

## AGENDA

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

Date: August 16th, 2023 Time: 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                                  |                                  |
|    | Year Ending 4-30-23 Financial Reports              |                                  |
|    | Current Year 5-1 through 7-31-23 Financial Reports |                                  |
| 4. | Board Committee Reports                            |                                  |
|    | Executive  | Jerry Potocnik                   |
|    | Resource Development                               | Andrea Wilt                      |
|    | Planning & Development                             | Bobbi Baker                      |
|    | 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                      |
| 5. | New Business                                       |                                  |
|    | September Taste and Tour                           |                                  |
|    | HNE Media update                                   |                                  |
| 6. | Old Business                                       |                                  |
| 7. | Adjournment  |                                  |

**Vision:** The Chamber is the go-to place for Northeast businesses, a clearing house for collaborative problem-solving. It is the gatekeeper and advocate for plans and projects that generate economic and social vitality for Northeast businesses, institutions and neighborhoods. It is the mentor of tomorrow's leaders and the guardian of the Northeast's historic and cultural assets.

**Mission:** The Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce strives to be a financially sound, well-managed business association that enhances the quality of life and economic competitiveness in the historic, contemporary and multi-cultural Northeast district of Kansas City, Missouri. The Chamber works through partnership and collaboration to comprehensively serve the diverse entrepreneurial, cultural, artistic, commercial, industrial and civic interests of its members. The Chamber seeks as members caring volunteers eager to promote the general well-being and economic growth of the Northeast community.

## MONARCH NATION



## COMMUNITY STRONG



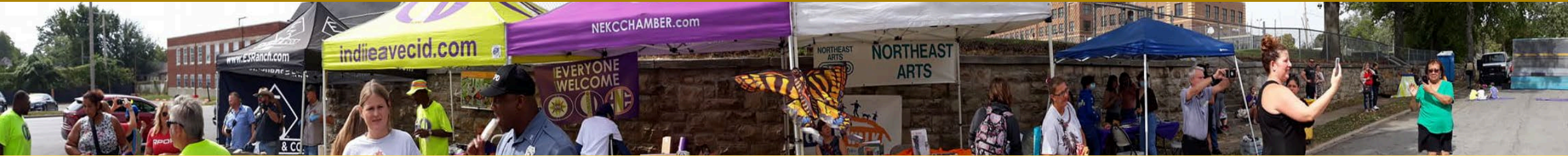


# YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

6/21/2023  
3/16/2023

## INDEPENDENCE AVENUE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE



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

## AGENDA: AUGUST 16, 2023

- INTERNSHIP & PART-TIME EMPLOYEE UPDATE
- RECENT EVENTS
- **HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE**
- **PASEO GATEWAY FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT**
- CID STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
- **CID & TITAN REPORTS**
- **TITAN 'FOUR CORNERS'**
- THE NE NEWSPAPER'S "CID-CENTERFOLDS"
- THE EGG EVENTS
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**





# 2023 INTERNSHIP

## Independence Ave CID

**KYLE HOENER: URBAN PLANNING**  
**UMKC**



### **DUTIES:**

- **Collect & organize 1940 historic photos of every property along the Avenue to use for comparing to today for:**
  - 1) **tourisms (2026 World Cup),**
  - 2) **Conditions 'Audit' for the CID's Storefront Improvement Rebate**
- **Attend various City Commissions:**
  - 1) **Historic Preservation - 7/28**
  - 2) **Planning Commission - 8/1**
  - 3) **Full Council - 7/24**
- **Develop & implement various NEKC community place-making projects, such as mural development.**
- **Investigation accuracy of Jackson County collection of the CID District 1% tax.**
- **Search for various grants available for the CID & Chamber.**

# PART-TIME EMPLOYEE

## NEKC Chamber

**AARON PENA: STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION**  
**UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS**



### **DUTIES:**

- **Develop new websites for the Chamber & CID.**
- **Organize, streamline and help manage social media sites & postings.**
- **Investigate how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be integrated into our social media activity and website.**





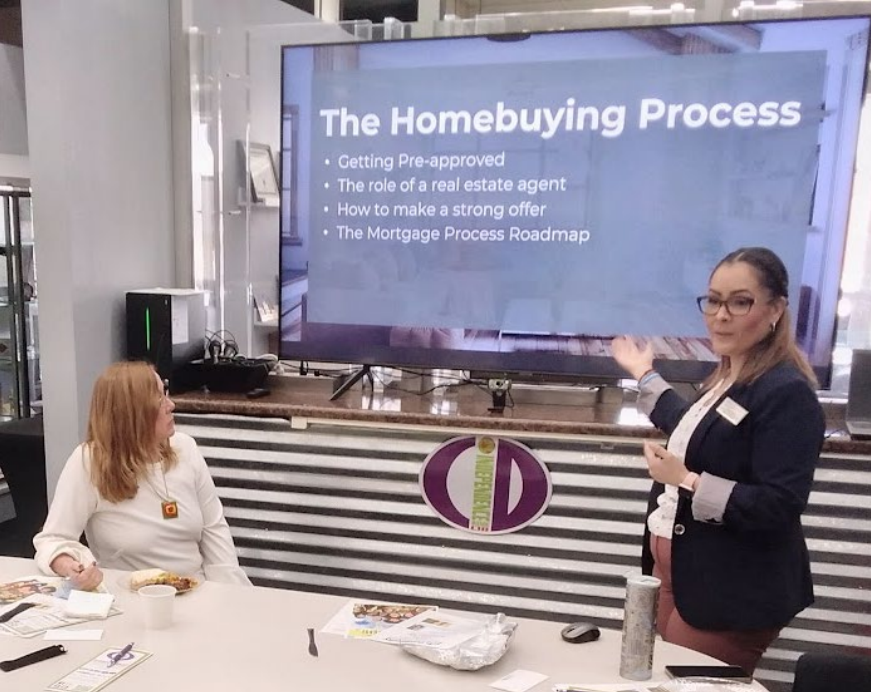
## **2023 URBAN HERO CLASS: APRIL 13 & 14**

Someone who has improved the quality of life in Kansas City:

1. **Rebecca Koop, Owner, Back Door Pottery**
2. **Edgar Palacios, President & CEO, Latinx Education Collaborative**
3. **Brian Williams, Director of Development, Folly Theater**
4. **Lisa Peña, Founder, Urban Hikes Kansas City**
5. **Shanita McAfee-Bryant, Founder/Executive Director, The Prospect KC**







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Address

☎ +1 816-878-8593  
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✉ tally.rivera@phmloans.com  
Email



Homeowner  
**TIPS**

Clean out your exhaust fans at least once a year. These fans help get moisture and smells out of your home, but if they're not running efficiently they can actually grow mold! Remove and clean the exhaust fans in your kitchen & bathroom. Check them for wear & tear at the same time.

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**APRIL 25, 2023**  
**Attendees: 8 + 12 STAFF**  
**TASTY TOPIC TALK**  
**NEKC LUNCHEON**







# SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING DES-ESCALATION TRAINING

**MAY 6, 2023**

**ATTENDEES: 28**

**AUGUST 8, 2023**

**ATTENDEES: 21**



**Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce**

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REMINDER MAY 6, 2023

Free De-Escalation Training with ZOOM link below



**FREE EVENT!!**  
**DE-ESCALATION TRAINING**

PRESENTED BY  
**TITAN**  
PROTECTION



CHIEF OF SECURITY - TITAN PROTECTION

officer has 17 years of law enforcement and security experience. He is a certified defensive tactics and K9 handler and is also a gang specialist, and has served as a community services officer.

Join this August 8th in our 10th

PLUS NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY UPDATE!

2021 INDEPENDENCE AVE

Hosted at the site by the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

Registration Link

MYEMAIL.CONSTANTCONTACT.COM

**FREE De-Escalation Training with zoom**

May 6, 2023. 11 am - 1 :00 pm REMINDER MAY 6, 2023 ZOOM link below

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85149672498?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85149672498?pwd=S2dING9PMetHVXZGSEhTTW13NEM5dz09)

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926781 This FREE Training event is



**zoom**





**HNE-REX**  
**MAY 10, 2023**  
**ATTENDEES: 11**



**MIXED USE**  
**78 APARTMENTS**  
**8 RETAIL SPACES**



**6<sup>TH</sup> STREET &  
 PROSPECT AVE**



# COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



GRAND OPENING RIBBON CUTTING



MAY 11, 2023    ATTENDEES: 20 + 7 STAFF







**USA TEAM BUILDING WORKSHOP**  
The Backdoor Pottery, St. Johns Ave  
Saturday, May 13 & 27, 2023



**RESULTS**





# KC CID PICNIC May 22, 2023







**MAY 23, 2023**  
**Attendees: 25 + 5 Staff**  
**TASTY TOPIC TALK**  
**NEKC LUNCHEON**





PASSPORT

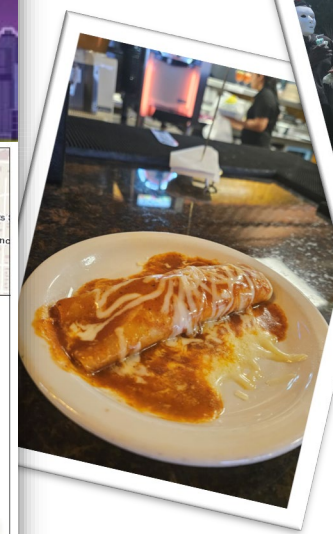
FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023  
11:30AM - 2:30PM

5 RESTAURANTS 2 COFFEE SHOPS 5 CONTINENTS

TICKETS  
[www.NEKCchamber.com](http://www.NEKCchamber.com)

TASTE & TOUR

56 ATTENDEES





# COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION

GUEST SPEAKER:

KCMO Public Works Utility Manager; Uday Manepalli

## Independence Ave Improvements

- ADA ramp improvements along Independence Blvd
- Van Brunt/Independence traffic safety improvements
- The Paseo & Independence Blvd Gateway project



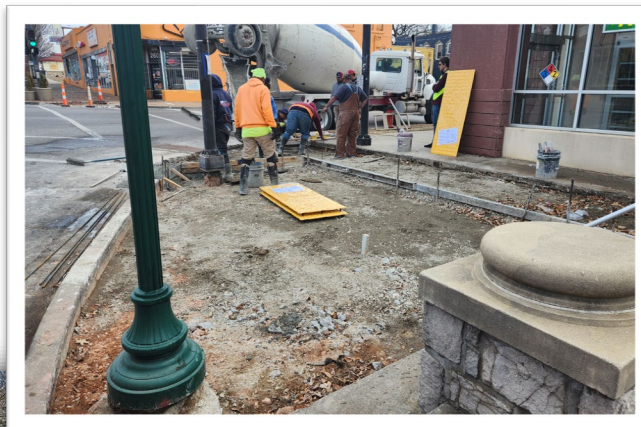
**JUNE 8, 2023: WALKING TOUR**

**ATTENDEES: 10 + 5 STAFF**





# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2023 PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL



## INDEPENDENCE AVENUE INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITION - PASEO 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/PASEO INTERSECTION - NE CORNER



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

### INDEPENDENCE/PASEO INTERSECTION - NE CORNER



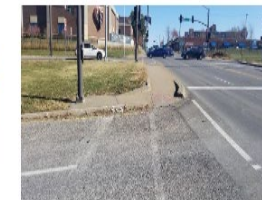
Rating:  
Ramp: 3  
Sidewalk: 3  
Curb: 2  
Drainage: NA

