

AGENDA

Meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") of
The Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 3:00 p.m.

Place: 2657 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, MO. The meeting will be held on site with social distancing measures in place; directors and all interested parties may also attend remotely. Please call 816-215-6813 to receive a link or to be added by telephone.

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|----|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. | Call to Order | Chairman Jerry Potocnik |
| 2. | Board Minutes | Secretary Manny Abarca IV |
| 3. | Financial Reports | Treasurer Jessica Johnson |
| | P&L and Balance Sheet | |
| 4. | Board Committee Reports | |
| | Executive | Jerry Potocnik |
| | Resource Development | Bobbi Baker |
| | Planning & Development | Andrea Wilt |
| | Governmental Affairs | Manny Abarca IV |
| | Membership | Jerry Potocnik |
| | CID Reports | CID District Manager Bobbi Baker |
| | Historic Northeast Events | |
| | Chamber Reports | Events Director Rebecca Koop |
| | CEO/President Report | Bobbi Baker |
| | HNE Media Report | Michael Bushnell |
| | HNE Media Grant and Marketing Committees | |
| 5. | Action Items | |
| | RESOLUTION 2023-01: HOLIDAY AND VACATION POLICY | |
| 6. | New Business | |
| | Schedule Nomination Committee meeting | |
| | Schedule Budget Committee meeting | |
| | Roundtable Discussion of Strategic Planning | |
| 7. | Old Business | |
| | BBB Update | |
| | Critical Community Improvement update | |
| | Additions to Payroll Policy- Sick days, bereavement, family leave | |
| 8. | Adjournment | |

MONARCH NATION



COMMUNITY STRONG



YOUR LAST PRESENTATION DATE

NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

12/19/2022

INDEPENDENCE AVE CID

12/14/2022

2022 BOARD REPORT



PRESENTED BY: BOBBI BAKER, PRESIDENT/CEO: NEKC CHAMBER & MANAGER: IA CID

AGENDA: FEBRUARY 28, 2023

- RECENT EVENTS
- THE EGG EVENTS
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE
- PASEO GATEWAY FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT
- CID, TITAN & ALLEYWAY REPORTS
- CID HELPING HANDS...HOUSELESSNESS
- THE NE NEWSPAPER'S "CID-CENTERFOLDS"
- TITAN 'FOUR CORNERS'
- UPCOMING EVENTS



THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

NEKC CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JANUARY

NEW MEMBERS: 3*

RENEWALS: 33

Cricket wireless
Cricket – P&R Diversified
Carniceria El Totio I LLC
Carniceria El Torito III
Taqueria El Torito LLC
Marqueza Taco Express LLC
Spalitto's Pharmacy
Al Rahman Market LLC
Yasmeen Café LLC
Jay Mtambala
Soe Soe Grocery Store
Sharif Store
Elvira's Cakes, LLC
Love Expressions
El Mercado Fresco Fresh Market
Family Grocery
Oneway Clothing
Baraka Market
Afghan International Market*
Taqueria Mexico II
La Jarochita Express
El Mercado Frsco
San Antonio Market
Gringo Loco Market

Frutopia

House Prayer for All People*

Dr. Kendrick, DDS
Bulaale Business Center LLC
Hernandez Income Tax Service LLC.
Darsalaam Grocery Store LLC
Holy Land Halal Market
Mika & Sons Inc
RK Contractors*

FEBRUARY

NEW MEMBERS: 2*

RENEWALS: 10

Boutique Dulce, LLC*
The Gathering Table
Premium Wireless
Nueva, LLC
Alliance Workforce
JH Beauty Supply
Lily Floral Designs*
Hardesty Self Storage
Independence Blvd Christian Church
Charrito's Plaza Taqueria
Hector's Auto Repair
Top Notch Liquor & C Store

THIS YEAR TO DATE

Jan 1 - Feb 28: 5 New & 40 Renewal

Total New & Renewed Members: 194

LAST YEAR TO DATE

Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2022: 2 New & 47 Renewal

Total New & Renewed Members:

Facebook POSTS: 120

People REACHED: 73,859

Facebook LIKES: 20,987



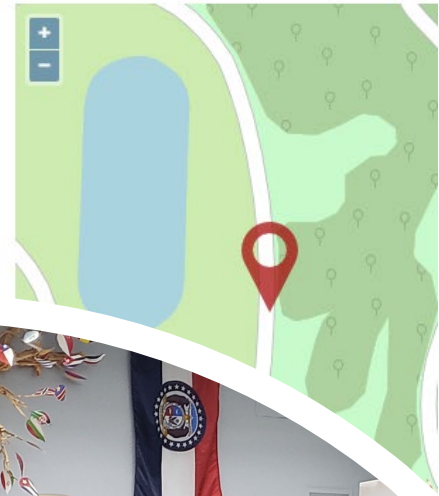
BUSINESS AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES

- 1) **Store Visits** - 8 per day.
- 2) **Posts** - 1 store every day on Facebook.
- 3) **Facebook Page** - reviewed business's advertising promotions.
- 4) **Google** - reviewed business info – “coaching” done accordingly.
- 5) **Twitter** - do they have for promotions?
- 6) **Yelp** - do they have? “Coaching” done accordingly.
- 7) **Website** - do they have?
- 8) **Instagram** - do they have?
- 9) **Business logo** - do they have?
- 10) **Membership dues** – remind, collect, and record.



KCMO PARKS & REC
NIEGHBORHOOD LEADERS
DISC GOLFERS
BIKE KC & CLUB

Kessler Park (Cliff Drive) Disc Golf Course



KESSLER PARK ADVISORE BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023; ATTENDEES: 18

COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



TOUR



Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

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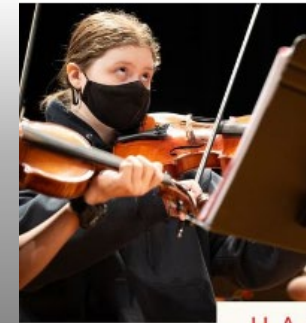
Coffee Culture Conversation with Harmony Project at 544 Wabash, KCMO . Look for the NEKC Chamber tent out front.

On Thursday, Jan. 12, between 10 and 11 am Come in for a complimentary cup of coffee or coco, cookies and a short tour.

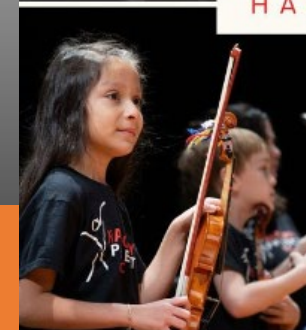
Mingle & Meet with NE Business Owners, Residents, Movers & Shakers. Bring your business cards.

The Northeast Community Center has served the growth, development, and education of the diverse Historic Northeast for nearly 80 years.

