrollment program on April 11 at Hocker Jobs Plus office. Information regarding Xfinity basic internet services and (ACP) Affordable Connectivity Program provided to residents. ACP offers a free (\$30.00) monthly credit toward internet billing service. Enrollment services was provided by Comcast staff – Kira Ashby & Casey Rutledge. Residents attending event were entered into a drawing to win a Dell notebook computer. Congratulations to Kathy G. winner of the Dell notebook computer. **For more information ACP/Xfinity services contact: Casey Rutledge 816-795-1100.**



Hi-SET PROGRAM

Independence School District offers adult High School Equivalency Hi-SET at Hocker Heights Computer Center. Hi-SET 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.

SAFHR PROGRAM FOR RENTERS

Struggling to pay rent or utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Missouri State Assistance for Housing Relief (SAFHR) may be able to help. SAFHR provides rent and utilities assistance for eligible Missouri residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding is paid directly to the landlord or utility company. To be eligible for SAFHR, you must be a resident of Missouri and renting at current address. At least one member of your household must be financial impacted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Such as: Household member lost job, received reduced pay, or incurred significant COVID-19 related expenses. You must be at risk of losing your housing or having your utilities shut off. **Apply online or visit the website at mohousingresources.com/safhr.** Create your account and complete online tenant information. Your rental assistance application will be sent to your landlord for additional information. Once the landlord has completed information, you will receive a notice to “submit” your application. If corrections are needed, you will be notified to update information and re-submit. You will be emailed status of your application. **If you need assistance with application, call 833 541-1599.**

LOCAL JOBS

Are you job searching? LOCAL JOBS on the bus route – Cargo Largo \$15 per hour; Chewy pays up to \$21.50; ALDI \$16 per hour; Winchester Lake City Army Ammunition Plant pays up to \$26.96; Hallcon Driver \$1000.00 No CDL required sign on bonus \$720.00 per week; J’s Chicken \$15.00 per hour; The Home Depot \$15.00 hourly wage. **Stop by the Jobs Plus office Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and let us help you find the job for you! Contact Kevin Orange Hocker Heights 816-836-9200 ext. 347 or Pleasant Heights 816-836-9200 ext. 329.**

1st TIME HOME BUYERS WORKSHOP



P.A. (Patricia) Tuckness & Company, Arline Walker Real Estate Company, and Austin Gray - Fairway Lending Company hosted 1st Time Home Buyers Workshop at Hocker Heights Jobs Plus Computer Center – **April 21, 2022**. Attendees received information about Jackson County real estate market, how to pre-qualify for a home loan and information regarding different types of home loans offered to home buyers. 1st Time Home Buyers Workshop to be scheduled in the 3rd quarter. Stay tuned for workshop date/time.

NEXT STEP KC HOUSING LOANS AND LIFELINE LOANS

Small loans to assist residents with emergency funding for rent, utilities, property repairs and moving expenses. Housing loans are offered to **employed** residents with a monthly payback program (income required). Lifeline Loans - borrow up to \$1,000 to get through the tough times and avoid payday loans. Small loans to assist resident with improving credit score and low monthly payback criteria. **To enroll in the NEXT STEP KC program – visit the website: nextstepkc.org and complete online application.** Once you have submitted online application, a financial coach will contact you to complete and finalize your application.

JOBS PLUS MILESTONES

Congratulations Melissa G. and Isaiah F. for purchasing their home. Melissa and Isaiah completed the jobs plus assessment and enrolled in JPEID. Melissa and Isaiah are employed full-time and saved their earned income to purchase their home. Melissa attended Jobs Plus 1st Time Home Buyers workshop and began the home ownership process. **So proud of your success!**



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Simple steps --- Complete Jobs Plus assessment packet. Enroll in Jobs Plus Earned Income Disregard (JPEID) and start your new job! Once you start earning income – your monthly rent will be set up at an earned income baseline by property manager. Save your earned income toward a bigger goal -- new car or new home! Jobs Plus JPEID program will end December 31, 2022. Enroll today and start saving your earned income toward your goal! **Need assistance with JPEID enrollment? Contact Jobs Plus 816-836-9200 ext. 348.**

JOBS PLUS - CONGRATULATIONS

Jamelia S. and Bailey W. received High School Diploma.

Elizabeth T. Donnelly College enrollment for LPN training and passed TEAS exam.

Vicki M. passed written CDL A exam.

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