

AGENDA

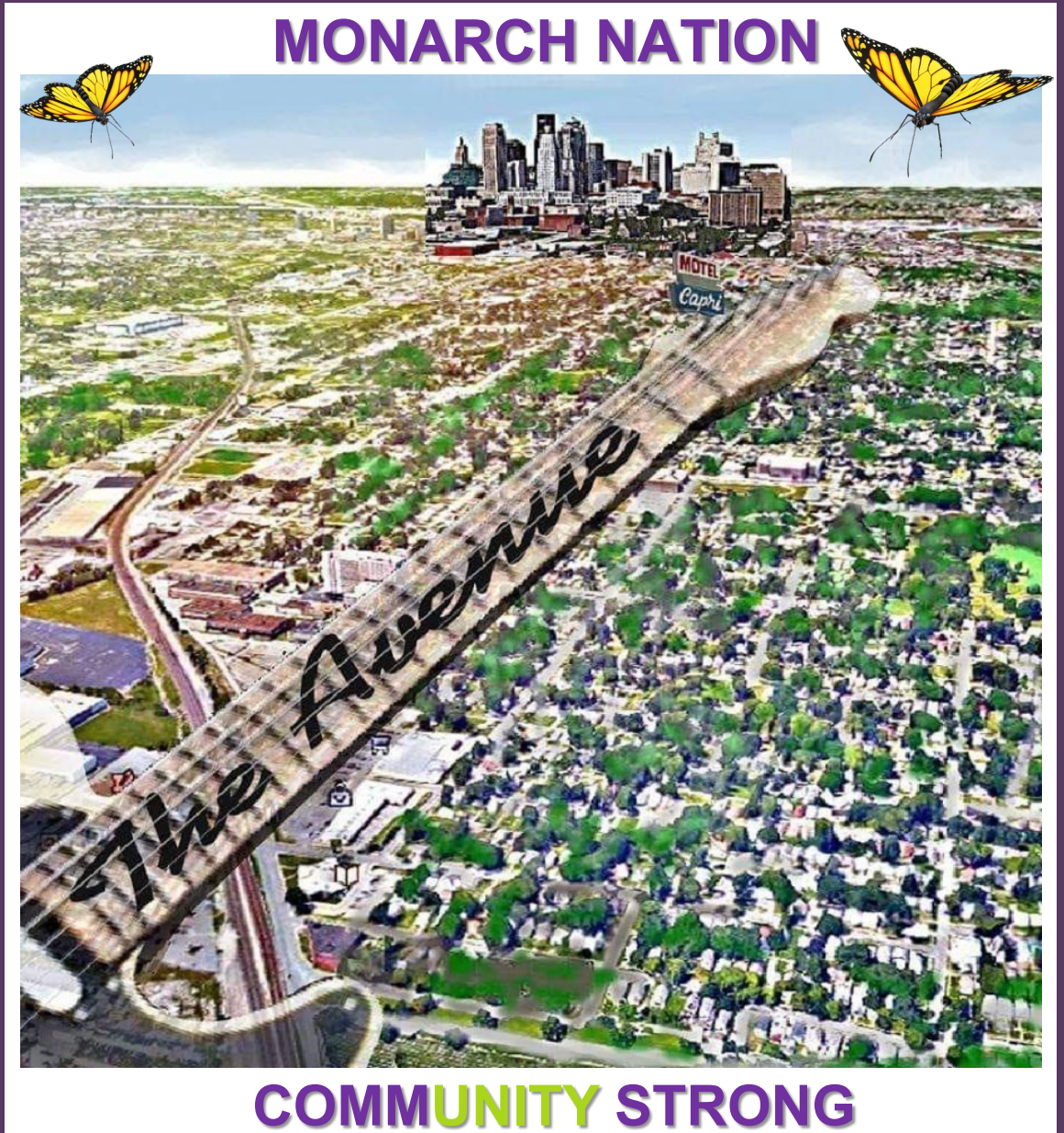
Meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") of
The Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

Date: April 17, 2024 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 |
| | Historic Northeast Media | |
| 5. | Action Items | |
| | Nominating Committee Proposed Slate of Officers | |
| | Proposed Budget- to include Closed Session to discuss Payroll | |
| 6. | New Business | |
| 7. | Old Business | |
| 8. | Adjournment | |



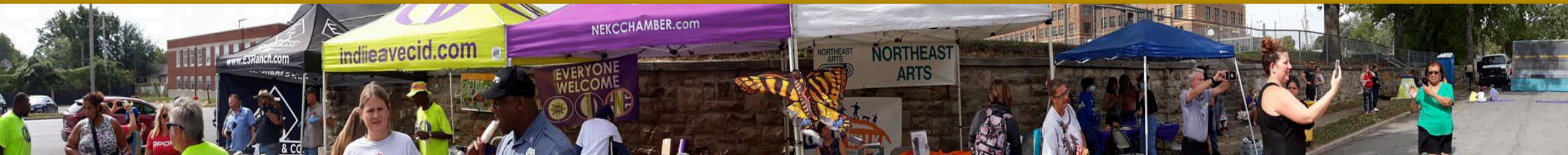


YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

2/20/2024
3/21/2024

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE



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

APRIL 17, 2024

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- NEKC CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT
- STOREFRONT REBATE PROGRAM
- RECENT EVENTS
- HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE (Rebuild KC Grant)
- INDEPENDENCE AVE CID & TITAN REPORTS
- TITAN 'FOUR CORNERS'
- THE NE NEWSPAPER'S "CID-CENTERFOLDS"
- THE EGG EVENTS
- UPCOMING EVENTS



NEKC CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

January 1, 2024 - To Date: 11 New & 57 Renewals

MARCH:

New:

1. Total By Verizon
2. Total By Verizon
3. Strategic Workforce DEV, IN
4. Cubework.com, Inc.

Renew:

1. Hector's Auto Repair
2. Top Notch Liquor

APRIL:

New:

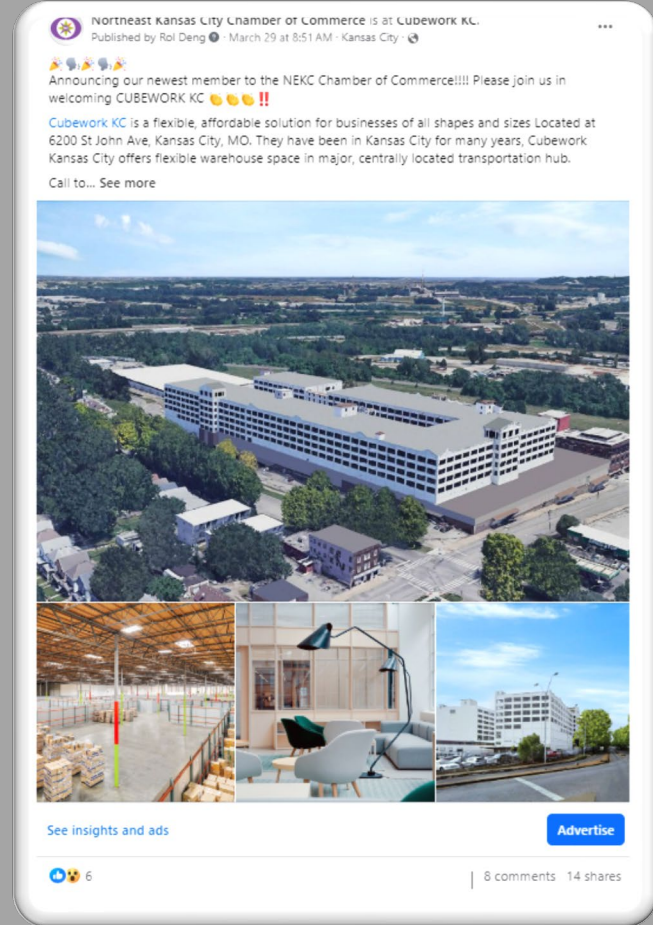
1. Dutzel's Catering & Events

Renew:

1. Law Office of Jerry W. Potocnik
2. North-East Branch Library
3. El Paso Del Norte
4. Pho Bowl
5. Back Door Pottery
6. Lina Nails
7. Adco
8. Gary Goebel
9. Passantino Bros. Funeral Home



MARCH'S #1 FB POST



Facebook LIKES since Jan 1 to date:

13,531

People Reached since Jan 1 to date:

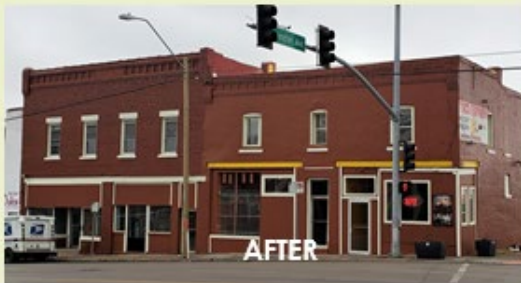
64,987



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT REBATE



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

Date	Address	Name	Contact	Project Amout	Approved Amout	Completed	Overall Dispersed
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 Kimple	\$ 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	?/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
NO APPLICATIONS							
2017 TOTAL				\$0	\$0		\$ 40,990.79
NO APPLICATIONS							
2018 TOTAL				\$0	\$0		\$ 40,990.79
3/27/2019	2400 Independence	Scuola Vita Nuova	Pittila	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	?/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	\$ 3,159.50	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		\$ 70,067.71
COVID ERA							
2022 TOTAL				\$ -	\$ -		\$ 70,067.71
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	
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	In Progress		
2023 TOTAL				\$ 63,420.89	\$ 23,507.50		\$ 113,573.08
1/22/2024	544 Wabash Ave	Northeast Community Center	Kyla Pitts-Zevin	\$7,567.50	In Progress		
2024 TOTAL							

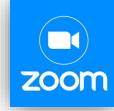
**TOTAL
DISPURED**

Tamales and Greens

The esteem of tamales dates back to the times when, long before the Spaniards arrived, Mesoamericans believed that God crafted humans from corn. Because corn was so important, tamales made from ground corn and wrapped in a husk became a part of ritual offerings.