T... See more



HARMONY PROJECT KC



JANUARY 12, 2023

ATTENDEES: 30 + 5 STAFF

Harmony Project KC @ the NE Community Center

See insights and ads

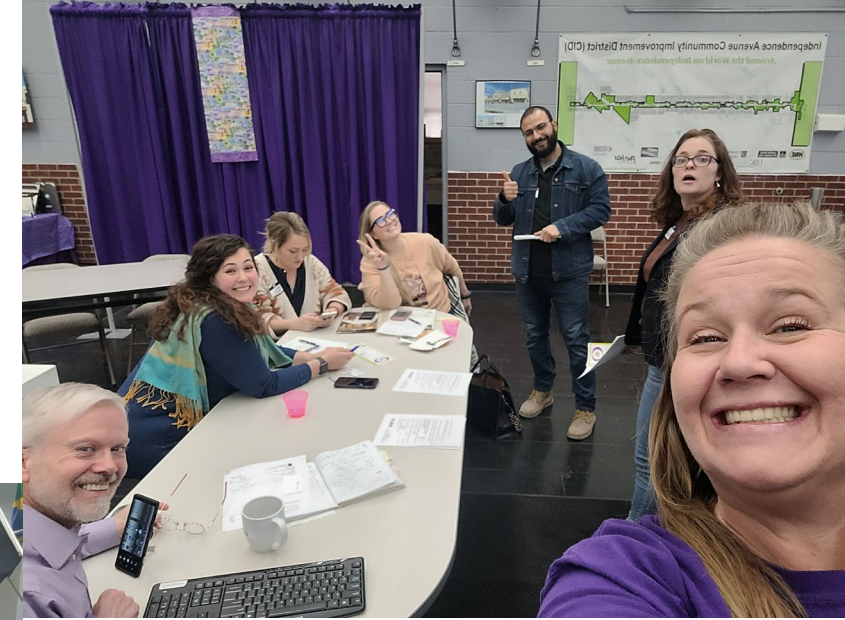
Boost post



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4422 ST. JOHN AVE



Northeast KC Chamber of Commerce "Tasty Topic Talk"

2022 Year End Review of NEKC Chamber Challenges & Successes and how it affects your Business & Community

JANUARY 24, 2023
Attendees: 15 + 5 Staff

LUNCHEON LOCATION

NEKC Chamber of Commerce
2657 Independence Avenue
Kansas City, Mo 64124

Guest Speakers are

- Bobbi Baker CEO NEKC Chamber / CID Manager
- Board Members & support staff

Our catering Restaurant is Afghan International Market

Meet one of our newest market/restaurant with authentic Afghan cuisine. Lamb, rice, spicy yogurt dumplings, seasoned beans, salad and tea.

They are located at 4422 St John Ave.
816-216-1701

Click on **TICKETS** BELOW TO RSVP
\$25 for lunch and program



Tue, Jan 24, 2023 11:45 AM CST

2022 Year End Review Successes and Challenges

Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce,
Kansas City

[Tickets](#)



YEAR END REVIEW FOR 5 YEAR PLAN TASTY TOPIC TALK NEKC LUNCHEON

NEKC CHAMBER & INDEPENDENCE AVE CID 5-YEAR PLAN (2023-2028) Winter 2023

PARTICIPANTS: BOBBI BAKER, REBECCA KOOP, MIKE SPADY, LON CLARK, ROL DENG, NEKC CHAMBER BOARD, IA CID BOARD

NEKC Chamber Board of Directors Committees

- 1) Executive
- 2) Administration & Finance
- 3) Resource Development
- 4) Planning & Development
- 5) Government Affairs (increase advocacy for Northeast area)
- 6) Membership

IA CID Board of Directors Committees

- 1) Subcommittee on Storefront Improvement City Grant/Façade Rebate Review

Chamber & CID Staff

- 1) CEO/Director
- 2) Digital Marketing Coordinator/Business Outreach Coordinator
- 3) Urban Planner/Information Technology
- 4) Economic Development Ambassador/Director of Operations
- 5) Business & Community Events Director
- 6) Urban Street Ambassadors 1) Lead; 2) Inventory Coordinator; 3) Beautification, Recycling, Water, Trash & Snow Crews

Operational Independent Contractors

1. Bookkeeper
2. Security Company
3. Auditor

Partnerships

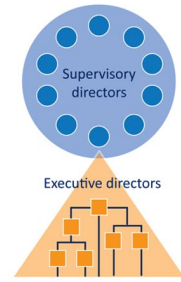
1. City of KCMO
2. KCMO Parks & Recreation
3. KC Area Transit Agency
4. KC Police Department
5. KC Public Library/Mid-Continental Library
6. Mainstreet America/Missouri Main Street Connection



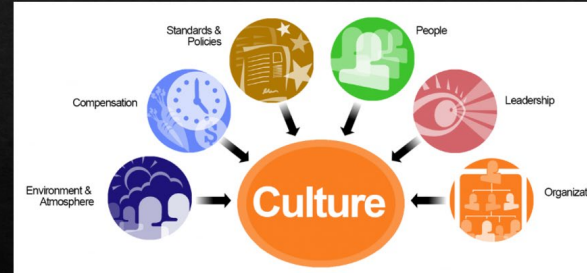
Board Dynamics



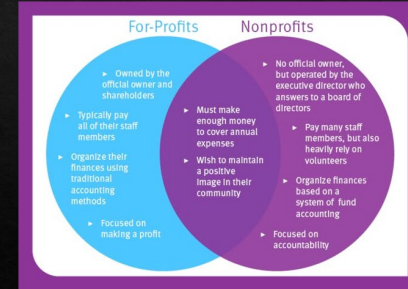
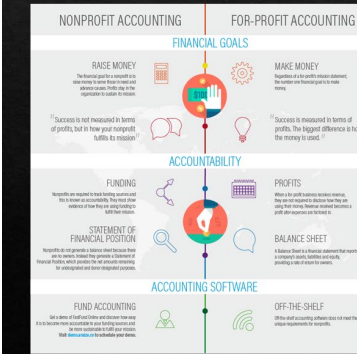
- Outside, non-executive directors (who could be independent or connected)
- Executive directors
- ⊠ Other managers not on the board



Culture will build you up or hold you back!



How to hold each other accountable!

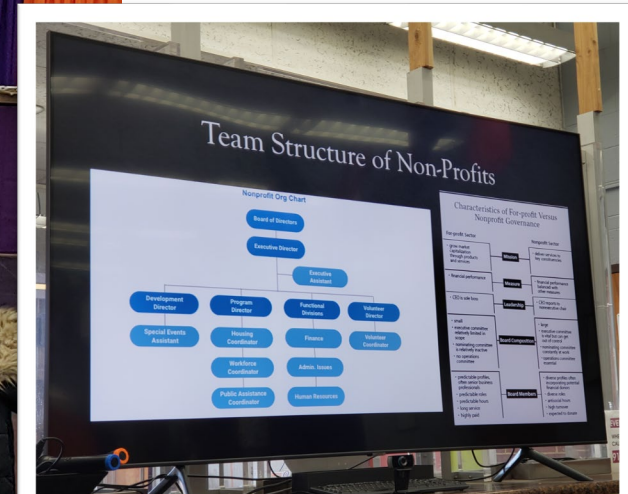


NEKC CHAMBER, INDEPENDENCE AVE CID & HNE MEDIA POWOW 2/3/2023

ATTENDEES: 16 + 6 ON ZOOM



LESSON ON... PRIVATE VS PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS





Kansas City's Northeast News
February 4 at 11:44 AM ·

The Kessler Park Plan Community Open House is happening at the NEKC Chamber office at 2657 Independence Blvd today until 1:00. If you have feedback that you'd like to share, or if you'd like to see what others have shared, please stop by!



