

## AGENDA

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

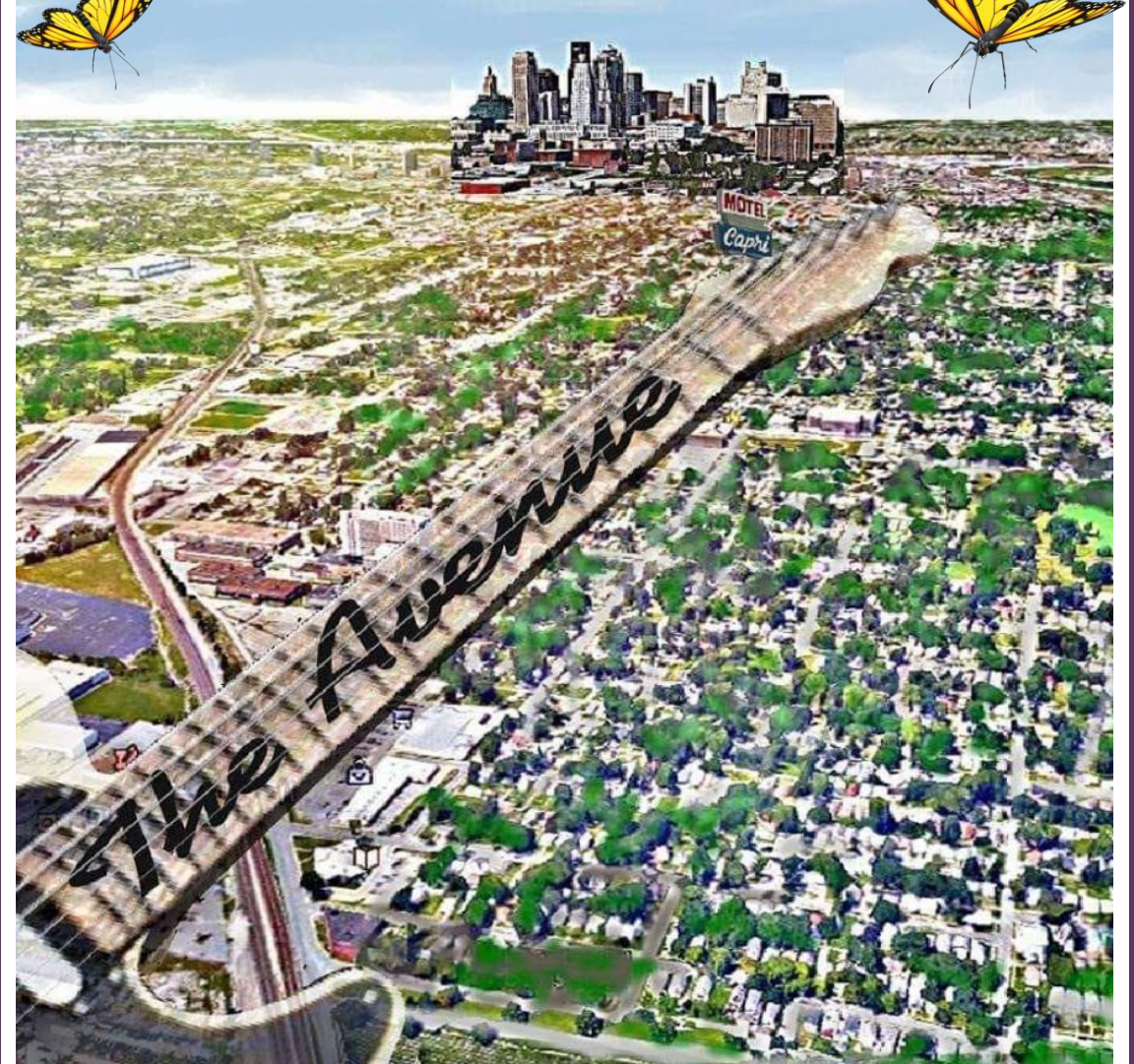
Date: December 20, 2023 Time: 3:00 p.m.

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               |                                  |
|    | P&L and Balance Sheet           |                                  |
| 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                    |                                  |
|    | HNE Media Report and Discussion |                                  |
| 6. | Old Business                    |                                  |
| 7. | Adjournment                     |                                  |

# MONARCH NATION



# COMMUNITY STRONG



# YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

10/18/2023  
11/18/2023

## INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE



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

## DECEMBER 20, 2023

### A G E N D A

- NEKC CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT
- RECENT EVENTS
- HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE
- INDEPENDENCE AVE CID & TITAN REPORTS
- TITAN 'FOUR CORNERS'
- THE NE NEWSPAPER'S "CID-CENTERFOLDS"
- THE EGG EVENTS
- UPCOMING EVENTS





## NEKC CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**ROL DIING - NEKC CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP**  
**15 New Membership 2023 (6% increase over last year)**  
**93 Renewal - since January 1, 2023**  
**191 Total Members**

### November 2023

- New members...3
- Renewal...8

1. March Notary Services
2. Saving All my Bros
3. Eye Care Optical
4. Jose Fiesta Rental
5. Kansas City University
6. El Taco
7. KC Athlete Training
8. Awesome Roofing & Construction
9. Afghan Market
10. Industrial Salvage & Wrecking
11. Manuel Abarca IV

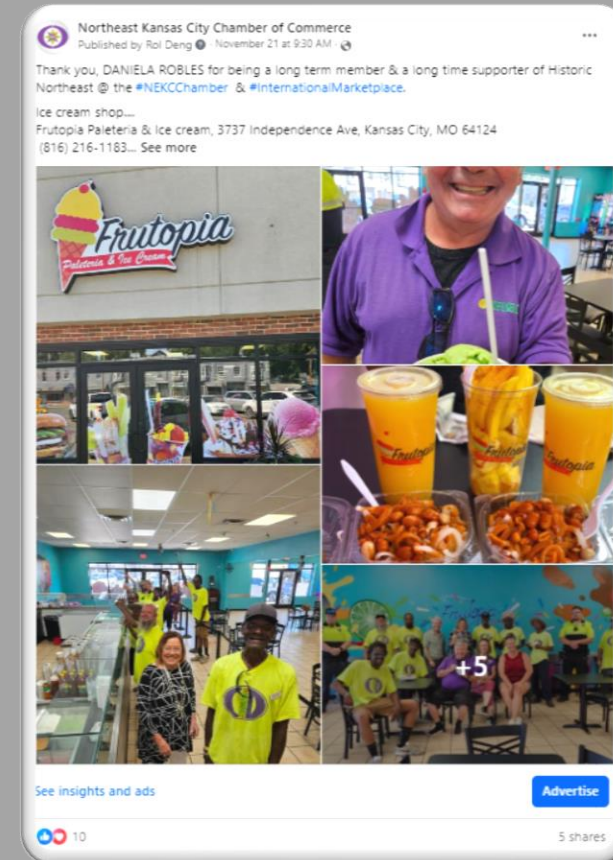
New  
New  
New

### December 2023 (HALF MONTH):

1. Ralph C. Johnson & Company



## NOV #1 FB POST



Facebook posts of business  
promotions at the...

**NEKC INTERNATIONAL  
MARKETPLACE**



3840 E Truman Rd

COREY



Celebrate 100 years of the Cecile Daylight #305 Masonic Lodge

# TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON



**SPEAKER: Corey Huntsucker**  
A Freemasons volunteer

**October 24, 2023**  
**ATTENDEES: 17 Guests + 6 Staff**



4TH DISTRICT SMALL BUSINESS

# CASH MOB

FLASH SALES TO SUPPORT AND BOOST LOCAL BUSINESSES

**1:00 - 2:30 PM  
MONDAY, OCT. 23  
THE RUSSELL  
3141 Main St, KCMO**

Cash Mobs are a great way to support local restaurants in our community. Please join Councilman Crispin Rea and the Midtown KC Now for lunch as we support small businesses.

RSVP to Araceli Magaña at [araceli.magana@kcmo.org](mailto:araceli.magana@kcmo.org).

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Councilman Crispin Rea &  
Midtown KC Now

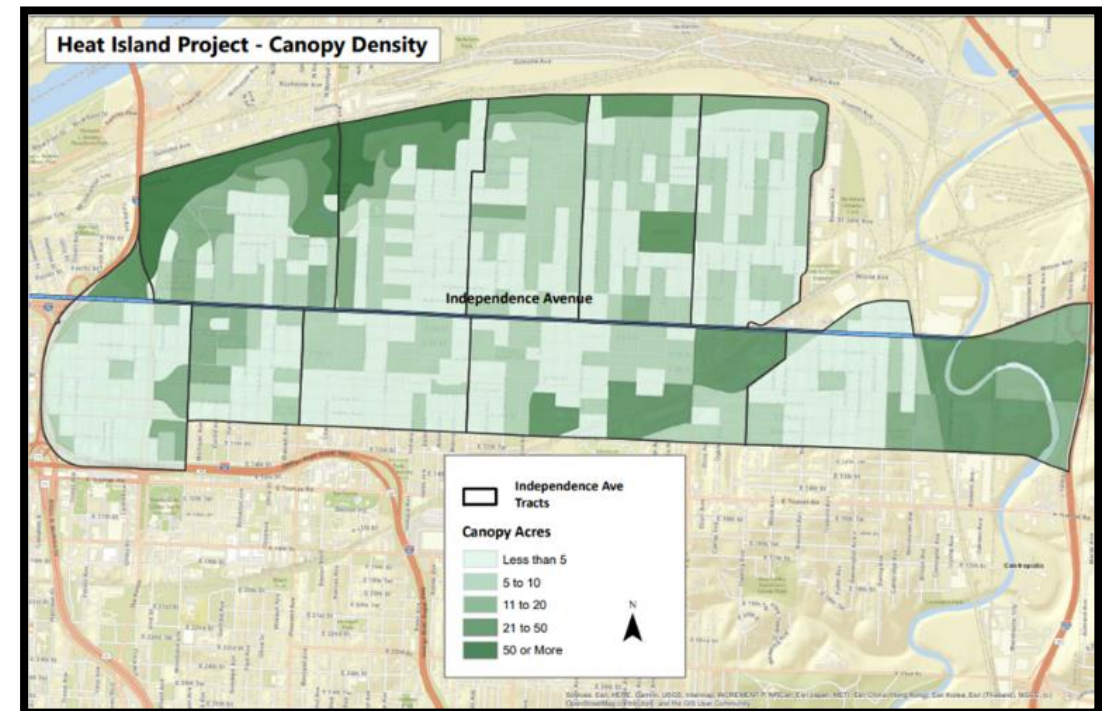


**OCT 23, 2023**

**CRISPIN REA**  
FOR 4TH DISTRICT AT LARGE



**OCTOBER 26, 2023    ATTENDEES: 12 + 4 STAFF**



## **'HEAT ISLAND'**

### **Urban Heat Along Independence Ave**

**MARC**  
Mid-America Regional Council

**evergy**

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



Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce  
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Please Join the NEKC Chamber to learn about current world events with the US State Department's Deputy Assistant Secretary when he speaks to the students of Ryogoku Soccer Academy