Greens are to the black community what tamales are to the brown community history, heritage and tradition. Greens have been cooked and used for food since African slaves in the southern colonies needed to provide food for their families. Some of this food consisted of the tops of turnips and other greens discarded in the fields while picking.

Zoom in: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82541019323?pwd=dldrMVJKZnE2WHl6N0tGcmU5SG44Zz09>
Meeting ID: 825 4101 9323
Passcode: 963605 +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)



RSVP and reserve your LUNCH TICKET - CLICK HERE

Guest : Becky Gripp Founder Tamale Kitchen

Founder Becky Gripp has worked with many well known corporations and non profit organizations. In addition to overseeing The Tamale Kitchen, Ms. Gripp sits on the Board of the NorthEast KC Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and is the Les dames d'Escoffier International Kansas City Chapter Director at Large.

[The Tamale Kitchen](#)

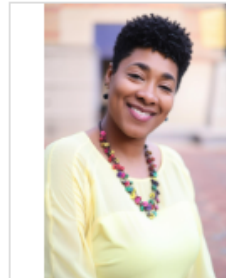


February 27, 2024

TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON



**Attendees: 19
(2 on ZOOM)**



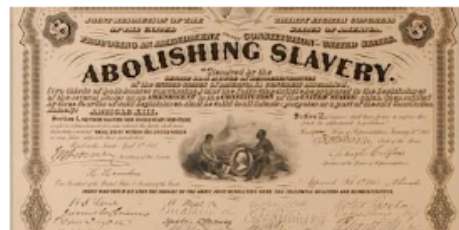
Guest : Janay Reliford MSW

Miss Reliford, Chair of KC Reparations Coalition will explain the role of this organization and the Mayor's newly formed reparations commission. The Coalition helped document the information that led to the city ordinance which authorized the commission. The commission holds the responsibility for developing recommendations to close the wealth gap in Kansas City.

<https://www.kcmo.gov/programs-initiatives/reparationsk>

Schedule/Agenda

- 11:45 ARRIVE AT THE CHAMBER
- 12:00 INTRODUCTION - FILL YOUR PLATES
- 12:15 PROGRAM STARTS
- 12:45 QUESTIONS
- 1:00 CONCLUSION / NETWORKING



Lexington Avenue traffic calming discussion tonight

Michael Bushnell • Community, News, News Lead March 14, 2024

Traffic Calming Elements

SPEED HUMPS

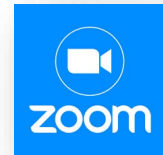
Vertical traffic calming to slow traffic speeds on low volume and low speed roads.

VISION ZERO - SAFE STREETS FOR EVERYONE

CURB EXTENSIONS

A narrowing of the roadway to calm traffic and shorten the crossing distance for pedestrians while increasing visibility.

VISION ZERO - SAFE STREETS FOR EVERYONE



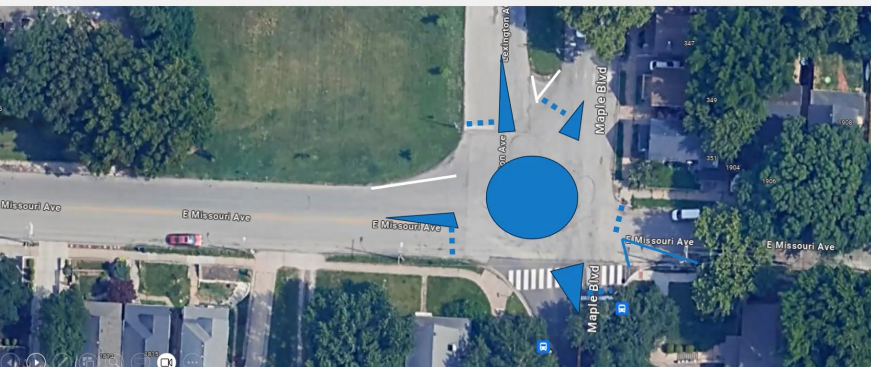
GUEST SPEAKER

KCMO Public Works Dept, Bailey Waters, the City's Chief Mobility Officer.

24 ATTENDEES (6 on ZOOM)

Discussed proposed traffic-calming alterations along Missouri & Lexington Avenues between The Paseo & Montgall in the Pendleton Heights neighborhood.

Roundabout – Maple & Missouri Ave



Project Feedback



Scan the code to give us input on the proposed project ideas

HISTORY OF ST. PAT'S DAY

IrishCentral.

ST PATRICK'S DAY NEWS ROOTS CULTURE

Where is the oldest St. Patrick's Day celebration in the world?

One city in the US lays claim to the home of the oldest St. Patrick's Day celebration in the world, research suggests.

Frances Mulraney @FrancesMulraney Jan 21, 2022



The world's oldest St. Patrick's Day festival was in St. Augustine, Florida, some 420 years ago.

Boston and New York have long laid claim to being the centers of Irish immigration that saw the very start of St. Patrick's Day parades before they had even started in Ireland itself with start-up dates of 1737 and 1762 respectively.

In truth, St. Augustine in Florida beats them to the mark and is, in fact, home to the oldest St. Patrick's Day parade in the world. (Waterford in 1903 held the first St. Patrick's Day parade in Ireland.)



RESEARCH SUGGESTS...

**ST. AUGUSTINE FLORIDA
FIRST PARADE IN THE WORLD
422 YEARS AGO!**

**Town Established: 1565
First Irish Parade: 1602**



COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION

**March 14, 2024
Attendees: 22**

**Discussed the history of
celebrating St. Pat's Day**





SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

Thursday, March 21, 2024

TOPIC: 1) NEKC community outreach & enforcement, 2) new proposed city jail, 3) KCPD limited staff, 4) Police website resources, 5) Narcan machines an Ave, and 6) language barrier in NEKC area & de-escalation.

ATTENDEES: 17

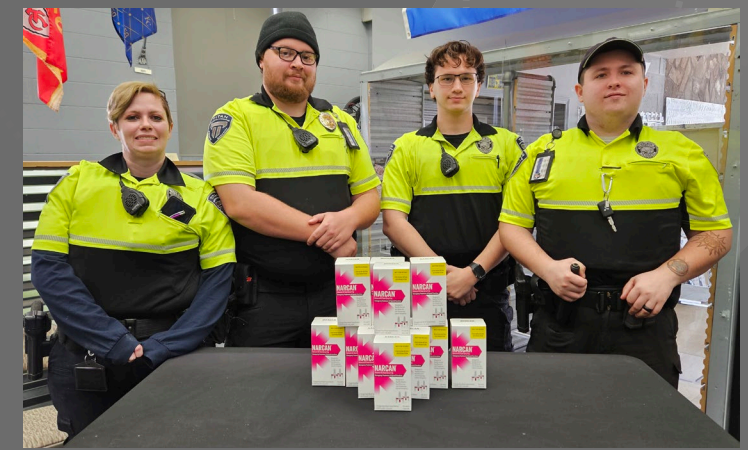
2 KCPD

1 City Prosecutor

5 Business Reps

4 TITAN Angels & 2 Officers

5 Office Staff



TASTY TOPIC TALK CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Speaker: Catherine Browder

Attendees: 8 + 9 staff = 17

Catherine spoke to what inspires her to write books.