### INDEPENDENCE/PASEO INTERSECTION - MEDIAN EAST SIDE



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

### INDEPENDENCE/PASEO INTERSECTION - MEDIAN WEST SIDE



Rating:  
Ramp: 3  
Sidewalk: 4

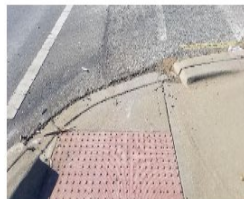
Curb: 2  
Drainage: NA

### INDEPENDENCE/PASEO INTERSECTION - NW CORNER



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

### INDEPENDENCE/PASEO RAMP CLOSEUP - MEDIAN WEST SIDE



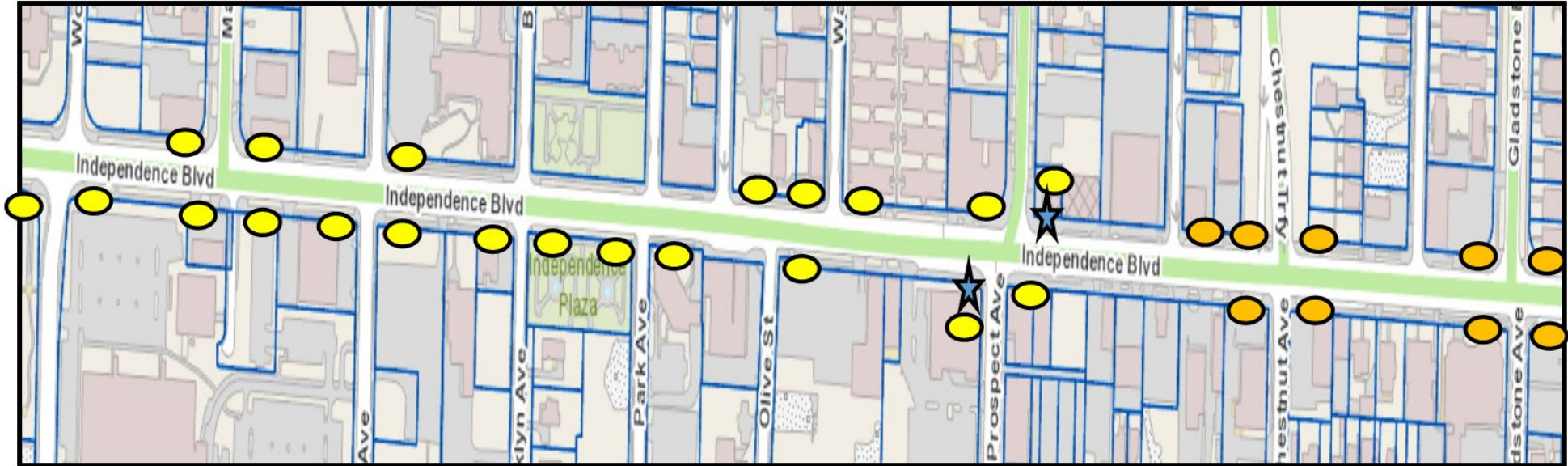
Rating:  
Ramp: 3



# INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD ADA RAMP REPLACEMENT PROJECT 2022



PROSPECT & INDEPENDENCE



BENTON & INDEPENDENCE



THE PASEO & INDEPENDENCE



PROSPECT & INDEPENDENCE



# PASSION PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

June 9th 3-5pm

Inspirational Projects  
based on  
creating a  
better Planet.

Presented by  
the students of  
Ryogoku Soccer  
Academy.



IBCC SOCCER KIDS  
SCIENCE DISPLAYS

ATTENDEES: 162







# SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

## JUNE 15, 2023

Officer "Bobo"



ATTENDEES: 21

8 KCPD

1 City Prosecutor

2 Business Reps

4 TITAN Angels

4 Office Staff

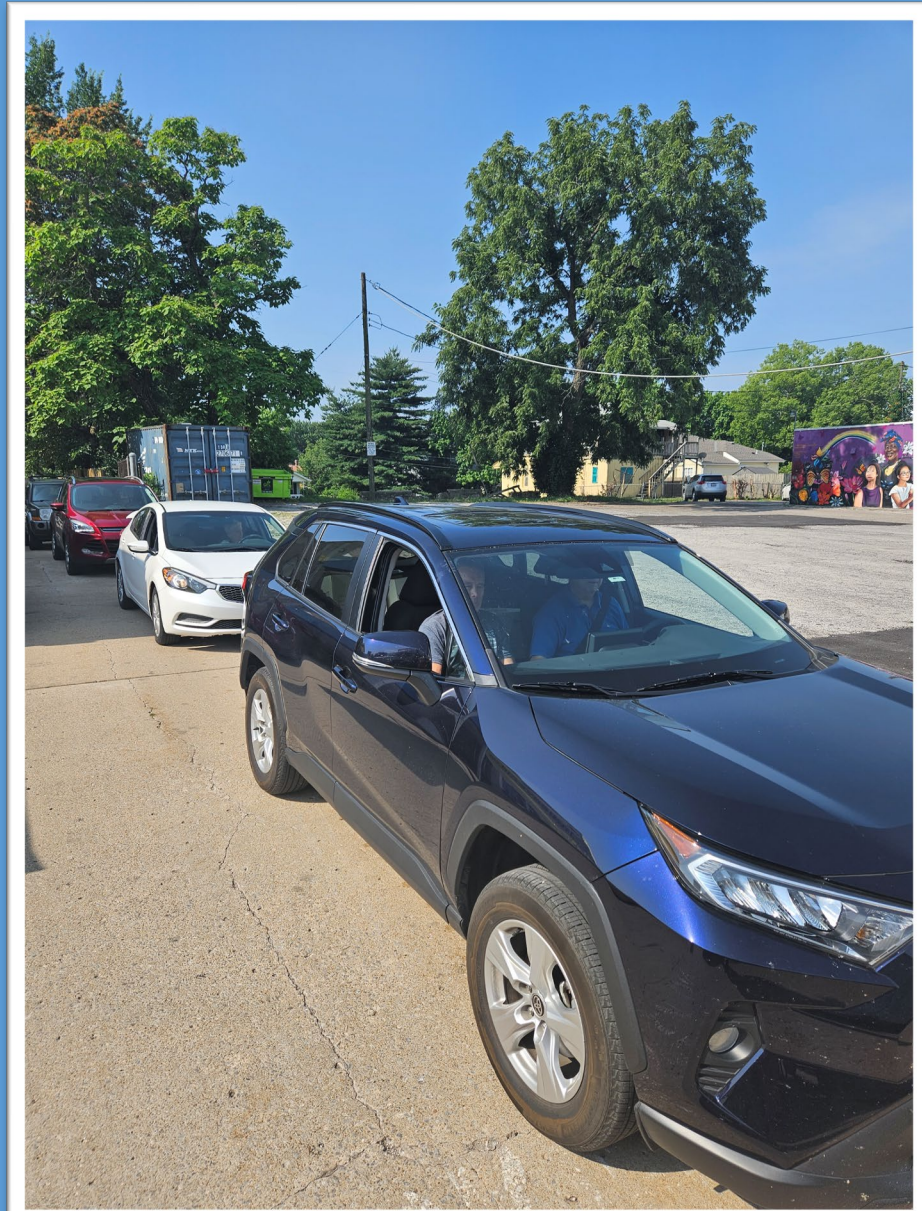
1 EB Systems





# SHRED-IT EVENT: SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

71 VEHICLES ATTENDED  
13,650 POUNDS







**SATURDAY  
JUNE 17, 2023  
ATTENDEES: 100s**



# GRAND OPENING RIBBON CUTTING



**5901 INDEPENDENCE AVE**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023**

**ATTENDEES: 145+**





## Developer presents 500-unit affordable housing community

By Abby Hoover | Posted April 5th, 2023 |



Abby Hoover  
Managing Editor



**JONATHAN ARNOLD  
DEVELOPMENT  
GROUP**

## Proposal to 'Reinvent' the Hardesty Storage Complex

**HNE-REX Meeting Presentation  
Wednesday, June 21, 2023**  
**Attendees: 14 In-House & 6 zoom**



### HISTORIC NORTHEAST MARKET DISTRICT

**A Place for People and Local  
Businesses to Thrive**

- 500 Affordable Housing Units
- 30,000 SF Daycare & Afterschool Facility
- 45,000 SF Restaurants
- 35,000 SF Retail Space
- 42,000 SF Renewable Energy Contractors
- 52,000 SF Small Business Space
- Farmers Market
- Rooftop Gardens
- Community Greenspace
- Transit Oriented



**PROJECT COMPONENTS**  
Affordable And Market-rate project will create 180 affordable housing units that cater to individual needs and promote social cohesion.

**Daycare & Afterschool Facility**  
Afterschool facility run by parents, provide a safe and secure environment for children and the overall quality of life.

**Food Related Businesses:**  
business space will prioritize locally sourced ingredients and culinary traditions that are unique to the area.

**Health And Wellness:**  
Last, an additional 15,000 square feet of space will accommodate local businesses such as a healthcare clinic to address the wellness needs of the surrounding community.

**Transit Oriented:**  
The site is providing zero fare service project will also house a public transit station with access to downtown and surrounding areas.

**Passive House Certification**  
consume 70-90% less energy than traditional buildings. residents can grow produce with their neighbors.

**PROGRAM**



Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce  
Hosting

Robert Long from the  
Economic Development Corporation of KC  
Free - Community office hours

Friday 6-23-23 12:00 Noon - 4 PM

### About this session

Upset about property tax increases?

See this weeks Northeast News paper.

[WWW.NORTHEASTNEWS.NET](http://WWW.NORTHEASTNEWS.NET)

"Property owners can apply with at least \$5000 worth of work in the past three years, even if the project is still in progress."

Get the information to **FREEZE** your property taxes for 10 years.

Visit Robert Long **Senior Development Services Specialist** with the EDC-KC

**Meet with an Expert, Robert Long  
at NEKC Chamber of Commerce**

Friday 12:00 pm - 4 pm.

2657 Independence Avenue

Kansas City, Mo 64124

This is a **FREE**  
**Walk in consultation !**

Drop in for an as-available meeting.



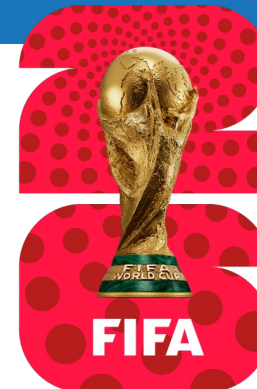
**24 VISITORS**







The Kansas City Sports Commission's rendering of Arrowhead Stadium in its proposal to the FIFA World Cup Committee.



**KANSAS CITY**

**JUNE 11 TO AUGUST 20, 2026**



**Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce  
2026 World Cup Stakeholder Engagement Session  
RIVERSIDE, MO: JUNE 26, 2023**







**JUNE 27, 2023**  
**Attendees: 26 + 6 Staff**  
**TASTY TOPIC TALK**  
**NEKC LUNCHEON**





# GRAND OPENING RIBBON CUTTING

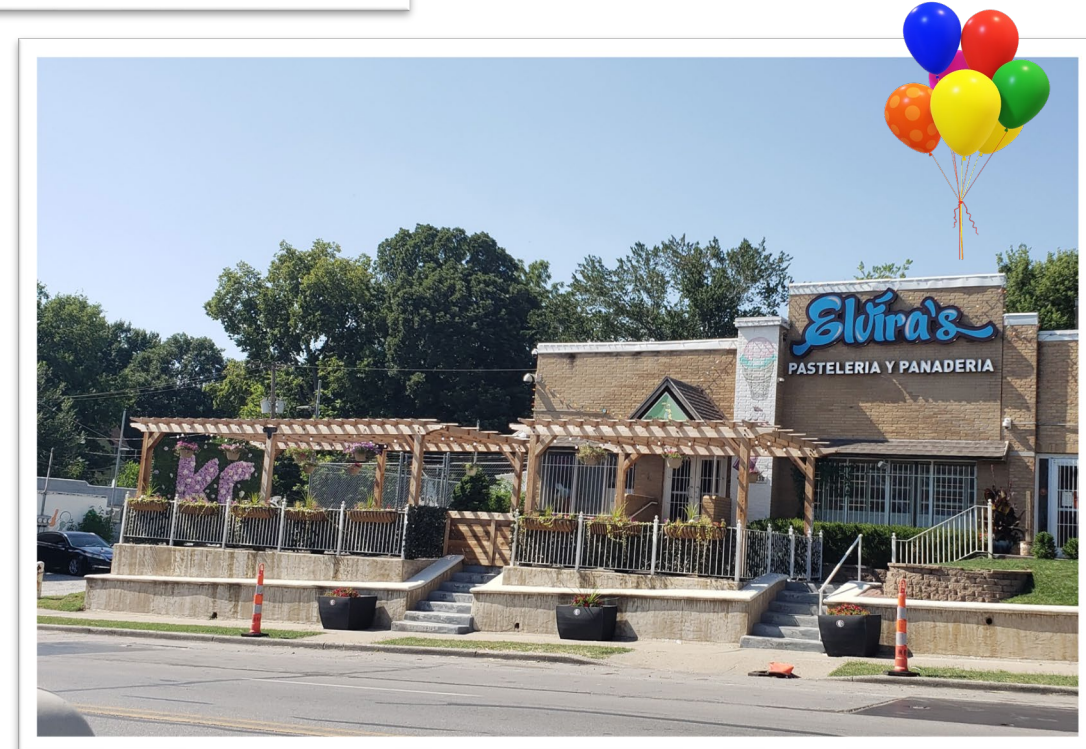
3838 INDEPENDENCE AVE

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023

ATTENDEES:



