

AGENDA

Meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") of
The Independence Avenue Community Improvement District ("District")

Date: September 21, 2023 Time: 3:00 p.m.

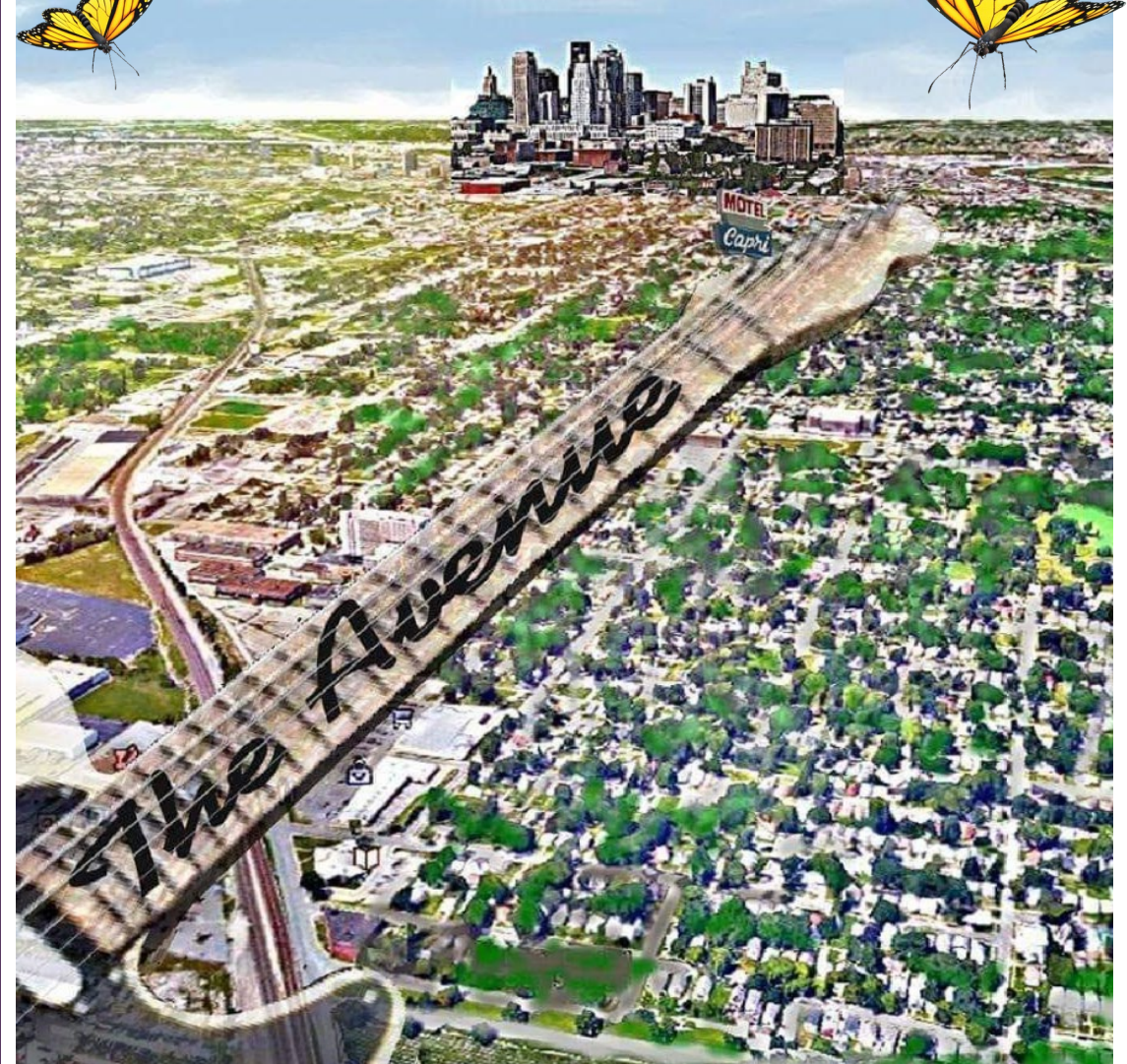
Place: 2657 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, MO. The meeting will be held on site with social distancing measures in place; directors and all interested parties may also attend remotely. Please call 816-215-6813 to receive a link or to be added by telephone.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - Balance Sheet
 - P & L YTD
 - Annual Report for Fiscal 22/23 filed by Husch
- IV. ACTION/RESOLUTION ITEMS
 - Director Resignation and Nominations of Successor Directors
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - District Manager's Report
 - Presentation by Intern Kyle Hoener
 - Proposed Print Advertising Cost Increase
 - Review Equipment Replacement schedule
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

Closed Session- Legal Issue(s) may be discussed in closed session. Pursuant to the following subsections of Section 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, there may be a closed session to discuss:

- a. Legal matters, litigation, or privileged communications with attorneys, pursuant to subsection 1;
- b. Real estate, pursuant to subsection 2;
- c. Personnel, pursuant to subsection 3 and 13; and/or
- d. Sealed bids or proposals, pursuant to subsection 12.

MONARCH NATION



COMMUNITY STRONG

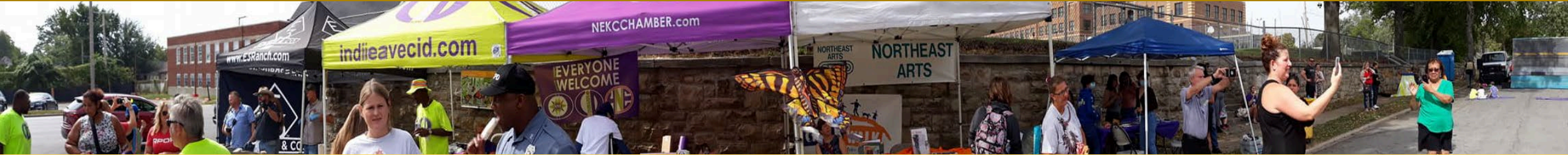


YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

6/21/2023
7/20/2023

INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE



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

AGENDA: SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

- RECENT EVENTS
- **HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE**
- **PASEO GATEWAY FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT** (FINAL REPORT)
- CID STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
- **INDEPENDENCE AVE CID & TITAN REPORTS**
- **TITAN 'FOUR CORNERS'**
- THE NE NEWSPAPER'S "CID-CENTERFOLDS"
- THE EGG EVENTS
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**



CID Storefront Rebate Program

Amount Disbursed BEFORE
January 1, 2023: \$90,065.50

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



2023 STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENTS:

10/17/2022	544 Wabash Ave	NE Community Center	Kyla Pitts-Zevin	\$ 765.00	\$ 382.50	1/8/2023	
4/10/2023	6126 Independence	Taqueria El Torito	Leobardo Gonzales	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	7/26/2023	
4/10/2023	6200 Independence	Carneria El Torito 3	Leobardo Gonzales	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	7/26/2023	
4/14/2023	2317-25 Independence	Samoli Mall	Jack DeSimone	\$ 10,330.89	\$ 5,000.00	7/24/2023	
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	
8/9/2023	5600 Independence	Cash America	Tracy Maple	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 3,100.00	9/ /2023	
2023 TOTAL	8 PROJECTS			\$ 63,420.89	\$ 26,607.50		\$ 116,673.08

Date	Address	Name	Contact	Project Amount	Approved Amount	Completed	Overall Disbursed
12/5/2015	2817 Independence	Bella Realty Group LLC	Sarina Hodges/Gayle Buri	\$ 41,976.00	\$ 5,000.00	12/8/2015	
10/6/2015	4605 Independence	J.Edward Kendrick DDS	J.Edward Kendrick	\$ 3,430.00	\$ 1,715.00	7/29/2015	
10/6/2015	3801 Independence	Spalitto's Pharmacy	Pete Spalitto	\$ 7,707.25	\$ 3,853.63	7/24/2015	
10/6/2015	2400 Independence	Scuola Vita Nuova	Nicole Goodman	\$ 11,929.00	\$ 5,000.00	10/5/2015	
11/11/2015	6000 Independence	CSL Plasma	Cole Kimpie	\$ 5,105.00	\$ 2,552.50	11/4/2015	
11/11/2015	4231 Independence	Hoang Long Travel & Services	?	\$ 9,698.31	\$ 4,844.66	10/15/2015	
9/18/2015	4815 Independence	DBA Express Stop #2 (BP)	Remah Musallet	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 4,250.00	12/30/2015	
6/2/2015	3430 Independence	El Paso Del Norte	Los Tres Hermanos Inc	\$ 12,265.00	\$ 3,775.00	11/9/2015	
2015 TOTAL				\$ 100,610.56	\$ 30,990.79		\$ 30,990.79
11/11/2015	3430 Independence	El Paso Del Norte Bakery	Michael Inquez	\$ 10,350.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/2016	
5/19/2015	2117 Independence	Passantino Bros. Funeral Home	Charlie Passantino	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	9/23/2016	
2016 TOTAL				\$ 20,550.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 40,990.79
2017 TOTAL				\$0	\$0		\$ 40,990.79
2018 TOTAL				\$0	\$0		\$ 40,990.79
3/27/2019	2400 Independence	Scuola Vita Nuova	Pittila	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/2019	
4/1/2019	5200 Independence	El Taco	John Caime	\$ 9,057.00	\$ 4,528.50	6/14/2019	
2019 TOTAL				\$ 28,557.00	\$ 9,528.50		\$ 50,519.29
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		\$ 54,438.21
7/10/2021	2415 Independence	Sons of Columbus	John Conforti	\$ 6,391.00	\$ 3,195.50	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	772888Wabashjnbj	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		\$ 70,067.71
2022 TOTAL				\$ -	\$ -		\$ 70,067.71
9/23/2021	766Wabashjnbj	Passantino's	Charlie Passantino	\$ 9,995.74	\$ 4,997.87	4/30/2022	
6/10/2022	772888Wabashjnbj	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		\$ 90,065.58
10/17/2022	544 Wabash Ave	NE Community Center	Kyla Pitts-Zevin	\$ 765.00	\$ 382.50	1/8/2023	
4/10/2023	6126 Independence	Taqueria El Torito	Leobardo Gonzales	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	7/26/2023	
4/10/2023	6200 Independence	Carneria El Torito 3	Leobardo Gonzales	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	7/26/2023	
4/14/2023	2317-25 Independence	Samoli Mall	Jack DeSimone	\$ 10,330.89	\$ 5,000.00	7/24/2023	
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	
8/9/2023	5600 Independence	Cash America	Tracy Maple	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 3,100.00	9/ /2023	
2023 TOTAL				\$ 63,420.89	\$ 26,607.50		\$ 116,673.08

