



Build Independence

Jobs Plus Newsletter

Hocker Heights & Pleasant Heights Residents



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SAVINGS GROWTH

COMMUNITY AMERICA CREDIT UNION EVENT



Community America Credit Union (CACU) hosted onsite events at Hocker Heights - September 21 & Pleasant Heights September 28. CACU Staff Diana & Jamal assisted residents with basic financial needs opening a checking account/savings account, assisting with creating a monthly budget, car loans and home loans applications. Visit Independence CACU locations in-person for a review of your credit score with CACU staff - services are free! Build your wealth! CACU Locations: Hy-Vee 4545 S. Noland Road and 3622 S. Noland Road Independence, MO.

HIRING EVENT – COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Mark your calendar for these Jobs Plus events scheduled October 12 at Hocker Heights Jobs Plus office 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon) and Pleasant Heights Main Level 12:00 (noon) to 2:00 p.m. Get hired today with Crown Services. Enroll in Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) COMCAST/Xfinity. Receive \$30.00 credit to your Comcast/Xfinity monthly billing. SafeLink will be assisting resident with phone services. Garcia Medical Services to provide blood pressure checks.

SAFHR ASSISTANCE

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 related expenses. Apply online or visit the website at mohousingresources.com/safhr. Create your account and complete online tenant information. Completed rental assistance application emailed to your landlord. Once 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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES – GET HIRED TODAY

Now Hiring: Hourly wages \$15.00 - Dollar General Independence, MO SALES ASSOCIATE; The Home Depot Independence, MO ASSET PROTECTION SPECIALIST; Papa Inc. Independence, MO Papa Pal (Caregiver) \$16.00; Sam's Club Independence, MO Freezer, Cooler and Deli Stocker Associate; Community Services League Independence, MO Warehouse Associate \$15.00 per hour; Dollar Tree Independence, MO SALES FLOOR ASSOCIATE Hiring Minors age 16+ \$15.00; McKeever Price Chopper Independence, MO Customer Service; Cedar Fair Entertainment Company (Worlds Of Fun) All positions start between \$14 and \$16 per hour with all positions receiving a \$2 per hour premium pay every Wednesday. JOBS FAIR – Kansas City Virtual Job Fairs October 20, 2022 11:00 a.m. and November 7, 2022 11:00 a.m. Pre-register at <https://hirex.us/> For job search assistance contact: Kevin Orange, Pleasant Heights 816-836-9200 ext. 329.

HiSET ENROLLMENT

Earn your High School Diploma equivalency - a lifetime achievement. Hocker Heights Jobs Plus computer center is the host site for Monday evening Hi-SET. To enroll in HiSET call 816-313-5578. Schedule your appointment for enrollment today. Study at your own pace! What's holding you back from completing your High School Diploma? Call 816-313-5578 for enrollment information.

ERAP MONTHLY RENT & UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

(ERAP) Monetary assistance for Jackson County resident's delinquent in monthly rent or 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. Contact **Community Services League (CSL) 816 254-4100** to request **ERAP program** application assistance. Apply for **ERAP online** <https://www.jacksoncountyerap.org/>

INDEPENDENCE TRUNK OR TREAT

School aged-children are invited to "Trunk or Treat" Thursday, October 27, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. held at the Uptown Market - 211 West Truman Road. Wear your Halloween costume, bring your trick or treat bag and have some fun! Event is free and sponsored by the Independence Police Department.

ROSS PROGRAM AVAILABLE

Crystal Vaden, ROSS Program Coordinator (Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency). Schedule in-person appointments at Hocker Heights and Pleasant Heights. Hocker Heights - Tuesday; Pleasant Heights - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ROSS program is an individualized supportive service, resident empowerment program. Any questions about ROSS enrollment and program information contact **Crystal Vaden 816-836-9200 ext. 309.**

1st TIME HOME BUYERS WORKSHOP

1st Time Home Buyers Work shop scheduled **October 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Hocker Jobs Plus office. Pre-register for workshop 816-836-9200 ext. 348. & Pleasant Heights 816-836-9200 ext. 329. Patricia Tuckness Brokerage Company, Arline Walker Real Estate and Fairway Mortgage Corporation onsite to assist you with real estate purchase. Make your homeownership dream come true!

J.P.E.I.D. ENROLLMENT – SAVE YOUR EARNED INCOME

Residents ages 18 to 61 may complete Jobs Plus assessment packet with enrollment 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, purchase a home or lease rental property!** Jobs Plus JPEID program will end December 31, 2022. **Contact Jobs Plus office 816-836-9200 ext. 348 Hocker ext. 329 Pleasant to enroll in JPEID.** Enroll today. Making financial "dreams" come true!

MUSTARD SEED VOUCHERS

Mustard Seed Thrift Store offers winter clothing voucher - one per family at Hocker & Pleasant Heights. Mustard Seed is located at 401 N. Liberty, Independence, MO 64050. Voucher is redeemed Thursday, Friday or Saturday from noon 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Contact Jobs Plus offices: Hocker 816-836-9200 ext. 348. Pleasant Heights 816-836-9200 ext. 329 for winter clothing voucher.**

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Online Newsletter: <https://www.ihal.org/>

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