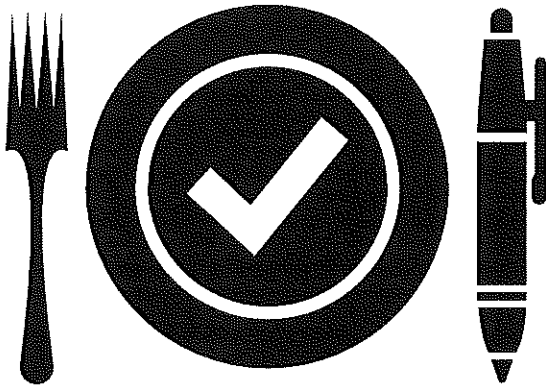


Successful Connections



LUNCH & LEARN

Presenter: Luanne Webb
Infant-Preschool Librarian
Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library

Ms. Luanne Webb has been with the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library since 2005. She attended Eureka College, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She also gained her Master of Library Science from Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management.

General Library and Summer Learning Programs

This presentation will detail the library and the summer learning programs offered for early childhood through adult audiences.

In this presentation participants will:

- Gain knowledge about the services and at the library
- Attain information about what patrons can do while they are at the library.
- Learn about the Summer Learning Program.

Date & Time:

Thursday, May 5, 2022
12:00 – 12:55 PM

Where:

Online via Zoom

Register in Advance:

<https://bit.ly/May-LunchLearn>

* Following registration, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For questions, please call 785-440-4514.

Maria Anderson

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Subject: Federal Mask Mandate extended for public transportation
Attachments: 20220414111529982_0001.pdf

PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT COVID-19

NOTICE

The health and safety of the community, our passengers and Topeka Metro employees are our top priority. Topeka Metro has fully complied with all mask requirements during the pandemic and we are currently enforcing the **TSA directive** requiring proper wearing of face masks per federal law. As of April 13, 2022, **FACE MASKS are to be worn while on the bus and in Quincy Street station through MAY 3, 2022.** Failure to comply will result in denial of boarding or removal, and may result in penalties.

EFFECTIVE 9/7/21, Topeka Metro will no longer be supplying masks to passengers, so all passengers must supply their own masks or they will not be allowed to ride.

Topeka Metro will continue to monitor and implement safety protocols and recommendations as directed by the Governor, public health and transportation authorities, and local leaders to ensure the safety and well-being of our employees, our customers, and our community.

It is possible that the COVID-19 pandemic could result in multiple Topeka Metro bus operators being unable to work at any given time. In the event that Topeka Metro were to experience a critical bus operator shortage, service reductions may become necessary.

Y LEA POR FAVOR: NOTIFICACIÓN IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE COVID-19

La salud y la seguridad de la comunidad, nuestros pasajeros y los empleados de Topeka Metro son nuestra prioridad más importante. Topeka Metro ha cumplido en su totalidad con los requerimientos del uso de tapabocas durante la pandemia y en la actualidad estamos reforzando el requerimiento por ley federal de la Directiva de la Administración de Seguridad en el Transporte (TSA por sus siglas en inglés) del uso apropiado de coberturas faciales. **Las coberturas faciales deben ser utilizadas mientras utilice el autobús y en la estación de la "Quincy Street" hasta el 3 de mayo del 2022.** El incumplimiento resultará en la denegación de abordaje o remoción del autobús y puede resultar en una multa.

VIGENTE A PARTIR DE 7/SEPT/21 Topeka Metro ya no estará proporcionando tapabocas a los pasajeros, así que todos los pasajeros deben contar con sus propios tapabocas o no se les permitirá viajar en el autobús.

Topeka Metro continuará monitoreando e implementando protocolos de seguridad y las recomendaciones de la Gobernadora, las autoridades de salud pública y de transporte y los líderes locales para asegurar la seguridad y bienestar de nuestros empleados, nuestros clientes y nuestra comunidad.

Es posible que la pandemia de COVID-19 ocasione que múltiples operadores de los autobuses no puedan trabajar en algún momento dado. En el evento de que Topeka Metro experimente una escasez crítica de operadores de autobús, será necesario reducir los servicios.

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ATTENTION! Mask Mandate Extended to May 3, 2022



Lulac Senior Center Plant Sale! May 4th, 5th and 6th 9am-2pm

1502 NE Seward Avenue-We have a large variety of houseplants, succulants, and vegetable plants. Our Plant Sale helps support senior services! For more information contact Kathy Votaw 234-5809





Real-World Parenting Series

FREE
parenting videos
and Q&A presented
via Facebook
and Zoom

April's Topic of the Month: Grief and Mourning

Grief and mourning are very complicated, especially for children who may not understand what words like "loss" and "death" really mean. In addition, missed proms, dance recitals, sporting events and time away from friends have made us look at "loss" in a new way. Karen Smothers, LCSW, LCAC, will talk about how loss affects children at different ages. Karen will also offer practical advice on what parents can do to help.

- The first three Thursdays of each month, FSGC will post short videos about the Parenting Topic of the Month to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FSGCtopeka). The videos will offer practical parenting tips and advice.
- On Thursday, April 28, you'll have the chance to ask your questions about grief and mourning in a **FREE** live Q&A session via Zoom. We'll also answer pre-submitted questions at that time. Live Q&A sessions will run from 6:30:7:30 p.m. CDT.