ZOOM Only Event: 10am to Noon

**Brian M. Grimm**

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS  
MAY 15, 2023 - PRESENT

**MONDAY  
OCT 30, 2023  
48 ATTENDEES**



Brian Grimm, a career member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service, is currently Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of International Organization Affairs. Previous to this position, Brian served as the Political Counselor at Embassy Jerusalem - Branch Office Tel Aviv; Counselor for Syria Affairs at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, where he co-chaired two task forces with UN and Russian officials; Deputy Director for the UN Political Affairs Office in the International Organizations Bureau; Economic Counselor in Amman, Jordan; and Deputy Director for Regional Affairs in the Near Eastern Affairs Bureau. Other assignments include Economic/Commercial Officer

in Moscow, Oman; International Transportation Officer in the Office of Aviation Maintenance; and

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US State Department's Deputy Assistant Secretary speaks to the students of Ryogoku Soccer Academy





OTC 31, 2023



**Friday, Nov 3, 2023**

- Bobbi Baker
- Tricia McGhee
- Lisa Pena



NPR in Kansas City



## Abdul Hatimi's Yasmeen Cafe is a crossroads of cultures in Kansas City's Historic Northeast

By Claudia Brancart, Brian Ellison

Published November 5, 2023 at 4:00 AM CST

▶ LISTEN • 9:12

Ways To Subscribe



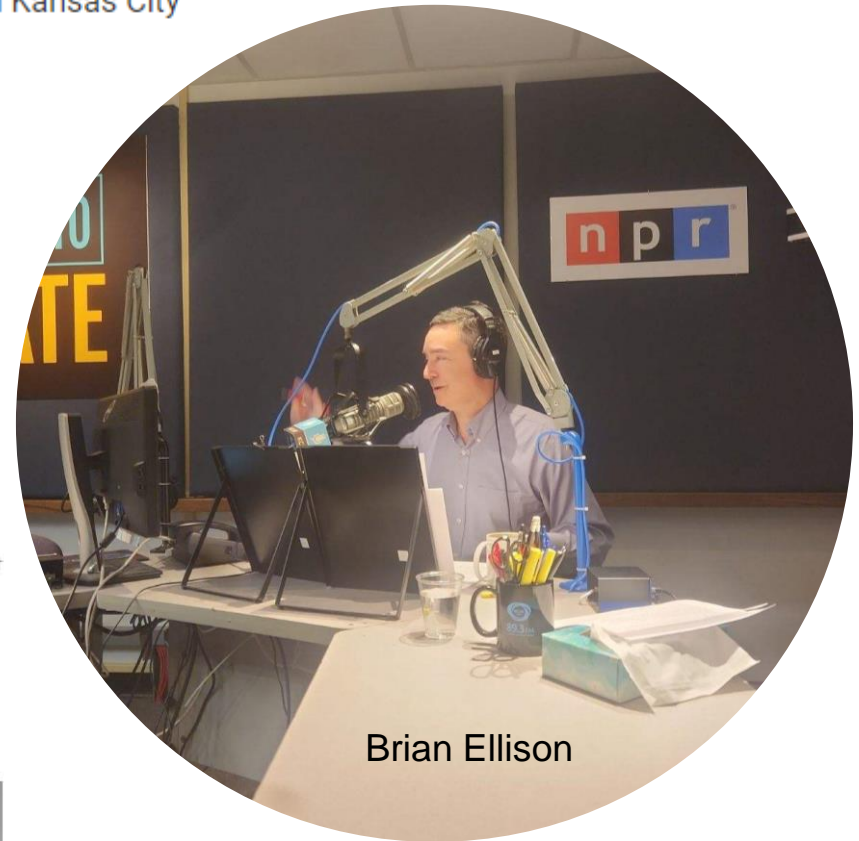
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Brian Ellison



Carlos Moreno / KCUR 89.3

Abdul Hatimi and his wife, Khadija, opened Yasmeen Cafe in 2018. The name means "beautiful flower," and the cafe serves traditional African and Mediterranean fare including sambusas, shown here, mandazi and hot chai.

**Q: What is your favorite restaurant in the Historic Northeast?**

**Q: Your favorite coffee shop?**



4TH DISTRICT SMALL BUSINESS

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1:00 - 2:00 PM  
Monday, NOV. 6  
La Piña Loka  
4838 E 9th Street KCMO

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**OWNER: Ulises Gallegos**



**LA PINA LOCA**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

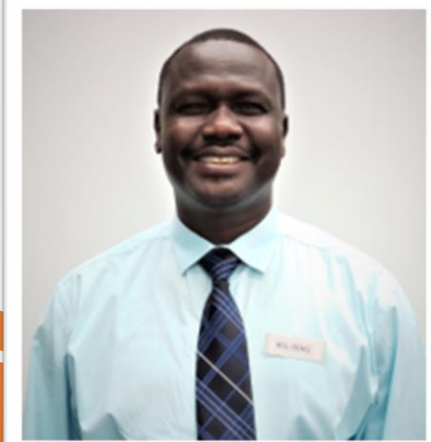
**ATTENDEES: 12 + 4 STAFF**





**APRIL/MAY 2023**

- Built storage for holding crops
- Create water wells
- Constructed 3 huts & 1 bathroom



**Mr. Rol's Summer Trip Home to South Sudan**

# **TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON**



**SPEAKER: Rol Diing**  
**NEKC Chamber Employee**

**November 9, 2023**  
**ATTENDEES: 16 Guests + 14 Staff**



**NOV 9 & 14, 2023      ATTENDEES: 50+**

**HNE RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES**

***Strategic Unified Statement***

**'LOW-BARRIER' HOUSING IN THE HNE**





**INSTALL A CURTAIN COUPLE BLOCKS EAST & WEST OF BRIDGE**



## Independence Avenue Bridge ‘WARNING CURTAIN’ Project

1. The City of Kansas City is taking a proactive approach to provide a solution to the Independence Avenue Bridge low clearance issues. The Independence Avenue Bridge is a Railroad asset, and all responsibility lies with the Kansas City Terminal Railroad Company (KCTRR).
2. The City of Kansas City will build a curtain to warn trucks they will exceed the low clearance of the bridge. It is important to note this is a deterrence method and will not prevent trucks from striking the bridge in the future but projected to reduce the frequency.
3. City Engineer, Nicolas Bosonetto, negotiated a joint agreement with KCTRR for their project contribution of \$56,000.
4. District 4 PIAC funds contributed approximately \$90,000 toward the project. The Public Works Department funded the remaining \$150,000 from the Street Maintenance operations fund.
5. Total construction cost is \$199,000, and total project cost is approximately \$300,000.

**NOV 14, 2023**

**14 ATTENDEES**





**NOV 21st**  
and **WE HAVE A ZOOM LINK**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86434430951?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86434430951?pwd=aXlqYVBncjNuOEN5ZSs5M1pJckN0dz09)

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Meeting ID: 864 3443 0951

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**The Northeast KC Chamber of Commerce is hosting Gary L. Goebel for a FREE informational class on Real Estate.**

**What: "Creating a better community of Landlords & Residents"**  
**The Business of Real Estate**  
**A free Class covering Owning Real Estate and Tenants' Wishes**

**When: Tuesday November 21, 2023 6 pm – 7pm**

**Who:** Instructor Gary Goebel, Certified Property Manager, Vice Chair of the NEKC Chamber  
Gary L. Goebel will share his 40 years of brokerage experience working with both landlords and tenants. Class will be one hour split between best practices for Being a Tenant and for Owning Real Estate. He will walk us through sample leases and show how to solve problems before they start.