[Home](#) [About](#) [Books](#) [Plays](#) [Awards, Etc.](#) [Contact](#)



Tasty Topic Talk with Catherine Browder The Birth (Business) of a Book



→ March 26, 2024 ←

NEKC Chamber office 2657 Indep. Ave KCMO
arrive 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

RSVP and reserve your LUNCH TICKET - CLICK HERE



Schedule/Agenda

- 11:45 ARRIVE AT THE CHAMBER
 - 12:00 INTRODUCTION - FILL YOUR PLATES
 - 12:15 PROGRAM STARTS
 - 12:45 QUESTIONS
 - 1:00 CONCLUSION / NETWORKING
- Reserve your seat & plate TODAY!
CATERING RESTAURANT: TO BE ANNOUNCED build your own Taco
FEE FOR LUNCH & PROGRAM \$25





Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

Published by Nick Laura Birdsong · 4d · 🌐



PUBLIC WORKS

3RD & 4TH DISTRICT APRIL DROP-OFF EVENT

**Saturday, April 6th
8AM – Noon
For All KC Residents**

Trash & Bulky Pickup at:
 Lykins Square – 4115 E 7th St, Kansas City, MO 64124
 Budd Park – 5001 St John Ave, Kansas City, MO 64123
 The Concourse – 200 Benton Ave, Kansas City, MO 64123
 Sheffield Park – 1111 Ewing Ave, Kansas City, MO 64126
 7806 US-24, Kansas City, MO 64125

Leaf & Brush Collection Pickup at:
 Lykins Square – 4115 E 7th St, Kansas City, MO 64124

Tire Collection Location (with or without rim):
 The Concourse – 200 Benton Ave, Kansas City, MO 64123

Shredder & Electronics Collection Location:
 9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields Park





Independence Avenue Community Improvement District

4d · 🌐

📣 Calling our NEKC neighborhoods !!

Tomorrow is the [NEKC April Drop-Off Event](#)!! Join us in keeping NEKC great!!! Drop off times and locations listed in the flyer... See more

NEKC 2024 SPRING CLEAN-UP EVENT CID Ambassadors processed roughly... 2,000 tires!!!



Independence Avenue Community Improvement District

Nick Laura Birdsong · 2d · 🌐



Independence Avenue Community Improvement District


★ Favorites · 2d · 🌐

Today's drop-off was a great success!!! We have a rough number of 2000+ tires collected. Thank you to all individuals, neighborhoods, and organizations for all ... See more

COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



GUEST SPEAKER: Mike Spady

 **Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce**
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Save the Date.....

Join us, the NEKC Chamber presents Coffee, Culture Conversations over complimentary Coffee and Pastries
2657 Independence Ave.
April 11, 2024 10 am - 11 am



MYEMAIL.CONSTANTCONTACT.COM

Coffee Culture & Conversation Tax Talk 2024

April 11, 2024 10 am - 11 am Coffee Break Save the Date..... NEKC Chamber presents Coffee Culture & Conversations over complimentary Coffee and Pastries 2657 Independence Ave. April 11, 2024 10 am -



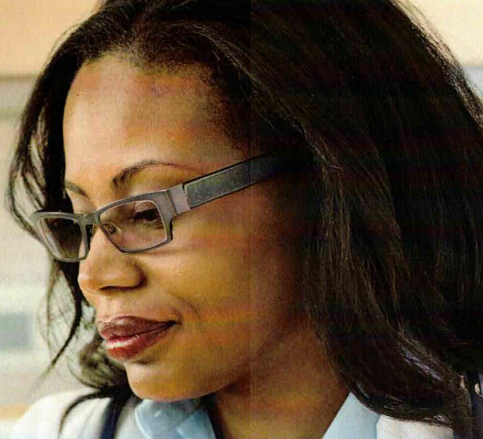
TAX TALK 2024

APRIL 11, 2024

ATTENDEES: 11 + 11 STAFF = 22

EARN UP TO
\$700!^{1,2}

Limited time offers end
April 30, 2024



April 9, 2024 'myPerks Workplace'

UMB Bank's Branch Manager & a Loan Officer visits with Chamber & CID staff with lunch from...



UMB BANK

6400 Independence Ave
Kansas City, MO 64125

(816) 245-8510 | [Get Directions](#)

EARN **\$500**¹ After you open and fund your UMB myPerks Workplace Checking account with the minimum required opening deposit, you can earn up to \$500 for banking your way!

DIRECT DEPOSIT SPECIAL OFFERS¹

Earn **\$125**

Have direct deposits totaling \$500 or more post to your UMB myPerks Workplace Checking account within 60 days of account opening.^{3,4}

Earn **\$125**

Have direct deposits totaling \$500 or more post to your UMB myPerks Workplace Checking account within 61-120 days of account opening.^{3,5}

DEBIT CARD SPECIAL OFFER¹

Earn **\$125**

Set up a UMB Visa[®] debit card with your UMB myPerks Workplace Checking account and use it three times within 60 days of account opening.⁶

SAVINGS ACCOUNT SPECIAL OFFER¹

Earn **\$125**

Open a new eligible savings account with UMB within 60 days of account opening.⁷


PLUS **\$200** EARN when you review your credit card statement with a UMB personal banker.^{2,8}


HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

- STEP 1** Meet with a UMB personal banker at your workplace.
- STEP 2** Bring a recent non-UMB credit card statement to review. Our personal banker will go over your current credit card features and benefits, discuss your financial needs and provide recommendations to help you make the most of your credit relationship.
- STEP 3** The \$200 special offer will be deposited into your UMB myPerks Workplace Checking account.^{1,9}
Don't have an account yet? Our personal banker can help you apply today!
Valid only for account holders who have opened a new UMB myPerks Workplace Checking account on or after July 1, 2022. Contact a UMB personal banker for more information.



Even more offers for UMB myPerks Workplace Checking customers!

 **UMB Visa[®] Credit Card Introductory Offer¹⁰** Earn 15,000 bonus points, a \$150 value if redeemed as a statement credit, when you are approved for and use your card to make \$1,500 in net purchases within the first 90 days of account opening. Plus, receive a low introductory APR.

 **Save Money on your Mortgage¹¹** Planning to buy a home or refinance your mortgage? Receive a \$500 discount on origination fees for a UMB mortgage loan.

SESSION 1 COMING SOON

Speaker Evie Craig of the Northeast Coalition

APRIL 10TH!! 4-6PM
APRIL 10, 2024

SESSION 1 - OVERVIEW
WHO, WHAT, WHEN AND WHERE ON KANSAS CITY'S HOUSELESSNESS CONCERNS AND THE CITY'S PLANS TO ADDRESS THEM

JULY 10TH!! 4-6PM
SESSION 2 - LEGALITIES
INFORMATION AS TO INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES & WHAT TO DO AS WE CO-EXIST WITHIN COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 9TH!! 4-6PM
SESSION 3 - PROGRESS
PROGRAMS TAKING ACTION TO REPLENISH AREAS IMPACTED BY HOUSELESS INCAMPMENTS

Historic NorthEast Redirection EXchange Solutions for the Houseless Community

NEKC Chamber Office

Guest speaker: **Evie Craig** of the Northeast Coalition

Northeast Coalition's Unified Statement Regarding a Low-Barrier Shelter

1. One Low Barrier Shelter in a 300 square mile city is insufficient; we need multiple low barrier shelters.
2. Blight remediation and CPTED goes beyond your front door; we demand SUSTAINED investment in the surrounding blocks of the shelter, by the city and by the provider through the development and implementation of a Community Benefits Agreement that includes security for neighborhoods, parks, and community assets.
3. A perennial funding source must be found for these shelters; a one-time federal grant is unsustainable.
4. Housing First should not be Housing Only; people need access to wraparound services and the city must do orders of magnitude better in coordinating and funding these services, including transportation.
5. The city must take more immediate steps to ensure women, families, the LGBTQ+ community, and other marginalized groups are sheltered as well. This RFP falls short of such a goal.
6. A shelter will not 'solve' this crisis; it is triage. We must address low wages, lack of deeply affordable housing, and lack of access to health care as a city.
7. The Coalition will insist on neighborhood representation on the governing board of whatever entity is given the contract for the low-barrier shelter if it is to be in our Community.
8. The city should reissue the RFP for a low-barrier shelter and include the requirements and provide an authentic community engagement process. Additionally, we insist on continued collaboration with the city to SOLVE this problem. To reach Functional Zero the city will need to act on issues beyond shelters. Those issues include, but are not limited to, implementing a citywide anti-speculation and vacancy strategy, outlawing Source of Income Discrimination, and making additional public investment in creating affordable housing in every council district. We, along with you, want to eradicate the need for emergency shelters.