CID Storefront Rebate Program ➤ 2 Sample Projects

BUSINESS: Fresh Market		DATE: 5-29-2023	
LOCATION: 2620 Independence, KCMO			
PROJECT COST: repave parking lot \$35,300.00 (6 months payments)			
RECEIPTS	DATE	AMOUNT	NOTES
check 7746	5/9/2023	\$5,300.00	Down payment
check 7813	5/16/2023	\$5,000.00	1st payment
		\$10,300.00	
		/2	
SIR program is 50% of cost up to \$5,000		\$6,500.00	
TOTAL =			
Reimbursement Amount:		\$5,000.00	

BEFORE

AFTER



BUSINESS: Spalitto's Pharmacy		DATE: 6-12-2023	
LOCATION: 3801 Independence, KCMO			
PROJECT: repave parking lot, replace stop blocks & re-strip: \$6,250.00			
RECEIPTS	DATE	AMOUNT	NOTES
check		\$6,250.00	
		\$6,250.00	
		/2	
SIR program is 50% of cost up to \$5,000		\$3,125.00	
TOTAL =			
Reimburstment Amount:		\$3,125.00	

BEFORE

AFTER





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









 **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

1 comment 5 shares

SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING DE-ESCALATION TRAINING

AUGUST 5, 2023

ATTENDEES: 18 + 3



Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

Published by Rol Deng · May 2 ·

REMINDER MAY 6, 2023

Free De-Escalation Training with ZOOM link below



FREE EVENT!!

DE-ESCALATION TRAINING

PRESENTED BY

TITAN
PROTECTION



BOB LEON
CHIEF OF SECURITY - TITAN PROTECTION

Bob Leon has 27 years of law enforcement and security experience. He is a certified defensive tactics and EDC instructor and a gang specialist, and has served as a community services officer.

DATE: 8th AUGUST 5th 11 AM - 1 PM

BLUE NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY UPDATE!

2021 INDEPENDENCE AVE

Hosted at the home of the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce



MYEMAIL.CONSTANTCONTACT.COM

FREE De-Escalation Training with Zoom Link

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=S2dING9PMetHVXZGSEhTTW13NEM5dz0985149672498)

[pwd=S2dING9PMetHVXZGSEhTTW13NEM5dz09 851 4967 2498](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85149672498?pwd=S2dING9PMetHVXZGSEhTTW13NEM5dz0985149672498) Passcode

926781 This FREE Training event is



COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION

NEKC CHAMBER OFFICE



Attendees 1) shared stories about their businesses
2) spoke to their interest in the Historic Northeast area

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 ATTENDEES: 18 & 4 staff



Urban Hikes KC

Why Hike With Us?

Experience our unique 3-5 mile guided urban hiking or biking tours that mix modern sites with KC's history.



Exercise through Hiking

The best way to get a work out and see the details of Downtown Kansas City at the same time.



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

Locals and tourists will experience many interesting places you've never seen in Kansas City.

Our Hikes & Bike Rides

Join one of our amazing tours, or [book a private or corporate event](#)

[Book Today!](#)



GUIDE: LISA PENA
HISTORIC NORTHEAST TOUR
'NEKC CHAMBER WELCOME'
THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023
ATTENDEES: 16



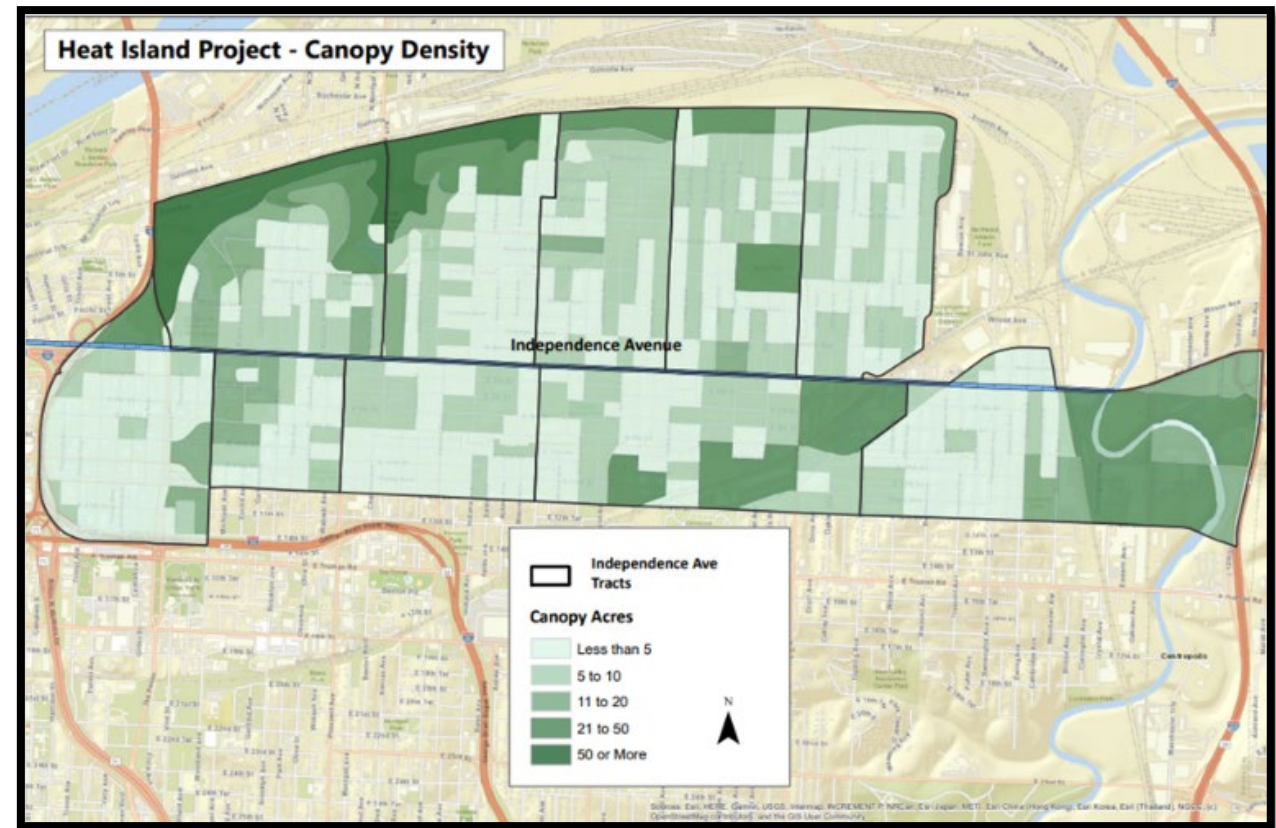
Linda Hughes
Program Manager, Community Outreach



TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON

AUGUST 22, 2023
ATTENDEES: 18 & 9 staff





'HEAT ISLAND'

Urban Heat Along Independence Ave

- 1) Increasing Tree & Vegetative Cover
- 2) Installing Green/White Roofs
- 3) Use Cool Pavement (reflective and/or permeable)
- 4) Promote Smart Growth Development Principles





S
U
M
M
E
R

E
S
C
A
P
E



PASSPORT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023
11:30AM - 2:30PM

