

1ST QUARTER 2026

# CIVIC ACTION MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church

## SAVE THE DATE!

Our first meeting of the year will be on Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m. at Oak Ridge. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please come.

### Community Information:

- Kansas Black Legislative Day — February 9, Docking State Office Building, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Johnson County, Kansas
  - Corson Town Hall — Senator Ethan Corson and other elected officials provide a legislative update. Powell Community Center, 9 a.m.
    - January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24, November 21, and December 19.
  - Second Saturday Democratic Breakfast
    - February 14, March 14
    - 9 a.m., Powell Community Center.

### Election Information:

- Primary election – August 4
- General election – November 3
- Jackson County, Missouri
  - February 3 – Independence Mayor and Councilmember at large.
  - April 7 — Earnings tax renewal. Failure to renew funding could result in first responder layoffs, increases in emergency response times, public works funding cuts, and increased costs for trash collection.

## Following Jesus Daily – Matthew 16:24

### Ministry Goals:

Provide information on voter registration, elections, legislative issues, and civic engagement activities in the metropolitan area. Also, participate in civic and voter engagement activities.

## Election Information Continued:



### Kansas

- Offices on the ballot — All statewide seats, U.S. Senate, U.S. Representatives
- 2026 Constitutional Amendment to elect KS Supreme Court justices in August.
- Constitutional Amendment to provide that only citizens of the U.S. can vote in the State in November.
- Special Election for Edgerton, USD 232, and USD 233

### Wyandotte County, Kansas

- Offices on the ballot – five seats for the Unified Government Board of Commissioners (districts 2, 3, 4, 6, and At-large 1).

### Johnson County, Kansas

- March 3 – city sales tax in Edgerton, and bond approval for USD 232 and USD 233.

## Legislative Issues:

- Missouri: A Cole County judge ruled Tuesday that Missouri lawmakers can redraw congressional boundaries in the middle of the decade. Circuit Judge Christopher Limbaugh ruled that even though there's no explicit authorization for mid-decade redistricting, there's no explicit prohibition, either. The decision came the same day that redistricting opponents turned in more than 300,000 signatures to put the map up for a statewide vote. Chuck Hatfield, an attorney for the plaintiffs in the case, said he plans to appeal the ruling that approved redrawing the mid-cycle congressional map, to the Missouri Supreme Court. The Missouri petition drive to force a vote on the gerrymandered congressional map virtually eliminating Missouri's existing 5th Congressional District will only move forward with two-thirds of the collected petition signature pages. Under the new map, the district, traditionally represented by Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, is carved up with portions attached to the 4th and 6th Districts, making it heavily Republican.
- Kansas: At this point, it doesn't look like the Kansas Legislature will take up redistricting (redrawing congressional district maps). Reporting by the Kansas City Star revealed that there are still not enough votes in the KS House to approve a new map that would undoubtedly carve up Johnson County. Further, that there were not enough votes to override Gov. Kelly's veto.
- Voters will decide on a constitutional amendment in August that would dramatically change how justices are selected for the Kansas Supreme Court.
- Remember: No three-day grace period for mail-in ballots in 2026 in Kansas.



# Upcoming Voter Rights Network of Wyandotte County Programs:

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- Saturday, Feb. 28, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - "Elected vs. Appointed: Inform Your Choice" Panel Discussion on Constitutional Amendment to Elect KS Supreme Court Justices, West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N. 82nd Street, KCK 66112.
- Which is the better system - appointed or elected state Supreme Court judges?
- Learn the pros and cons of each process.
- Which states have appointed or elected state judges? How are these systems working out?
- Ask your burning questions; get answers from the experts.

## Rebate Information:

### Seniors + WyCo Residents Living with Disabilities

If you are 65 years old or older on January 1, 2026 OR disabled with an annual income of \$58,041.00 or less....

## Apply for your 2025 Rebates.

Starting January 2, 2026, through April 15, 2026, qualified individuals can schedule appointments to complete their rebate applications. Check out our website for a complete listing of the required documents needed and make your appointment today!

**MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8:30AM-4:00PM** (Walk-Ins Welcomed at City Hall)  
UG Municipal Building/ City Hall , 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**TUESDAYS, 9:00AM-1:00PM**  
Joe Amayo Community Center

**TUESDAYS, 9:00AM-1:00PM**  
Area Agency on Aging (Utility Rebate ONLY)

**WEDNESDAYS, 9:00AM-1:00PM**  
Eisenhower Community Center

**FRIDAYS, 9:00AM-1:00PM**  
County Annex at 8200 State Ave.



**For questions or to schedule  
an appointment, call 3-1-1  
(913-573-5311).**

[wycokck.org/TAXREBATES](http://wycokck.org/TAXREBATES)

### WYANDOTTE COUNTY RESIDENTS

#### Property Tax Rebate



#### \*Utility Tax Rebate



#### \*BPU PILOT Relief



\*Must be a BPU Rate Payer

\*Qualified Renters are also eligible for utility/ sales/ BPU PILOT relief - (Must have a BPU Account)

### KANSAS CITY, KS RESIDENTS

#### \$200 Sales Tax Rebate



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