KESSLER PARK OPEN FINAL HOUSE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023; ATTENDEES: 54

COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



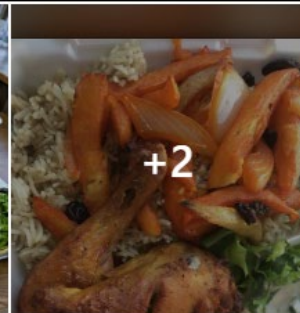
PRESENTATION ON SOMALIA



Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
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Thank you, ABDUL HATIMI for being a long-term Chamber member & a supporter of the Historic Northeast area @ the [#NEKCCChamber](#) & [#InternationalMarketplace](#).

African restaurant
Yasmeen Cafe, 1447 Independence Ave Ste 117, Kansas City, MO 64106 (816) 216-1615
Hours: ... See more



[See insights and ads](#)

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You and 16 others

3 comments 12 shares



CHAI & MANDAZI

DECEMBER 8, 2023

ATTENDEES: 9 + 8 STAFF

YASMEEN CAFÉ, 1447 INDEPENDENCE AVE



CCI FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROGRESS REPORT: **WINTER 2023**

PROJECTS 1 & 2 ~ COMPLETE!!!

#1 2627-33 Independence (South Side of Street)



#2 Independence & Prospect (Northwest Corner)





CCI FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROGRESS REPORT: **WINTER 2023**

PROJECTS 3 & 4 ~ UNDERWAY

#3 Independence & Montgall (North side of the street)



#4 Independence & Montgall (North side of the street)



CID Storefront Rebate Program



**INDEPENDENCE
AVENUE
CID**

Date	Address	Name	Contact	Request Amt	Approved Amt	Completed	Rebate Amt	Total
9/18/2015	4815 Independence	DBA Express Stop #2 (BP)	Remah Musallet	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 4,250.00	12/30/2015	\$ 4,250.00	
6/2/2015	3430 Independence	El Paso Del Norte	Los Tres Hermanos Inc	\$ 12,265.00	\$ 3,775.00	11/9/2015	\$ 5,000.00	
11/11/2016 (?)	3430 Independence	El Paso Del Norte' Bakery	Michael Inquez	\$ 10,350.00	\$ 5,000.00	10/11/2015 (?)	\$ 5,000.00	
				\$ 95,785.19	\$ 30,935.60	2015 FUNDS ISSUED>>>>>	\$ 37,215.79	
2016								\$ 37,215.79
5/19/2015	2117 Independence	Passantino Bros. Funeral Home	Charlie Passantino	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	9/23/2016	\$ 5,000.00	
				\$ 10,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	2016 FUNDS ISSUED>>>>>	\$ 5,000.00	
2017								\$ 42,215.79
						2017 FUNDS ISSUED>>>>>	0.00	
2018								\$ 42,215.79
						2018 FUNDS ISSUED>>>>>	0.00	
2019								\$ 42,215.79
3/27/2019	2400 Independence	Scuola Vita Nuova	Pittila				\$ 5,000.00	
4/1/2019	5200 Independence	El Taco	John Caime	\$ 9,057.00	\$ 4,528.50	6/14/2019	\$ 4,528.50	
						2019 FUNDS ISSUED>>>>>	\$ 9,528.50	
2020								\$ 51,741.29
10/15/2019	3401 Independence	Eleas Coffee	Dan Smith	\$ 3,813.26	\$ 1,906.63	7/5/2020	\$ 1,906.63	
?	6520 Independence	Taco Express	?	?	?	?	Not Funded	
?	6510 Independence	Bulee Boutique	?	?	?	?	Not Funded	
11/6/2019	4845 Independence	Speedy Cleaners	Joyce Jones	\$ 4,024.58	\$ 2,012.29	4/6/2020	\$ 2,012.29	
						2020 FUNDS ISSUED>>>>>	\$ 3,918.92	
2021								\$ 55,660.21
7/10/2021	2415 Independence	Sons of Columbus	John Conforti	\$ 6,391.00	\$ 3,159.50	9/15/2021	\$ 3,159.50	
9/14/2021	6126 Independence	El Torito III	Joe Mika	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	10/10/2021	\$ 5,000.00	
2/24/2021	2620-33 Independence	Shopping Center	Jack DeSamoni	\$ 4,940.00	\$ 2,470.00	5/25/2022	\$ 2,470.00	
8/19/2021	6200 Independence	Taqueria El Torito	Joe Mika	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	11/5/2021	\$ 5,000.00	
						2021 FUNDS ISSUED>>>>>		
2022								\$ 15,629.50
9/23/2021	2117 Independence	Passantino's	Charlie Passantino	\$ 9,995.74	\$ 4,997.87	4/30/2022	\$ 5,000.00	
6/10/2022	2620-33 Independence	Shop Center	Jack DeSamoni	\$ 37,649.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/27/2022	\$ 10,000.00	
7/7/2022	3430 Independence	El Paso Del Norte	Daniel Iniquez	waiting for info				
8/15/2022	2620 Independence	Fresh Market	Saied Zaben	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	9/10/2022	\$ 5,000.00	
7/7/2022	546 Olive	CORE Coffe	Deana & Eric Bellamaganya	waiting for cost				
						2022 FUNDS ISSUED>>>>>	\$ 20,000.00	
								\$ 86,292.71

To Date: \$86,292.71



NON-MUNICIPAL FUNDING AND SERVICES CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN

THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
AND
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into this 1st day of May 2018 by and between
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, a constituent municipal corporation of the State of
Missouri, through its CITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, hereinafter referred to as "CITY",
and the INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, hereinafter
referred to as "CID", consists of two parts: PART I, SPECIAL TERMS AND
CONDITIONS, and PART II, STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

WITH WITNESS: Consisting of seventeen (17) alleys abutting Independence Avenue to the
north and south, and certain park land known as Independence Plaza Park at approximately Brooklyn
and Independence Avenue/Boulevard, and other public rights-of-way as may be designated by mutual
agreement of the parties.

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17 ALLEYWAYS

MANAGED BY:
NEKC CHAMBER

IMPLEMENTED BY:
INDEPENDENCE AVE CID



Independence Avenue CID Alleys

6 CLEANUPS: DEC - FEB



Cleveland to Myrtle - South of Ave

About 700 Lbs Trash | 7 USA | 7 x 1 = 7 Hrs | Dec 20, 2022

BEFORE



Cleveland to Myrtle - South of Ave

About 700 Lbs Trash | 7 USA | 7 x 1 = 7 Hrs | Dec 20, 2022

AFTER



Cleveland to Myrtle - South of Ave

About 1100 Lbs Trash | 7 USA | 7 x 1 = 7 Hrs | Feb 7, 2023

BEFORE



Cleveland to Myrtle - South of Ave

About 1100 Lbs Trash | 7 USA | 7 x 1 = 7 Hrs | Feb 7, 2023

AFTER



Drury to Oakley - North of Ave

About 500 Lbs Trash | 7 USA | 7 x 1 = 7 Hrs | Feb 7, 2023

BEFORE



Drury to Oakley - North of Ave

About 500 Lbs Trash | 7 USA | 7 x 1 = 7 Hrs | Feb 7, 2023

AFTER



Oakley to Lawndale - North of Ave

About 900 Lbs Trash | 7 USA | 7 x 1 = 7 Hrs | Feb 7, 2023

BEFORE



Oakley to Lawndale - North of Ave

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AFTER





**HOLIDAY SEASON
WRAP UP TIME...**



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2022

HYDRATION MAP

- MAURICIO** - 1831 INDEPENDENCE AVE
• WATER
- FAIR** - 3251 INDEPENDENCE AVE
• CAN FILL OWN CONTAINER
- SARAH** - 4500 INDEPENDENCE AVE
• CAN FILL OWN CONTAINER
- WATER** - 4500 INDEPENDENCE AVE
• WATER
- JAMES** - 4610 INDEPENDENCE AVE
• 50:00 WATER