NEKC CHAMBER

'HNE-REX'

Quarterly Meetings
Focus on Issue of
the Houseless
Situation in the
Historic Northeast





Guidance at the Crossroads of Decision

40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner



Thursday, April 11, 2024

5:30 Reception

6:15 Welcome & Awards Presentation

7:15 Program, Keynote & Dialogue

The Abbott, 1901 Cherry Street

Kansas City, MO



Bobbi Baker-Hughes

Dr. Elaine Joslyn

Honoring Our Past

FOUNDER'S AWARD



Mary Beth Blake, Co-Founder
Center for Practical Bioethics

VISION TO ACTION AWARD



John G. Carney, Retired
President and CEO
Center for Practical Bioethics

VISION TO ACTION AWARD



Myra Christopher, Founding
CEO
Center for Practical Bioethics

Rebuild KC Grant 1 Independence Blvd Maintenance

\$100,000 | Jan 1- Dec 31, 2024



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Rebuild KC Grant 2: Railroad Bridge Mural

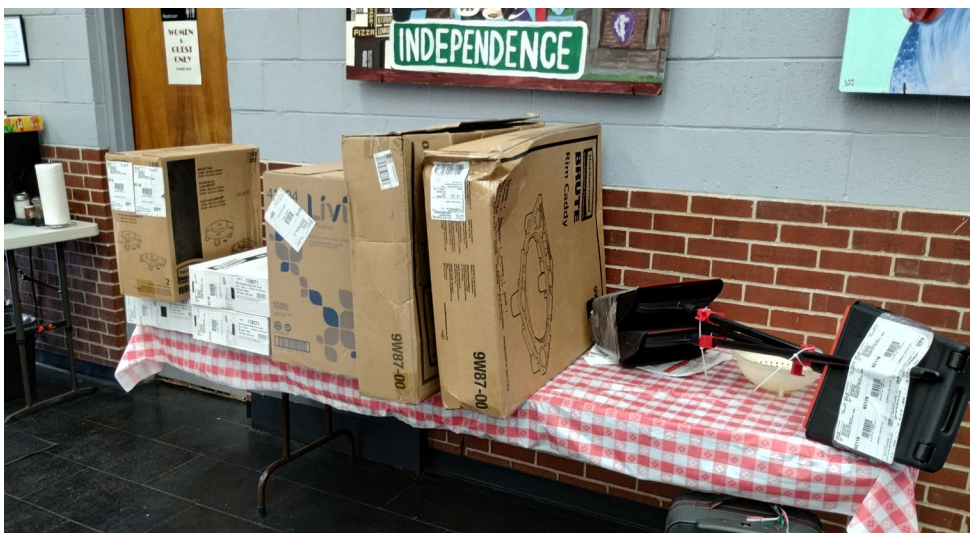
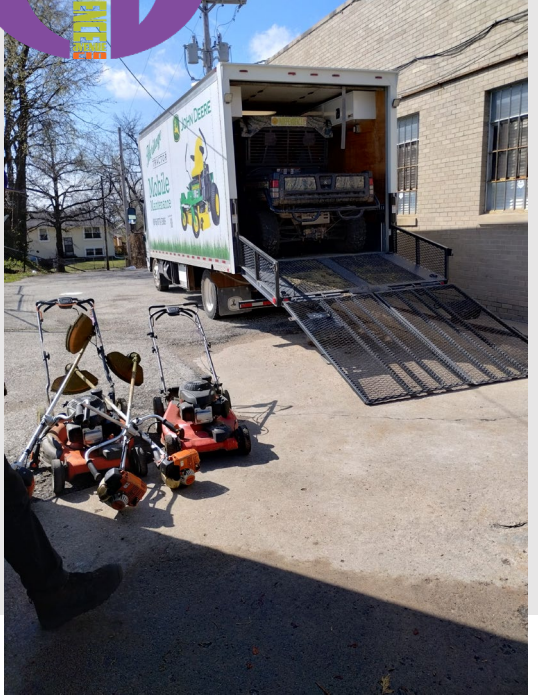
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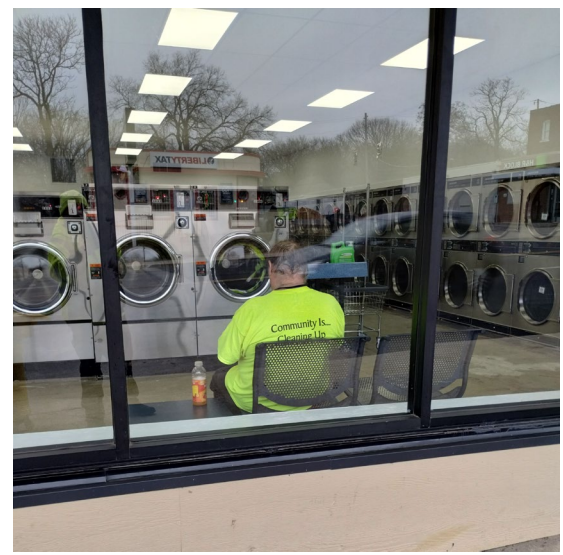


AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2024

ASSET MAINTENANCE



**STAFF →
WASHING
UNIFORMS**



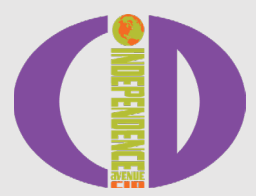


AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION



**CID STAFF
REPORTING
FIRES!!!**

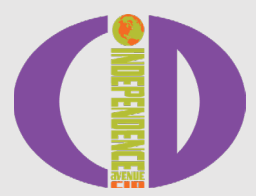




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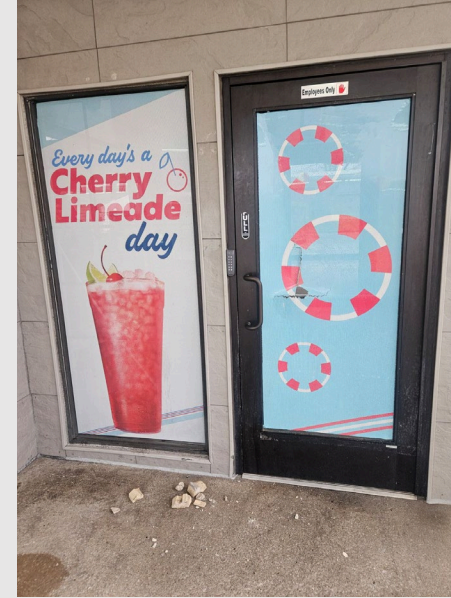
CID STAFF
KEEPING THE
AVENUE FREE
OF DEBRIS...

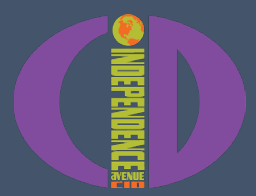




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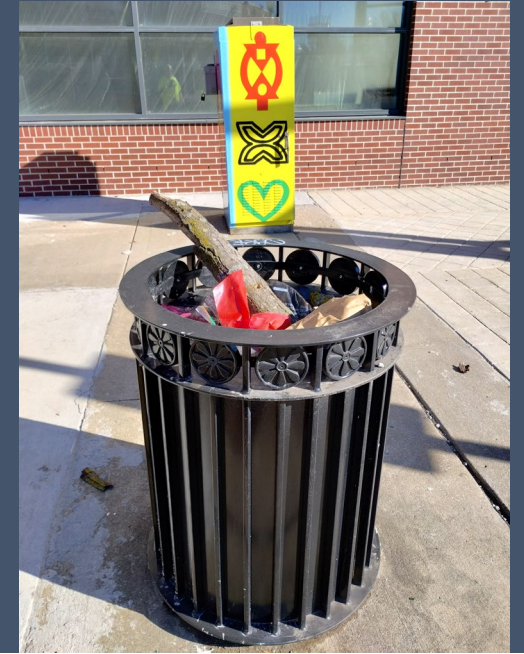
CID STAFF STAYING IN TOUCH WITH THE AVENUE'S BUSINESSES WITH STORE VISITS...