5 Restaurant 2 Coffee Shops 5 Continents

TICKETS
www.NEKCchamber.com

TASTE & TOUR

TROLLEY THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE
EAT LOCALLY ON INDEPENDENCE AVENUE



68 ATTENDEES + ALL STAFF





10 VOLUNTEERS





Urban Hikes KC

Centurions



9/12/2023

62 Centurions lead by 2
Urban hikes guides to see
NEKC along Indie Ave.

****NEKC Chamber**

****Sharif Store**

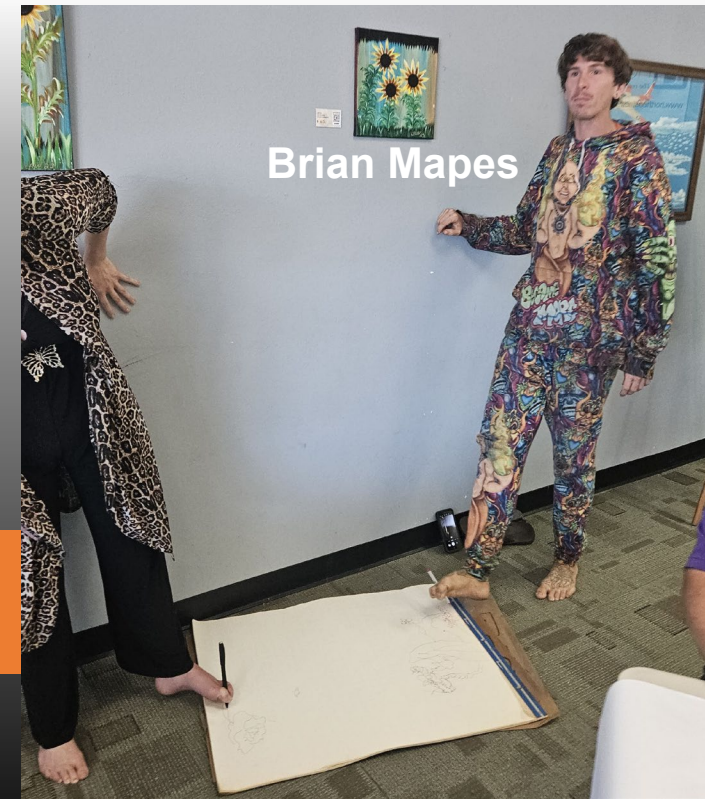
****Fresh Market**

****Murals at 2627 Indie Ave**



COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION

theEGG 2659 Indep Ave



Attendees 1) sketched
2) shared why they were in attendance

AUGUST 14, 2023 ATTENDEES: 13 & 7 staff

KC 2023 SEASON

■ HOME ■ AWAY

2023 OFFICIAL GAME DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. VISIT ROYALS.COM FOR ALL UPDATED GAME AND TICKET INFORMATION.

MARCH/APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30 MIN	31	1 MIN
2 MIN	3 TOR	4 TOR	5 TOR	6 TOR	7 SF	8 SF
9 SF	10 TEX	11 TEX	12 TEX	13	14 ATL	15 ATL
16 ATL	17 TEX	18 TEX	19 TEX	20	21 LAA	22 LAA
23 LAA	24 ARI	25 ARI	26 ARI	27 MIN	28 MIN	29 MIN
30						

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 BAL	3 BAL	4 BAL	5 OAK	6 OAK
7 OAK	8 CWS	9 CWS	10 CWS	11 CWS	12 MIL	13 MIL
14 MIL	15 SD	16 SD	17 SD	18	19 CWS	20 CWS
21 CWS	22 DET	23 DET	24 DET	25	26 WSH	27 WSH
28 WSH	29 STL	30 STL	31			

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 COL	3 COL	
4 COL	5 MIA	6 MIA	7 MIA	8	9 BAL	10 BAL
11 BAL	12 CIN	13 CIN	14 CIN	15	16 LAA	17 LAA
18 LAA	19 DET	20 DET	21 DET	22 TB	23 TB	24 TB
25 TB	26	27 CLE	28 CLE	29 CLE	30 LAD	

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 LAD
2 LAD	3 MIN	4 MIN	5 MIN	6 CLE	7 CLE	8 CLE
9 CLE	10	11	12	13	14 TB	15 TB
ALL-STAR BREAK						
16 TB	17 DET	18 DET	19 DET	20 DET	21 NYY	22 NYY
23 NYY	24 CLE	25 CLE	26 CLE	27	28 MIN	29 MIN
30 MIN	31					

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 NYM	2 NYM	3 NYM	4 PHI	5 PHI
6 PHI	7 BOS	8 BOS	9 BOS	10 BOS	11 STL	12 STL
13	14 SEA	15 SEA	16 SEA	17 SEA	18 CHC	19 CHC
20 CHC	21 OAK	22 OAK	23 OAK	24	25 SEA	26 SEA
27 SEA	28 PIT	29 PIT	30 PIT	31		

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 BOS	2 BOS
3 BOS	4	5 CWS	6 CWS	7 CWS	8 TOR	9 TOR
10 TOR	11 CWS	12 CWS	13 CWS	14	15 HOU	16 HOU
17 HOU	18 CLE	19 CLE	20 CLE	21	22 HOU	23 HOU
24 HOU	25 NYY	26 DET	27 DET	28 DET	29 NYY	30 NYY



Thank you...
CID Manager
Laura Cardwell

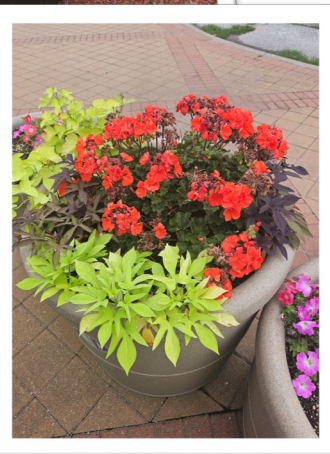
30 DONATED
TICKETS from
Charities





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

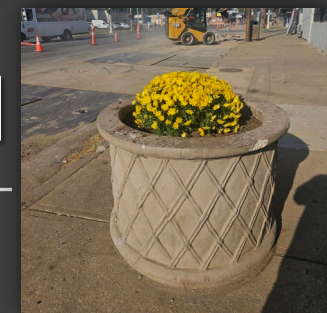


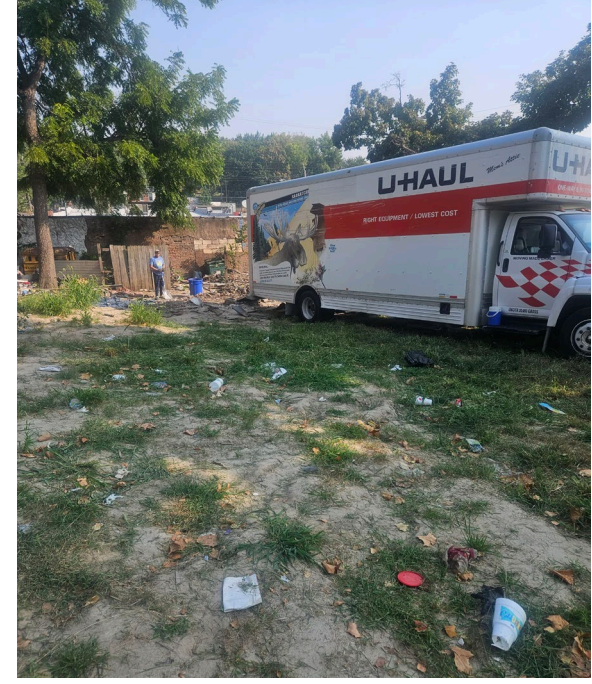
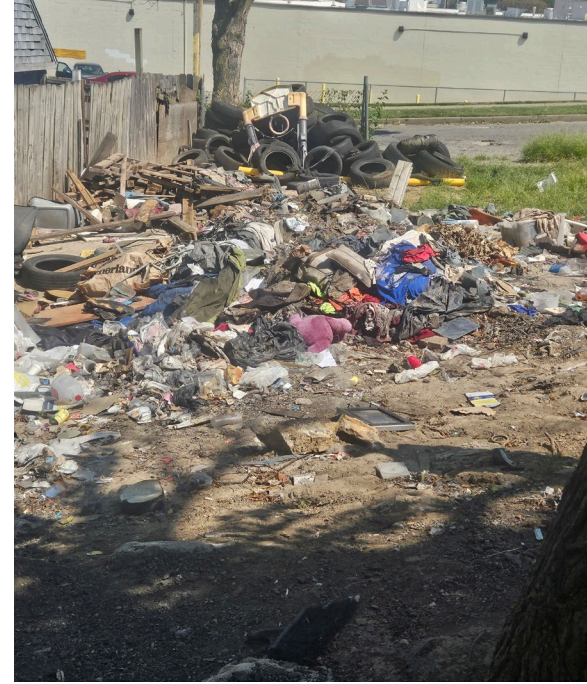


AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION



SUMMER 2023





AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION
2023 SUMMER





AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION
2023 **SUMMER**





AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2023

GRAFFITI





OCI FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROGRESS REPORT: SUMMER 2023