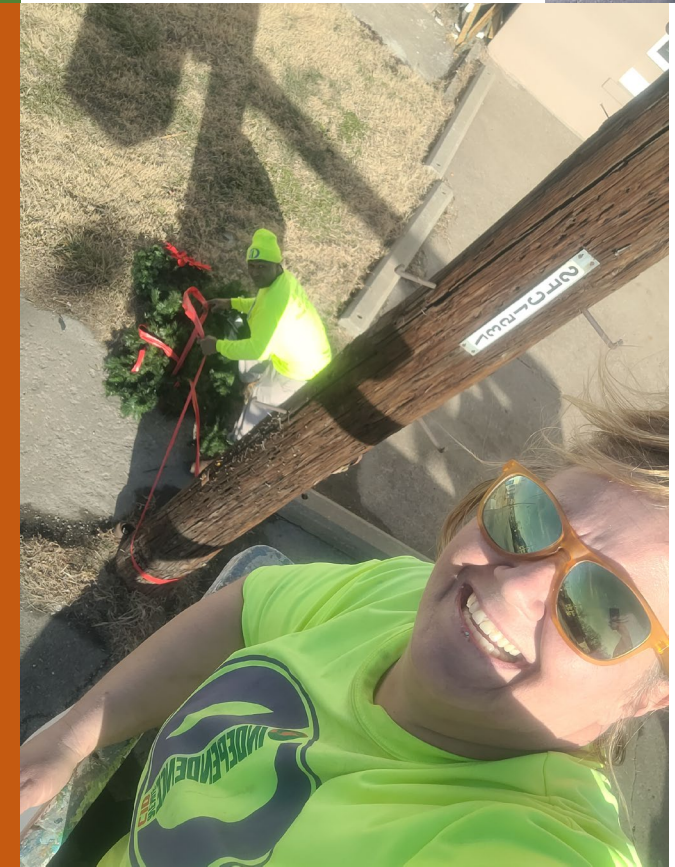
USA DASHBOARD

DAY	ZONE	ACTIVITY
MON	ZONES 1-4	* Recycle
TUES	ZONES 1-4	* Recycle 12 pm Employee meeting
WED	ZONES 1-3	BALES ALLEY
THURS	ZONES 1-4	* Recycle 10 am CCC @ 544 1000ish
FRI	ZONES 1-2	Ramps & culverts
SAT	ZONES 3 & 4	
SUN	ZONES 1 & 2	

USA WEARY WORK SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ZONE	ACTIVITY
12/15/22	08:00	1	Recycle
12/15/22	09:00	2	Recycle
12/15/22	10:00	3	Recycle
12/15/22	11:00	4	Recycle
12/15/22	12:00	1	Recycle
12/15/22	13:00	2	Recycle
12/15/22	14:00	3	Recycle
12/15/22	15:00	4	Recycle
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12/15/22	01:00	2	Recycle
12/15/22	02:00	3	Recycle
12/15/22	03:00	4	Recycle
12/15/22	04:00	1	Recycle
12/15/22	05:00	2	Recycle
12/15/22	06:00	3	Recycle
12/15/22	07:00	4	Recycle

ZONE 1 SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES MAP USA TEAM



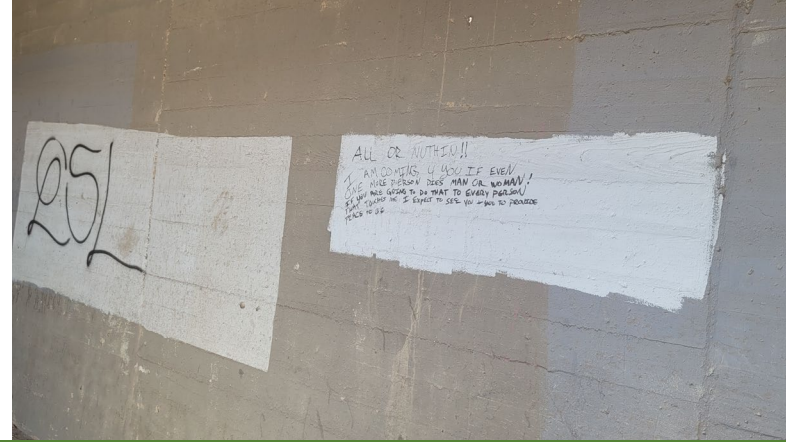
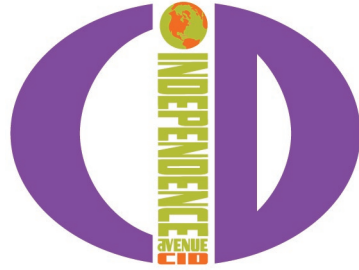


AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2022



STAFF PUTS DOWN SALT FOR ONCOMING SNOW & ICE...





**TAGGING SLOWS
SOME IN WINTER**

AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2022

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AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2022

PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITION - PASO TO PROSPECT

RATING SYSTEM:

1. VERY POOR CONDITION-BROKEN AND/OR MISSING ELEMENTS
2. POOR CONDITION-HEAVILY DAMAGED
3. FAIR CONDITION-HEAVY WEAR AND TEAR
4. GOOD CONDITION-SLIGHT WEAR AND TEAR
5. EXCELLENT



INDEPENDENCE/PASO INTERSECTION - NE CORNER



Rating:
Ramp: 3
Sidewalk: 3
Curb: 2
Drainage: NA

INDEPENDENCE/PASO INTERSECTION - NE CORNER



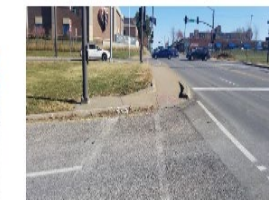
Rating:
Ramp: 3
Sidewalk: 3
Curb: 2
Drainage: NA