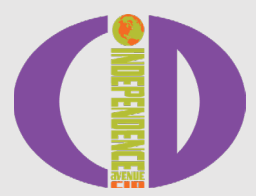




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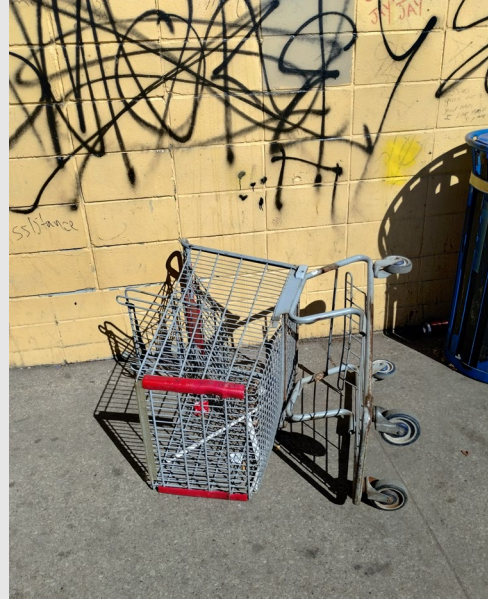
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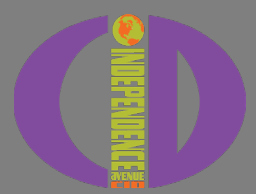




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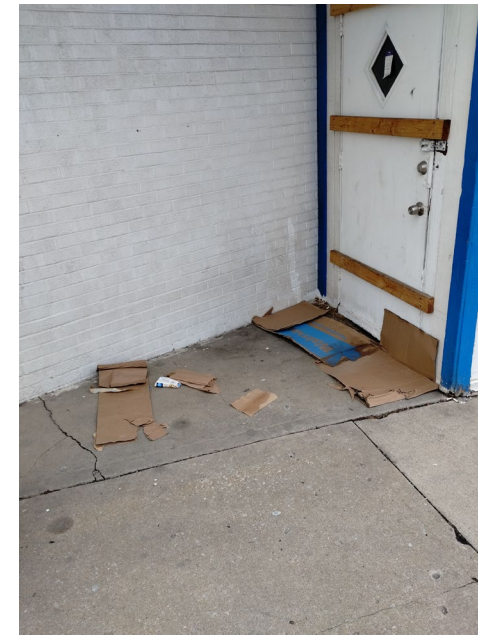
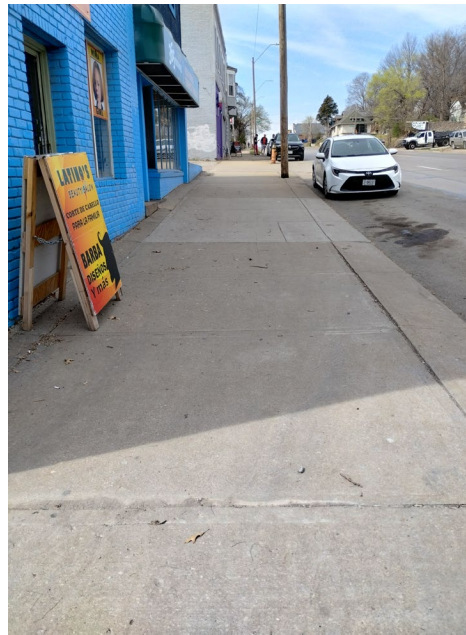


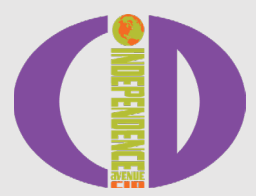
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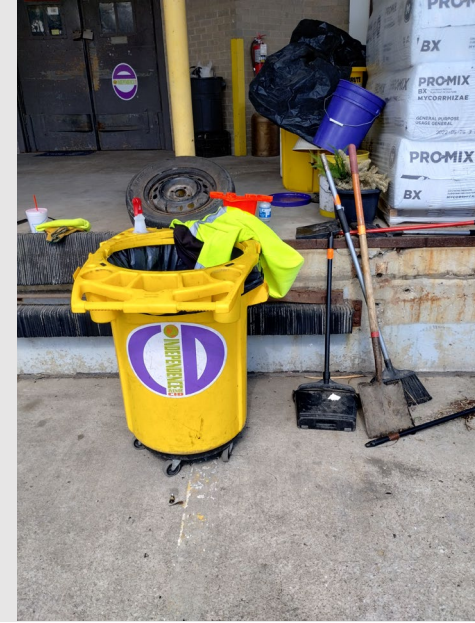
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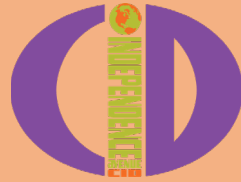




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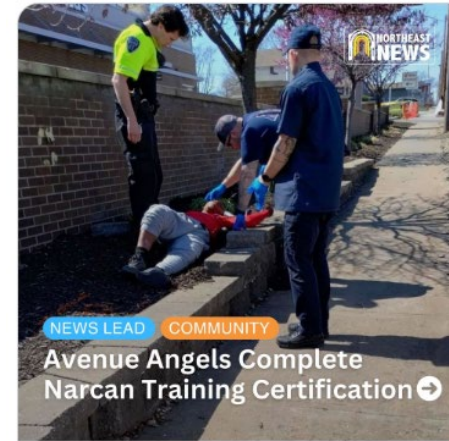




SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024



NARCAN TRAINING



The Titan Security "Avenue Angel" security force, employed by the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District (CID), has completed their training and certification to administer life saving, opioid blocking Naloxone (Narcan).

The training, provided by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, consists of five modules, including: Addition as a brain disease, overdose symptoms and signs, Narcan administration, risks and legal landscapes, field reporting and obtaining Narcan.

"This is just one more way the CID continues to make positive impacts along the Independence Avenue corridor," said CID President and CEO Bobbi-Baker Hughes.

Team Resource Manager for the Independence Avenue CID Laura Cardwell said she believes that the certification and training of administering Narcan for their officers is crucial in life and death situations. "Our officers are often the first ones on the scene, arriving prior to any first responders," Cardwell said.

In addition, Cardwell says she hopes the completed training will continue to help the Avenue Angels be servants and added safety for the Community.

"We want to be of service to the entire community and send people in a direction where they can get needed help," Cardwell said.

Bre Blankenship has this story at Northeastnews.net

NEWS LEAD COMMUNITY

Avenue Angels Complete Narcan Training Certification

Kansas City's Northeast News
March 29 at 9:43 AM ·

The Titan Security "Avenue Angel" security force, employed by the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District (CID), has completed their training and ce... See more

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Northeast Chamber of Commerce Collaborations

New Portable Mural Program Aims to Unite Northeast Neighborhoods

The NEKC Chamber is partnering with a local artist to bring communities together

Ellen Beshuk
Freelance Reporter

A group of seven neighborhoods in Historic Northeast can submit their selection for new portable murals sponsored by the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce as part of their annual Summer Mural Program.

These murals will be painted by local artist Frederick Crawford on metal 55-gallon barrels.

Rather than be used as trash cans, Events Director of the Northeast Chamber Rebecca Koop hopes they will serve as artworks that will unite the community. Each barrel will have a lid that can also be painted to coordinate with the selected design.

"It's going to be more of a small, portable monument," Koop said. "Instead of another wall, it will be up to the neighborhood how they use them, what will be on them and where in the neighborhood boundaries they will be placed."

Koop sees this project as a chance to extend the mural project into the neighborhoods instead of being concentrated solely on Independence Avenue, which will also see another new mural taking shape this summer.

The chosen figures can be anyone of significance to each neighborhood, specifically historical figures, or collage of multiple persons. The portraits may also be done in full-color or black-and-white.

As a muralist and caricature artist, Crawford's work can be seen at local venues like the Economic Growth Gallery pop up events and Sala De Arte and often depicts local Kansas Citians and Chief's football players. He recently completed a similar project depicting local jazz musicians for the 18th & Vine Jazz District.

The qualifying neighborhoods are Scarritt Renaissance, Penitence Heights, Indian Mound, Lykins, Independence Plaza, Sheffield, and Columbus Park. Submissions should be made by April 12 to Koop and the mural barrels will be placed by the end of Fall 2024.

The NEKC Chamber hopes this project will unite Northeast neighborhoods while giving recognition to important figures in the community's history.



For any questions about this project or any of the current and planned Independence Avenue murals, please contact Rebecca Koop at 816-231-3312, ext. 101.



Our team took a little time out to view the eclipse together!