PROJECTS 1 & 2: COMPLETED

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



#2 Independence & Prospect (Northwest Corner)



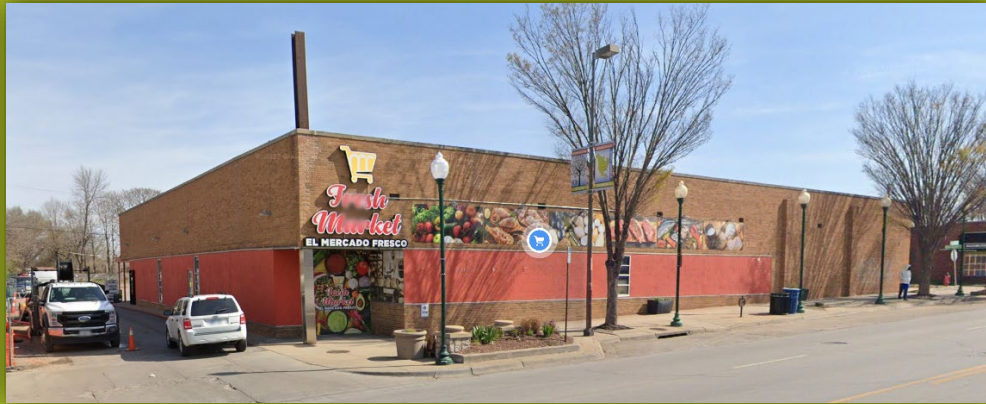


OCI FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROGRESS REPORT: SUMMER 2023

PROJECTS 3 & 4: COMPLETED

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



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





Reports This Week

31

Reports This Month

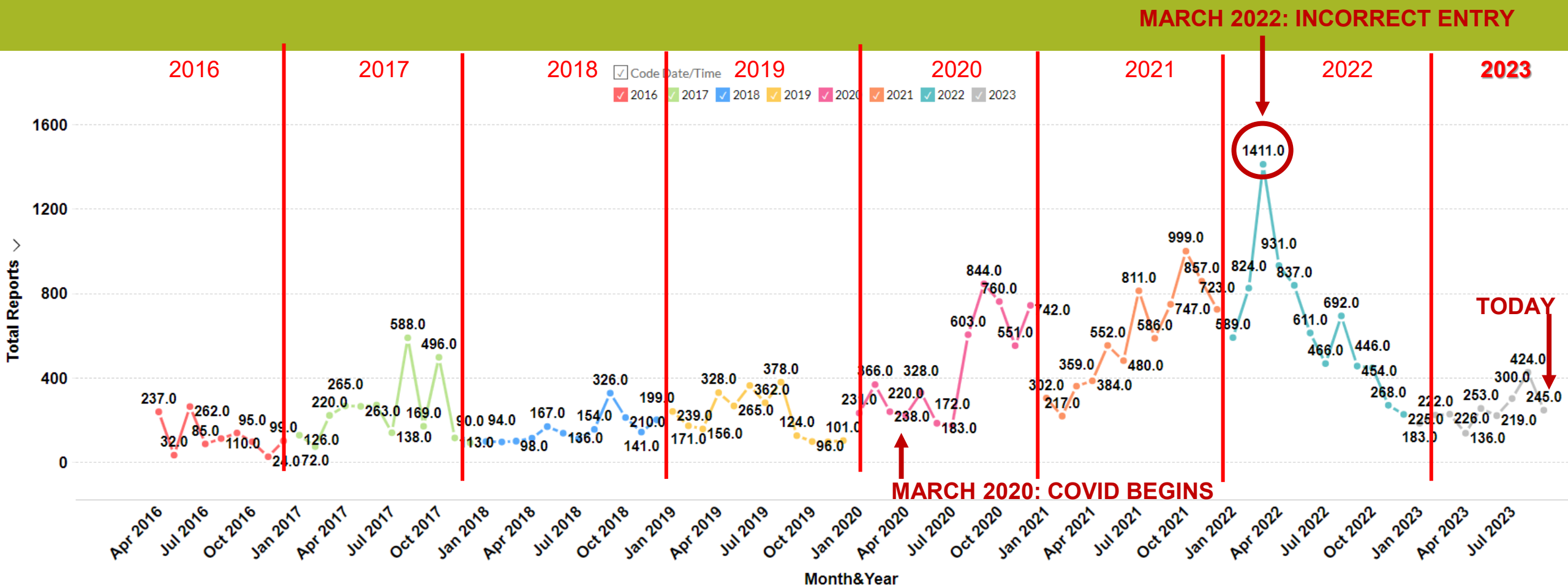
287

Reports This Year

3013

Reports All Time (Since April 2016)

35147

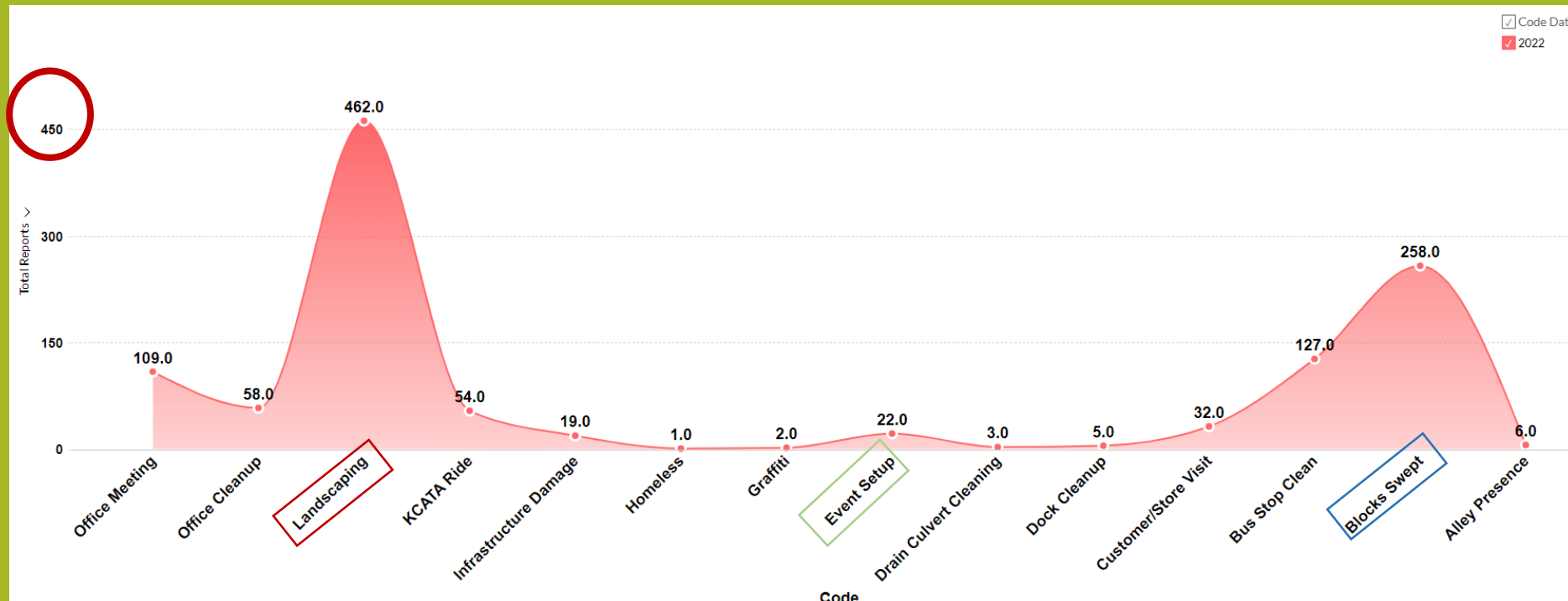
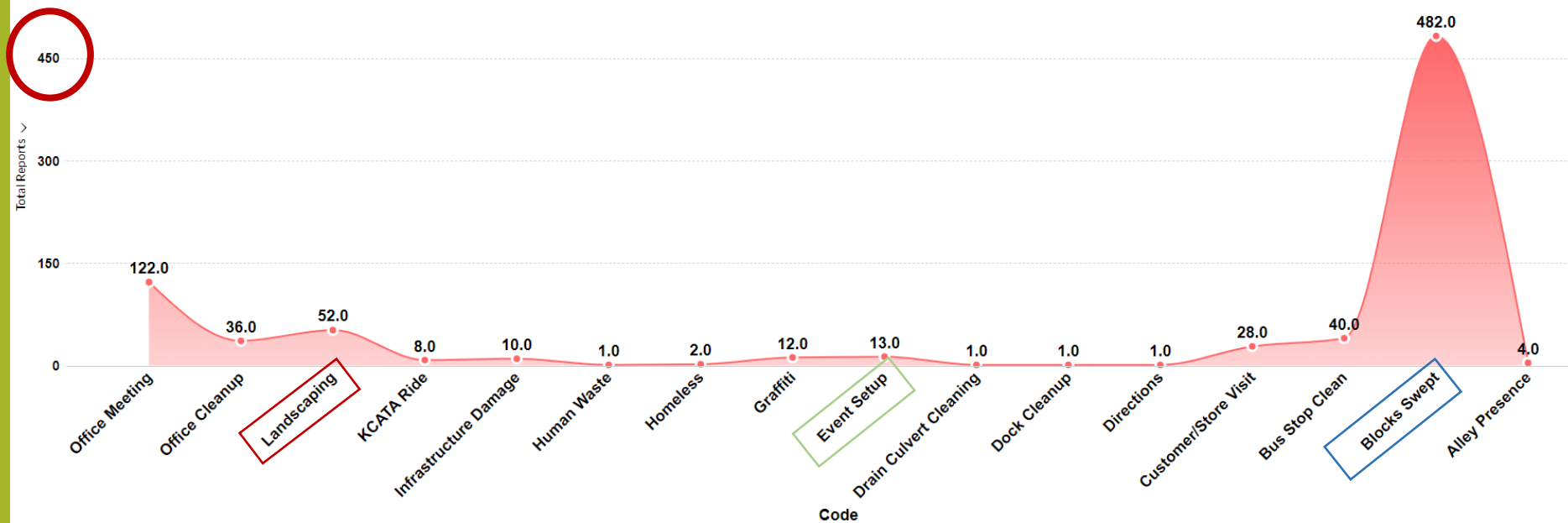




