



# Build Independence

## Jobs Plus Newsletter

Hocker Heights & Pleasant Heights Residents



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SAVINGS AND GOALS

### WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE PROGRAM



**Tina Richards – Kansas City C.O.B.R.A.** instructor provided a free women's self-defense training program at Hocker & Pleasant Heights. Workshop attendees learned self-defense techniques with hands-on training led by instructor Tina Richards. Building confidence and knowledge in handling an emergency or crisis situation was a success. "Thank you" Tina Richards for sharing your expertise and answering questions.

### Hi-SET

**Independence School District** offers adult High School Equivalency Hi-SET scheduled daytime or evening hours. Study at your own pace. Pre-enrollment required. **Contact Dana Kuritz 816-313-5578** to enroll. No registration fees. **Congratulations to Nicole R. Hi-Set completion and diploma! Graduation ceremony scheduled June 8<sup>th</sup> Maywood Baptist Church.**

### SAFHR 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](https://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 –** Grainger \$18.30; Dollar General up to 24K; Big Lots now hiring minors age 16; Sam's Club front line cashier \$ 20.00; Five & Below \$15.00; Landmark Dodge Automotive office clerk \$18.00; The Home Depot \$15.00 hourly wage. Women's Employment Network JOB FAIR 2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, MO. Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **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.**

### SUCCESSLINKS SUMMER MEALS

Families with school age children at Hocker Heights and Pleasant Heights will be receiving summer meals sponsored by SuccessLinks of Kansas City. SuccessLinks of KC will begin services June 4, 2022. **Meals will be offered by SuccessLinks staff Monday through Friday at the Hocker Property Management office. Parent and/or legal guardian will be required to pick up lunches at 401 Hocker Terrace. Questions regarding free meal program – contact Mrs. Hines at [successlinkoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:successlinkoutreach@gmail.com).**

## CACU FINANCIAL WORKSHOP



**Community America Credit Union** financial workshop held May 25 at Hocker Jobs Plus Computer Center. **Caleb Brown – CACU Financial Relationship Consultant** presented financial lending overview for vehicles and home loans. Thank you, Community America Credit Union, for assisting residents with their financial needs. For more information contact **CACU staff - Caleb Brown** at 3720 S. Noland Road, Independence, MO.

## 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](http://nextstepkc.org) and complete online application.** Once you have submitted online application, a financial coach will contact you by telephone to complete and finalize your application.

## ERAP MONTHLY RENT & UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

**(ERAP) Monetary assistance for Jackson County resident's delinquent in monthly rent & utilities.** Financial assistance for rent, gas, sewer, and/or electric services. ERAP is a county program to assist families residing in Jackson County. 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 and Schedule appointment. Bring your documentation.

## JOB TRAINING

**Residents ages 18 to 24 have an opportunity for a paid internship with hourly wage starting at \$13.50.** Once you have completed the paid internship program, update your resume with new job skills obtained. Get placed into a permanent paying job and build your skills! **Contact Kevin Orange Hocker 816-836-9200 ext. 347. Pleasant 816-836-9200 ext. 329.**

## J.P.E.I.D. COUNT DOWN

**Residents ages 18 to 61 may complete Jobs Plus assessment packet and enroll in Jobs Plus Earned Income Disregard (JPEID) and begin employment!** 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 purchase a home! Improve your quality of life. 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 or employment? Contact Jobs Plus office 816-836-9200 ext. 347.**

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