Photo Courtesy of Univision KC





# COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION

Latinx Education Collaborative

**GUEST SPEAKER: 2023 Urban Hero**  
**Edgar Palacios**



**Latinx  
Education  
Collaborative**

WHO WE ARE ▾

LEC TE ACOMPAÑA

PRESS & MEDIA

COMMUNITY  
RESOURCES ▾

CLASSROOM  
RESOURCES

PROGRAMS ▾

LATINX EDUCATOR  
AWARDS

EVOLUCIÓN

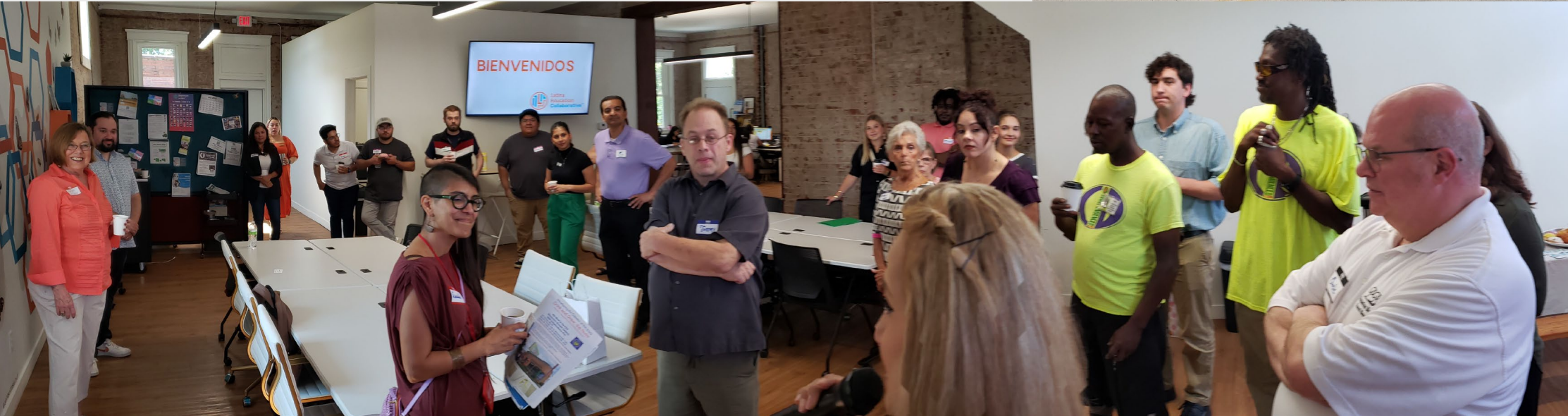
EXPRESIÓN

VIRTUAL CAREER  
FAIR ▾

PIPELINE

REVOLUCIÓN  
EDUCATIVA

RESEARCH



**JULY 17, 2023**

**ATTENDEES: 30**

**2203 Lexington**



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AMERICAN SONS OF COLUMBUS

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023



Fun-raiser for...  
SVN School



## INDEPENDENCE AVENUE • PAST • PRESENT • FUTURE

### AMERICAN SONS OF COLUMBUS



• The American Sons of Columbus building at 2415 Independence Boulevard has, since its dedication in 1966, been a central gathering point for Kansas Citizens of Italian and Sicilian heritage.

• The original structure was built between 1909 and 1912 according to city records. From 1939 through 1945, Safeway Stores occupied the building, just to the east of the Independence Avenue Methodist Church.

• In 1945 Safeway moved to 3407 Independence Ave., and the space was taken over by the Genova Appliance & Furniture Store.



• By 1952 the location was listed as Brodkins Furniture Store through 1958 when the Fox Self Service Department Store leased the space.

• In 1963, Electronics Institute moved into the space, offering classes in the newly developing field of electronics to graduating high school seniors.

• Finally, in 1966, Tom Gialde and three friends purchased the building and dedicated a new home for The American Sons of Columbus.



• In September of 1970, the Independence Avenue Methodist-Episcopal Church celebrated its last service in the old sanctuary. Following the building's demolition, the Sons of Columbus annexed their parking lot to increase their club's capacity to host events.

• In addition to hosting annual events such as spaghetti dinners or pancake breakfasts, the Sons of Columbus Hall has been used as a gathering place for weddings, graduations, family reunions, candidate forums, the NEKC Chamber's semiannual International Taste & Tour, as well as a regular voting location.

• Recreation figures heavily in the club's agenda and in 1978, an addition was added to the back of the building to accommodate new bocce courts.



• The American Sons of Columbus is one of only two bocce organizations recognized by the United States Bocce Federation in the state of Missouri.

• The Bocce courts were built with artificial turf, but a maintenance-free resin surface that provides a fast but consistent roll was installed in 2011.



• The resin surface was restored in 2023 in order to maintain the highest quality, professional playing surface available.

Photo credit: KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY - Kansas City 1940 Tax Assessment Photographs



This information is provided for you through the Independence Avenue CID (Community Improvement District) the Northeast Kansas City Chamber Of Commerce, and the Northeast News

For more information, visit [www.nekcchamber.com](http://www.nekcchamber.com)

NORTHEAST  
NEWS  
ARTICLE





**Kansas City's Northeast News**  
August 2 at 4:58 PM · 🌐

Today from 5-7, we're out here grilling hotdogs and hamburgers for y'all. Stop by 2659 Independence Boulevard to see our office, grab some food, and if you're feeling generous, make a donation to support community journalism!!



👍❤️ 37      9 comments   4 shares

👍 Like      💬 Comment      ➦ Share



**Kansas City's Northeast News**

July 31 at 11:00 AM · 🌐



Join us THIS WEDNESDAY to celebrate the debut of our Back-to-School edition of the Northeast News, created by our summer interns. 🍷 Bring the family... and your appetite! 🍔

<https://facebook.com/events/s/celebrate-our-24th-back-to-sch/1506425593454760/?mibextid=RQdjQZ>

#backtoschool #bbq #celebration #debut #specialedition #upcoming #kcmo #northeast #northeastnews #familyfriendly

CELEBRATE OUR 24TH ANNUAL  
**BACK-TO-SCHOOL**  
EDITION



FOOD AND YARD GAMES AUG 2, 5-7 P.M.  
**LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST NEWS**  
2659 INDEPENDENCE AVE

👍❤️ 10

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# URBAN HIKE KC



## Why Hike With Us?

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### Expert Guides

Our knowledgeable and friendly guides tell the history of Kansas City in addition to sharing about modern street art and buildings.



### Hidden Gems

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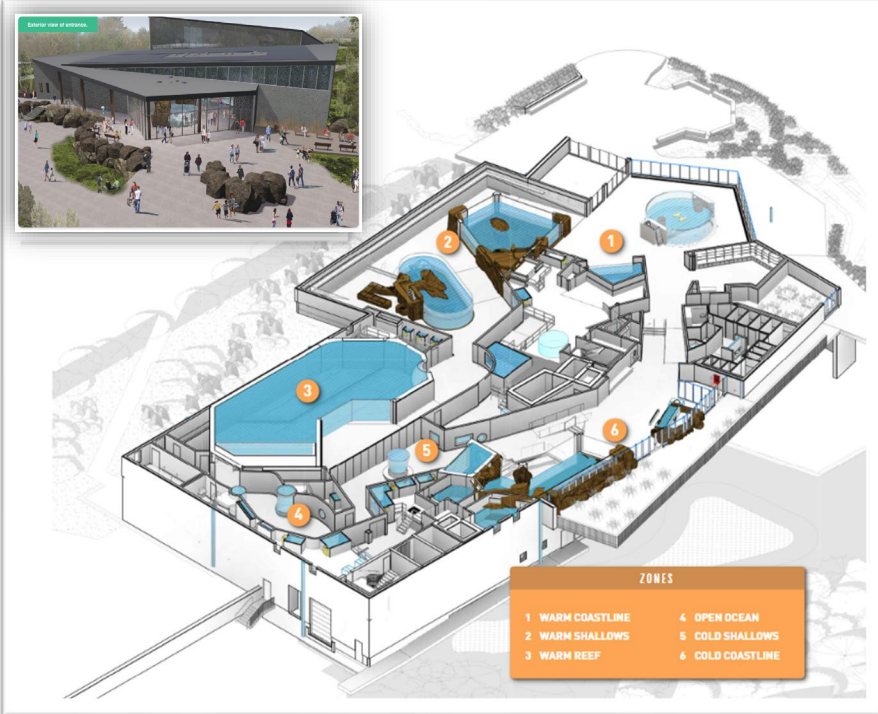
GUIDE: SARAH SABER