OUR MISSION:
Enhance the quality of life and economic competitiveness in historic, multicultural and contemporary Northeast

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3. Fill out information about your business/organization
4. Pay your membership fee
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NON-MUNICIPAL FUNDING AND SERVICES CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN

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

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into this first day of February, 2018 by and between KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, a constitutionally established corporation of the State of Missouri, through its CITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, hereinafter referred to as "CITY", and the INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR", of two parts: PART I. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND PART II. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

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

Contract with Kansas City, MO

17 ALLEYWAYS

MANAGED BY:
NEKC CHAMBER

IMPLEMENTED BY:
INDEPENDENCE AVE CID



Independence Avenue CID Alleys

3 CLEANUPS: FEBRUARY 20 – APRIL 17



Kensington – Spruce (South of the Ave)

About 1000 Lbs Trash | 7 USA | 7 x 1.5 = 10.5 Hrs | Feb 28, 2024



AFTER



Topping – Thompson (North of the Ave)

About 550 Lbs Trash | 7 USA | 7 x 1.5 = 10.5 Hrs | Feb 28, 2024



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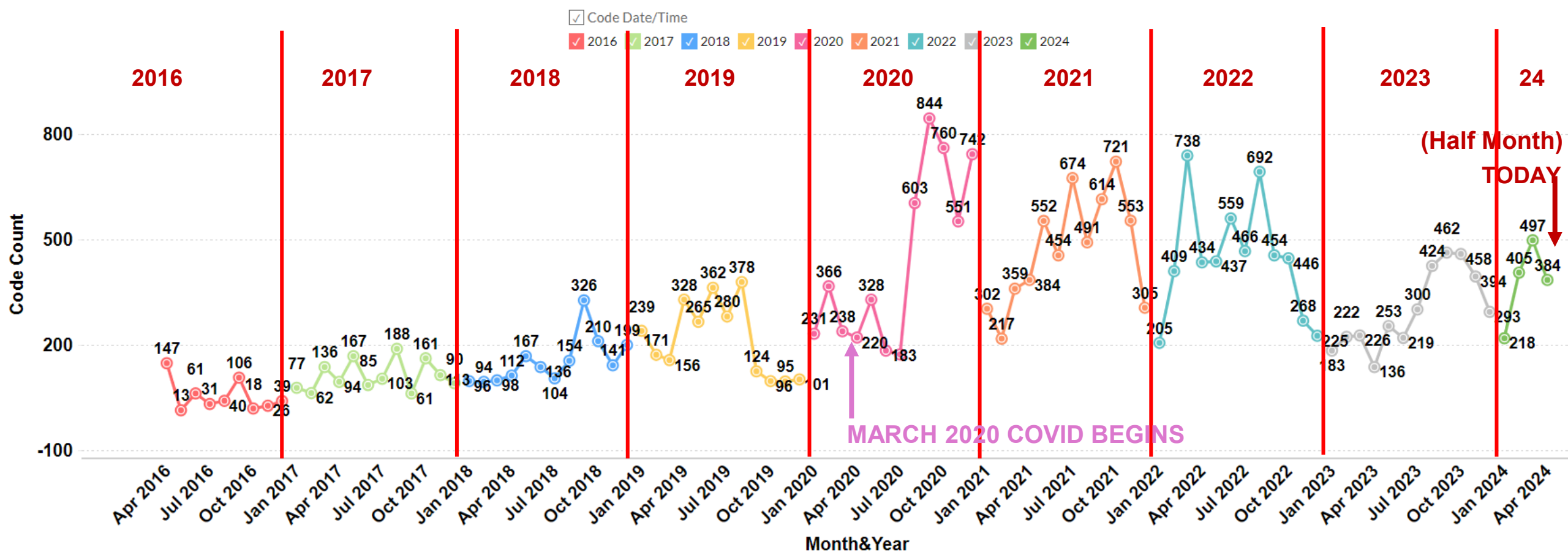
Lawndale – Oakley (North of the Ave)

About 800 Lbs Trash | 7 USA | 7 x 1.5 = 10.5 Hrs | Feb 28, 2024



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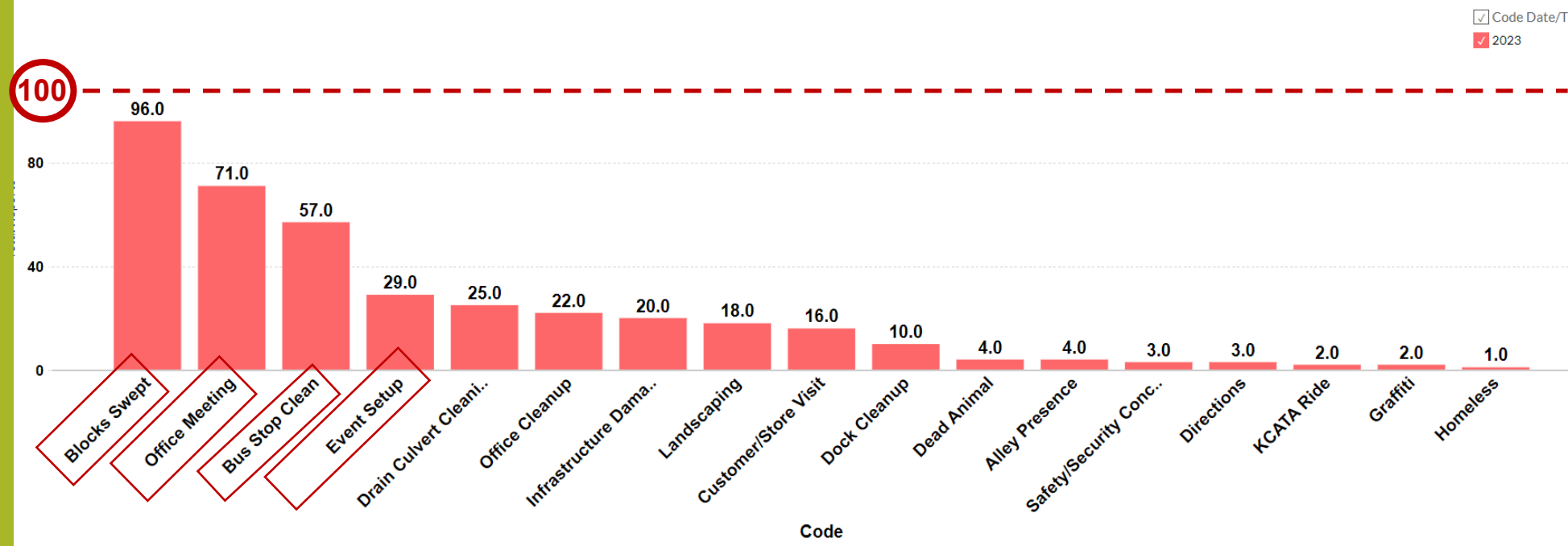


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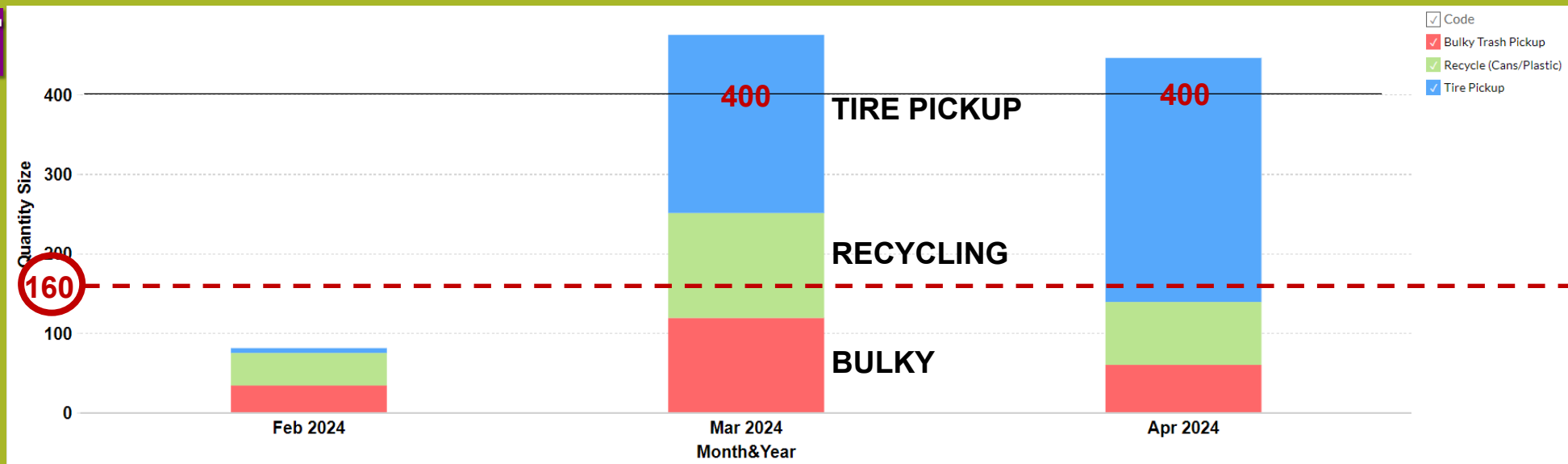