2023

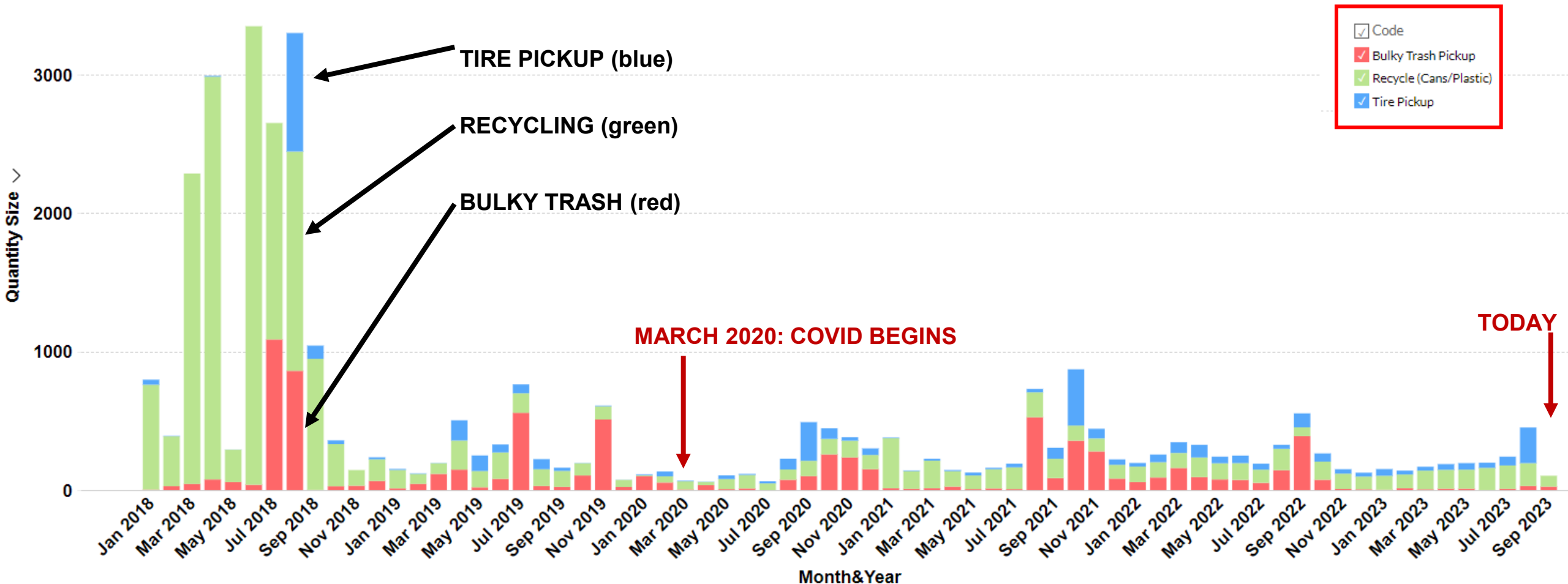
OVERALL ACTIVITY BY TASK 7/20 – 9/20

2022



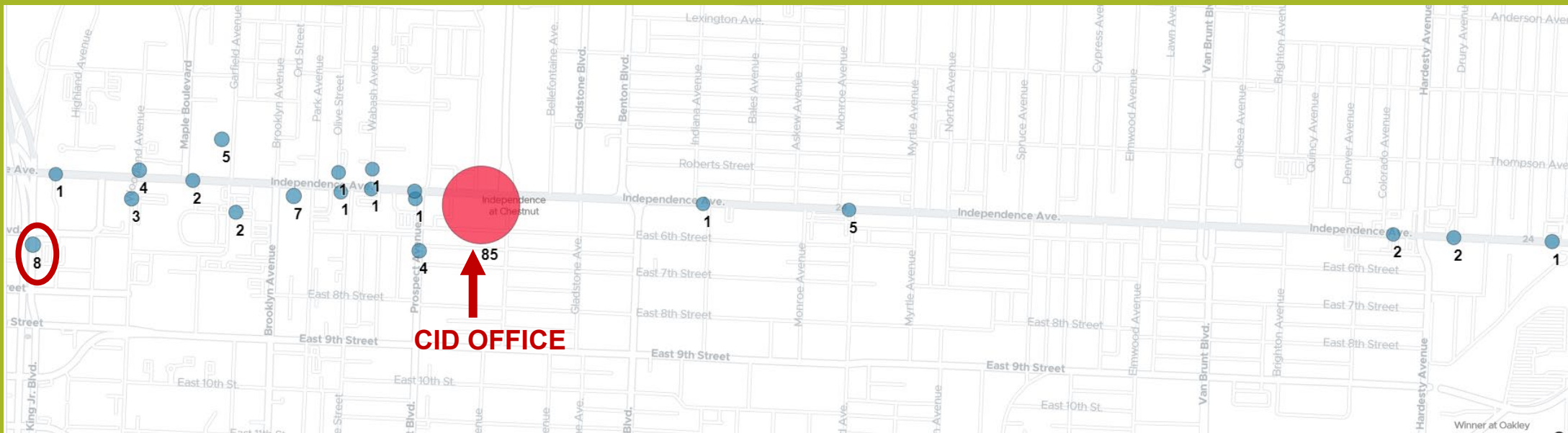


CLEANUP IN POUNDS OVER-TIME



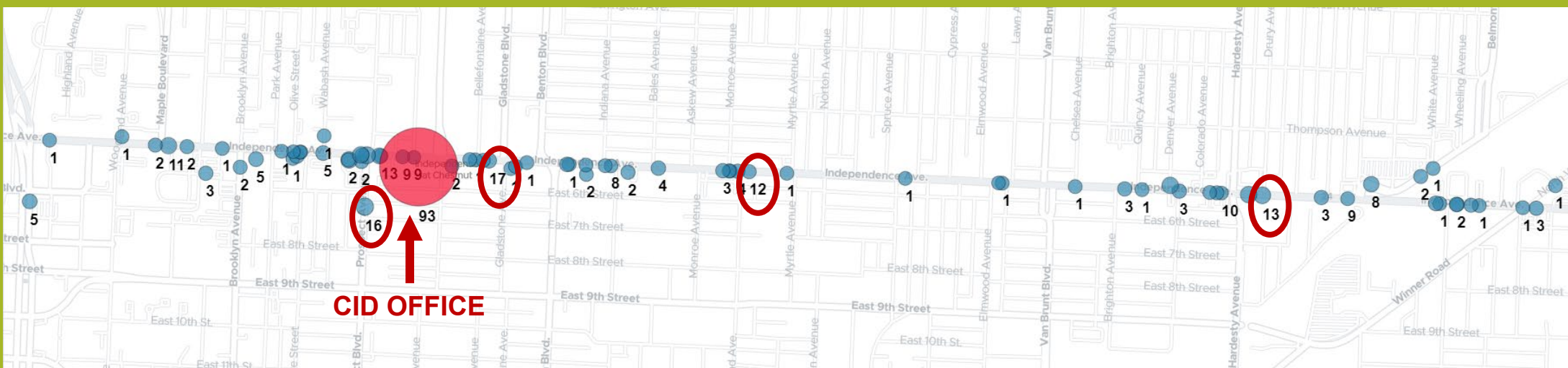
USA REPORT OVERALL ACTIVITY BY LOCATION

2023



7/21 – 8/15

2022



REPEAT NUISANCE OFFENDERS/HOUSELESS OUTREACH



On Aug 26th, the **Safety & Security meeting** discussed issues specific to Bales & Indep. Surrounding businesses and homeowners were in attendance to share their experiences with **KCPD**.