## HISTORIC NORTHEAST TOUR

**‘NEKC CHAMBER WELCOME’  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023  
ATTENDEES: 16**







## Chamber Night at the New Zoo Aquarium JULY 19, 2023







**JULY 25, 2023** **TASTY TOPIC TALK**  
**ATTENDEES: 28 including staff** **LUNCHEON**



**Administrative Officer: Chris Carroll**







  
**7/27/2023**  
**13 ATTENDEES**  
**CID & CHAMBER**  
**BOARD MEMBERS**



## MEET & GREET KCMO CITY COUNCIL





# COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION

## NEKC CHAMBER OFFICE

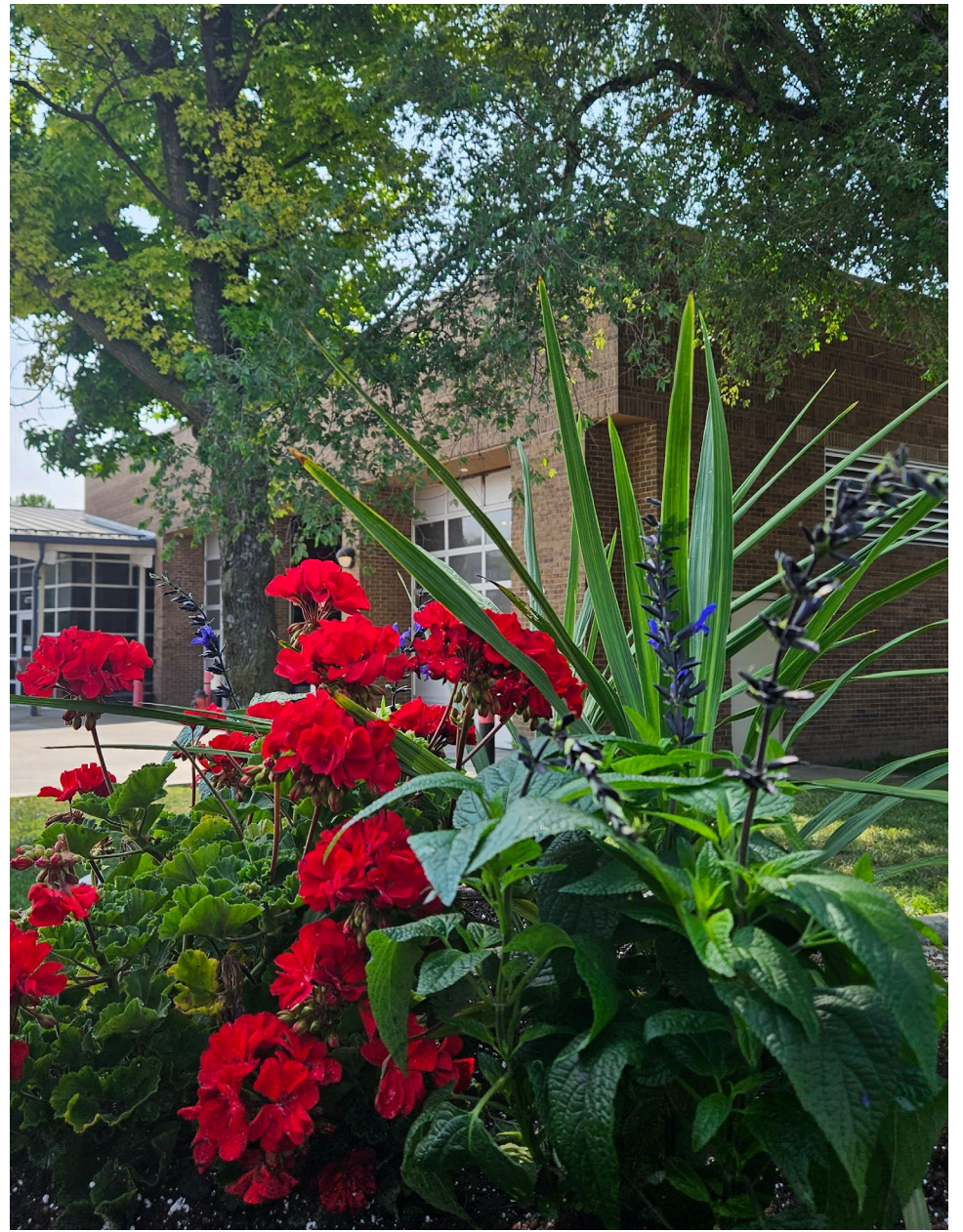


**Attendees shared stories about their businesses and their interest in the Historic Northeast area.**



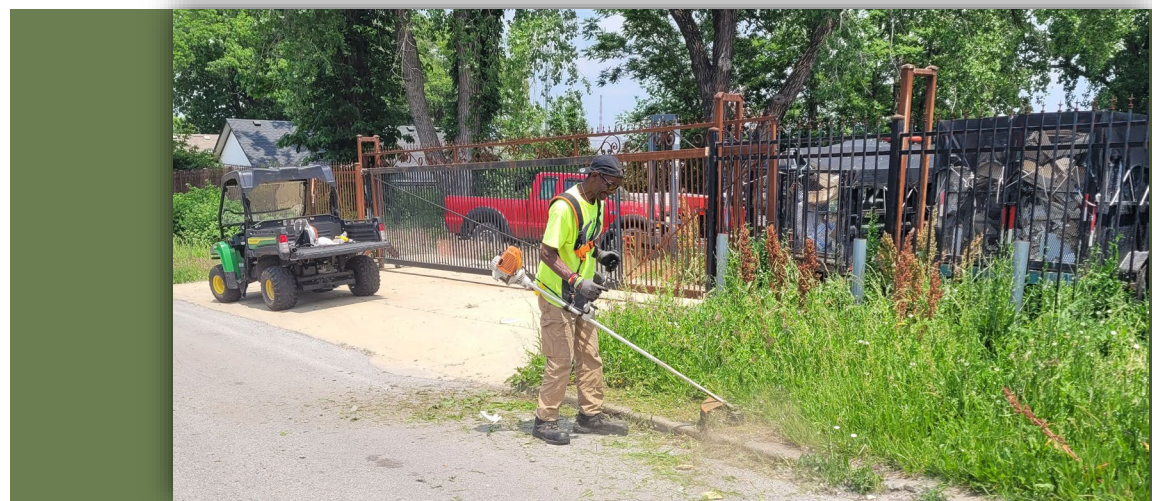
**AUGUST 10, 2023      ATTENDEES: 18 & 4 staff**





**SUMMER 2023 AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION**



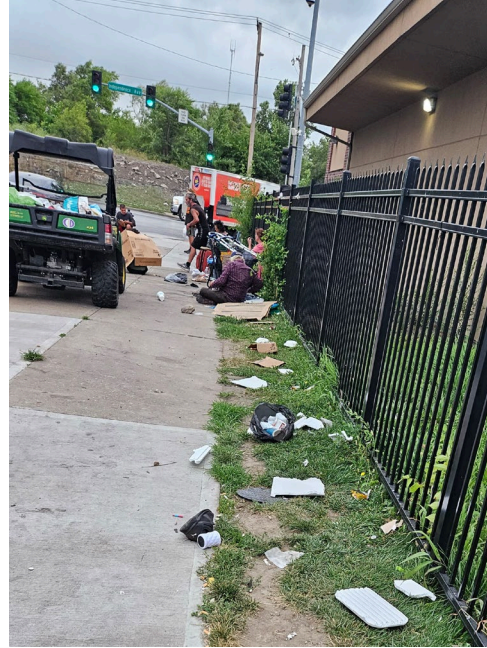


**AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION**  
**2023** **SUMMER** 









SUMMER 2023



CAMP CLEANUP  
(BEHIND TEXAS TOM'S)







# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION



## SUMMER 2023





# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2022

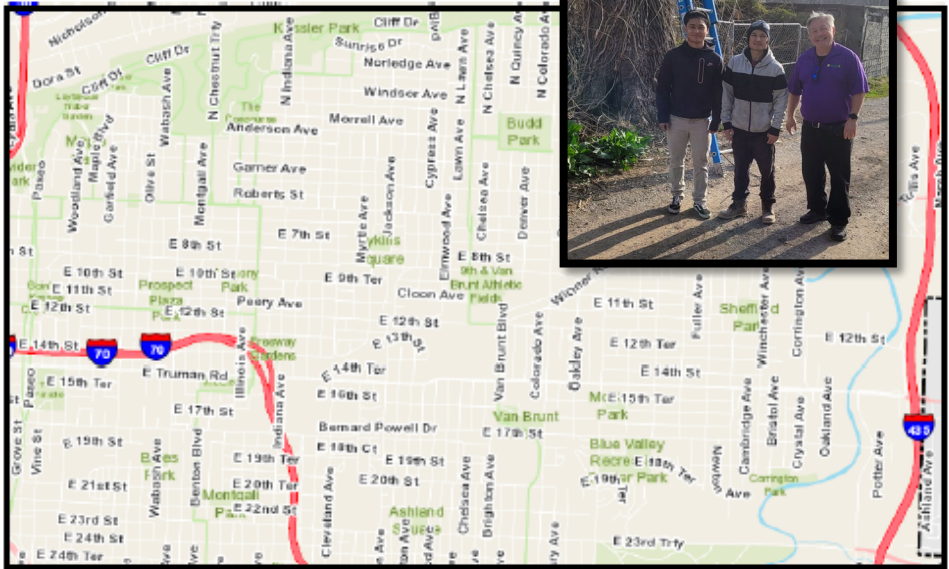
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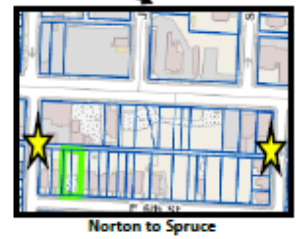
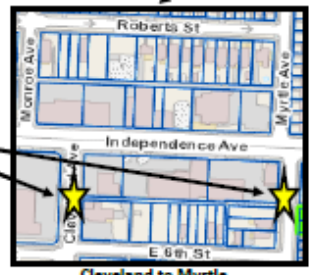
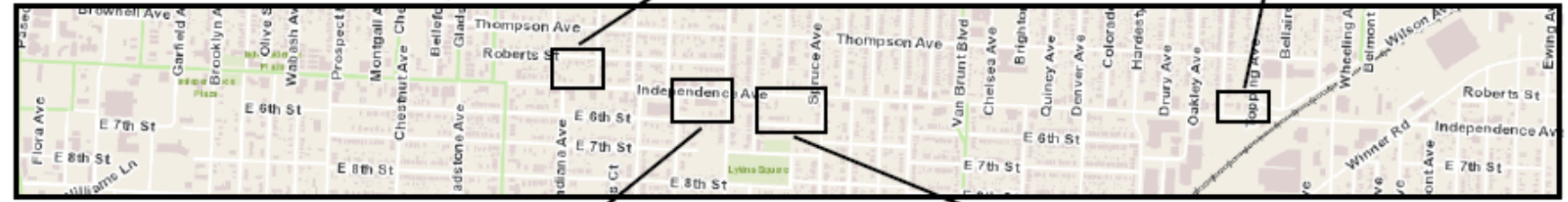
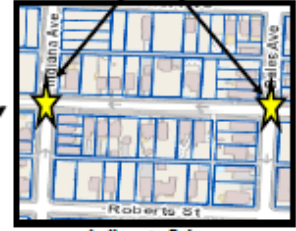


# CAMERA INSTALLATION

MARC SOLID WASTE MANAGE DISTRICT GRANT 2023



## EYES ON THE ALLEYWAYS



### Reduce Illegal Dumping in Alleys

- ⇒ 4 problem alleys targeted
- ⇒ Tacacam field cameras installed near alley entrances
- ⇒ Customized messaging to discourage dumping
- ⇒ Motion sensor lights brighten alley interiors







# 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)







# OCI FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

## PROGRESS REPORT: WINTER 2023

### PROJECTS 3 & 4 - COMPLETE

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



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



↑  
**PROJECTS 5:**  
Install Mural on West  
Façade of Fresh Market



# CID Storefront Rebate Program ➡➡

May 1, 2015 - January 1, 2023:  
**TOTAL SPRENT: \$93,984.50**



## PROGRAM CRITERIA FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Non-sales tax collection (service businesses)
- 2. 501c3 (non-for-profit)
- 3. Collecting sales tax (retailer)
- 4. Owner operated vs tenant occupied
- 5. Establish timeline for asphalt repaving