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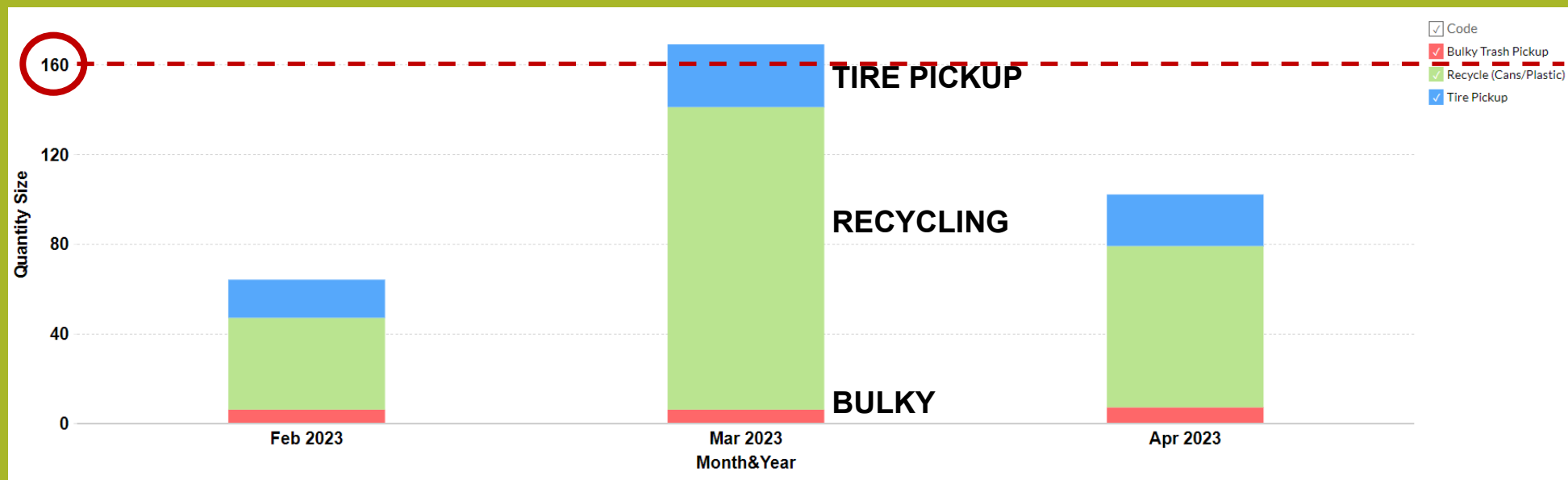


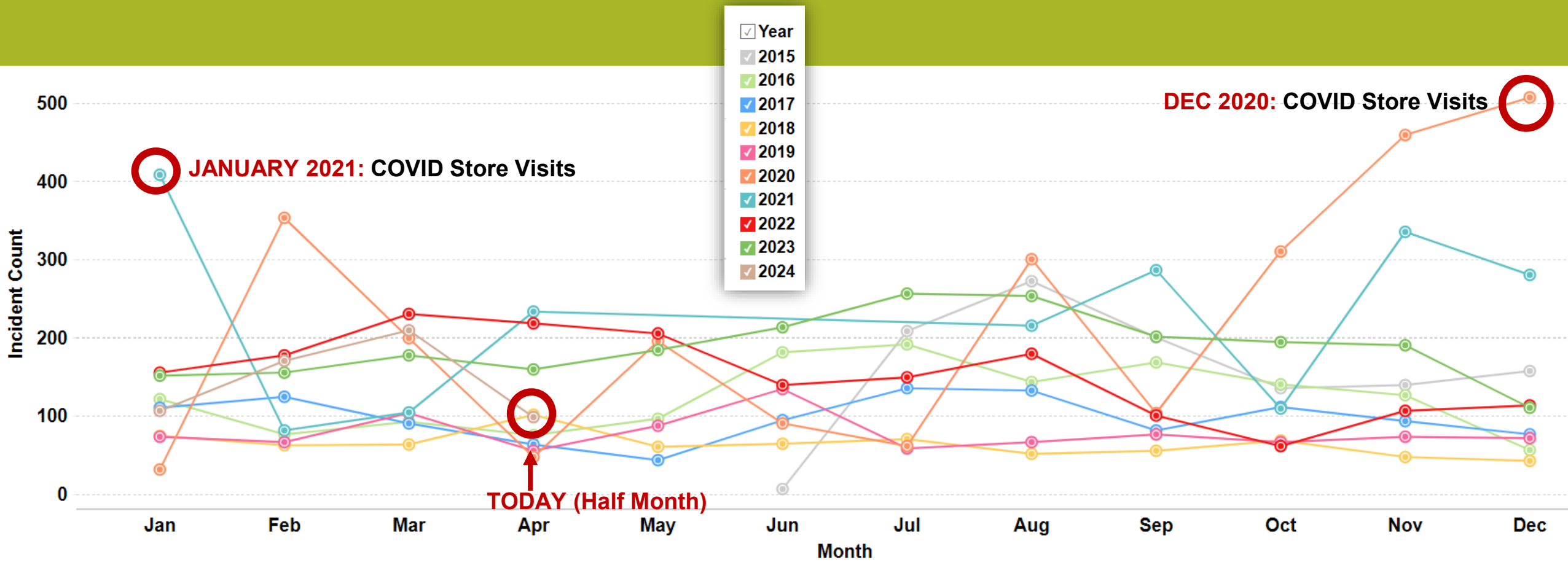
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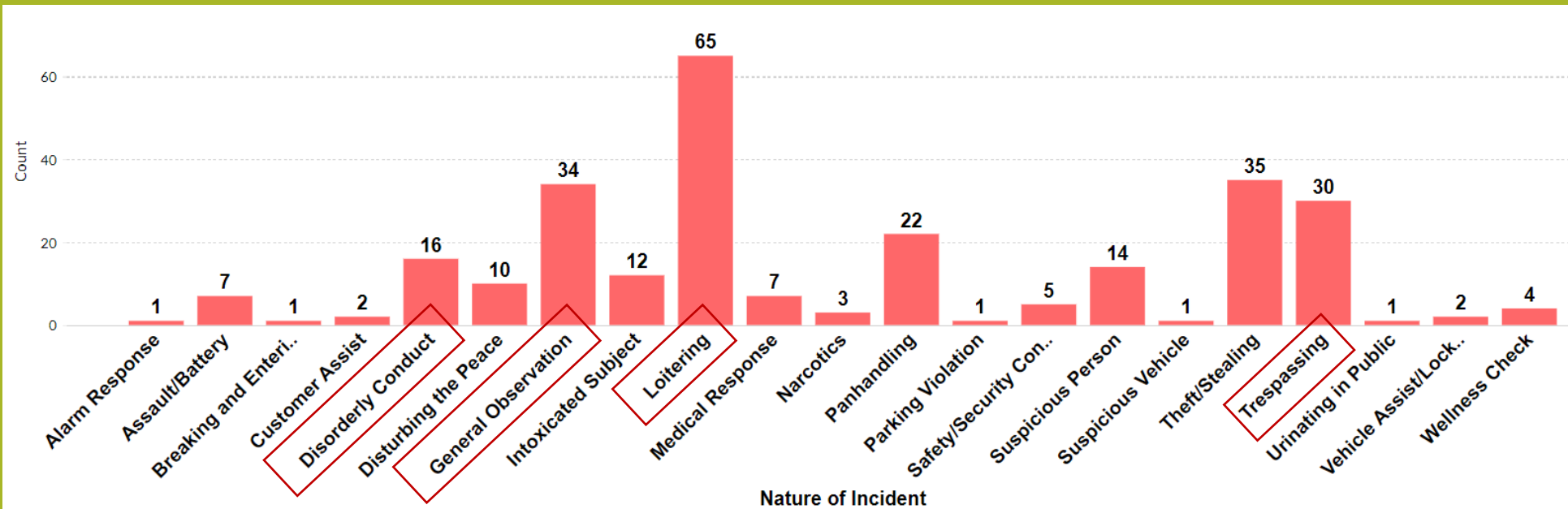
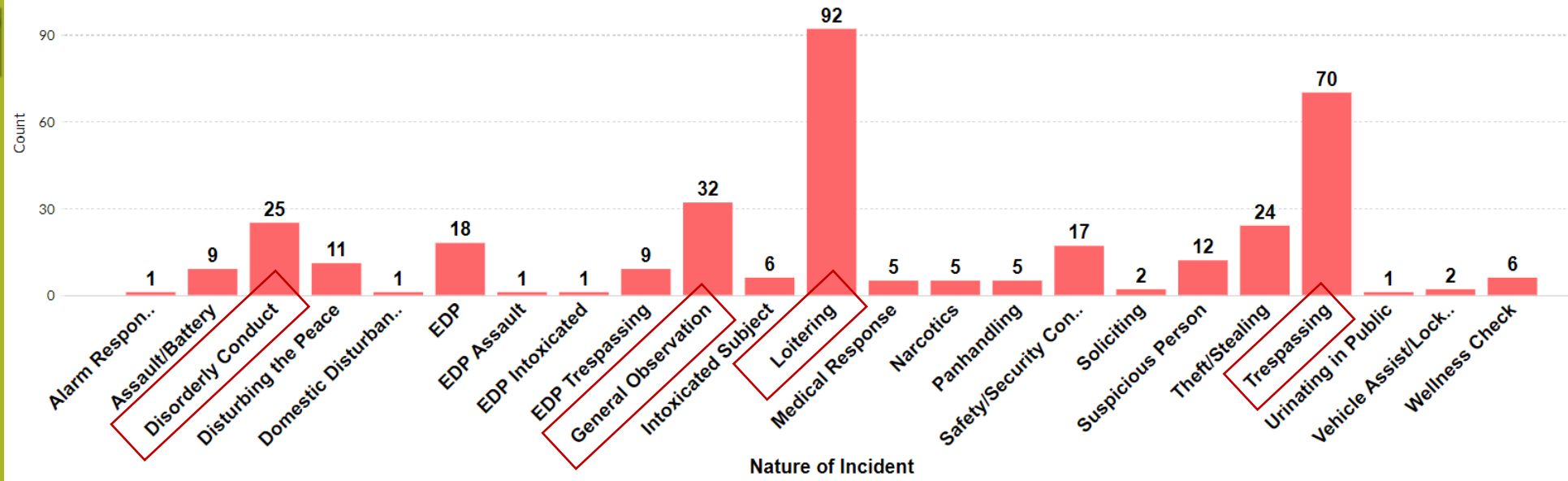