INDEPENDENCE/PASO INTERSECTION - MEDIAN EAST SIDE



Rating:
Ramp: 4
Sidewalk: 4
Curb: 4
Drainage: NA

INDEPENDENCE/PASO INTERSECTION - MEDIAN WEST SIDE



Rating:
Ramp: 3
Sidewalk: 4

Curb: 2
Drainage: NA

INDEPENDENCE/PASO INTERSECTION - NW CORNER



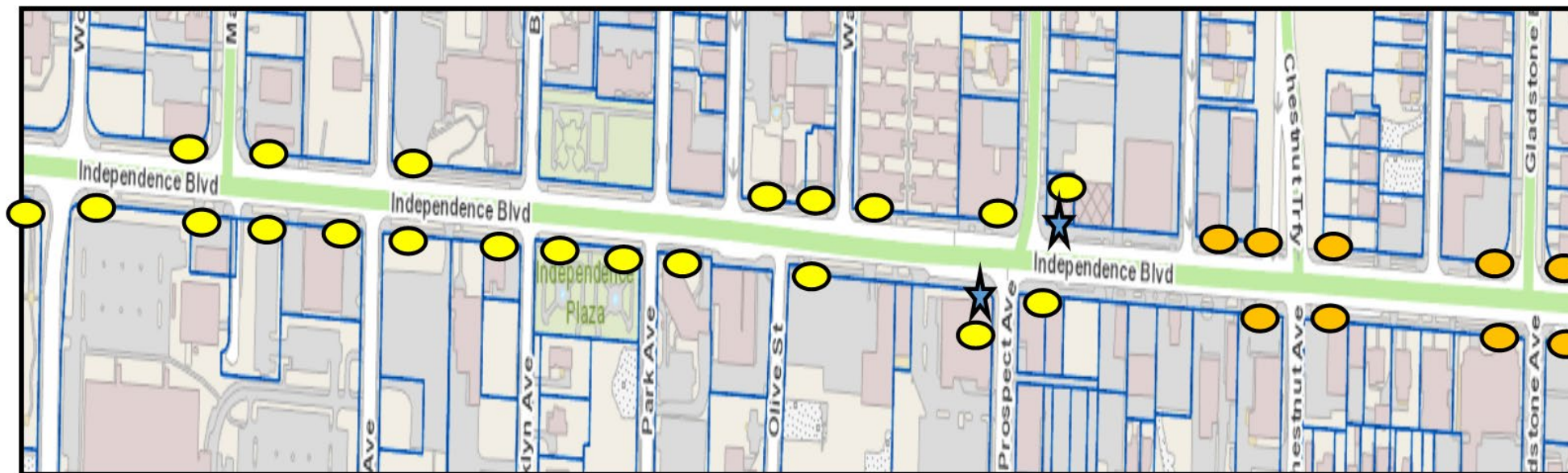
Rating:
Ramp: 3
Sidewalk: 4
Curb: 3
Drainage: NA

INDEPENDENCE/PASO RAMP CLOSEUP - MEDIAN WEST SIDE



Rating:
Ramp: 3

INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD ADA RAMP REPLACEMENT PROJECT 2022



RAMP REPLACED



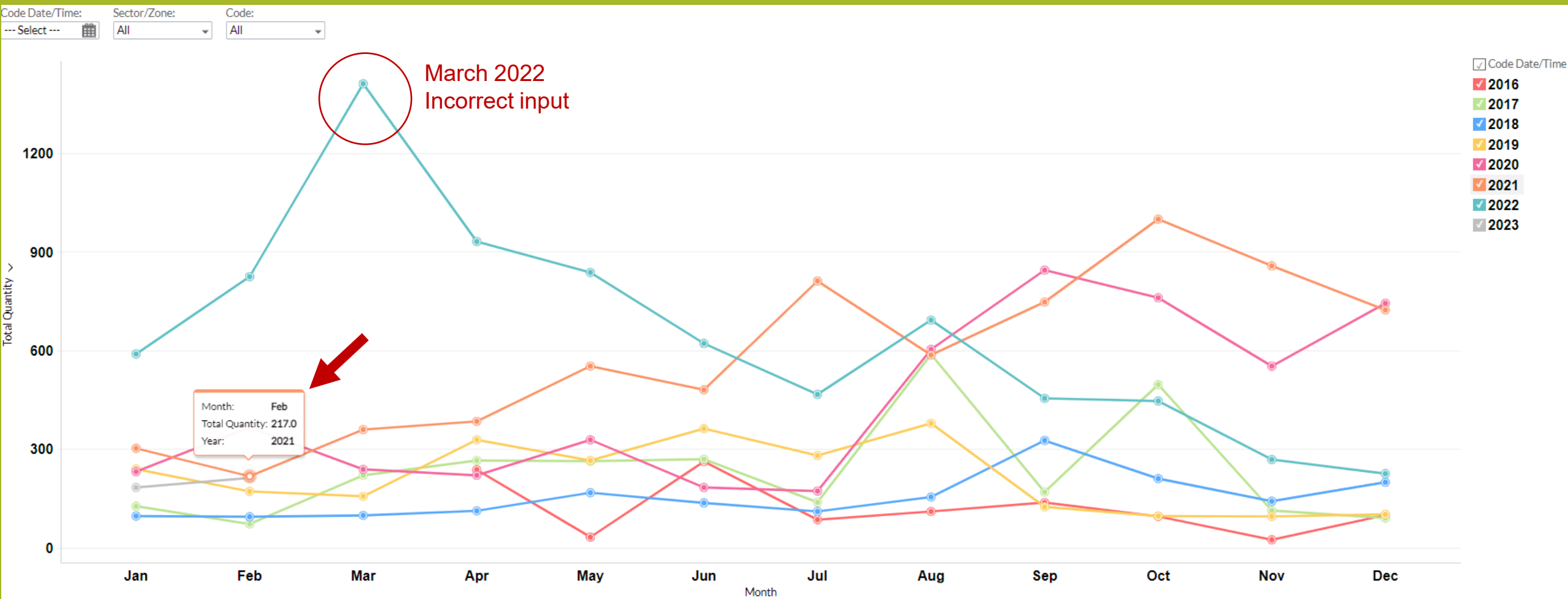
STAR REPLACED

ADA RAMP REPLACEMENT PROJECT BUDGET									
RAMP COST	TTL RAMPS	RAMP COST	NAME TILE COST	TTL TILES	TTL TILE COST	STAR COST	TTL STARS	STAR COST	TTL PROJECT COST
\$ 10,000.00	32	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 10.00	1314	\$ 13,140.00	\$ 24,300.00	2	\$ 48,600.00	\$ 381,740.00
FUND ALLOCATION TO DATE CITY OTHER TOTAL FUNDS TO DATE PROJECT SURPLUS/DEFICIT									
									\$ 250,000.00
									\$ 250,000.00
									\$ -
									\$ 250,000.00
									\$ (131,740.00)

