



Build Independence Jobs Plus Newsletter

Hocker Heights & Pleasant Heights Residents

<https://www.independenceha.org/JobsPlusGrant.aspx>



Please note that the office will be closed December 23rd thru 27th for the Holidays

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WORK TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS

Unless stated otherwise, events are held in the Community Rooms of Hocker Heights and Pleasant Heights (8th Floor).

If you cannot attend the event at Hocker Heights, please plan on attending at Pleasant Heights.



On November 23rd residents celebrated "Friendsgiving" at Pleasant Heights. November 24th residents at Hocker Heights had their celebration. There was conversation, dinner, and desserts for all. Everyone had an enjoyable event meeting their neighbors!

Tuesday, December 3rd and Tuesday, December 17th

Onsite: Hocker Heights 11:30pm - 12:30pm, Pleasant Heights 1pm - 2pm

Express Pros

Employment/Workforce Workshop



James Garrett

Seeking part-time or full-time employment? Finding employment is simple! Meet in person on the first and third Tuesday of December. Express Employment Professionals workforce readiness workshop held at **Hocker and Pleasant Heights Computer Centers**. Express Professionals and Jobs Plus has partnered for employment opportunities in eastern Jackson county. **Wages begin at \$12.00 and up. Apply online at expresspros.com.** To schedule your interview, contact Mr. Garrett or Mr. Shields at (816) 229-5627.



Wolfgang Shields,
M.S.

Wednesday, December 4 and 11th

Offsite: Mid-Continent Public Library, 317 US-24, Independence, MO at 10am Excel Classes

Mid-Continent Public Library



Intermediate Excel class December 4th. Advanced Excel class December 11th. Call 816-252-0950 for details.

Tuesday, December 10

Onsite: Hocker Heights 11am - 12pm, Pleasant Heights 1pm - 2pm

United Healthcare

Special seasonal event



Got Medicaid and Medicare? Stop by our FREE event and learn more about your health benefits.. There will be refreshments, snacks, giveaways, and hand-outs.

Wednesday, December 18

Onsite: Hocker Heights 10am - 11am, Pleasant Heights 1pm - 2pm

Social Security Program

Presentation



Did you file for SSI or SSDI benefits? Need to understand how to apply for benefits? How to maintain employment with benefits? Please attend this workshop. Ask the administrator onsite. Pre-registration is required due to classroom size. Learn how to navigate Social Security Website at the **Hocker Heights Computer Center and Pleasant Heights Computer Center**.

Friday, December 20th

Onsite: Hocker Heights 1:30pm

Jobs Plus

Advisory Committee Meeting



Celebration of Jobs Plus. Review of 2020 Jobs Plus scheduling. Hocker and Pleasant Heights residents may apply for Advisory Committee member. Stop by Jobs Plus office for application. This is a one-year commitment, meets quarterly.



The Computer Centers are available for Hocker and Pleasant Heights Residents ONLY.

Hours Monday through Thursday, 9am – 12pm and 1pm – 4pm. Closed Fridays.



December 5, 12, 19 at 1pm

Onsite: Hocker Heights Community Center

Diabetes Workshop

Support Group

Are you diagnosed with diabetes or type 2 diabetes? Food, Friends, and Fun = Fitness! Please join the FREE workshop and learn how to manage your Diabetes, get support! Sponsored by Candie Williams – Certified Diabetes Educator and Exercise Physiologist. Call today to save your place, seating is limited: 816-833-1333.

Monday through Friday, December 2 – 6, See times below

Offsite: FEC Annex 1524 E. 23rd Street South Independence, MO

Painter/Renovator Certification

Fast Track Training Program



Sherwin - Williams Painter Training & RRP Renovator Certification. Training program located at FEC Annex 1524 E. 23rd Street South Independence, MO (northside of 23rd street from Hy-Vee parking lot).

Monday, Wednesday Thursday & Friday Classes: 8:30am – 4:30pm Tuesday Class: 7:30am – 5pm

Residents are required to attend ALL four days, with NO LATE ARRIVALS! Pre-register at Jobs Plus offices and contact Joe Chavez at 816-835-9055 or Sandee Woods at 816-916-6995.



January Skill Build & Hi-Set Locations and Schedule

Offsite: See Details Below

Skill Builder and Hi-Set

Enrollment



January 6-9 Literacy KC 3036 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO

5:30pm – 8:30pm

January 20-23 Maywood Baptist Church 10505 E. Winner Road, Independence, MO

9am – 12noon

January 13-16 Truman High School 3301 S Noland Road, Independence, MO

6pm – 9pm

January 13-16 Salvation Army 14700 E Truman Road, Independence, MO

9am – 12noon

Every Tuesday

Onsite: Hocker Heights 11:15am – 12pm, Pleasant Heights 1 - 2pm

Job Club

GET ENROLLED TODAY!



Are you resume ready? Interview skills perfected? Remember to Complete Your Jobs Plus Assessment. Earn income without a monthly rent increase. SAVE your money! Job searching and resume services available. Create a financial goal!

By Appointment

In home services

Parents As Teachers

Sponsored by ISD



Parents As Teachers in-home program will schedule appointments and activities. In-home educational program for infants to pre-K. Contact Becky Weyrauch: becky_weyrauch@isdschools.org. Call Hanthorn Early Childhood Center at 816-521-5485.

Monday through Friday, 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Onsite: Hocker Heights Community Center

Success Link Outreach

THRIVE After School Childcare

Beginning December 2nd, Thrive After School Childcare program is FREE and open to all children from pre-K through the 12th grade.

Monday through Friday 3:30pm to 5:30pm at Hocker Heights Community Center. Must be a resident of Hocker or Pleasant Heights. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Applications at Hocker Office. Beginning Drawing class will be held. Any questions, contact Mr. Hines 816-933-8891. **Parent must sign out participants! If a child walks out of building voluntarily, child cannot re-enter building.**

Monday, 9am–12pm and Tuesday through Friday, 8am–4pm

Offsite: 5829 Troost Ave, Suite B, Kansas City, MO 64110

The Grooming Project

<https://thegroomingproject.org/>



Got Dogs? Love Kids? Qualify for tuition assistance! **100% Job placement** in a grooming position upon graduation. Weekly student stipend offered. Contact Barbie Daniels to enroll: 816-214-5376/816-673-9248

TBA, January 2020

Onsite: Hocker Heights Community Center, Pleasant Heights 8th Floor

Jobs Plus

Milestone Celebration



Recognition program for Hocker and Pleasant Heights residents' achieving part-time and full-time employment, education enrollment completion, or workforce certification. Receive recognition for a job well done!

JOB PLUS LEADERSHIP TEAM

JOBS PLUS – HOCKER HEIGHTS PROGRAM

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Shawn Driscoll Community Coach, Hocker Heights

JOBS PLUS – PLEASANT HEIGHTS PROGRAM

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Cree Harvey Community Coach, Pleasant Heights

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