**Contact:** 816-564-5010 Goebel Investments, LLC [garylgoebel@gmail.com](mailto:garylgoebel@gmail.com)

**Where:** 2657 Independence Ave. KCMO 64124 Chamber office in the Community Room.

Parking in front of the building, or next door behind 2659 Independence Ave. and the Advance Auto

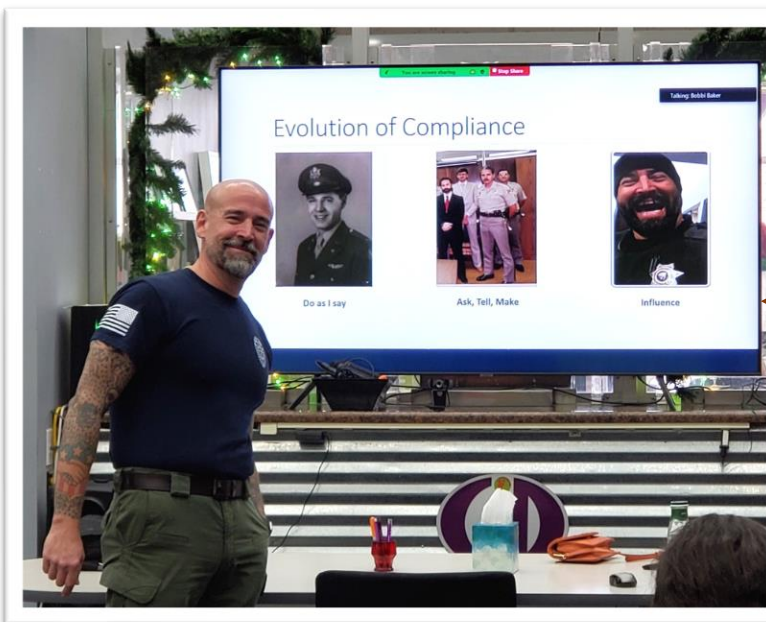


# GARY GOEBEL

## Business Of Real Estate *'Landlords & Residents'*

**November 21, 2023**  
**8 Attendees**





## De-escalation Training

← **JOSH LEON**  
Chief of Security

DEC 2, 2023  
12 ATTENDEES

**RYAN MCFARLIN** →  
Captain of Crime Prevention



Verbal - 7%

Avoid...	Try this instead...
<b>Accusing</b> "You left a mess in the breakroom!"	<b>Ask questions</b> "Does anyone know why...?"
<b>Making it personal</b> "If you would just act like an adult..."	<b>Address the problem</b> "How can we work together to resolve this?"
<b>Judging</b> "If you would have taken this more seriously..."	<b>Reinforce boundaries</b> "Unfortunately, the parameters of the study do not allow for..."
<b>Demanding</b> "Sir, You NEED to calm down!"	<b>Influence</b> "Let's talk about this more calmly."

- 1) Body Language
- 2) Tone of Voice
- 3) Verbal Language
- 4) Other Tools..



## CID, CHAMBER & TITAN THANKSGIVING LUNCH 2023



**SPECIAL GUEST**  
**Jerusalem Farms Volunteers**



**VISTA**  
Volunteers in Service to America

Sponsored by Northeast Arts KC

## 1 The EGG (Economic Growth Gallery) and Event Space

2659 Independence Ave  
Kansas City, MO 64124

**Rebecca Koop - Events Director**

rebeccakoop@nekcchamber.com | nekcchamber.com  
816-231-3312 x100

### Popup Artists:

**Sheila Rekdal**

she.rekdal@gmail.com | facebook: XILAREKDAL R  
Mixed Media; Up-Cyclin is my passion... reusing stuff that I would have thrown in the trash...future landfill

### Become More

webecomemore@gmail.com | 816-529-6335  
Creative Entrepreneur, INKlusive, Designer Clothing

**Nancy Mathis**

sunshineartbynancy@yahoo.com | 832-423-4921  
Watercolor, oil, Drawing Caricatures

**Frederick Crawford**

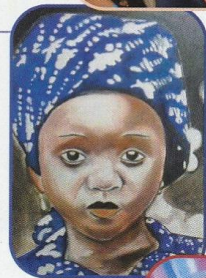
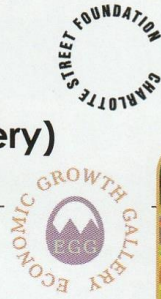
FredCrawford@gmail.com | 816-804-8313  
Drawings, caricatures

**Andrew Janesko**

913-749-7981  
Abstract Painter, Illustrator  
Local to Kansas City. Huge love for the outdoors, which carries over into my paintings through my fascination for organic textures, forms and bright contrasting colors. I have been drawing and painting my entire life. I have experience in wildlife art, with specific focus in abstract painting and illustration.

**Molly Schemm - KC Girls Prep Academy**

mschemm@kcgpa.org



## NORTHEAST ARTISTS OPEN STUDIO TOUR

Dec 2 & 3, 2023

8 Locations

21+ Artists Participated

theEGG attendees: 25

The EGG: Art & Business Incubator  
November 29 at 2:27 PM  
Studio Tour starts at the EGG. Pick up your maps at 2659 Independence Ave. Saturday December 2 from 10 am - 6 pm. Open Sunday too from 12 pm - 4 pm. Eight locations in Northeast you do not want to miss seeing.  
The EGG has 5 Artists and Students from the Girls Preparatory Academy.  
One of our featured Artists:  
Nancy Mathis works in watercolor, oil and draws. Especially caricatures. Maybe you can get yours done while visiting at the EGG (Economic Growth Gallery).





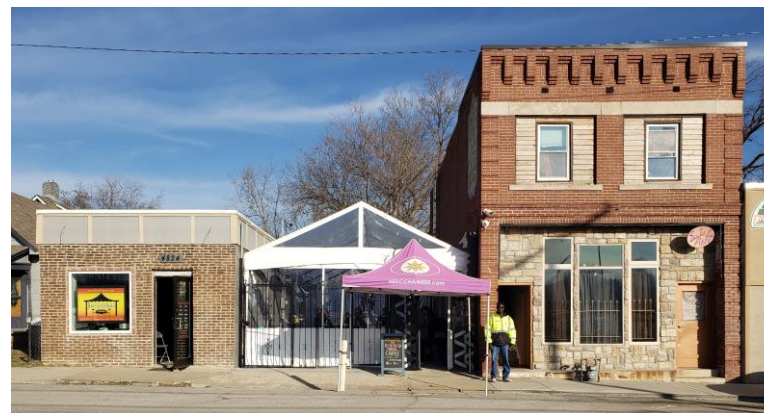
## 150 YEAR CELEBRATION NORTHEAST BRANCH 6000 Wilson Ave





**COFFEE, CULTURE  
& CONVERSATION**

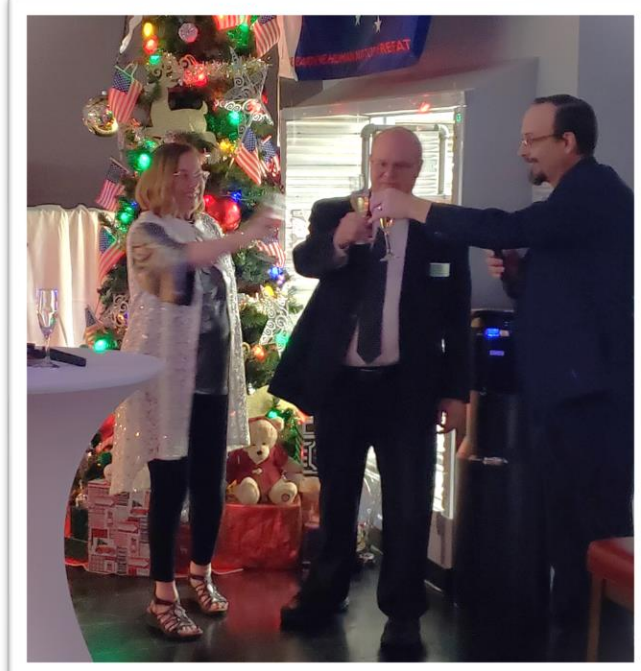
**12/14/2023  
13 ATTENDEES**





**3<sup>rd</sup> District City Council  
Melissa Robinson  
&  
Rygoku Soccer Academy Boys**

# **CELEBRATORY TOAST PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE**



**DEC 15, 2023**

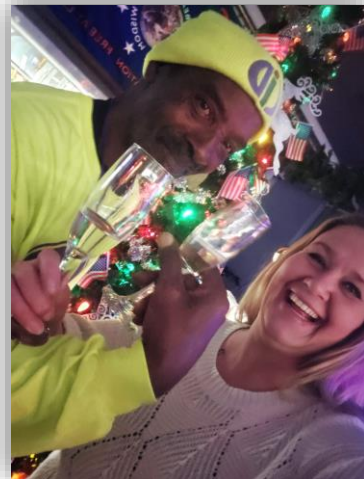
## **NEKC CHAMBER & CID STAFF**

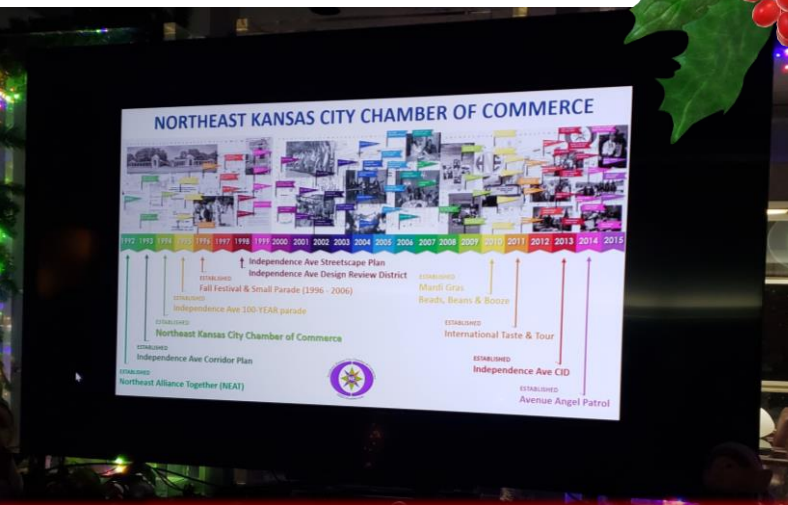


**NICE**



**NAUGHTY**





**NEKC CHAMBER TIMELINE**



**CHAMBER & CID ENDEAVORS**



**RYGOKU SOCCER ACADEMY**





# KC Hispanic News

YEARS OF NEWS COVERAGE/AÑOS EN COBERTURA DE NOTICIAS

## Task force vows to address crime on Independence Avenue

## Grupo de trabajo promete abordar crimen en Independence Avenue



On any given day of the week, you can see firsthand how police officers have to interact with people due to homelessness, people on drugs and others loitering in front of businesses and from time to time have to make an arrest. It is an on going problem, says Bobbie Baker of the Northeast Chamber of Commerce.