ATTENDEES: 20+

5 KCPD Officers (2 majors), 3 Business Owners, Members of the Community, 2 TITAN, and 3 Office Staff

During morning rounds, CID Manager, Laura Cardwell, found 'Joyce' sleeping on the sidewalk with a head wound. She walks with a cane and said it gave out on her causing her to fall the night before. TITAN & EMS Services were contacted.



CID Manager, Laura Cardwell, received a call of man lying unconscious in the rocks outside Phillips 66. KC medical services had to be summonsed when Titan & Laura could not get him to wake, we contacted.



TITAN REPORT ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR TIMELINE



Incidents This Week

13

Incidents This Month

153

Incidents This Year

1701

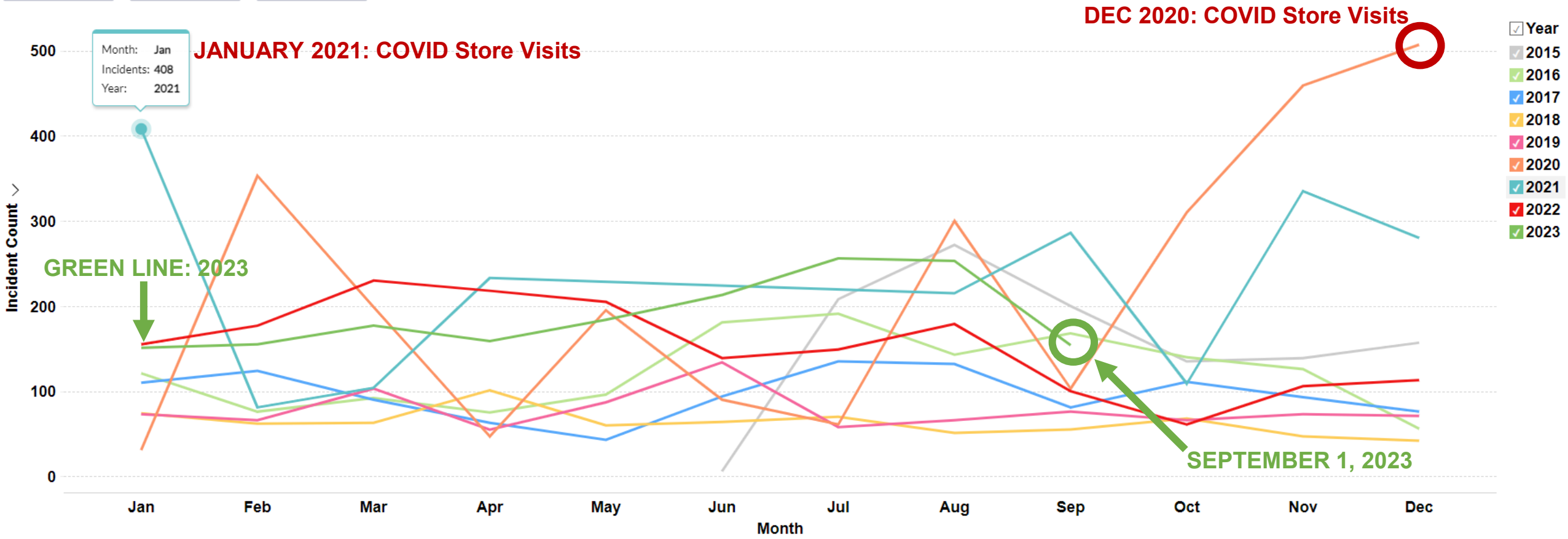
Incidents All Time

13943

Reporting Date/Ti...
--- Select ---

Nature of Incident::
--- Select ---

Secondary_Locati...
--- Select ---



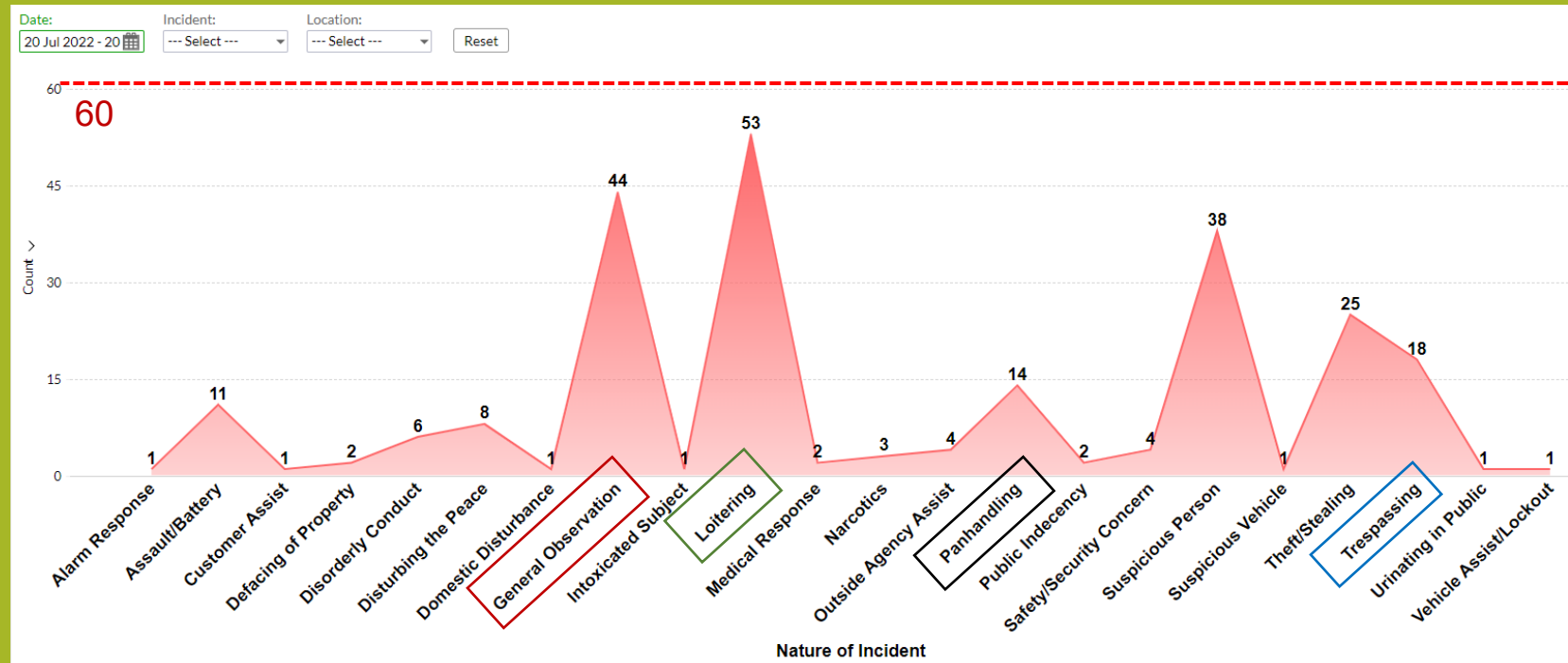
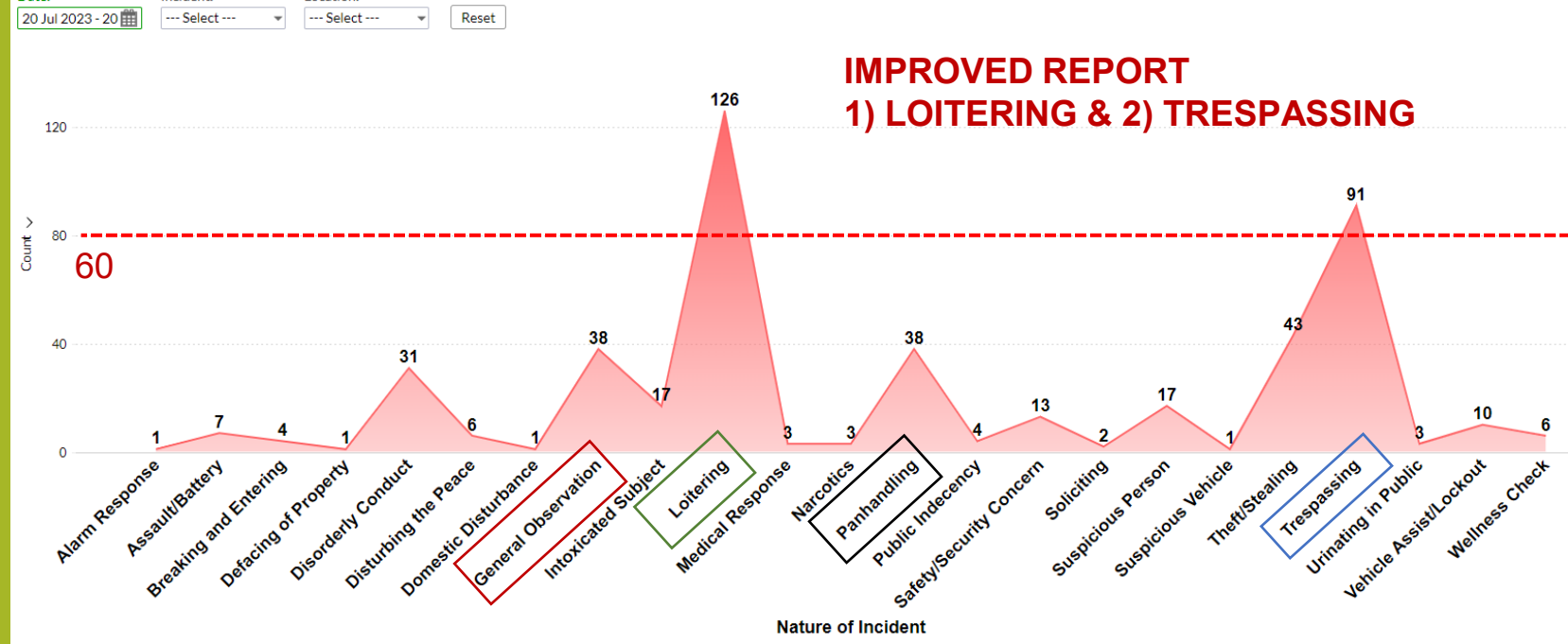
TITAN REPORT

2023

REPORT BY TASK

7/20 – 9/20

2022



Happening on...