Date	Address	Name	Contact	Project Amount	Approved Amount	Completed	Overall Dispersed
3/27/2019	2400 Independence	Scuola Vita Nuova	Pittila	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	?/2019	
4/1/2019	5200 Independence	El Taco	John Caimo	\$ 9,057.00	\$ 4,528.50	6/14/2019	
2019 TOTAL				\$ 28,557.00	\$ 13,447.42		\$ 54,438.21
10/15/2019	3401 Independence	Eleos Coffee	Dan Smith	\$ 3,813.26	\$ 1,906.63	7/5/2020	
11/6/2019	4845 Independence	Speedy Cleaners	Joyce Jones	\$ 4,024.58	\$ 2,012.29	4/6/2020	
2020 TOTAL				\$ 7,837.84	\$ 3,918.92		\$ 58,357.13
7/10/2021	2415 Independence	Sons of Columbus	John Conforti	\$ 6,391.00	\$ 3,159.50	9/15/2021	
9/14/2021	6126 Independence	El Torito III	Joe Mika	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	10/10/2021	
2/24/2021	2629-33 Independence	Shopping Center	Jack DeSamoni	\$ 4,940.00	\$ 2,470.00	5/25/2022	
8/19/2021	6200 Independence	Taqueria El Torito	Joe Mika	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	11/5/2021	
2021 TOTAL				\$ 35,831.00	\$ 15,629.50		\$ 73,986.63
2022 TOTAL							
9/23/2021	2117 Independence	Passantino's	Charlie Passantino	\$ 9,995.74	\$ 4,997.87	4/30/2022	
6/10/2022	2629-33 Independence	Shop Center	Jack DeSamoni	\$ 37,649.00	\$ 10,000.00	7/27/2022	
8/15/2022	2620 Independence	Fresh Market	Saied Zaben	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	9/10/2022	
7/7/2022	546 Olive	CORE Coffe	Deana & Eric Bellamaganya			waiting	
2022 TOTAL				\$ 85,644.74	\$ 19,997.87		\$ 93,984.50
10/17/2022	544 Wabash Ave	NE Community Center	Kyla Pitts-Zevin	\$ 765.00	\$ 382.50	1/8/2023	
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4/14/2023	2629-31 Independence	Strip Mall	Jack DeSimone	\$ 11,075.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/24/2023	
5/29/2023	2620 Independence	Fresh Market	Eddie Musallet	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/14/2023	
5/30/2023	3801 Independence	Spalitto's Pharmacy	Pete Spalitto	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 3,125.00	7/12/2023	
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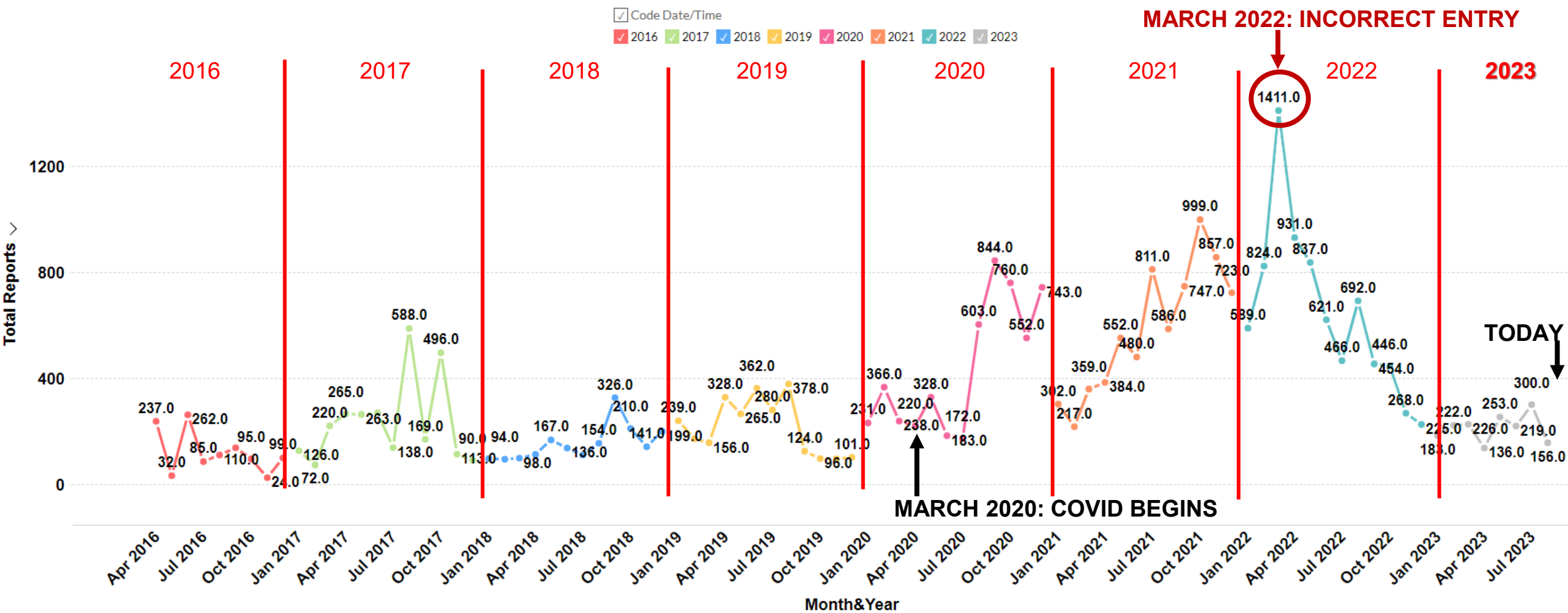
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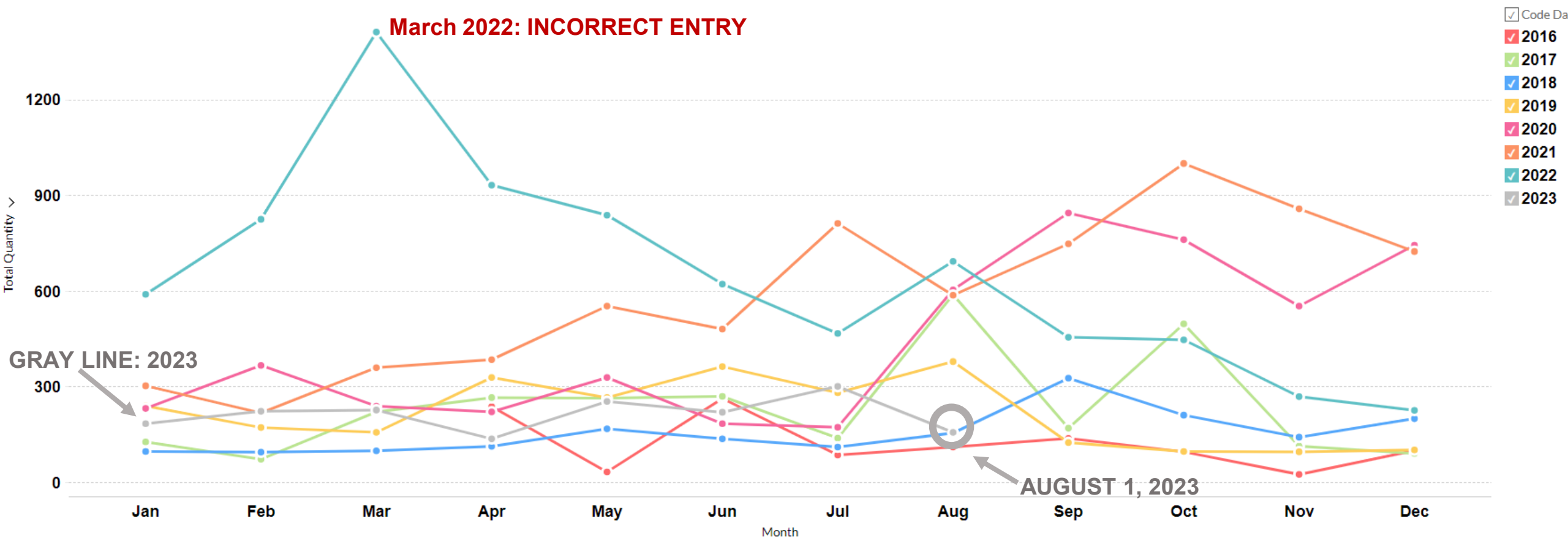
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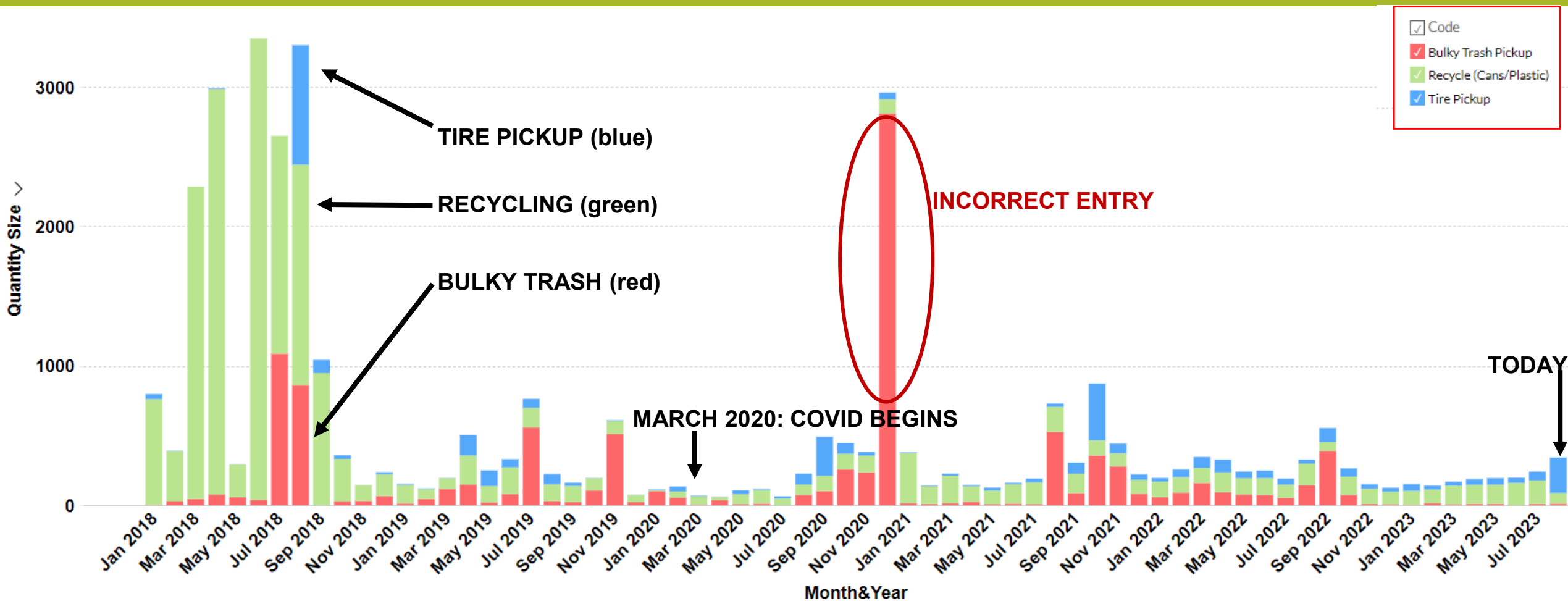
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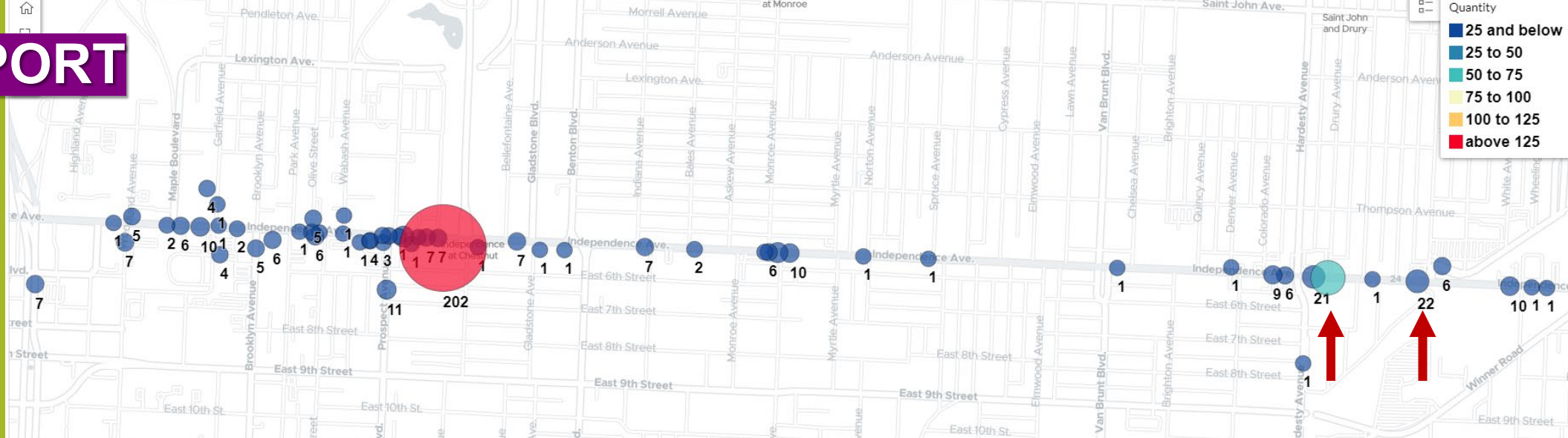