En cualquier día de la semana, se puede ver a simple vista cómo los agentes de policía tienen que interactuar con personas sin hogar, personas drogadas y otras personas que merodean frente a los negocios, y de vez en cuando tienen que realizar un arresto. Es un problema continuo, dice Bobbie Baker, de la Cámara de Comercio del Noreste.

BY JOE ARCE  
AND COREY CRABLE  
AN IN-DEPTH REPORT

KCMO City officials, police officers, and representatives from neighborhood associations and local non-profit agencies walked down a stretch of Independence Avenue last week, announcing a new initiative designed

to reduce the crime that has plagued the avenue for decades.

The group, named Partners for Peace, walked down Independence between Benton Boulevard and Hardesty Avenue, visiting local businesses in an effort to determine what can be done to address crime, prostitution, and incidents involving mental health concerns, among others.

CITY TEAM MEMBERS... / PAGE 3

TRADUCE GEMMA TORNERO  
UN INFORME EN PROFUNDIDAD

Funcionarios del gobierno de la ciudad de KCMO, agentes de policía y representantes de asociaciones de vecinos y agencias locales sin fines de lucro caminaron por un tramo de Independence Avenue la semana pasada, anunciando una nueva

iniciativa diseñada para reducir el crimen que ha plagado la avenida durante décadas.

El grupo, llamado Socios por la Paz, caminó por Independence entre Benton Boulevard y Hardesty Avenue, visitando negocios locales en un esfuerzo por determinar qué se puede hacer para abordar el crimen, la prostitución y los

INTEGRANTES DEL... / PÁGINA 2

## City team members will help supply resources from social service agencies



"We've got a lot of younger assailants and younger victims. That concerns me greatly," Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas said. "We have seen incidents that are tragic in our community. Every person who's involved in that kind of stuff on this street needs to know that there is a way out, a place of safety."

NOV 29, 2023

## 'Partners for Peace'

Along Independence Avenue

Benton Boulevard  
to  
Hardesty Avenue

Independence Avenue Community Improvement District  
Published by Laura Cardwell • November 30 at 11:13 AM



Laura Cardwell is with Mayor Quinton Lucas and Bobbi Baker.

Love seeing the city give well deserved attention to Independence Avenue! So much can be achieved when we all combine our efforts!

# REBUILD KC GRANT 2024.1

## ⊖ NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Free Trees

Dangerous Buildings and Demolitions

⊕ Animal Health and Public Safety

⊕ Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund (NTDF)

⊕ Neighborhood Support Services

Neighborhood Advisory Council (KCNAAC)

⊕ Neighborhood Preservation

Property Maintenance Appeals Board

Rebuild KC - Neighborhood Grants

⊕ Regulated Industries

Neighborhood Grant Programs

## INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

The Independence Avenue CID's project will enhance the catalytic neighborhood redevelopment under way in the historic north-east. Our proposed project's scheduled improvements will reinforce a 'sense of place', promote 'eyes on the street', improve safety, and ease pedestrian access to and from the above mentioned affordable housing developments and educational institutions, homes in the Independence Plaza and Pendleton Heights neighborhoods, as well as KCATA bus stops and local businesses.

### IS THERE ANY OTHER PROJECT INFORMATION YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?

The purpose of the Paseo Gateway Transformation Plan is to build on the Paseo Gateway's existing assets and established goals by tapping into a base of engaged stakeholders to offer focused strategies that comprehensively address the community's needs for housing, economic development, safety and quality of life improvements. The transformation planning area is directly east of Downtown Kansas City and includes the Chouteau Courts public housing site, Belvedere Park, and the neighborhoods of Pendleton Heights, Paseo West and Independence Plaza.

The physical boundaries of this one-square mile area are Union Pacific Railroad (N), Chestnut/Prospect Avenue (E), 9<sup>th</sup> Street (S), and US71/129 (W). Our project, the Independence Boulevard Streetscape Renewal Project, runs along Independence Boulevard from Highland Avenue to Benton Boulevard, abuts the Independence Plaza and Pendleton Heights neighborhood boundaries and lies within the boundaries of Paseo Gateway Transformation Plan. Our proposed project directly addresses safety and quality of life improvements, facilitates economic development and builds on the existing community assets.

The Independence Avenue Streetscape is a community asset and was the first step in what could be considered monumental change along Independence Avenue. The streetscape, built over 4 years from 1998 to 2001 was an investment of \$1,200,000, which is the equivalent of \$2,000,000 in 2022 dollars. The project was funded through acquisition of In-District and City-Wide PIAC allocations. Presently, the Independence Avenue CID, NEKC Chamber of Commerce and area neighborhood associations have been engaged in transportation planning meetings with KCATS over the last three years.

KCATA commissioned a feasibility study regarding establishing an east-west MAX line along Independence Avenue. This east-west route would be the first east-west MAX bus route in Kansas City bringing riders into downtown from Independence, MO. The Independence Avenue/Boulevard corridor is a heavily used bus route. We expect that the Independence Avenue BRT will become reality within five years. Once MAX line build-out begins, some significant infrastructure retrofits will occur to accommodate the MAX line. The Independence Boulevard Streetscape Renewal project does not invest in additional elements, but will provide for the deferred maintenance of the existing infrastructure, keep the area looking sharp and promote additional economic development.

### DOES THIS PROJECT ADDRESS A NEED AT A SINGLE FAMILY HOME? No.

**TOTAL GRANT REQUEST?** \$250,000

**DISTRICT WHERE THE PROJECT WILL BE DELIVERED?** 3

**TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET?** 250,000

**NEIGHBORHOOD MOST IMPACTED BY PROJECT?** Independence Plaza, Pendleton Heights, Paseo West

**IS THIS A NEW OR EXISTING PROJECT?** NEW

**PROJECT START DATE** 1/2/24

**PROJECT END DATE** 12/31/24

**PROJECT PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS?** PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, REC & BLVDs, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, CITY MANAGERS OFFICE, NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDEPENDENCE PLAZA NEIGHBORHOOD, PENDLETON HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD, INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID, KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY, SCUOLA VITA NUOVA, KCATA, INDEPENDENCE BLVD BUSINESSES, PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD.

The success of the project will be measured by completing various projects scheduled within this project time period. For example there are 120 pedestrian light poles within the declared project area. One of the components of the project is to switch out the fluorescent light heads with LED heads. If all 120 are switched out, then this component will have a 100 percent completion rate. The same methodology will be used for the other proposed project elements. Each component has a specific number of items that need to be addressed. We are proposing a 12-month timeline.

### Proposed Independence Boulevard Streetscape Improvement Elements

- Replace fluorescent light fixtures atop pedestrian lights with LED light fixtures.
- Repair light fixtures in six neighborhood markers, upgrade fixtures to remote controlled LED systems if possible.
- Remove dead/dying/diseased trees in tree wells/planter beds and replace with appropriate shade tree species.
- Repair/replace damaged or broken curbs and sidewalks.
- Repair/replace missing decorative trash bins maintained by Parks and Recreation.
- Replace missing and broken sidewalk bricks.
- Repair damaged flower bed stone and brick wells.
- Replace missing pedestrian light poles.
- Replace missing and torn pole banners.
- Replace missing and broken street name tiles.
- Remove dead/dying trees and replace.
- Replace damaged storm drain inlets.
- Prune trees along boulevard.
- Plant trees to replace missing trees.



Repair damaged flower bed stone and brick walls



Remove tree stumps from tree well and replace



Replace missing pedestrian light poles



Repair/upgrade light fixture atop neighborhood markers

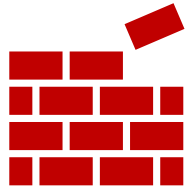


Remove tree stumps from planter beds



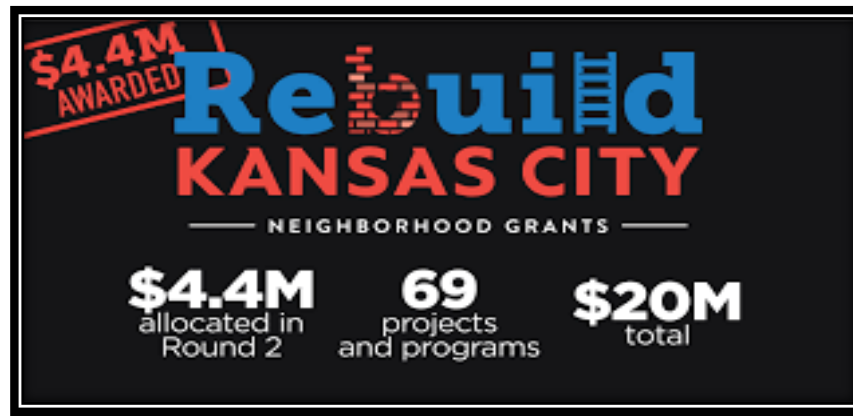
Replace missing Parks trash bins

A reimbursable grant funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).