Independence AVE



PROSPECT & INDEPENDENCE



4807 & 11 INDEPENDENCE



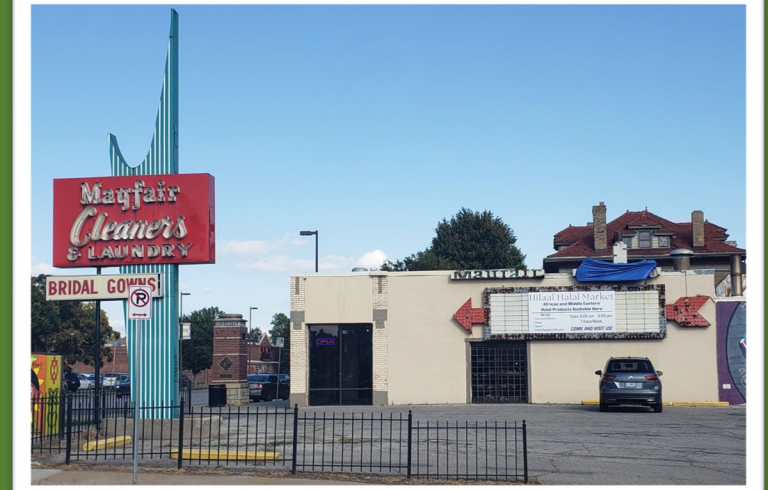
3401 INDEPENDENCE



5923 INDEPENDENCE



6207 INDEPENDENCE



3820 INDEPENDENCE

Happening on...

Independence AVE



5347 INDEPENDENCE (McDonald's)



6606 INDEPENDENCE



3838 INDEPENDENCE



2619 INDEPENDENCE



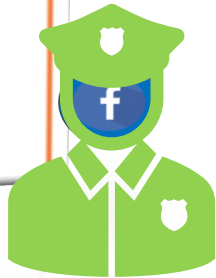
2526 INDEPENDENCE



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



8-8-2023 FAMILY DOLLAR



7-17-23 FRUTOPIOA



8-4-2023 FRESH MARKET



8-25-2023 NEKC CofC

EXPLORE • DISCOVER • EXPERIENCE



ECONOMIC GROWTH GALLERY (EGG)

Rose Serrano opened Rose Maria's Floral & Gift Shop in 1945 at 2659 Independence Avenue, located in an Art Deco style building that was built by an Italian immigrant family to serve as a specialty store, importing goods from Italy.

Today, the building houses the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Economic Growth Gallery (EGG) and the Northeast News. A number of local women in business in Historic Northeast have jump started their businesses at the EGG space. If there's any doubt the facility is dedicated

to the success of area women-owned business enterprises, the mural on the EGG's west wall is testament to the success of three strong Northeast area businesswomen. Painted in 2018, Zac Laman's "Three Strong Women" mural profiles three area business women for his inaugural Historic Northeast mural: Rhama Suleiman, owner of All Nations Fashion Store, Elvira Anzures, owner of Elvira's Cakes at 3838 Independence Avenue, and Hoa Thuan "Rose" Pham, owner of Romance Photography Studio located at 4231 Independence Avenue.

Located on the east wall of the EGG, Laman painted another mural in 2020 titled "Three Roosters," which can be seen clearly traveling westbound on Independence Avenue. Laman said the roosters, to him, are a symbol of the



RHAMA SULEIMAN



ELVIRA ANZURES



HOA THUAN "ROSE" PHAM



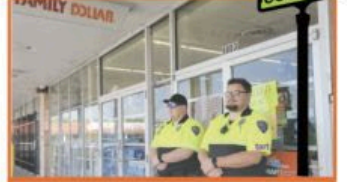
THREE ROOSTERS

various people and cultures in the Northeast. "Roosters mean different things to different cultures," Laman said. "For example, roosters in Mexican culture mean good luck and it's also another bird that's found all over the world, which is like the Northeast – people are from all over the world."



ZAC LAMAN ARTIST

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL



Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District, 4-Corners Community Call was at Family Dollar located at 6003 Independence Avenue.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK WHEN THE FOUR CORNERS WILL BE AT: Northeast Chamber of Commerce Economic Growth Gallery (EGG), 2659 INDEPENDENCE



This information is provided for you through the Independence Avenue CID (Community Improvement District) and the Northeast News

CURRENT ISSUE 9-14-2023

INDEPENDENCE AVENUE • PAST • PRESENT • FUTURE

PETROLEUM, PIZZA, & PALETAS

- One thing is inevitable on Independence Avenue and that's change. The late 1940's and early 1950's brought a world of change to the eastern avenues of the Ave, specifically between the infamous 12 foot railroad bridge and the Winner Road straight light to the east.
- Southern 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 pet-borne White Avenue to the west, still undeveloped with the exception of a Standard Oil filling station at 6011 Independence Avenue.
- Seeing the success of the suburban strip shopping center, Cacic 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 T&G Allied Shoes closed in the early 1970's. Shortly after, Godfather's Pizzeria leased the space.
- Northeast native Ross Cacic saw the growth potential in commercial real estate over back then, opening Cacic's Thriftway at 6201 Independence Ave. in the building now occupied by Westlake Hardware.
- In the mid 1990's, T&G was closing stores nationwide and the remaining Avenue location was no exception.
- In June of 1998, following the closure of T&G a few years earlier, Family Dollar Stores began renovating the western part of the facility while Godfather's Pizzeria 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 pizza clinic then a Gen-X Fashion boutique up until 2020.



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

INDEPENDENCE AVENUE • PAST • PRESENT • FUTURE

NORTHEAST CHAMBER OFFICE

- At 2657 Independence Blvd., a stately stone home was built for Dr. William M. Walker in 1901. Walker was a Principal at the Kansas City Homeopathic Medical College at 1020 E. 10th Street.
- Mother died in 1920 and by 1924 the home was re-dedicated as the Katherine Funeral Home. Katherine had the Jackson County contract for the internment of the poor and indigent for burial in the Papp's Cemetery.
- In 1948, the funeral home was purchased by A.J. Debra, who operated the All Electric Appliance Company from the property.
- The property was demolished in the late 1950s, and by the early 1960s the Postal Service began construction on a new post office.
- In 2016, the building, including the old Rose Marie Flower Shop immediately to the east, was purchased by Independence Avenue CID to be a Community Resource Center & offices for NEK Chamber of Commerce.
- The old Chick Station continues to function as the headquarters for the Chamber and the operations hub for the Independence Avenue CID.
- Advances in technology along with a change in mailing habits moved the Postal Service to shutter the William Chick post office in November 2018.
- Once again, the Northeast News would like to thank the staff at the Kansas City Public Library's Missouri Valley Special Collections. This series could not have been possible without their resources and outstanding assistance.



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

INDEPENDENCE AVENUE • EXPLORE • DISCOVER • EXPERIENCE

The Semi-Annual International Taste & Tour will be on Friday, September 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., beginning at the American Sons of Columbus, 2415 Independence Ave., where guests will park and board a trolley for the journey along Independence Avenue to sample cuisine from all over the world.

All of the restaurants included on this tour are members of the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. Thank you for your continued support.

To learn about the September 8 International Taste & Tour, or to order tickets in advance, visit nekcchamber.org or scan this QR code.