USA REPORT

OVERALL ACTIVITY

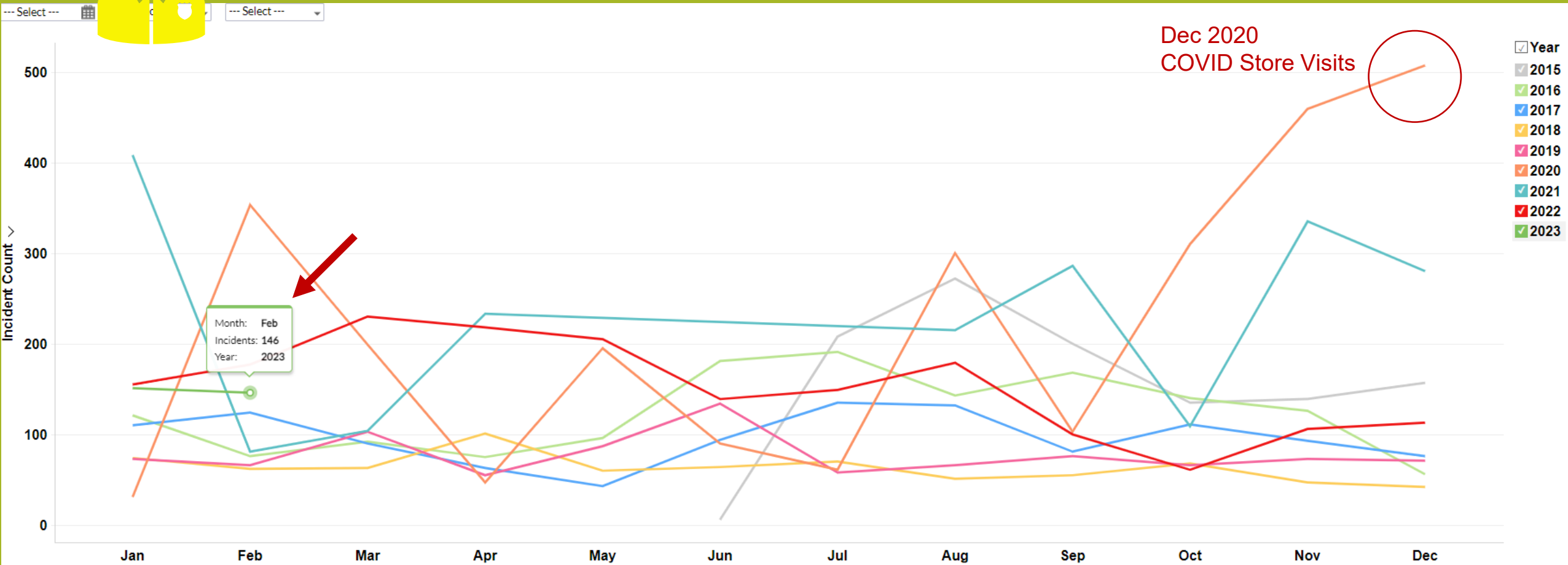
OVER THE YEARS



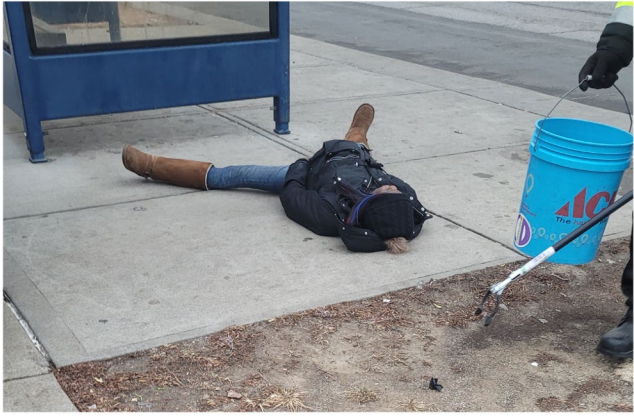
TITAN REPORT

OVERALL ACTIVITY

OVER THE YEARS



REPEAT NUISANCE OFFENDERS/HOUSELESS OUTREACH



Laura found Latrice laying unresponsive at a bus stop. **Laura** was able to contact emergency services and finally her family.

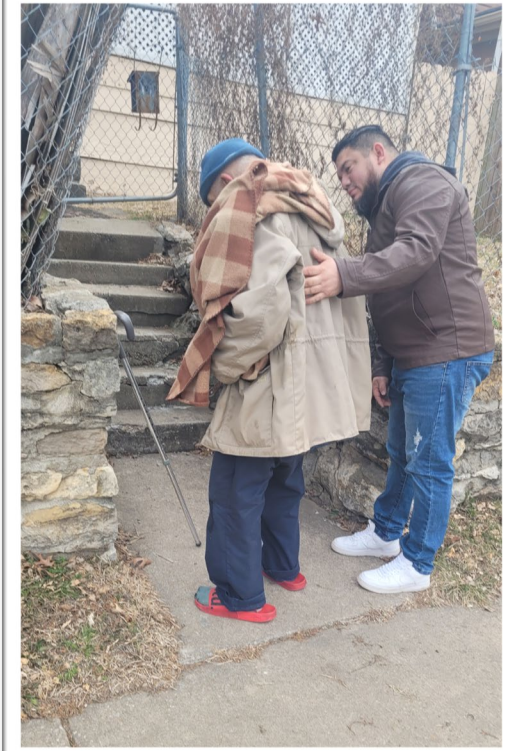
Latrice is now out of the area living with her sister and doing well.



A memorial made to KC who passed recently. **Officer Ray** saw him collapsed on sidewalk and then called for EMT but had to unfortunately passed away.



After the City of KCMO removed this houseless camp from near the railroad bridge, **Laura** was able to find some of the people help with Hope City.



A “Good Samaritan,” near Askew Ave assisted **Laura** in getting an elderly gentleman up off the ground and into his home.

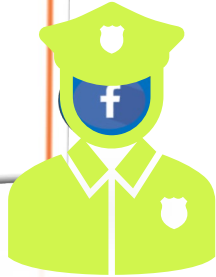
GIVING A HELPING 

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL
JOIN US FRIDAYS AT 4:P.M.

BP

1900 Independence Blvd.
January 15, 2021

Passantino Bros. Funeral Home
2117 Independence Blvd.
January 22, 2021



1-20-2023 2600 INDEP



1-16-2023 WOODLAND



2-10-2023 LOVE EXPRESSIONS



1-20-2023 EL TORITO



12-30-23 SEVEN-ELEVEN



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Coming soon: Pendleton Heights investors build infill housing

By Abby Hoover | Posted February 8th, 2023 |



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Scarritt School

On February 2, 2023, KCPs hosted a public meeting for community members to learn about reuse proposals for the redevelopment of the Scarritt School site. Two (2) teams presented their proposals and participated in a Q/A session with the neighborhood. KCPS is collecting community feedback on the two proposals via a quick survey (deadline to submit feedback is February 17, 2023). See below for a copy of the presentations and the survey.

Exact Architects Proposal (housing)

405 Development (arts center)

[405DEVELOPMENTPPT_020223.PDF](#)

Community Feedback Survey in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)



Scarritt At A Glance

Year Built: **1926/1962**

Square Feet: **59,840**

Acreage: **2.25**

Zoning: **R-2.5**

Neighborhood: **Scarritt Renaissance**

Historic Designation: **Eligible**

New Markets Tax Credit: **Eligible**

Opportunity Zone: **Qualified**

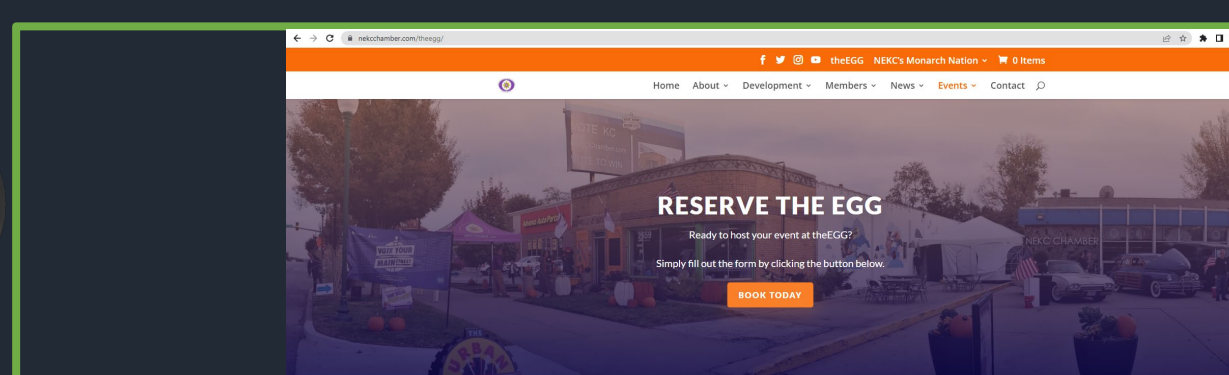
Year Closed: **2010**

[Scarritt Site Profile](#)