## CATEGORIES

- Affordable Housing Projects
- Non-Profit Assistant Projects
- Violence Prevention Projects
- Healthy Childhood Environment Projects
- Housing Assistance Projects
- Job Training Projects
- Strong, Healthy Community Projects



Replace broken/damaged sidewalks



Replace missing/broken sidewalk bricks



Replace torn/missing banners



Replace missing street name tiles



Replace drain inlets



Replace fluorescent light fixture with LED light fixture



Repair damaged /broken curbs



Remove dead trees/replace with new trees



Prune trees



Plant trees to replace missing ones

# INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CORRIDOR

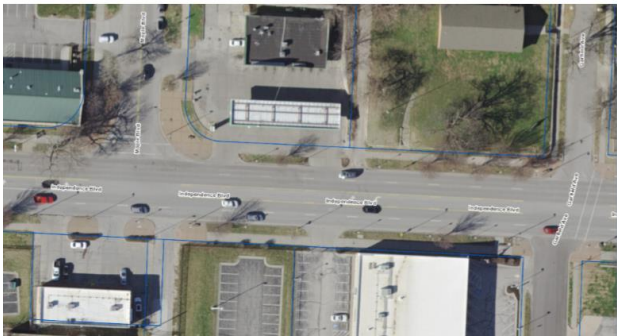
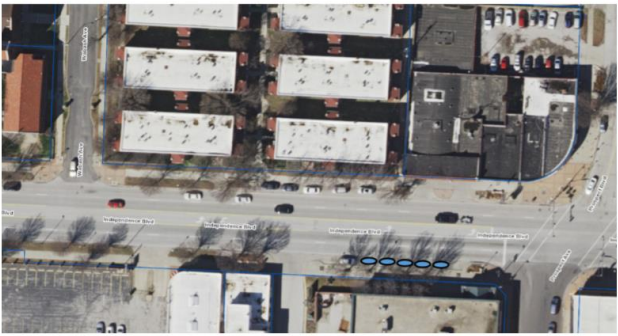
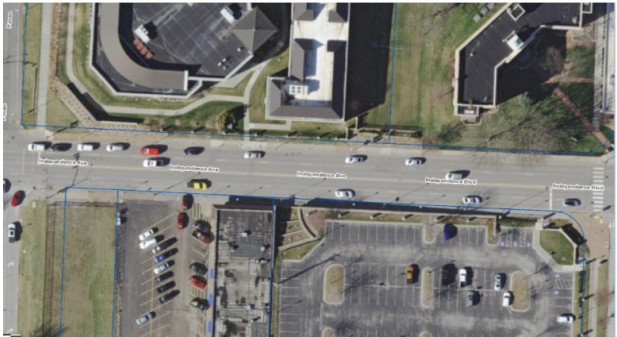
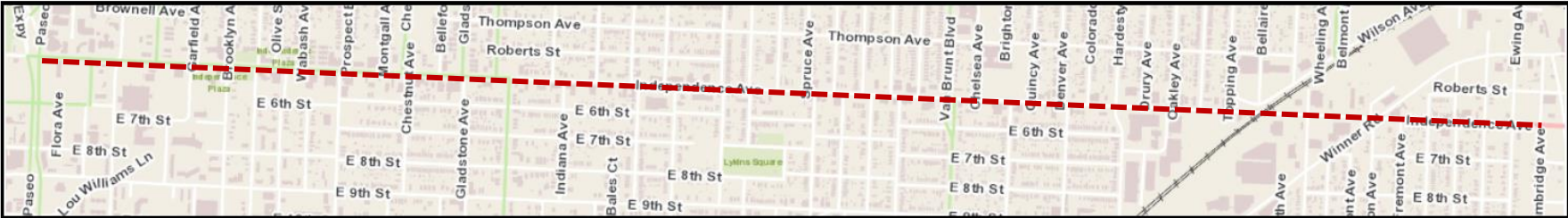
## PARKING ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

November 16, 2023

Presented by NEKC Chamber of Commerce &

Independence Avenue Community Improvement District

For Kansas City 3rd District Council Representative Melissa Robinson



### INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CORRIDOR PARKING ANALYSIS

#### AREA SHOWN ON PHOTOS: BROOKLYN AVENUE TO MONTGALL

PARKING AVAILABILITY FACTORS: BUS (TRANSIT) STOPS - TO INCLUDE BRT, RAIL STOPS, MULTI-MODAL LANES; PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARKING LOTS, EXISTING PARKING LOCATIONS; STREET WIDTH; ADJACENT LAND USE; TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

RECOMMENDATION: ADDITIONAL CURB SIDE PARKING AT PARK, BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES; NO ADDITIONAL PARKING NORTH OR SOUTH SIDES OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD OUTSIDE OF SUGGESTED INDEPENDENCE PLAZA PARK; STREET WIDTH IS SUFFICIENT.

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### INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CORRIDOR PARKING ANALYSIS

#### AREA SHOWN ON PHOTOS: PASEO BLVD TO BROOKLYN AVENUE

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# INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD STREETSCAPE RENEWAL 2024

**CONTACT NAME:** Mike Spady      **PHONE:** (816) 645-5513      **EMAIL:** [mikespady@indieavecid.com](mailto:mikespady@indieavecid.com)      **TYPE OF APPLICANT:** Government/Public Agency      **AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS:** NEKC Chamber of Commerce

**PROJECT NAME:** Independence Boulevard Streetscape Renewal      **PROJECT GOAL:** Economic Development      **TYPE OF PROJECT:** Other Built Infrastructure

The NEKC Chamber’s project will enhance the catalytic neighborhood redevelopment under way in the historic northeast. Our proposed project’s scheduled improvements will reinforce a ‘sense of place’, promote ‘eyes on the street’, improve safety, reduce graffiti and promote safe pedestrian egress to access to and from homes in the Sheffield and Indian Mound neighborhoods, public institutions, local businesses, as well as KCATA bus stops.

**Describe your project:**

The CID street team removes graffiti from these walls many times a year. We have found out that artistic murals that displace graffiti tend to not be targeted again. In fact, graffiti artists tend to respect the artists' murals. We wish to use the PIAC fund to design and paint two murals at the railroad bridge. One on the north side and one on the south side. How will your project benefit the community Graffiti is generally considered a blighting influence by most people. Graffiti is usually associated with vacant buildings, high crime and low property values. Removing graffiti and replacing it with themed artistic murals tends to do the opposite. Thousands of cars pass under the bridge daily and hundreds of people walk under the bridge every day as well. Murals reinforce pride in a community and reinforces a positive image of the community. It has been proven that murals usually are not vandalized.

**IS THERE ANY OTHER PROJECT INFORMATION YOU’D LIKE TO SHARE?**

The Independence Avenue CID and its community partners sponsor a summer mural program each year and also works with area artists, residents and property owners to identify walls of opportunity upon which to create amazing art murals that tell stories. These programs have resulted in 28 murals being created. Most of these walls were frequent graffiti locations. These mural have become a focal point for drawing visitors into northeast Kansas City. There is a published mural map on the NEKC Chamber webpage along with high quality printed maps that are available for visitors to pick up. These murals have drawn thousands of people into the area on a mapped tour.

We also would like to utilize PIAC to install pedestrian lights under the bridge.

The sidewalks are dimly lit and very intimidating. This will allow pedestrians safer passage.

# INDEPENDENCE AVENUE BRIDGE MURAL 2024

DOES THIS PROJECT ADDRESS A NEED AT A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME? No. TOTAL GRANT REQUEST? \$30,000 PROJECT BUDGET? \$30,000 DISTRICT WHERE THE PROJECT WILL BE DELIVERED? 4

NEIGHBORHOOD MOST IMPACTED BY PROJECT? Indian Mound, Sheffield. IS THIS A NEW OR EXISTING PROJECT? NEW PROJECT START DATE 1/2/24 PROJECT END DATE 12/31/24

PROJECT PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS? PUBLIC WORKS, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, CITY MANAGERS OFFICE, NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, IINDIAN MOUND NEIGHBORHOOD, SHEFFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD, INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID, INDEPENDENCE AVENUE BUSINESSES, PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG INDEPENDENCE AVENUE.

The success of the project will be measured by completing various projects scheduled within this project time period. Each component has a specific number of items that need to be addressed. We are proposing a 12-month timeline.

### Proposed Independence Avenue Bridge Mural Improvement Elements

- “ Select artists.
- “ Design murals.
- “ Paint murals.
- “ Install overhead lighting in north and south walkways.



Sample wall mural



Sample wall mural



Bridge wall graffiti



Bridge wall graffiti



Bridge wall graffiti



Bridge support column graffiti



Proposed walkway lighting location



Proposed walkway lighting location

# Narcan Saves Lives!



Team Resource Manager, Laura Cardwell, has obtained her Harm Reduction Specialist credentials in September thanks to the support of the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District and their dedication to bettering this community as a whole!

Her continued education being applied has allowed the CID to become a positive impact in the community by partnering with several outside agencies. Together, we were able to put in place a free Narcan dispenser at Spalitto's Pharmacy in their Independence Avenue business!

We will be using this opportunity to educate as well, reaching those who are on the streets and lost in addiction by supplying pamphlets for resources and treatment options alongside the life-saving Narcan.