AMERICAN SONS OF COLUMBUS 2415 INDEPENDENCE BLVD. PROSPERITY

SHAKA COFFEE SHOP 2323 INDEPENDENCE BLVD. BARNHART

SOAR BAKERY 2904 INDEPENDENCE BLVD. TACO OR TAMBULE

ELVIS COFFEE HOUSE 3401 INDEPENDENCE AVE. COFFEE CAFE

ELVIS'S 3638 INDEPENDENCE AVE. COOKIES

EL TACO 5200 INDEPENDENCE AVE. RICE & BEANS

EL TORITO TACUERO 6200 INDEPENDENCE AVE. ALADA BEET TACO

SHAKA SHOPPING CENTER 2323 INDEPENDENCE BLVD. SHOPPING

9-2-2023

INDEPENDENCE AVENUE • PAST • PRESENT • FUTURE

- In 1962, Salodino met and married John Walker, a truck driver who worked nearby. The two would ultimately spend 51 years together.
- In 1980 when Walkers put the Dairy Queen at 2635 Independence Boulevard up for sale, Esther and John purchased the operation.
- Esther's trademark bubble hairstyle, which she wore proudly for over 50 years, became an iconic sight of the Independence Avenue Dairy Queen—so iconic that one year while vacationing in Las Vegas 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 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 Hankins purchased the franchise and hired a young woman named Esther Salodino as his first employee.
- In 1962, Salodino met and married John Walker, a truck driver who worked nearby. The two would ultimately spend 51 years together.
- Esther's trademark bubble hairstyle, which she wore proudly for over 50 years, became an iconic sight of the Independence Avenue Dairy Queen—so iconic that one year while vacationing in Las Vegas 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 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 Hankins purchased the franchise and hired a young woman named Esther Salodino as his first employee.



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

8-15-2023

8-22-2023

9-5-2023

northeast chamber of commerce featured member

International Taste and Tour

Enhance the quality of life and experience of our members in historic, multicultural and contemporary Northeast Kansas City. The tour will be on Friday, September 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., beginning at the American Sons of Columbus, 2415 Independence Ave., where guests will park and board a trolley for the journey along Independence Avenue to sample cuisine from all over the world.

AMERICAN SONS OF COLUMBUS 2415 INDEPENDENCE BLVD. PROSPERITY

SHAKA COFFEE SHOP 2323 INDEPENDENCE BLVD. BARNHART

SOAR BAKERY 2904 INDEPENDENCE BLVD. TACO OR TAMBULE

ELVIS COFFEE HOUSE 3401 INDEPENDENCE AVE. COFFEE CAFE

ELVIS'S 3638 INDEPENDENCE AVE. COOKIES

EL TACO 5200 INDEPENDENCE AVE. RICE & BEANS

EL TORITO TACUERO 6200 INDEPENDENCE AVE. ALADA BEET TACO

SHAKA SHOPPING CENTER 2323 INDEPENDENCE BLVD. SHOPPING

Passionate Bros Funeral Home

Passionate Bros Funeral Home is a family-owned and operated business. We are committed to providing exceptional service and care to our community. Our services include funeral services, cremation, and more. Contact us today at (816) 471-2844.

Liberty Tax

Liberty Tax is a leading tax preparation and accounting firm. We offer a wide range of services, including tax preparation, payroll, and more. Contact us today at (816) 920-6640.

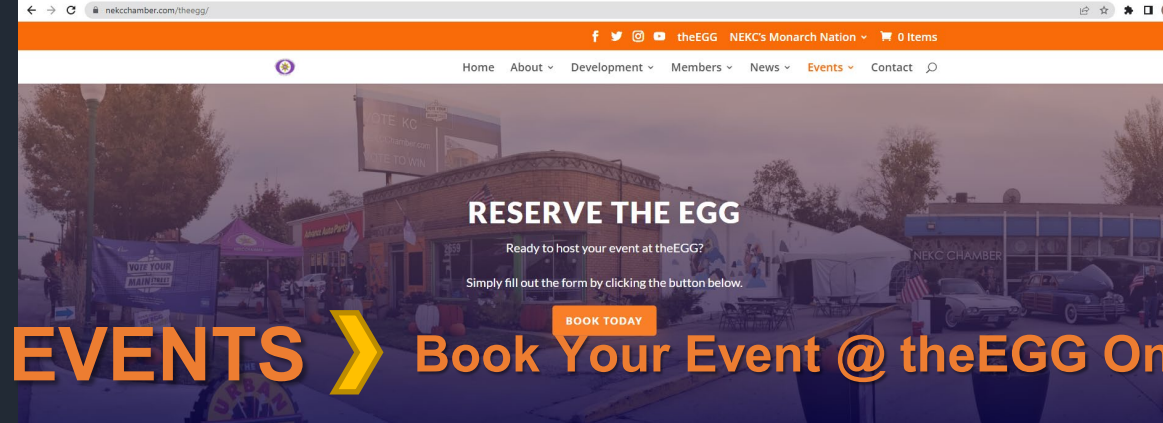
Northeast Realty

Northeast Realty is a leading real estate firm. We offer a wide range of services, including home sales, rentals, and more. Contact us today at (816) 241-2734.

Edward Kendrick

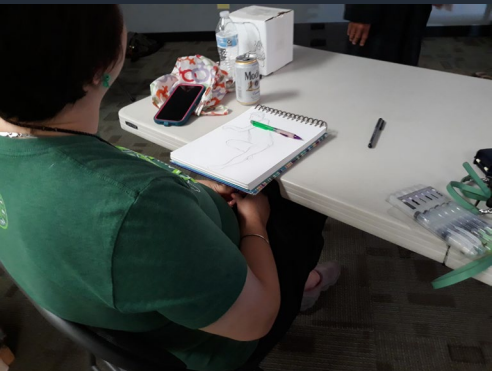
Edward Kendrick is a leading financial advisor. We offer a wide range of services, including investment management, retirement planning, and more. Contact us today at (816) 241-2734.

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



The EGG > EVENTS > Book Your Event @ theEGG Online > www.NEKCchamber.com

JULY 8: DRINK & DRAW CLASS 7 ATTENDEES



AUGUST 2: BBQ FUNRAISER 18 ATTENDEES



SATURDAYS: 'INKlusion' BRYAN MAPES



UPCOMING EVENTS



PENDLETON HIGHTS FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, OCT 14, 2023



TASTY, TOPIC, TALK LUNCH
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

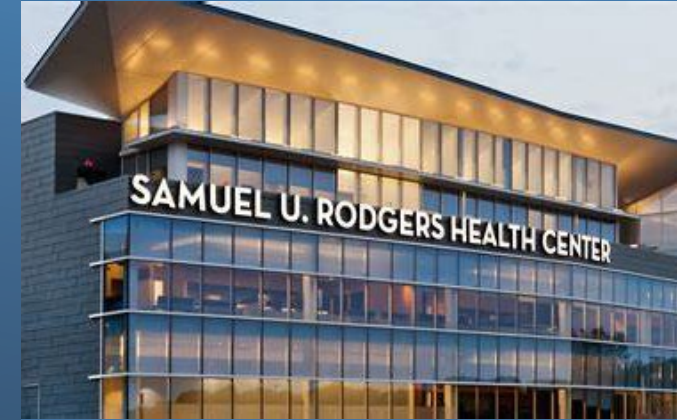


TOUR Cecile Daylight Space
#305 Masonic Lodge

COFFEE, CULTURE &
CONVERSATION
THURSDAY, OCT 12, 2023

Speaker
TBD

TASTY, TOPIC, TALK LUNCH
TUESDAY, SEPT 26, 2023



TOUR Health Center

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

2657 INDEPENDENCE BLVD, KCMO



NORTHEAST KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Bobbi Baker-Hughes
President/CEO NEKCCoC



Gary L. Goebel
Commercial Realtor
Interim Vice Chairman



Becky Gripp
The Tamale Kitchen



Jerry Potocnik
Chairman of the Board



Ann Rundquist
The Gather Table



Sarah Cousineau
Promotions, Central Bank of KC



Chris Ross
Custom Truck



Dr Ed Kendrick
DDS and Associates



(Tali) Citlali Rivera
First Federal Bank of KC



Manual Abarca IV
Secretary
Jackson Co Legislator



Rico Almaraz
Awesome Remodel & Construction



Andrea Wilt
Premier Financial



Amanda Hockman
Express Stop



Jim Lawless
Northeast Realty



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



Bobbi Baker-Hughes
District Manager
NEKC Chamber of Commerce



Bill Dana
Treasurer
Central Bank of KC



Rick Carroll
At Large
Cosentino's



Joe Mika
Sargent of Arms (non-voting)
Mika Enterprises, Inc.



Charlie Passantino
Chairperson
Passantino Bros Funeral Home



Anthony Spalitto
Secretary
Spalitto's Pharmacy



Daniel Iniguez
At Large
El Paso Del Norte



HISTORIC NORTHEAST MEDIA



Bobbi Baker-Hughes
President/CEO
NEKC Chamber of Commerce



Ellen Schwaller-Goebel
Treasurer
Accountant



Manual Abarca IV
Secretary
Jackson Co Legislator Elect



HISTORIC NORTHEAST EVENTS



Bobbi Baker-Hughes
President/CEO
NEKC Chamber of Commerce



Rebecca Koop
Vice President
Business & Community Events Director



John Henderson
Treasurer
Missouri Lake Living Vacations, LLC