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PURL said he hopes to get the food pantry re-opened within a relatively short time, and has faith that a local opportunity can be found.

In the long term, he added that the community food pantry is going to seek more ways to foster ongoing monetary support, in order to help pay the lease and upkeep of a future facility.

The pantry’s clients right now are facing new struggles of their own with the economic impacts of COVID.

“This is now in poverty with transportation, and several other accessibility issues. If a lot of our clients, housing is continuing to be an issue,” Purp said.

So the food pantry is partnering with Church of the Nazarene and Wesley Smith Chapel to deliver perishable foods and other items to their neighborhoods twice a week. Purp said about 50 boxes a week are going out into the community (which also keeps down how much food is kept in storage).

The sliver lining of the call is “We’re still seeing a good percentage of that coming through, and we’re moving that into the community,” Purp said. “The Lord has just made available to us to be able to get that into the community, both with our available transportation and volunteers to do that.”

Robocalls persist through COVID-19 pandemic

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has affected many areas of society this year, but it hasn’t put an end to scams, according to a recent report.

If you answer your phone and hear a recorded message instead of a live voice on the other end, it’s a robocall. While schools, trash collection services, politicians and nonprofits can and frequently do employ robocalls, other pre-recorded messages of this kind often try to sell the listener on something. If you haven’t given a company permission to call you, then these marketing calls are likely illegal.

As detailed in a recent Better Business Bureau (BBB) study on government impostor scams, the frequency of robocalls placed from sources outside the United States has dropped thanks to enforcement measures by U.S. authorities. However, scammers are still using them in an attempt to defraud consumers.

If you love scenic walks in the park, then you’ll love St. Charles County Parks fall and winter Moonrises at Sunset Hills. Join Park Ranger Steve Tieman and on guided walk to enjoy the sunset and fall moon rise above the horizon at different county parks during these free events:

- Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at Broemmelsiek Park, 1795 Social Security Number and asked me to call back. I knew it was a scam and didn’t call back.”

Many types of recorded messages are allowed by law. Those include calls from charities or political candidates.

If you’re receiving unwanted calls from businesses trying to sell you something, it’s critical that you report them,” said Michelle L., BBB St. Louis president and CEO.

The Federal Trade Commission took nearly 1.5 million complaints from consumers last year about the National Do Not Call Registry. More than 1.1 million of the complaints were about robocalls.

Can you stop the flow of robocalls?

- Hang up the phone. If you answer the phone and hear a recorded pitch, just hang up. Some scammers may have an option to press a button to remove you from their calling list.

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