[Scarritt Floor Plans](#)

[Scarritt 2022 Public Meeting Notes](#)

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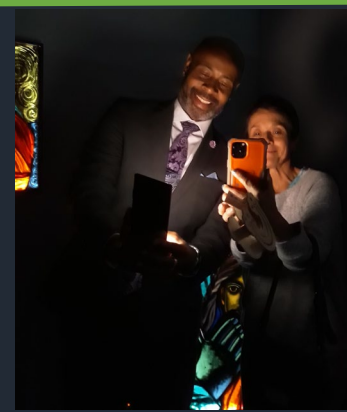
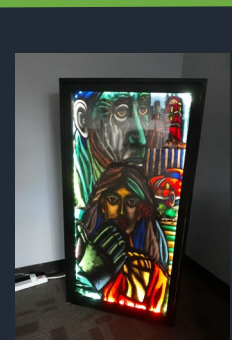


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From Employment Opportunities to 'Past & Present'

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BEADS, BEANS & BOOZE!



• If you travel north on Chestnut Avenue from Independence Boulevard, you'll end up in Kansas City's East Bottoms, an industrial district steeped in history.

• As the city grew, the East Bottoms area began to become more industrialized, most of the farmers moved to outlying areas to the east and south leaving their homes and an old, sugar refining plant adjacent to a major rail line.

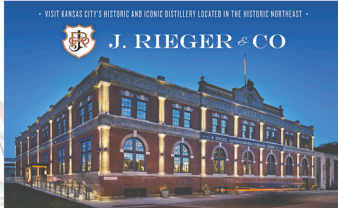
• In 1887, Ferd Heim purchased an old sugar plant and a number of additional plots surrounding the plant in order to establish a new home for the Ferd Heim Brewery run by Ferd Sr. and his three sons Michael, Joseph and Ferd Jr.



• At roughly the same time the Heims were building their fortune in the East Bottoms, Hungarian-Austrian immigrant Jacob Rieger was establishing a distillery located at 1529 Genesee in the West Bottoms.

• The West Bottoms was home to brothels, casinos and saloons and was known as the wettest block in the world.

• Prohibition was enacted in 1919 and it spelled disaster for both the Heim Brewery and the Rieger Distillery. The family brewery closed and the equipment was sold for scrap. Rieger shuttered his operation and walked away, leaving the brand dormant for almost a century.



• In 2014, the J. Rieger brand was revived under the stewardship of Manifesto Bartender Ryan Maybee, spirits industry veteran Dave Pickerell, and J. Rieger decedent Andy Rieger.

• The company acquired of the old Heim Bottling House and in 2019, the J. Rieger Distillery in the Historic Electric Park neighborhood was officially open for business.

• This year, The J. Rieger Distillery, a member of the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, is the primary sponsor of the Northeast Chamber of Commerce's annual Beads, Beans & Booze Fundraiser



• Beads, Beans & Booze is a Mardi Gras themed event, and it will be at the J. Rieger & Co., 2700 Guinotte Ave, on Feb Tuesday, February 21st, from 5:30 to 8:30 .

• The event will feature live entertainment, raffles, alcoholic beverages, and signature dishes from restaurants along the Independence Avenue International Marketplace.

• Other event sponsors include Central Bank of Kansas City, The Blinzler Group, Nestel Insurance Agency, Cricket Wireless, Eddie Musallet, & John David DiCapo.

• To learn more about the Beans, Beads & Booze fundraiser or to purchase tickets, visit www.nckchamber.com



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VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIALS

Valentine's Day is right around the corner and the small business merchants in the International Marketplace and the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District have got you covered to make sure your Valentine's Day is extra special.



Chloe's Cakes at Independence Avenue & Myrtle is really putting on the ritz. In addition to their standard line up of delicious cakes and savory treats, they'll be offering their year olds in bouquet form, all covered with a rich chocolate icing. They'll also carry rose-buns, special breads of chocolate and chocolate covered strawberries. But wait, there's more! They'll be making heart shaped 16" mads too, all with a Valentine's Day theme. This year's specials will run all day Monday the 13th and Tuesday the 14th. Special orders need to be placed early however. (816) 231-3524



Love Expressions Floral & Gifts at Independence Avenue & Elmwood will also have some great specials. On Valentine's Day themed stuffed animals and plush toys to flower arrangements starting at \$30. Their specials will run all day on Tuesday Feb 14th. Advance ordering for special arrangements and bouquets is strongly advised. Delivery is available through DoorDash. (816) 813-6781



CVS, Walgreens's Spallito Pharmacy and Family Dollar offer Valentine's Day greeting cards along with small bouquets for those last minute shoppers. We know that you have many options for how and where you spend your money, but every dollar that you spend in the International Marketplace on Independence Avenue goes back into the Northeast Community, which directly impacts the local economy, and the small business owners, their employees, and their families. Have a happy Valentine's Day!

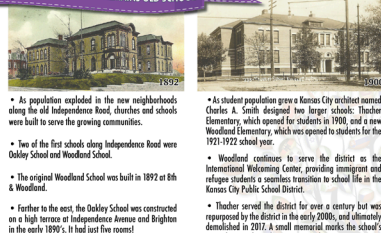


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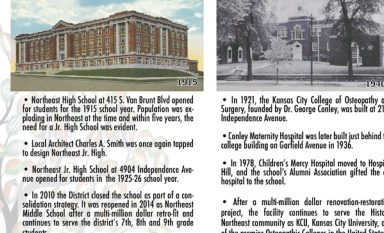
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE REMAINS OLD SCHOOL



• As population exploded in the new neighborhoods along the old Independence Road, churches and schools were built to serve the growing communities.

• The original Woodland School was built in 1892 at 8th & Woodland.

• Further to the west, the Oakley School was constructed on a high terrace at Independence Avenue and Brighton in the early 1890's. It had just five rooms!



• As student population grew a Kansas City architect named Charles A. Smith designed two larger schools: Teacher Elementary, which opened for students in 1900, and a new Woodland Elementary, which was opened to students for the 1912-1913 school year.

• Woodland continued to serve the district as the International Welcoming Center, providing immigrant and refugee students a seamless transition to school life in the Kansas City Public School District.

• Teacher served the district for over a century but was razed by the district in the early 2000s, and ultimately demolished in 2012. A small memorial marks the school's site today at Independence Ave & Brighton.

