



# Build Independence

## Jobs Plus Newsletter

Hocker Heights & Pleasant Heights Residents



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NEW SAVINGS GOAL

MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT



**Congratulations to Robin for her recent car purchase! Robin completed the Jobs Plus assessment and JPEID enrollment form and begin her job search. Robin is employed by UBER Eats and Door Dash. She recently accepted a full-time position! Robin has been studying college courses and finished her Bachelor's degree. She is pursuing her Master's Degree in Counseling. Way to go Robin! Proud of your success!**

### FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS WORKSHOP

**P.A. Tuckness & Company** will be hosting a 1<sup>st</sup> Time Home Buyers Workshop at Hocker Heights Computer Center - **January 20, 2022**. Workshop begins at 10 a.m. **Pre-registration is required to attend workshop.** Learn about the real estate market in eastern Jackson County and how to pre-qualify for a home loan. Information regarding different types of home loans offered to attendees! **Contact Jobs Plus Office 816-836-9200 ext. 348 to register.** Door Prizes awarded to attendees.

### SKILL-UP TRAINING

**Skill-Up** program offers free training to residents receiving food stamps - SNAP recipients. Classes are offered around your work schedule. Finish training in a few months. How do you apply for the SKILL-Up training program? **Call Family Support Division at 1-855-FSD-INFO (1-855-373-4636).** Visit online <https://mydss.mo.gov/skillup-program>.

### Hi-SET PROGRAM

**Independence School District** offers adult High School Equivalency Hi-SET at Hocker Heights Computer Center. Course held every Monday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pre-enrollment required. Contact Dana Kuritz 816-313-5578 to enroll. No registration fees. Free program.

### PREVENT FROZEN WATER LINES

**Reminder winter weather has arrived. Prevent frozen water pipes. Let cold water drip from a faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe—even at a trickle. Let cold water drip from a faucet served by exposed pipes. Helps prevent water pipes from freezing.**

### ONIN STAFFING - NOW HIRING

**Call 816-272-3555. GET HIRED TODAY! ONIN Staffing** located at 3609 South Noland Road Independence, Mo. Now Hiring for warehouse, assembly workers and forklift drivers. Benefits available. Full-time employment opportunities. Worksites near bus route. **Text "job" to 39522 for online application.** Complete online application and contact ONIN Staffing for interview. Call 816-272-3555

## JACKSON COUNTY (ERAP) UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**(ERAP) Assistance for residents in rent & utility arrears.** Financial assistance for rent, gas, sewer, and/or electric services. ERAP is a Jackson County program to assist families. Documentation required of delinquent bills, copies of your pay stubs, SSI award letter, TANF letter, rental agreement, 2020 Income tax form or survivor benefits. CSL has been designated as an agency in eastern Jackson County to assist families with the application process. Contact: **Community Services League (CSL)** [816 254-4100](tel:8162544100) request ERAP program application assistance. Schedule appointment and bring your documentation.

## HOCKER & PLEASANT HEIGHTS OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Hocker & Pleasant Heights Jobs Plus offices and Property Management offices are closed Monday, January 17, 2022. Emergency Maintenance telephone number 816-985-2605.

## HOPE HOUSE

Hope House is dedicated to making sure every man, woman, and child affected by domestic violence can find refuge and freedom. Hotline available 24/7. Call 816-461-4673 or visit Hope House online at <http://www.hopehouse.net>

## JOBS PLUS T.V. GIVEAWAY

Hocker or Pleasant Heights employed resident will have the opportunity to win a flat screen television for being employed from January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022. Rules for television giveaway: Must be 18-61; enrolled in Jobs Plus program; completed job plus assessment; enrolled in JPEID; pay rent on-time; and employed part-time or full-time for 12 months without any work interruption. Drawing will be held January 31, 2022 and the winner will be notified by the Jobs Plus office!

## JOBS PLUS MILESTONES EVENT - JANUARY 2022

**Celebrate your Jobs Plus milestone achievement for the year 2021. Milestone achievements: employment part-time or full-time 180 days or more; Enrolled or completed training program; Completed High School Diploma; Enrolled or completed college degree;** Contact: Jobs Plus office to enroll in Jobs Plus Program and Jobs Plus Earned Income Disregard. JPEID Program ends December 31, 2022. Questions - contact Jobs Plus office 816-826-9200 ext. 348. Milestone event to be announced soon and event information will be emailed to residents.

## FREE READING BOOKS

Free reading books for Hocker & Pleasant Heights residents. Assorted reading books are in good condition. **Resident may choose two books to keep at home.** Please contact Hocker Property Manager to schedule appointment for pick up. Call Lyndsy 816-836-9200 ext. 310 to schedule your appointment.

## JOBS PLUS PROGRAM

Ann Benson - Program Director 816-836-9200 ext. 348

Hocker Heights

Vicki McGee – Community Coach

Pleasant Heights

Cree Harvey - Community Coach

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

## AWARD WINNING - JOBS PLUS PROGRAM

Missouri Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials

Awarded Jobs Plus

Best Newsletter Year 2019, 2020 & 2021. Best Other Agency Publications - Year 2020.