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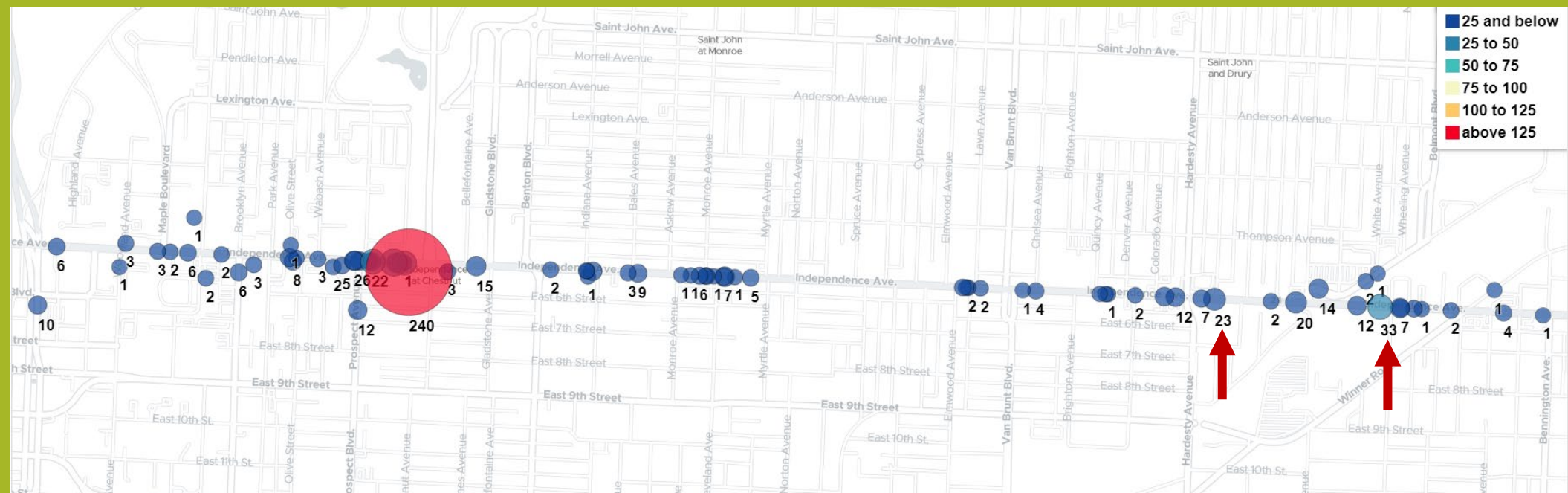
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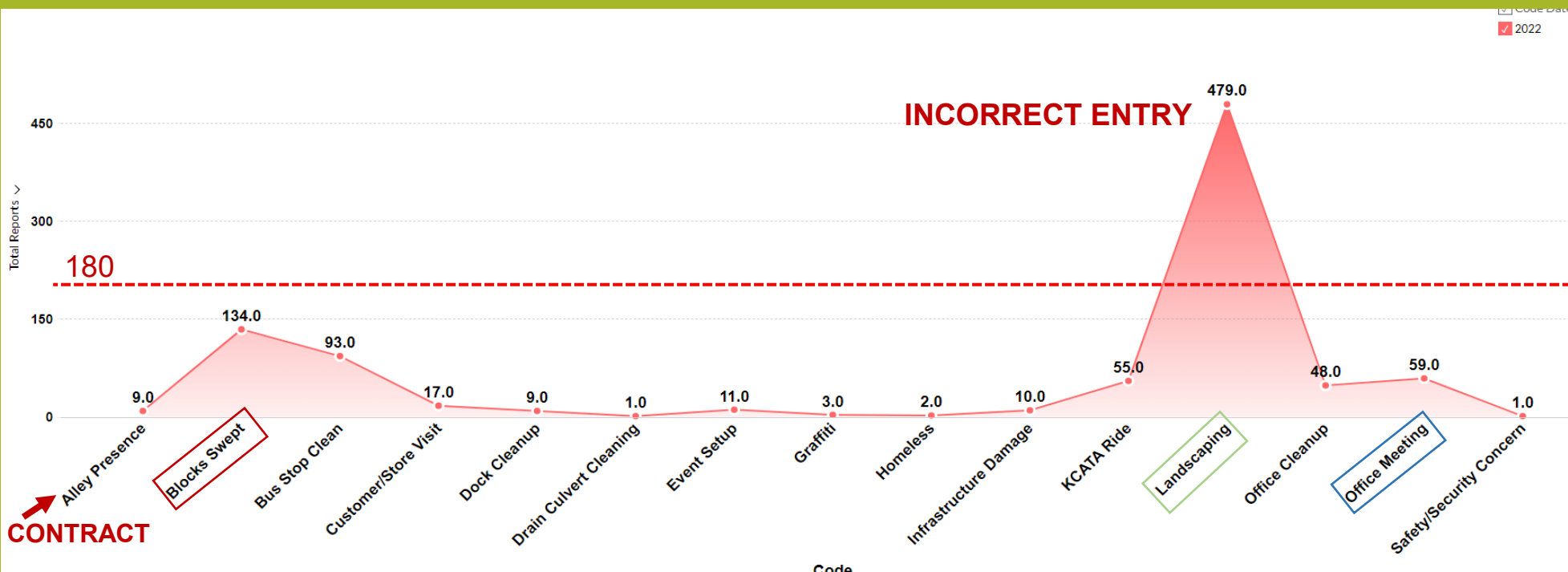
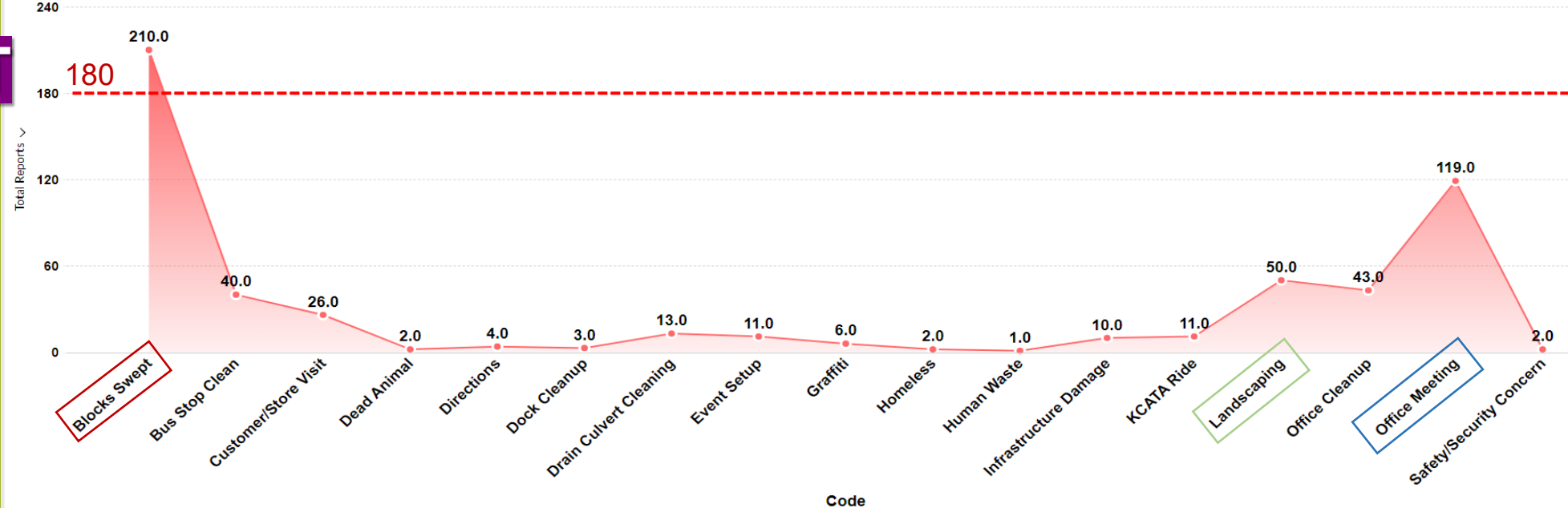
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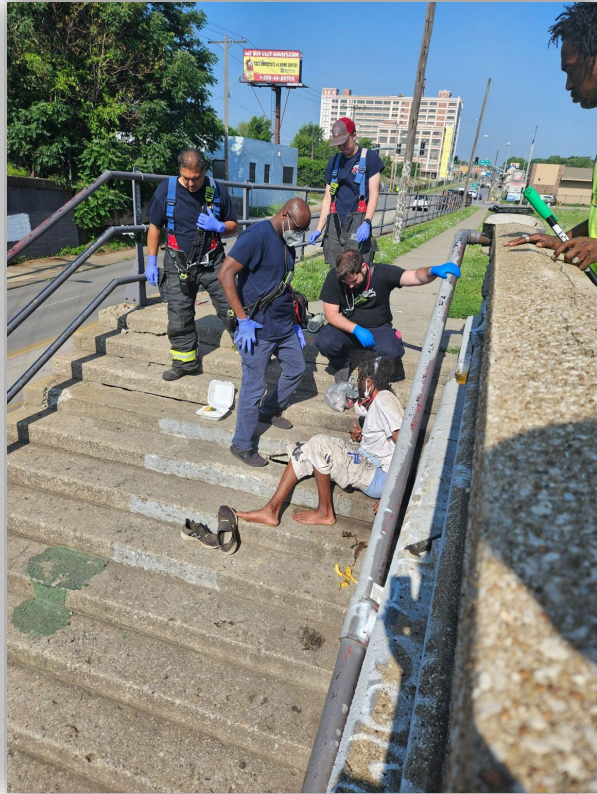


RENEW CONTRACT





# REPEAT NUISANCE OFFENDERS/HOUSELESS OUTREACH



Man found unresponsive lying on stairs. **Laura** was able to contact emergency services to assist him.

Getting everyone involved!! “KIKI” helping Brian with mural additions at Bales.



**Laura** was flagged down by woman to assist her boyfriend who had been stabbed through the foot. Medical services were given, and now he is doing well.



GIVING A HELPING

Titan, CID and Benilde Hall Joining forces to spread awareness, offer resources and hand out **Narcan** which recently saved a life at Phillips 66 administered by Jesse.