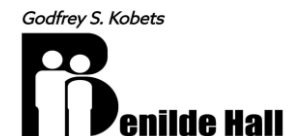
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**SPALITTO'S PHARMACY**– Location site

**HEALING HOUSE**– Donation of initial Narcan

**CARE BEYOND THE BLVD**– Donation of dispenser

**BENILDE HALL**– Agreement to continue Narcan supply

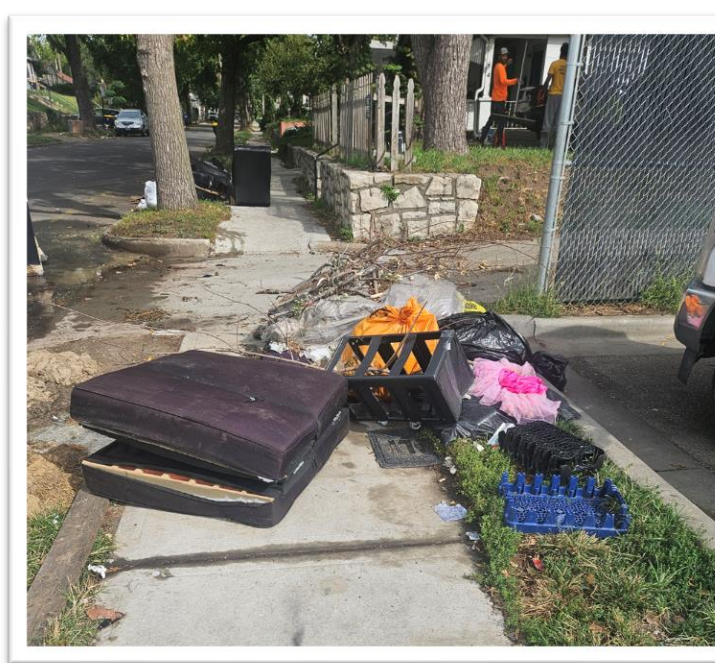


# HOUSELESS COMMUNITY EFFORTS

WE APPRECIATE OUR FIRST RESPONDERS!!

THE CID & TITAN CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH KCPD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS SO WE CAN COME TOGETHER AND GET HELP FOR WELL ACKNOWLEDGED EDP'S LIKE TY (TOP RIGHT) AND QUICK RESPONSE IE., AN UNRESPONSIVE MAN FOUND BY OUR TEAM RESOURCE MANAGER, LAURA, WHO ADMINISTERED NARCAN AND GOT MEDICAL ATTENTION TO THE SCENE.

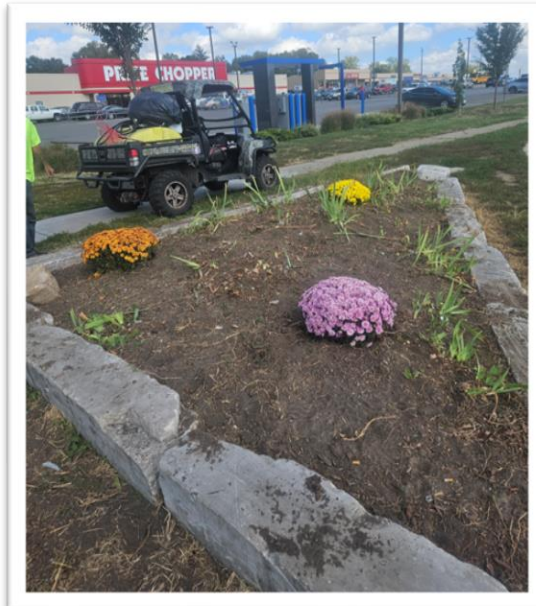
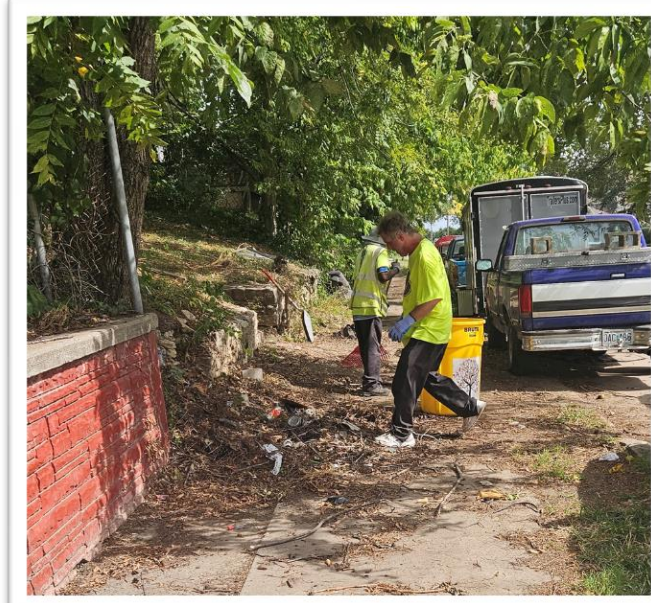




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2023**



**WINTER**



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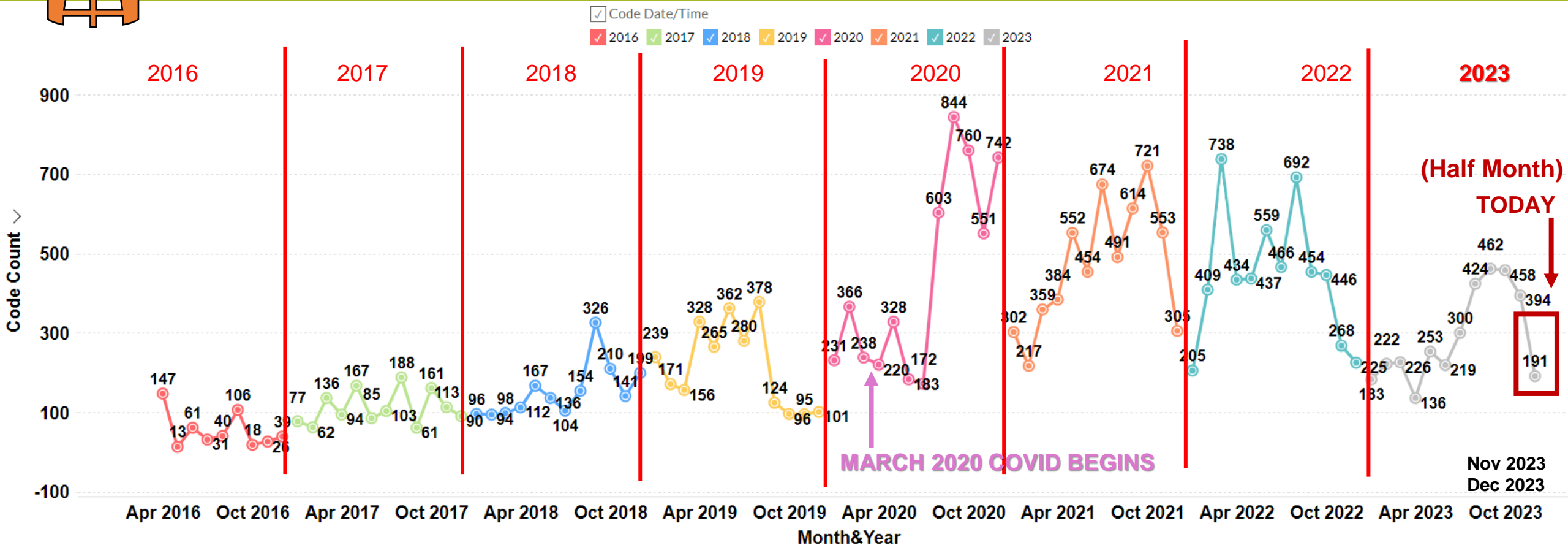
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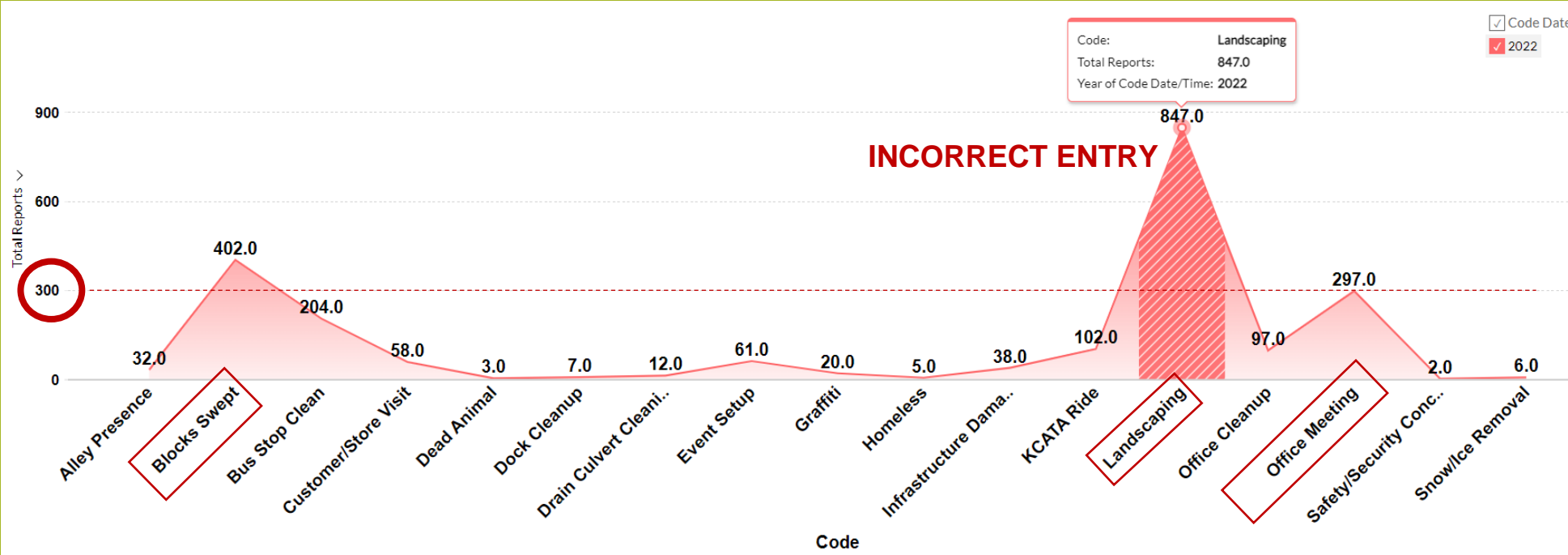
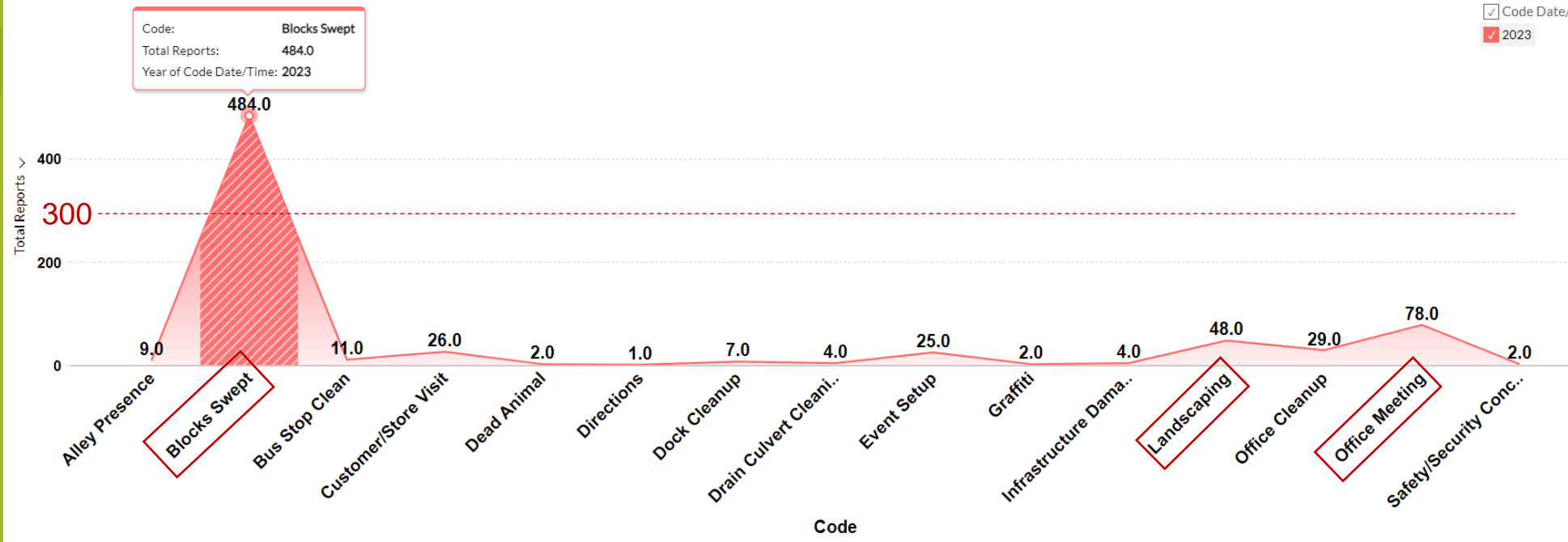