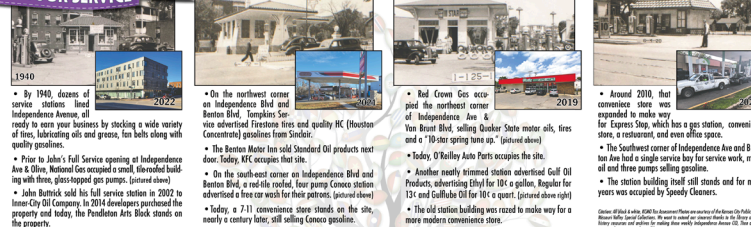


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INDEPENDENCE AVENUE • PAST • PRESENT • FUTURE

AT YOUR SERVICE



• By 1940, dozens of service stations lined Independence Avenue, all ready to serve your business by stocking a wide variety of tires, lubricating oils and greases, fuel both along with quality groceries.

• Prior to John's Full Service opening at Independence Ave & Olive, National Gas occupied a small, three-story building with three, glass-paned gas pumps. (pictured above)

• John Buttrick sold his full service station in 2002 to Isaac City Oil Company. In 2014 developers purchased the property and today, the Pandemonium Art Block stands on the property.

• On the northwest corner of Independence Blvd and Barton Blvd, Tompkins Service advertised Franchise tires and quality KC (Houston Concentrate) gasoline from Sinclair.

• The Barton Motor has sold Standard Oil products next door. Today, KCC occupies that site.

• On the south-west corner of Independence Blvd and Barton Blvd, a red life model, four pump Conoco station advertised a free car wash for their patrons. (pictured above)

• Today, a 7-11 convenience store stands on the site, nearly a century later, still selling Conoco gasoline.

• Red Crown Gas occupied the northeast corner of Independence Ave & Olive Blvd, selling Quaker State motor oils, tires and a 100-year spring home. (pictured above)

• Today, O'Reilly Auto Parts occupies the site.

• The Southwest corner of Independence Ave and Brighton Ave had a single service bay for service work, motor oil and three pumps selling gasoline.

• The station building itself still stands and for many years was occupied by Speddy Cleaners.

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1-10-2023

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DINERS, DRIVE-INS & DIVES



• Harford Grill was located at 4613 Independence Avenue.

• The family-owned diner opened in 1951, serving scratch biscuits and gravy for breakfast and freshly dipped ice cream cones for dessert.

• Bill and Lois, Harford Grill owners, retired and closed the restaurant in the mid 2000s.

• After sitting vacant for a short period of time, it burned. It was razed in 2006 and today, is a city-owned gravel parking lot just west of Fire Station 25.

• One of Kansas City's most iconic burger joints, Smak's Family Restaurant, built a restaurant at 5017 Independence Avenue in the mid 1960's.

• Smak's closed in 1983 and the became home to a series of fast-food fast food ventures.

• Jack in the Box moved into the space after removing the signature Smak's green exterior, followed by Brown's Chicken, and Pappas's Louisiana Kitchen.

• In 1991, Stearn Boat opened their doors. They still serve some of the best burger dumplings on the Avenue.

• 5910 Independence Avenue was constructed as a Shoney's and operated for nearly a decade, featuring their famed breakfast buffet, before closing in 1996.

• Shortly afterward, Taqueria Mexico opened their second restaurant in the location, making 2003 their 25th year in business on Independence Avenue.

• El Paso Del Norte opened an annex in the location in 2007, but by 2008, Taqueria El Torito moved in, and utilized the Chinese restaurant base sign to advertise their Mexican cuisine.

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AT HOME ON INDEPENDENCE AVE



• As the neighborhood changed and the Avenue's more affluent population moved south, some of the mansions were turned into apartments that catered to middle class residents.

• At the same time, mixed-use structures which offered retail storefronts on the first floor and residential quarters on the upper floors began to populate the Avenue.

• Twin mixed-use structures were built at the corner of Independence and Prospect in the early 1920s.

• A new two-story, mixed-use structure is currently being developed in that space and will offer retail on the first floor and residential units on the second floor.

• The interior of the home remains largely intact including the flying staircase and the massive, front entry arch.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUMS

FEB – MARCH - APRIL 2023



KCMO CITY COUNCIL CITYWIDE CANDIDATE FORUMS

Organizers

7th FEBRUARY 6:00pm	South Kansas City, Part 1 4 th & 6 th At-Large, 6 th In-District, only <i>Also, on Zoom</i>	Colonial Presbyterian Church 9500 Wornall Rd.	Stacey Johnson-Cosby Karry Palmer Moderator: Kathy Feist Martin City Telegraph
20th FEBRUARY 6:00pm	Downtown/Midtown 3 rd & 4 th Districts, At-Large & In-District only	National WWI Museum & Memorial 2 Memorial Dr.	Jared Campbell Kevin Klinkenberg
22nd FEBRUARY 6:00pm	Westside 4 th At Large & 4 th In district Panel to be confirmed.*	Guadalupe Centers 1015 Avenida Cesar E. Chavez	Pedro Zamora
23rd FEBRUARY 6:00pm	South Kansas City, Part 2 1 st , 2 nd & 5 th At-Large, only <i>Also, on Zoom</i>	St. Luke's United Methodist Church 9420 James A. Reed Rd.	Stacey Johnson-Cosby Brandon Wright Moderator: Kathy Feist Martin City Telegraph
28th FEBRUARY 6:00pm	Northeast, Part 1 3 rd In-District & 3 rd At Large, only <i>Also, on Zoom</i>	Northeast Chamber of Commerce 2657 Independence Blvd.	Scott Wagner Moderator: Michael Bushnell Northeast News
2nd MARCH 6:00pm	North of the River, Part 1 1 st At-Large & 2 nd At-Large, only	Northland Neighborhoods, Inc 5340 NE Chouteau Trafficway	Scott Wagner Deb Hermann Moderator: Michael Mahoney
4th MARCH 6:00PM	Northeast, Part 2 1 st , 2 nd , 5 th & 6 th At-Large, only <i>Also, on Zoom</i>	Northeast Chamber of Commerce 2657 Independence Blvd.	Scott Wagner Moderator: Michael Bushnell Northeast News
7th MARCH 6:00PM	Northeast, Part 3 4 th In-District & 4 th At-Large, only <i>Also, on Zoom</i>	Northeast Chamber of Commerce 2657 Independence Blvd.	Scott Wagner Moderator: Michael Bushnell
9th MARCH 6:00PM	North of the River, Part 2 4 th In-District & 4 th At-Large, only	Northland Neighborhoods, Inc 5340 NE Chouteau Trafficway	Scott Wagner Deb Hermann Moderator: Michael Mahoney
21st MARCH 6:00pm	Eastside 3 rd & 5 th In-District & At-Large, only	Robert J. Mohart Center 3200 Wayne Ave.	Teresa Perry Joseph Jackson
20th April 6:00pm	KCMO Housing Industry All candidates	Location to be determined	KC Regional Housing Alliance Other industry partners to be announced

Register at: [CitizensAssociation.Eventbrite.com](https://www.citizensassociation.org/Eventbrite.com). This calendar will be updated. For events on Zoom, you'll get the link prior to the event. With questions: Stacey Johnson-Cosby: 816-591-5921, cell/text

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

2657 INDEPENDENCE BLVD, KCMO



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