Incidents This Week

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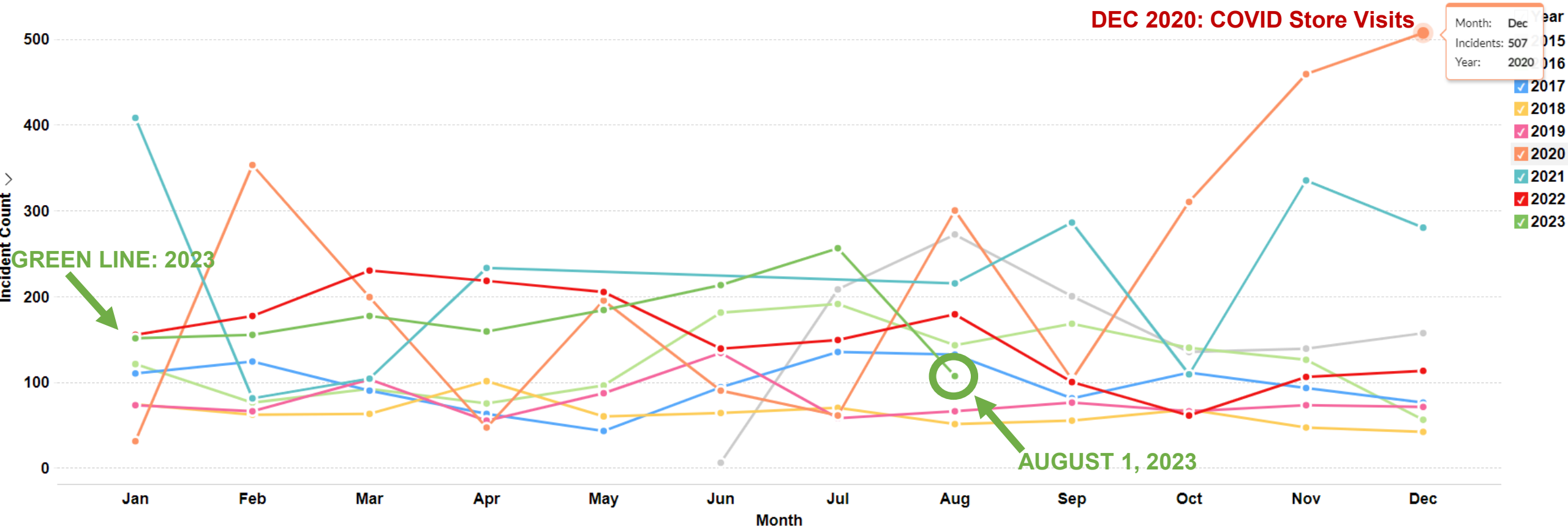
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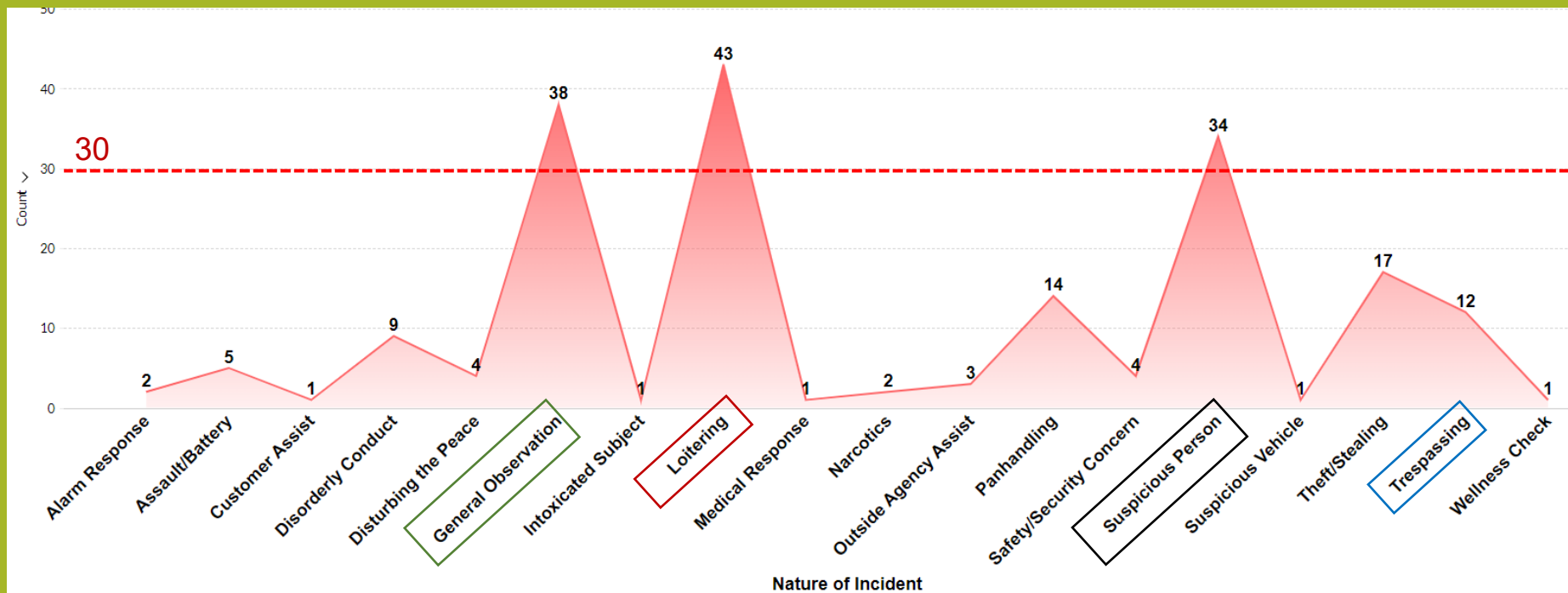
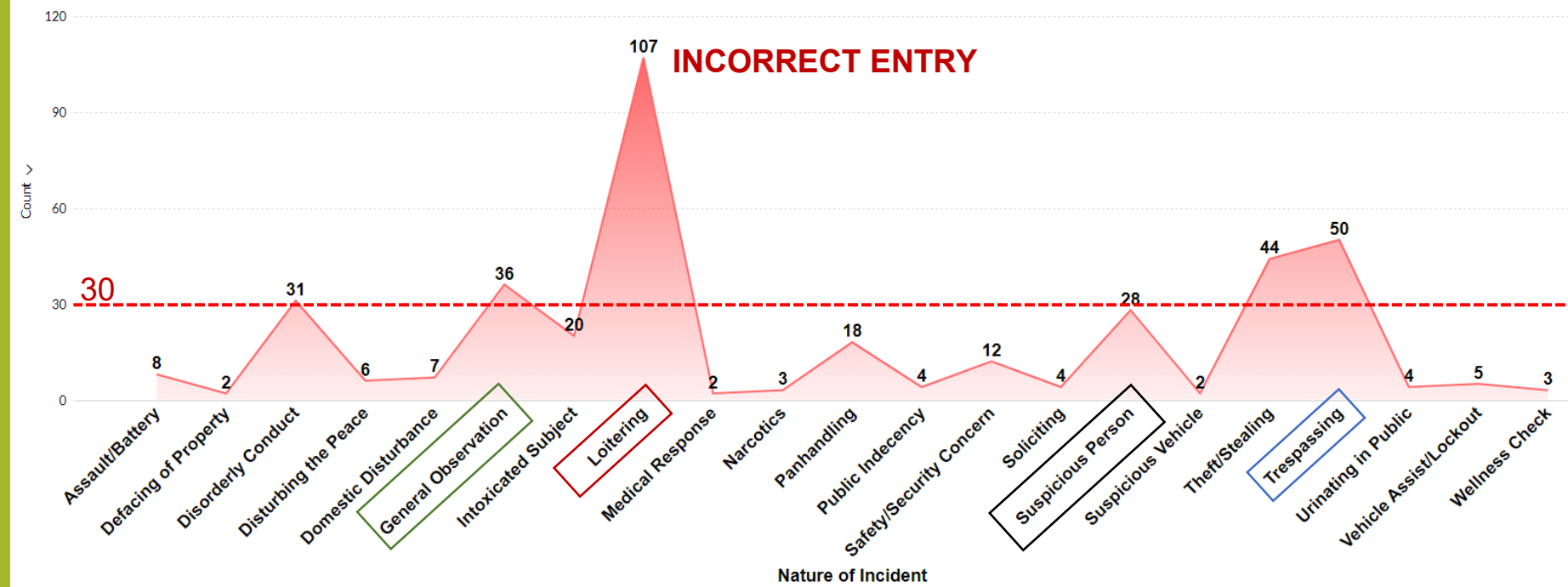
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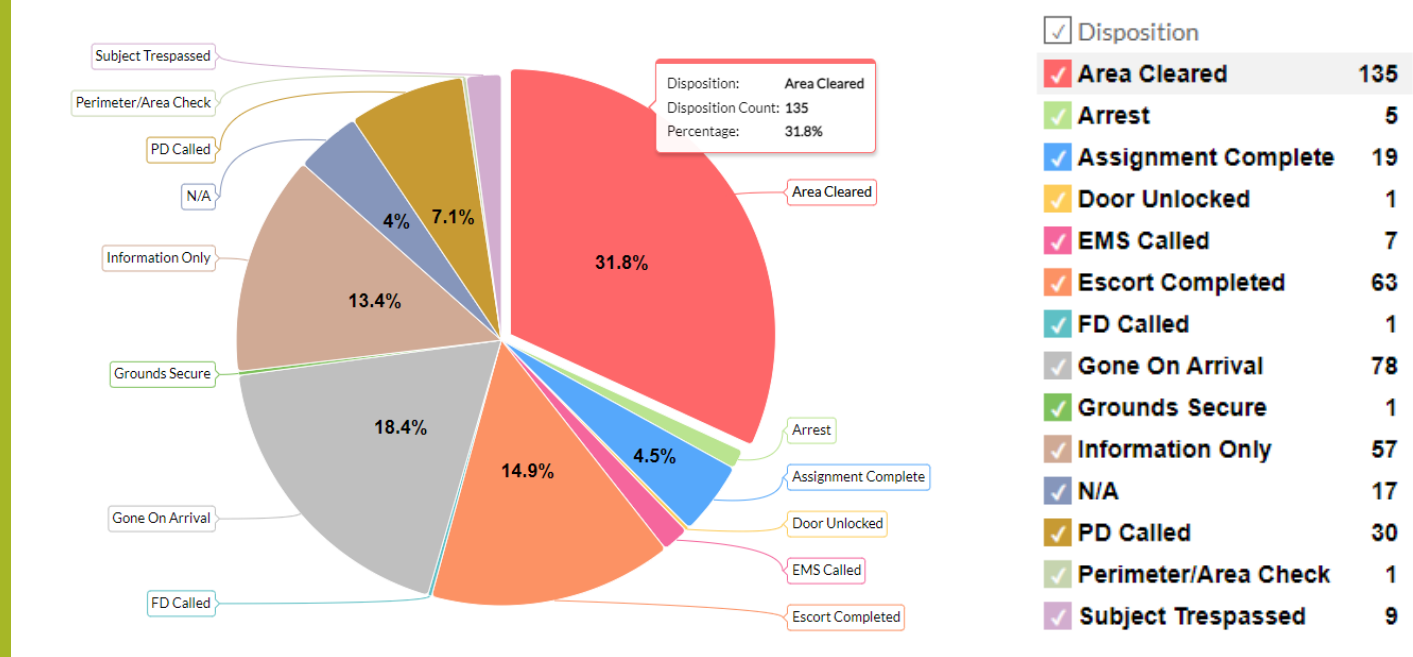




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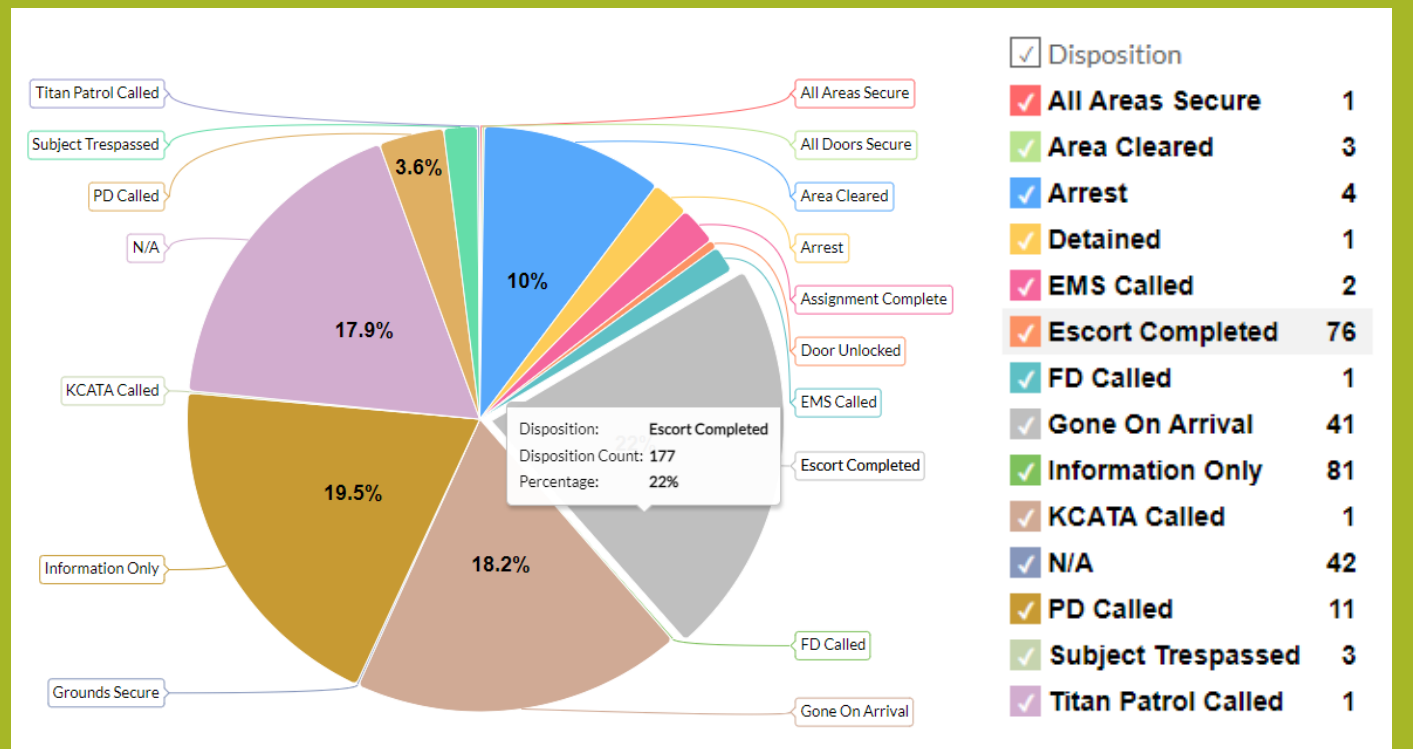
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## DISPOSITION ANALYSIS

# 2022

## 3/15 – 7/19





# HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE



PROSPECT & INDEPENDENCE



4807 & 11 INDEPENDENCE



3401 INDEPENDENCE



5923 INDEPENDENCE



6207 INDEPENDENCE



3820 INDEPENDENCE



# HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE



5347 INDEPENDENCE (McDonald's)



6606 INDEPENDENCE



3838 INDEPENDENCE



2619 INDEPENDENCE



2526 INDEPENDENCE

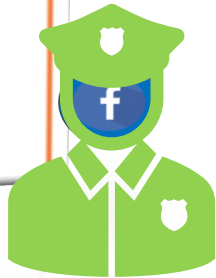


2315 INDEPENDENCE



**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



**7-28-2023 ELEOS COFFEE**



**8-11-2023 ALLIANCE WORKS**



**7-25-2023 KINDRICK DENTIST**



**6-30-2023 FRESH MARKET**



**7-17-23 FRUTOPIOA**



**8-4-2023 FRESH MARKET**



**6-2-2023 7-11 STORE**



# From Employment Opportunities to... 'Past & Present'

## INDEPENDENCE AVENUE • PAST • PRESENT • FUTURE

### PETROLEUM, PIZZA, & PALETAS



1940

- One thing is inevitable on Independence Avenue and that is change. The late 1940's and early 1950's brought a world of change to the eastern environs of the Avenue, specifically between the infamous 12-foot railroad bridge and the Winner Road stoplight just to the east.
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps from 1940-41 show the triangular parcel of land bordered by the Avenue to the north, Winner Road to the south and yet-to-be-paved White Avenue to the west, still undeveloped with the exception of a Standard Oil filling station at 6011 Independence Avenue.



1965

- Northeast native Ross Cascio saw the growth potential in commercial real estate even back then, opening Cascio's Thriftway at 6201 Independence Ave. in the building now occupied by Westlake Hardware.
- Seeing the success of the suburban strip shopping center, Cascio built another commercial retail outlet just to the west, bearing the address 6003-6007 Independence Ave.
- The newly built retail spaces were occupied by a Western Auto store and the Allied Shoe Store.
- Following the closure of Western Auto, the larger space was leased by TG&Y. Allied Shoes closed in the early 1970's. Shortly after, Godfather's Pizza leased the space.