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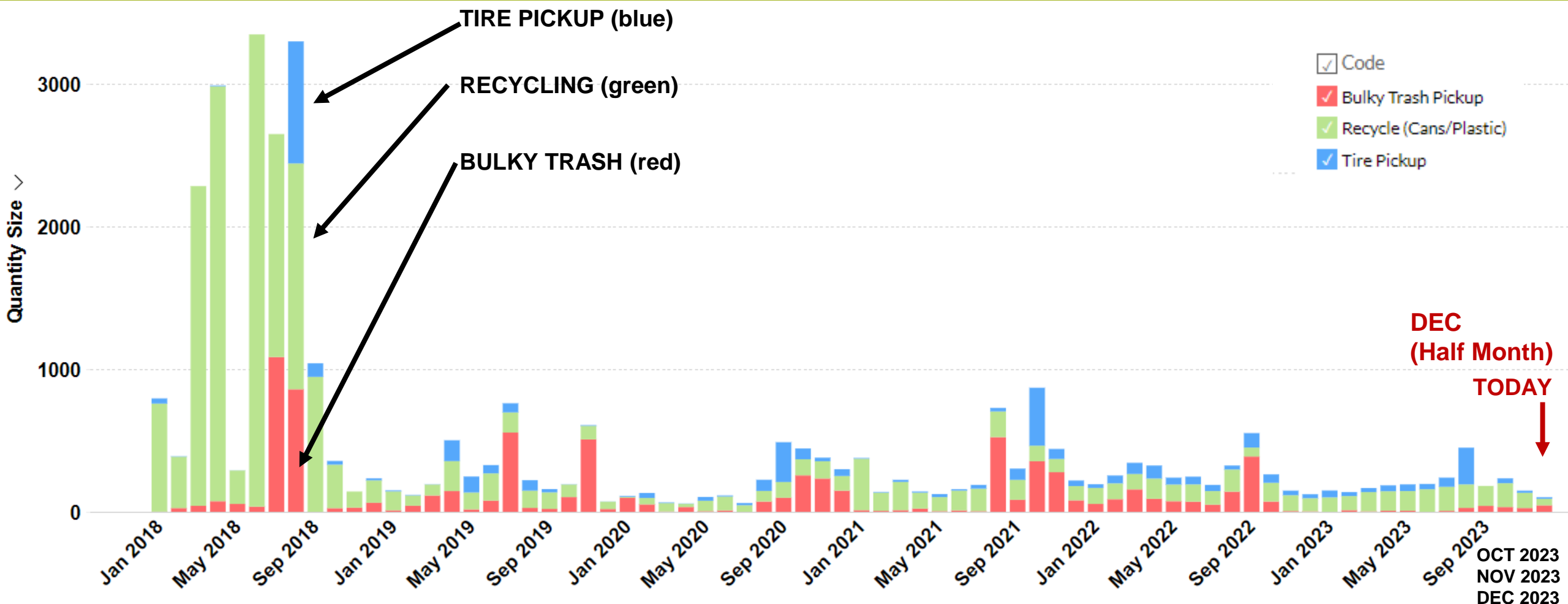
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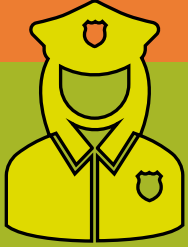
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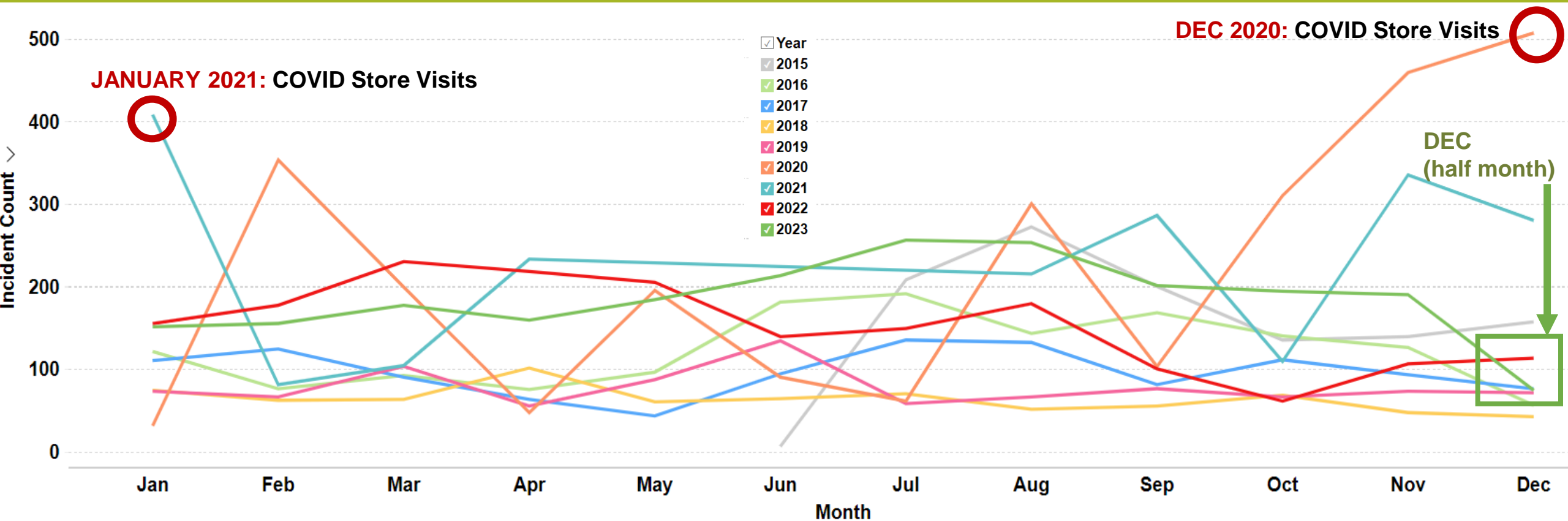


