



## News & Updates from the Office of Councilman Kevin McManus



### Wonderscope Children's Museum Announces New Development and Partnership in South Kansas City

Wonderscope Children's Museum has announced its plan to construct a state-of-the-art, \$12 million children's museum and learning facility in Kansas City, Missouri.

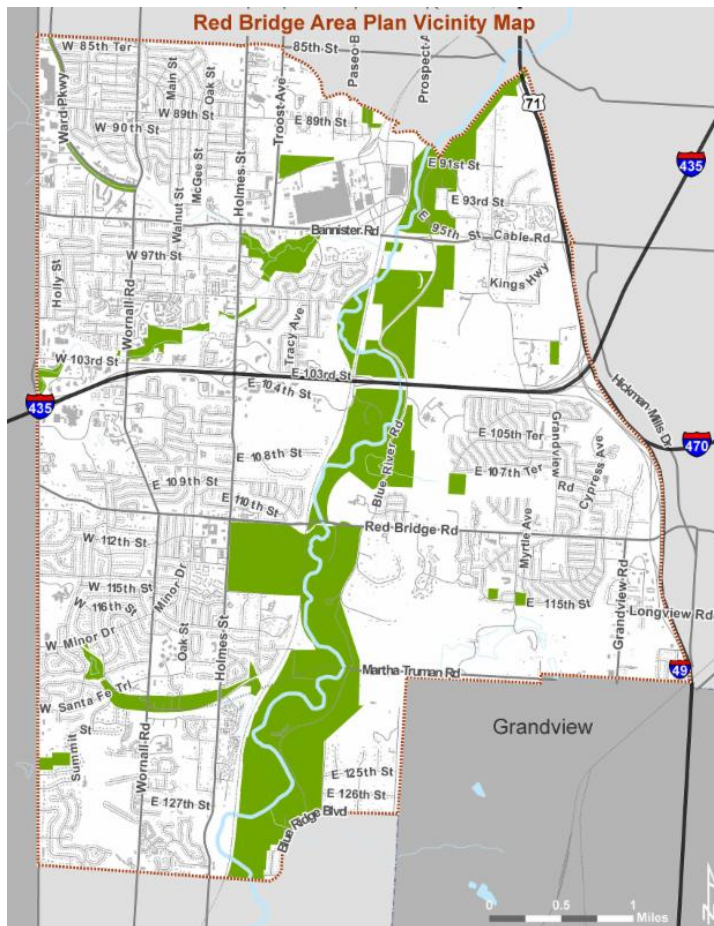
The new facility will be constructed at the recently revitalized Red Bridge Shopping Center in South Kansas City. It will be built in conjunction with the construction of a new library at Red Bridge branch of the Mid-continent Library. The two facilities will be adjoining and plan to share some common areas, such as an auditorium. Wonderscope and the library plan to partner on programming for children and schools in the area.



6th District Kansas City Councilmen Kevin McManus and Scott Taylor have been working for several months to encourage this innovative joint venture.

"The announcement of a joint development by Wonderscope and the Red Bridge branch of the Mid-Continent Library is a big win for Kansas City," said Councilman Kevin McManus. "It will be a significant asset for our community, our schools and our children. Their investment will pay dividends for years to come," McManus added. "As a council member for the area and as a resident with two young children, I'm very excited to see this project move forward."

# Council Approves Red Bridge Area Plan



The City Council recently voted to approve a new area plan that will provide a comprehensive framework to guide public decisions on land use, housing, public improvements, community development and city services in South Kansas City.

Bound by 85th St. on the north, Blue Ridge Blvd. on the south, State Line Rd. on the west, and Highway 71 on the east, and covering roughly 12,000 acres, the Red Bridge Area Plan replaces three outdated plans, the oldest of which dates back to 1970.

Over the last year, Councilmen McManus and Taylor worked with the City Planning and Development Department to engage the community in the process of drafting the area plan.

The final plan was drafted by the Red Bridge Area Plan Steering Committee, which was comprised of neighborhood, community, and business leaders. The committee held a

number of public meetings throughout the process. Additional details and the presentations from the public meetings can be viewed online at [kcmo.gov/planning/redbridgeareaplan](http://kcmo.gov/planning/redbridgeareaplan)

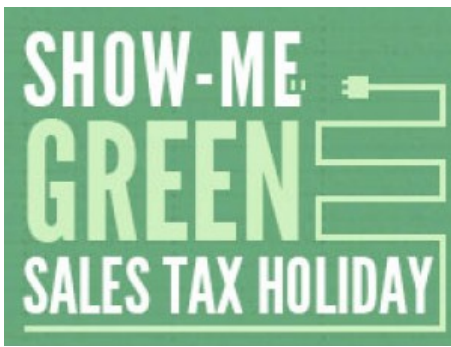
## "Show-Me Green" Sales Tax Holiday: April 19 - 25th

In 2008, the Missouri General Assembly enacted the "Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday" and authorized political subdivisions in Missouri to exempt purchases of energy-efficient appliances from local sales tax through adoption of ordinances each year and notification to the Missouri Department of Revenue.

As in previous years, the Council recently adopted an ordinance to participate in this program. Between April 19 and 25, the following Energy Star appliance purchases (up to \$1,500 per appliance) are exempt from sales tax:

- Clothes washers & dryers
- Dishwashers
- Water heaters
- Air conditioners
- furnaces
- refrigerators & freezers
- heat pumps

Additional information can be found at [dor.mo.gov](http://dor.mo.gov)



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## City Expands Notification System

The City of Kansas City has expanded and renamed its notification system. AlertKC provides an efficient and secure way to send emails and text messages with neighborhood-level weather warnings and community messages to residents who subscribe to the system. To sign up for notifications from AlertKC, visit [kcmo.gov/AlertKC](http://kcmo.gov/AlertKC) or text your zip code to 888777.



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## Waldo Businesses Celebrate Milestones

Two Waldo businesses celebrated milestones in February. One More Cup (7408 Wornall) celebrated their eight-year anniversary. Neighborhood Cafe (7531 Wornall) held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at their new location in Waldo. Congratulations!



## Upcoming Events

- **March 10th, 7:30-9:00am: 2nd Fridays with Councilmen McManus & Taylor** | Update on Wonderscope & Red Bridge Shopping Center | Trailside Center 9901 Holmes Rd.
- **March 11th: Brookside St. Pat's Parade** | Details at [BrooksideKC.org](http://BrooksideKC.org)
- **March 12th: Martin City Irishpalooza & St. Pat's Parade** | Details at [MartinCity.org](http://MartinCity.org)
- **Center Planning & Development Council** meets at 7pm on the last Tuesday of every month at the Trailside Center (9901 Holmes).
- **Southern Communitis Coalition** meets at 7pm on the third Wednesday of every month at KCPD South Patrol Station (9701 Marion Park Drive).
- **South Kansas City Alliance** meets at 6pm on the second Monday of every month at KCPD South Patrol (9701 Marion Park Drive).

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