2013

- In the mid 1990's, TG&Y was closing stores nationwide and the remaining Avenue location was no exception.
- In June of 1998, following the closure of TG&Y a few years earlier, Family Dollar Stores began renovating the western part of the facility while Godfather's Pizza continued to do brisk business.
- In roughly 2001, Godfather's closed their doors and the space was leased to a retail fashion boutique, later a plasma clinic then a Gen-X Fashion boutique up until 2020.



2023

- Citing their primary location just to the east at 6199 Independence Ave, Gen-X consolidated their inventory from the 6007 space to 6199 Independence, just across the parking lot.
- The center is still a vital retail location on the eastern portion of Independence Avenue.
- Looking to the future, in late 2020 the 6007 space was leased to La Michoacana Paleteria, a branch of the El Torito complex of shops across the street. The space is in its final stages of renovation to a helado and paleteria shop, selling tasty ice cream treats as well as savory menu items.

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## INDEPENDENCE AVENUE • PAST • PRESENT • FUTURE



1960

2001

2019

2023

- In 1955, Sicilian immigrant Filippo Scimeca opened a small grocery store in Kansas City's Italian neighborhood, now referred to as Columbus Park. Following WWII, Filippo was joined by his sons Frank "Chico" and Louis in the business.
- In 1956, the Scimeca's bought a lot in the 1400 block of Independence Avenue and opened Scimeca's Supermarket. The store carried a full line of grocery items as well as an entire section dedicated to imported Italian food specialties such as pasta, olive oil and a new item, pizza. Scimeca's Supermarket was the first Italian grocery store in the city.
- The new name of the grocery store was Queen's Market, a name paying homage to Vietnamese royalty.
- The store prospered over the neighborhood centered in Chicago and Chic's son Phil joined the operation in the mid 1970s, continuing the family tradition and expanding the family's brand of success, home made Italian colds and soups.
- In 2001, the building and store was sold to local businessman John Pham, allowing Phil to focus on the family's growing success business headquartered two blocks south at 8th & Highland Ave.
- In late 2019, the old grocery operation had hit its expiration. It was shuttered and the space subdivided into smaller retail spaces, all facing the parking lot on the east side of the building.
- New business began to open in the space including Baroque Cafe, Baroque Retail Market, and a new Vietnamese restaurant called Pho Bowl.
- Once upon the parking lot was packed with customers of every racial and socio-economic background.
- In 2019, Vietnamese Cafe opened in the retail space fronting Independence Avenue and a new Vietnamese restaurant moved into the space that Phil Pham once occupied.
- Today, Pho Bowl continues to provide delicious Vietnamese cuisine to the people upon.
- The city's new year old brick structure is a successful retail strip center with business representing African, Asian and the Middle East, carving out a new business mile along the International Marketplace that is Independence Avenue.
- The interaction amongst all of these and Independence Blvd is scheduled to be completed by October of 2023 west of the Plaza and in May of 2024 east of the Plaza and will serve as an amazing new gateway to the Historic Northeast and the International Marketplace.



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## 6-20-2023

## INDEPENDENCE AVENUE • PAST • PRESENT • FUTURE



1940

1960

2011

2022

- The first Dairy Queen in opened in Joliet, Illinois in 1940, not far from Route 66.
- Within a decade, Dairy Queen franchises had spread across the nation, totaling over 3,000 locations.
- When Dairy Queen opened at 2635 Independence Boulevard on July 4, 1952, it was the fifth franchise in the Kansas City area.
- In 1964, Bill Henkens purchased the franchise and hired a young woman named Esther Saldaña as his first employee.
- In 1962, Saldaña met and married John McHenry, a truck driver who worked nearby. The two would ultimately spend 51 years together.
- Esther's trademark bubble toppings, which she was proud for over 50 years, became an iconic part of the Independence Avenue Dairy Queen-to iconic that one year while vacationing in Los Angeles at Circus Circus, she was topped on her shoulder by a tall stranger who asked, "Where's my ice cream?"
- In 2009, Esther and John were recognized by Kansas City Mayor Mark Fendley for their long time commitment to the Northeast community.
- The McHenrys retired in 2011, but the building was leased by a Northeast resident attempting to capitalize on the success of Dairy Queen.
- It briefly operated as a business called Dairy Bitch which offered ice cream, "bananas" (which were similar to DO's famous Bizzies), and pizza.
- In 2017, temporary staffing agency Alliance Workforce leased the building and remains in the space today.
- Alliance Workforce connects individuals looking for work with quality temporary staffing services.
- Additionally, Alliance Workforce offers guidance on building a resume, cover letters, and job interview coaching to help job applicants better prepare to find a job.
- Alliance Workforce was voted as Kansas City's Favorite Staffing Agency in 2022 by readers of the Kansas City Favorites Magazine - a fitting title for a staffing agency operating out of the former location of every one's favorite Dairy Queen.



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## 8-8-2023

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1940

2011

2019

2023

- Mixed use buildings were designed to be utilitarian in nature, allowing for an entrepreneurial family to own and operate a small business on the first floor and live on the second floor of the building.
- 3401 Independence was built in 1911 with two retail storefronts on the ground floor and two residential units on the second floor, one over each retail space.
- Originally occupied by the C. C. Williams General Store, it housed grocery stores such as Whyte Bros, Ireland & Bangs, and McHenry's Store # 23 for the first thirty years.
- Between 1950 and 1962, Walter Frazee Ice Cream leased the space.
- Between 1960 and 1980, various businesses such as a beauty supply retailer, a TV Repair shop, and a furniture store came and went, usually within a two year time span.
- In 2004, the corner space had been revamped into a small Sammartino restaurant named Noodle Restaurant, the exterior being painted a light peach color.
- By 2010, a small second hand store was operating in the 3401 space and Maria Pilez, a Jamaican/Philippine restaurateur, opened in the 3405 space.
- In 2017, Ellos expanded their coffee operations next door into 3405, allowing for more space to host outreach meetings and table studies.
- In 2019, Ellos improved their exterior lighting with assistance from the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District (CID). Later, in 2020, the CID assisted Ellos with installing a new sign.
- In 2023, Ellos was the winner in an exterior makeover competition from the Missouri Paint Company and now sports a fresh new exterior color combination.
- Priced for future growth, the team at Ellos Coffee House continues their mission along Independence Avenue and is a shining anchor and village at the corner of Independence & Indiana.
- In 2013, Ellos Coffee House acquired four vacant lots behind the building for additional parking and event space.



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## 6-27-2023

## 7-17-2023

## 7-25-2023

## INDEPENDENCE AVENUE • PAST • PRESENT • FUTURE



1940

1960

2011

- Katz Drug Stores were founded by brothers like and Mike Katz in 1914 when they opened two drug stores in downtown Kansas City, MO. One location was on 8th Street and Grand Avenue, the other in the Apple Building at 12th & McNe.
- During WWII, when a national curfew of 1pm was instituted, the Katz brothers stores were allowed to stay open later, often until 8:00 or 9:00 p.m., despite the wartime curfew on non-essential businesses.
- The brothers grew the chain to over 50 stores in the Midwest by 1950, including a new location at 5307 Independence Ave, the current site of McDonald's.
- In 1959, Katz Drug Store moved west and opened a new, uniquely designed store at 5901 Independence Avenue, just west of the railroad bridge.
- This building featured a "butterfly roof" which was popular among some architects during the Mid-Century Modern period of the 1950s and 1960s.
- After 58 years in business and growing to over 70 stores in seven states, the Katz chain sold to national drug retailer Skaggs in 1971.
- In 1985, Skaggs merged with Oco Drug Stores.
- Twenty one years later in 2006, the Oco brand was absorbed by CVS which is headquartered in Chicago, IL.
- In 2022, CVS closed the 5901 Independence Ave location, while maintaining 2435 Independence Blvd.
- With a multi-million dollar facelift to both the inside and out, the building at 5901 Independence Avenue is set to serve the Northeast community for the next 63 years.



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- The American Sons of Columbus building at 2415 Independence Boulevard has, since its dedication in 1946, been a central gathering place for Kansas Citizens of Italian and Sicilian heritage.
- The original structure was built between 1909 and 1912 according to city records. From 1939 through 1945, Safeway Stores occupied the building, just to the east of the Independence Avenue Methodist Church.
- In 1945 Safeway moved to 3407 Independence Ave, and the space was taken over by the General Appliance & Furniture Store.
- In 1963, Electronics Institute moved into the space, offering classes in the newly developing field of electronics to graduating high school seniors.
- Finally, in 1966, Tom Gaidle and three friends purchased the building and dedicated a new home for the American Sons of Columbus.
- In September of 1970, the Independence Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church celebrated its last service in the old sanctuary. Following the building's demolition, the Sons of Columbus announced their parking lot to increase their club's capacity to host events.
- In addition to hosting annual events such as spaghetti dinners or pancake breakfasts, the Sons of Columbus Hall has been used as a gathering place for weddings, graduations, family reunions, candidate forums, the NECC Chamber's semi-annual International Taste & Tour, as well as a regular meeting location.
- Recreation figures heavily in the club's agenda and in 1978, an addition was added to the back of the building to accommodate new basketball courts.
- The American Sons of Columbus is one of only two local organizations recognized by the United States Soccer Federation in the state of Missouri.
- The Baze courts were built with artificial turf but a maintenance-free resin surface that provides a fast but consistent roll was installed in 2011.
- The resin surface was restored in 2023 in order to maintain the highest quality, professional playing surface available.

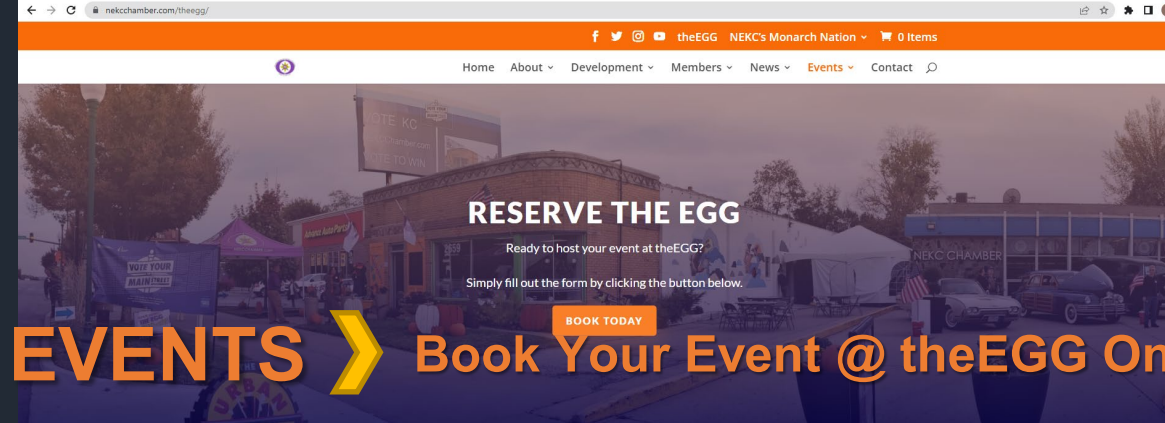


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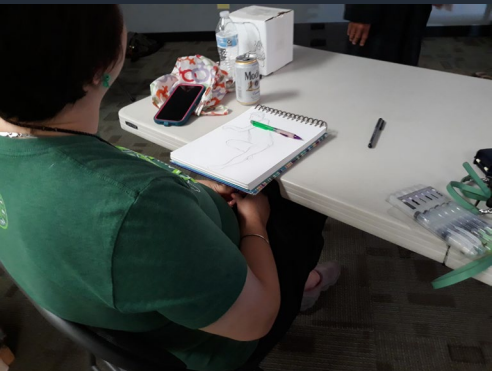


EGG REVENUE  
SINCE 1/1/2023: \$?



**The EGG > EVENTS > Book Your Event @ theEGG Online > [www.NEKCchamber.com](http://www.NEKCchamber.com)**

**JULY 8: DRINK & DRAW CLASS  
7 ATTENDEES**



**AUGUST 2: BBQ FUNRAISER  
18 ATTENDEES**



**JUNE 23: NE ARTS ARTY-PARTY  
15 ATTENDEES**





# THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

2657 INDEPENDENCE BLVD, KCMO



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