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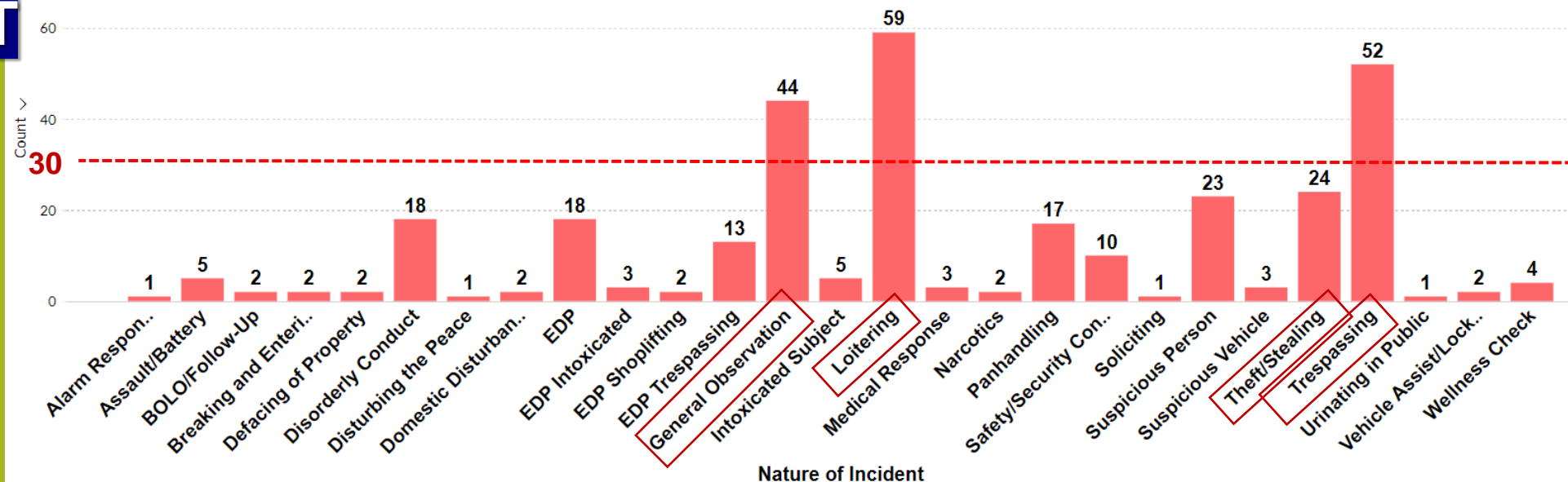
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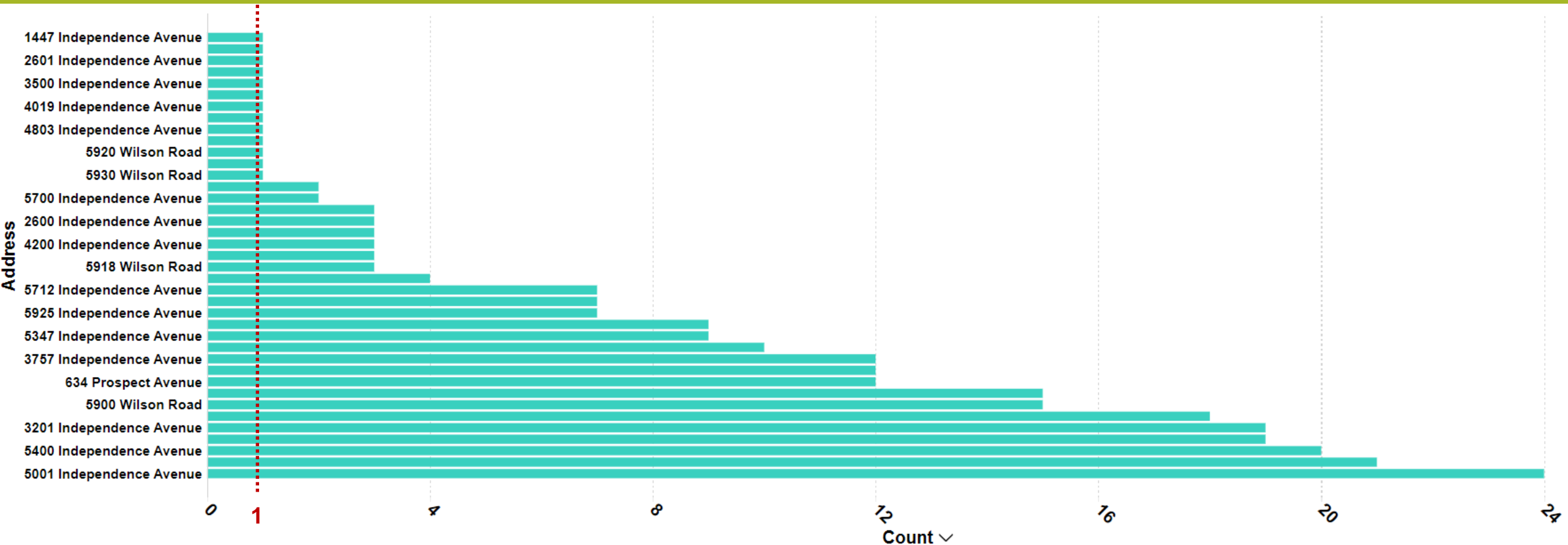
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# ACTIVITY BY ADDRESS

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# HAPPENING ON...

## Independence AVE



5347 INDEP (McDonald's)



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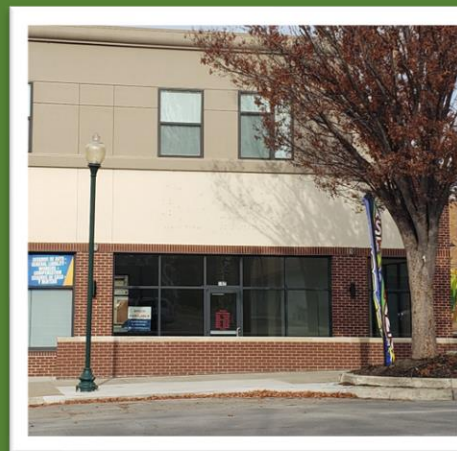
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2600 & 2618 INDEPENDENCE



2807 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



**11-10-2023 INDEP &**



**10-18-2023 4815 WEST WALL**



**11-3-2023 GRINGO LOCO**



**10-27-2023 EL PASO DEL NORTE**



**12-8-23 FRESH MARKET**



**12-15-2023 4815 ALLEYWAY**

# EXPLORE • DISCOVER • EXPERIENCE



**SHOW ME P.A.D.**

This week our Independence Avenue CID Mural series is focused on a mural completed by local artists in 2021 to bring attention to the dangers of peripheral artery disease or PAD. The completed mural is on the east-facing wall of the Show Me P.A.D. located at 2607 Independence Blvd. Artists Carmen Moreno, Jason Wilcox, Isaac Tapia and Rodrigo Alvarez worked on the mural in late March of 2021 as spring made its first slow appearance in Kansas City.

The project was a collaboration between medical researchers at Saint Luke's Mid-America Heart Institute, Yale University, University of Missouri - Kansas City (UMKC), Mattie Rhodes Center, Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Paseo Gateway neighborhood. The group worked on the project for over a year, through

the course of the pandemic. Medical researchers and artists are sharing an important message about vascular health with Northeast Kansas City residents through art. The mural was done as part of the Show Me P.A.D. project in order to raise awareness about peripheral artery disease (PAD) and how to recognize and address it. This vascular disease causes pain in the legs while walking. The condition affects 8.5 million Americans over the age of 40, and people living in center city neighborhoods are especially at risk for late diagnosis.

"PAD can cause pain while walking, and if left untreated, can progress to a stage where individuals are dealing with non-healing wounds and amputations. PAD is also associated with a higher risk of having a heart attack or stroke," said project lead Dr. Kim Smolderen, Ph.D., FAHA, of Yale University's Vascular Medicine Outcomes

(VAMOS) program, formerly of Saint Luke's and UMKC. Artist Jason Wilcox was encouraged to raise awareness for PAD in this way.

"It affects a lot of people who don't even know it, so I guess if you put the message out there it will alert people so they can do more research about it and know what they're dealing with," Wilcox said.

The mural was unveiled on Sat., April 10, 2021.

**THIS MURAL WAS ALSO MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO THESE ARTISTS**

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## FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL



Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District, 4-Corners Community Call was at the **Show Me P.A.D.** located at 2607 Independence Blvd.

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**"Come to the table"**  
**2620 INDEPENDENCE AVE**



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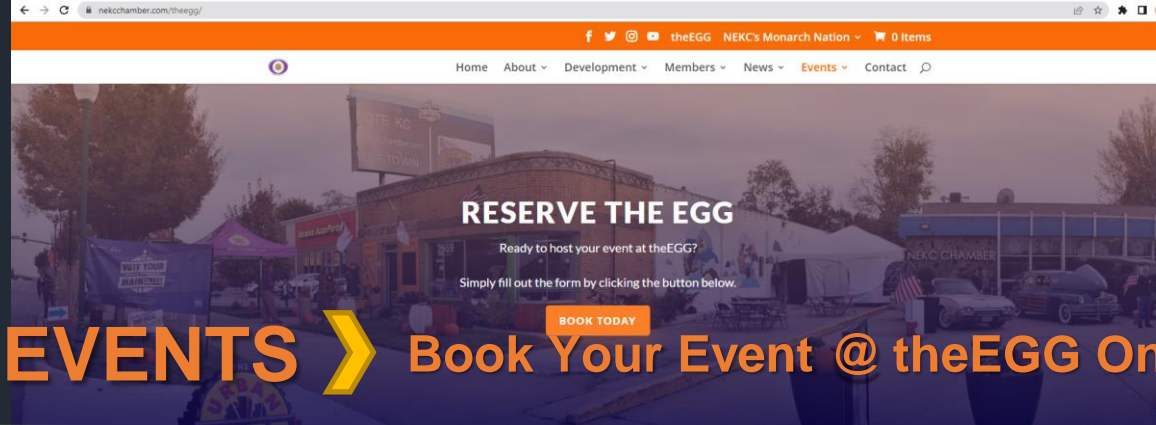
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## 10-18-2023

## 10-24-2023

## 11-14-2023

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**DEC 2 & 3: HNE ARTISTS OPEN STUDIO TOUR** 21+ ATTENDEES



**AUG 2: BBQ FUNRAISER** 18 ATTENDEES



**SATURDAYS: 'INKlusion' WITH BRIAN MAPES**



# UPCOMING EVENTS



HNE-REX

WEDNESDAY, JAN 10, 2024

TBD

TASTY TOPIC TALK  
LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, JAN 23, 2024



COFFEE, CULTURE &  
CONVERSATION

THURSDAY, JAN 11, 2024



SHOP SMALL ON THE AVENUE  
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