

KMCI-TV 2nd Quarter FCC Issues/Programs Report (April - June 2020)

KMCI-TV broadcasts one program that addresses community issues:

- 41 Action News on 38 the Spot (M-F 7-8am)

KMCI-TV's most significant issue-responsive programming during the 2nd quarter in 2020 included:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Length</u>
Government/City Services	5/29/20	41 Action News on 38 the Spot	1:36

During the stay-at-home orders, the city has cut out some of the red tape in the application process for a temporary street closure. The goal is to turn residential streets into places where kids and adults who are all working from home a place to relax, play and keep socially distant. And groups like Bike/Walk KC and the city are taking notes. They want to see how these kinds of ideas could be part of future street redesigns so that maybe instead of having speed bumps on a road, you have a couple of permanent flowerpots or something to act like a barricade slowing cars down.

Health/Welfare	5/27/20	41 Action News on 38 the Spot	1:54
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Data from the Kansas City, Missouri Health Department shows zip codes 64123 and 64124 in the historic northeast have the highest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the city limits. And data from the census shows these same two zip codes have the highest number of people who don't speak English. So instead of using words, this group wants to use art to raise awareness about the Coronavirus in hopes of controlling the spread of the virus. It's asking artists like Isaac Tapia to submit drawings showing healthy habits. Then it will turn the drawing into a coloring book. Tapia has painted murals in the neighborhood and wanted to spring into action as soon as he heard about the campaign. The Chamber plans to start passing out the coloring books on June 20th which is World Refugee Day.

Government/City Services	5/14/20	41 Action News on 38 the Spot	3:00
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Payday loans carry an average interest rate of nearly 400%, creating debt traps impossible for consumers to get out of. Therefore, Liberty voters decided in November to pass limits on payday loans. But advocates say a bill on its way to the Governor's desk could undo protections. The ballot measure proposed limiting the number of short-term lenders in the city to one to every 15,000 residents and adding a \$5,000 permit fee for those businesses with money going to enforcement and education. It overwhelmingly passed. A Representative in Jefferson City added new language to a banking bill. It says cities cannot charge fees to installment loan lenders if they're not charged to all lenders. In Missouri many payday lenders are also registered to provide installment loans. That's why advocates fear their regulations will be thrown to the wayside.

Employment/Jobs **4/1/20** **41 Action News on 38 the Spot** **1:30**

Unemployment numbers continue to rise on both sides of the state line. 41 Action News has received multiple calls from viewers wanting to know more about applying for unemployment benefits. Because the federal stimulus package was just approved last week, some of the details are still being worked out. The Kansas Department of Labor is waiting for federal guidance to update its information. In the meantime, the Governor says the quickest way to file for unemployment benefits is to file online but they're receiving thousands of requests per day. Across the state line in Missouri, the Missouri Governor says his state is also working to streamline its unemployment process but similar to Kansas their office is swamped with requests.

Community Services/Charities **4/14/20** **41 Action News on 38 the Spot** **:40**

41 Action News is proud to be joining services with many other Kansas City TV and radio stations for One KC: A Digital Day of Giving. Please join us this Thursday by donating (if you are able) to the Kansas City Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund. It provides housing assistance, food, medical help and other critical human services. Head over to KSHB.com this Thursday and look for the link. Every dollar donated will stay in the greater Kansas City area to help people in our community.

Government/City Services **6/30/20** **41 Action News on 38 the Spot** **2:55**

The federal government launched the Farmers to Families Food Box Program in April to keep farmers growing. Distributors employed put food on the table of families who lost their jobs or can no longer afford to buy fresh produce. The USDA give distributors money to buy produce from local or regional growers. Then employees pack the produce into boxes which are sent to non-profits which pass the produce to people for free. The USDA estimates 40 million boxes like these have made their way to needy homes over the past two months.

Community Services/Charities **6/23/20** **41 Action News on 38 the Spot** **1:45**

More than 3,000 seniors around Kansas City are waking up with fresh food thanks to an improved meal delivery program. Many seniors aren't grocery shopping anymore, so their dinner routines aren't the same. The Mid-America Regional Council says the need for meals have skyrocketed to 85% for seniors during the pandemic. Organizers say they'd been brainstorming how to improve the process when the federal government injected programs with emergency COVID funds which helped kick the plan into high gear. Their deliveries now include food grown in the region and seniors get to pick what kind of meals go in their box. This new model is here to stay even after those emergency fund run out.

Minorities/Race Relations **6/19/20** **41 Action News on 38 the Spot** **2:24**

Today is Juneteenth (June 19th), a holiday taking on a new importance as there are growing demands for racial justice in the country. Juneteenth marks when slaves in Galveston, Texas received word that they were officially free despite the passing of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. There were still slaves in Texas alone who did not learn of their newfound freed status until this day in 1865. Over the past several years, thousands of people have gathered every June to highlight African American culture, heritage and history. It's what's known as the country's second Independence Day. It's a festival format because that's when families after slavery who were separated from each other came together. 18th and Vine would usually be packed, Juneteenth KC puts on several events but it's going to be a virtual

celebration due to COVID-19. While corporations and businesses have recently named this as a national holiday. KC leaders say they hope the conversation continues beyond this.