



Build Independence

Jobs Plus Newsletter

Hocker Heights & Pleasant Heights Residents



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SAVING EARNED INCOME

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR



Jobs Plus held an onsite community resource event Friday, July 1, 2022 at Pleasant Heights. **Xfinity/Comcast internet** services offered ACP Affordable Connectivity Program information. Free government phone service **SAFE LINK** enrollment was offered to attendees. **Connection to Success** hosted workforce training information. **ERAP Monetary Assistance** program offered financial assistance to resident's delinquent with rent & utilities - gas, sewer, and/or electric services. For more information contact: **Kevin Orange, Case Manager/Job Developer 816-836-9200 ext. 329.**

1ST TIME HOME BUYERS WORKSHOP



Patricia Tuckness Brokerage Company and Arlene Walker Real Estate will be hosting a 1st Time Home Buyers for employed **Hocker & Pleasant Heights residents** Thursday, August 25 at 1:30 p.m. Workshop is free. Learn the process of becoming a homeowner. **Pre-register for workshop by contacting Jobs Plus office 816-836-9200 ext. 348. or Pleasant Heights 816-836-9200 ext. 329.** Pre-registration is required to attend.

CACU COMMUNITY AMERICA CREDIT UNION

Community America Credit Union will be onsite at Hocker Heights - September 21 10:30 a.m. Pleasant Heights September 28 10:30 a.m. to assist you with checking account/savings account information. Why choose a credit union? No hidden fees with a checking/savings account. CACU staff will assist you planning a monthly budget; open a savings account for your financial goal save to achieve your goal. Need a car loan? Stop by CACU locations and apply in-person for car loan application. Review your credit score with CACU staff, services are free! Need to apply for a home loan - CACU offers mortgage lending opportunities. Youth savings program available with \$1.00 investment.

ERAP MONTHLY RENT & UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

(ERAP) Assisting 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. Required documentation of delinquent bills, copies of pay stubs, SSI award letter, TANF letter, rental agreement, 2020 Income tax form or survivor benefits award letter. **ERAP online appl <https://www.jacksoncountyerap.org/>**

988 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION



Call "988" or text "988" for assistance. Trained counselors on duty 24/7 to assist with mental health crisis. 988 service is free. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org. No matter where you live in the Unites States, call or text 988 and talk to a trained crisis counselor. Free service.

SUCCESSLINKS KC



Success Links KC provides Monday through Friday free meals and educational activities for Hocker & Pleasant Heights school aged-children up to age 18. Free meals and hands-on activities located at 550 Hocker Terrace (cul-de-sac). Free backpacks for school-aged children will be scheduled August 12, 2022 last day of meals!

ISD HiSET ENROLLMENT

Independence School District Adult Education Program offers HiSET enrollment and orientation August 1st & 3rd at the Maywood Baptist Church 6 p.m. In-person courses begin Monday, August 22, 2022 at 5 p.m. located in the Hocker Heights Jobs Plus Computer Center. To enroll contact Dana Kuritz 816-313-5578. Various Independence locations for day-time and evening studies available. Study at your own pace online! Achieve a lifetime credential.

SAFE LINK FREE PHONE & PHONE SERVICE

Do you need a new phone which provides text message and data service? Safe Link is an Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) participant. Enroll today and receive your free mobile phone with service. Contact Kevin Orange, Case Manager/Job Developer office 816-836-9200 ext. 329 for application assistance.

WELCOME ROSS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Crystal Vaden, ROSS program coordinator (Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency). Mrs. Vaden will be scheduling appointments at these locations serving Hocker Heights and Pleasant Heights residents. Hocker Heights every Tuesday; Pleasant Heights every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ROSS program is an individualized supportive service, resident empowerment program, and assists residents to become economically self-sufficient. Any questions about ROSS enrollment and program information contact **Crystal Vaden 816-836-9200 ext. 309.**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Job searching is easy...Schedule your appointment with Kevin Orange, Jobs Plus Case Manager/Job Developer 816-836-9200 ext. 329. Update your resume and review your JPEID enrollment form so you save \$\$\$ dollars toward your financial goal. Local jobs part-time and full-time: **Part-time cashier 11004 E. US Hwy 40 Independence, MO. Hourly wage \$16.50. GHEA Associate Customer Care Rep Call Center - Medical/Dental salary \$29k-41k. The Groves Rehab & Healthcare Center Receptionist salary 26k-35k. Spectrum Call Center Representative \$20.00 hourly wage.**

J.P.E.I.D. ENROLLMENT

Why pay full rent each month? Save your earned income each month and enroll in JPEID. Residents ages 18 to 61 may complete Jobs Plus assessment packet and enroll in Jobs Plus Earned Income Disregard (JPEID). Once you begin 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. **Contact Hocker Jobs Plus office 816-836-9200 ext. 348 or Pleasant Heights Jobs Plus office 816-836-9200 ext. 329. to enroll in JPEID. Jobs Plus Earned Income Disregard.**

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