To get the Zoom link for the live Q&A and to submit your questions, go to FSGCtopeka.com/parenting and click the red "Register Here" under the Topic of the Month.

Spots for the Q&A session are limited – first-come, first-served.

Registrants will receive a link to the live Q&A via e-mail by 5 p.m. CDT the day of the Q&A.

For more information, contact Jim Williamson at jwilliamson@fsgctopeka.com or 270.8907.

- **Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/FSGCtopeka).**
- **Register at FSGCtopeka.com/parenting.**



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Welcome Baby Jubilee

May 1, 2022 | 2-4 p.m.

Pozez Education Center

(Stormont Vail Health Main Campus)



If you are expecting a special bundle of joy soon or planning an addition to your family, please join us for this fun-filled event!

We encourage that masks are worn, attendees are vaccinated and social distance.

Activities:

- Meet the Stormont Vail team
- Visit our baby resource fair
- Tour the Birthplace
- Register for prizes

Tdap Shots Available

Tdap boosters will be available for partners and support people who will be around your new baby. Tdap boosters are important and help protect infants by preventing those around your baby from getting sick.

Please find parking in the parking garage on levels 2, 3, 4, or 5.

Questions? Contact Savanna Gaumer at 785-354-6000 ext.26927





Expanding Access to Homeownership Resources to the Underserved in Kansas

Want to learn about recent homeownership funding and resources, including down payment assistance, homeowner education programs, legal services, and housing counseling?

Who should attend: Financial institutions, Housing Advocacy Groups, CDFIs, government, and non-profit organizations who are interested in partnership opportunities to support affordable housing in Kansas.

Date **May 3rd, 2022**

Time **9.00 AM - 12.00 PM**

Venue **Virtual**

Cost **Free**

Speaker



Ulysses Clayborn
Region VII
Regional
Administrator

HUD

Speaker



Ryan Vincent
Executive
Director

KHRC

Speaker



Marilyn Stanley
KHAF Program
Director

KHRC

Speaker



Cynthia Howerton
FTHB Program
Manager

KHRC

Speaker



Teresa Baker
Executive Director

Housing and Credit
Counseling, Inc.

Register Now
<https://event.me/582Dbq>

For more info +816-234-8084 Teresa at tegreen@fdic.gov

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From: Rachelle Vega-Retana
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Subject: Kansas Housing Launches Mortgage Relief Program - KHAF is Open!
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Kansas Housing Launches Mortgage Relief Program

Assistance supports homeowners facing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Today, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) launched the Kansas Homeowner Assistance Fund (KHAF), providing mortgage and utility assistance to Kansas households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Since the beginning of the pandemic, we’ve provided more than **\$190 million** in assistance to keep Kansans stably housed and connected to vital services,” said Ryan Vincent, Executive Director of Kansas Housing. “We’re so pleased to extend that support to homeowners with KHAF. We know that the economic impact of the pandemic is far from over, and these dollars will be vital in ensuring Kansans can remain in their homes.”

The KHAF program, supported through funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and administered by KHRC, will help qualifying Kansans get current on their mortgages and property taxes and avoid foreclosure.

The KHAF program provides:

- Mortgage payments
- Property taxes and charges
- Utility, internet, and broadband fees
- And more

To qualify for assistance, applicants must:

- Own their primary residence in Kansas;
- Provide valid proof of identification;
- Meet income guidelines;
- Be at risk of losing their home; and
- Experience a documented financial hardship during the COVID pandemic.

Households earning up to 150 percent of their area’s median income are eligible to apply. For example, a family of four living in Lyon County could earn up to \$97,650 to qualify for assistance. Eligible hardship must include a reduction in income or increase in living expenses associated with the pandemic.

Applications are accepted online, and assistance is paid directly to the lender or service provider. Eligible homeowners may receive up to \$35,000 in mortgage assistance and up to \$10,000 in property charge and utility assistance.

The KHAF program was developed in consultation with housing stakeholders and community members through a public feedback process. The program will operate until the state's \$56.6 million KHAF allocation is fully expended. Homeowners are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to ensure that they receive assistance in a timely manner. Applicants may check the status of their application at any time by logging in to the KHAF portal.

To learn more and apply, visit kshousingcorp.org.

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HOMEOWNERS



Kansas Homeowner Assistance Fund

Don't let missing payments lead to missing your home.

The Kansas Homeowner Assistance Fund (KHAF) program may be able to help.

The KHAF program, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act and administered by Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC), provides financial relief to homeowners financially impacted by the COVID pandemic.

What does assistance cover?

- † Mortgage Payments
- † Property Taxes and Charges
- † Utilities/Internet/Broadband Fees
- † And More



Keep Your Home

You may qualify for this program

IF YOU MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- + You own your home in Kansas.
- + The property (a single-family home, one-to-four unit dwelling, or mobile home) is your primary residence.
- + You can provide valid proof of identification.
- + You are at risk of losing your home without assistance.
- + Your recent income did not exceed 150 percent of your area's median income.
- + Your household is experiencing documented financial hardship during the the COVID pandemic.

How to apply:

- 1 Homeowner submits an online application.
- 2 Application is processed to ensure all eligibility criteria are met.
- 3 If approved, funds are paid directly to the service provider(s), who apply them to the homeowner's account(s).

Learn More and Apply Online

kshousingcorp.org/kansas-homeowner-assistance-fund



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