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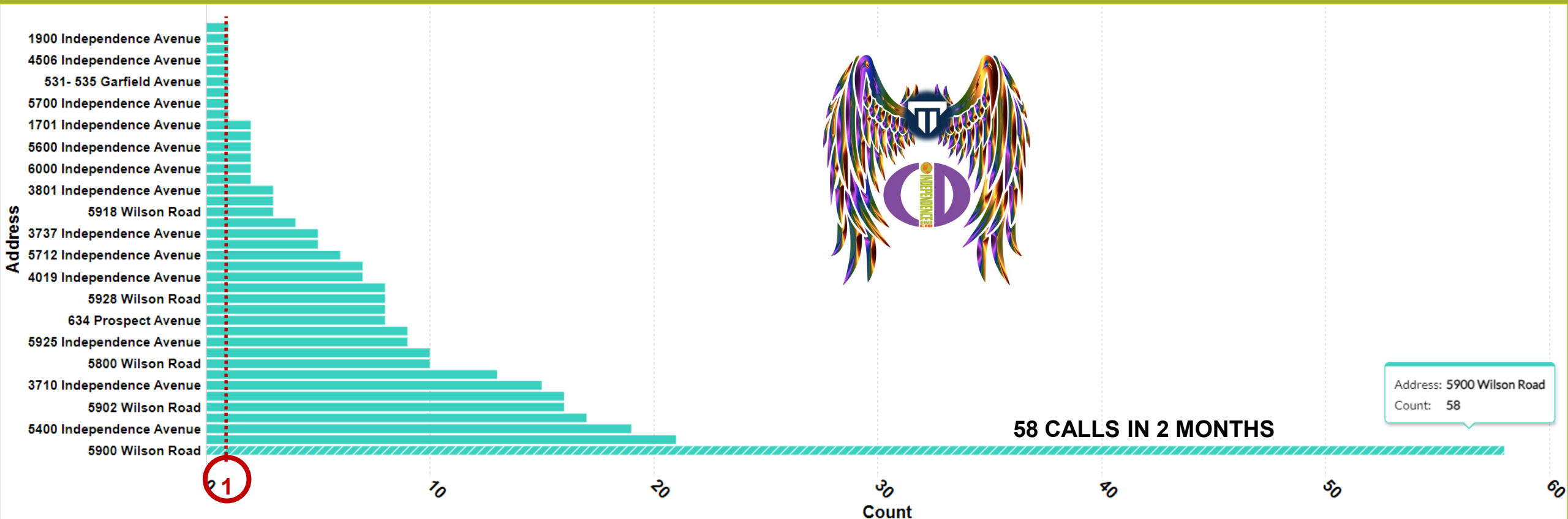
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ACTIVITY: BY ADDRESS



2/20/2024 - 4/17/2024



TEAMWORK!!!

PUTTING INTO ACTION HARM REDUCTION AND DE-ESCALATION TRAININGS, TITAN AND USA TEAM RESOURCE MANAGER WERE ABLE TO STOP A MAN AT PASTOR ANN'S CHURCH FROM POUNDING ON WINDOWS AND ACTING AGGRESSIVELY. THEY WERE ABLE TO INTERVENE AND IMPLEMENT THEIR TRAINING. THE END RESULT WAS THE MAN WILLINGLY GOING TO GET MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT!
THANK YOU KCPD FOR TRANSPORTING HIM TO THE CRISIS CENTER



HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Meloney Morgan
These are the same two men that were at sonics about a week ago. I thanked them for both being so nice to my 4 year old daughter as we ate outside because she's very friendly, but so were they, it was nice to be in the company of two nice gentlemen ❤️

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KEEPIN' IT REAL ON THE AVENUE



On Tuesday March 12, near Independence Avenue and Cypress, two of the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District's Avenue Ambassadors were approached by a woman who was clearly in distress after being accosted by a man who attempted to lure her into his private vehicle. The woman resisted and the suspect threw a glass bottle at the woman, missing her head by inches. Avenue Ambassadors Adrian (left) and Butch approached the woman and attempted to communicate with her as she spoke almost no English. Butch and Adrian were able to accompany the woman to KC Care Health Clinic where a staffer there who spoke Spanish was able to communicate with the woman and offer a safe space to wait until the woman's husband arrived to take her home. Kudos to Adrian, Butch and the team at KC Care Health Clinic for their swift actions in averting what could have been a tragic ending for one person.



HAPPENING ON... Independence AVE

LOW BRIDGE WARNING SYSTEM



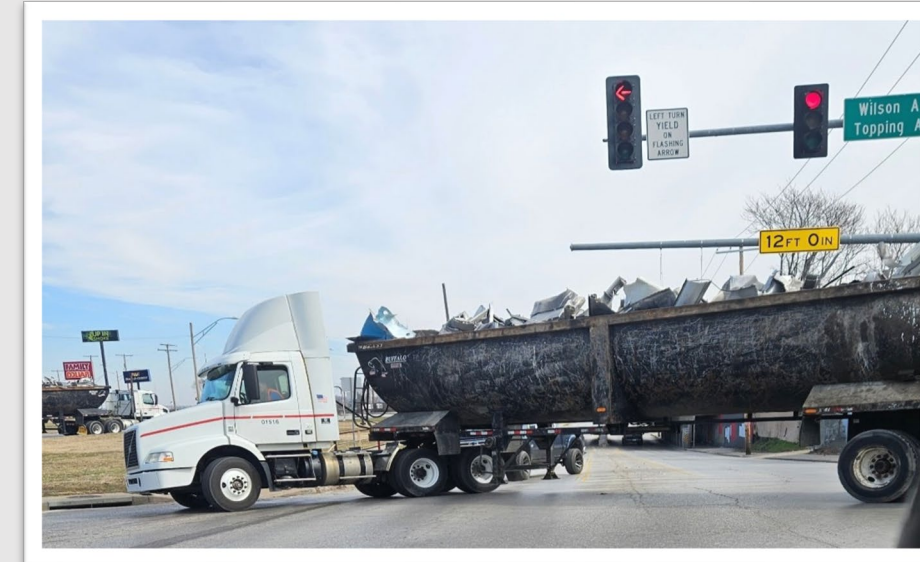
Photo Courtesy of Michael Bushnell | Crews with Black & McDonald re-hanging the recovered piece of the warning curtain system.

According to Courtney Stephens, a spokesperson for the city's Public Works Department, city staff have recovered one of the two sections and are currently working with the installation contractor to reattach the piece they have within the next day.



Photo Courtesy of Robert Ba | 11-foot-long piece of U-Channel aluminum that broke off and landed on a public sidewalk.

Daniel Yuman, the owner of Taqueria Mexico restaurant that's located roughly 60 feet away from the westbound curtain location, had initially expressed concerns about trucks coming through his parking lot damaging customer and employee vehicles to avoid the curtain. With this week's curtain strike and the possibility of an 11-foot-long piece of U-Channel aluminum weighing roughly 180-200 pounds flying through the air, potentially striking a vehicle or a person, Yuman's original concerns seem trivial. "That's just crazy that it's designed to fly off like that," Yuman said. "I heard it hit the ground and if that would have hit someone, it could have killed them," he said. "That's just dumb."



PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING REPLACED →

HAPPENING ON...

Independence AVE



2321 INDEP (Somali Mall)



2526 INDEPENDENCE



2635 INDEPENDENCE



2605 INDEPENDENCE



2807 INDEPENDENCE



4509 INDEPENDENCE

HAPPENING ON... Independence AVE



3009 INDEPENDENCE



3710 INDEPENDENCE



3407 INDEPENDENCE



3820 INDEPENDENCE



5926 WILSON



5930 WILSON

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL



Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District 4-Corners Community Call was at Total by Verizon located at 2601 Independence Avenue

JOIN US THIS WEEK FOR OUR 4 CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL:

Kansas City Public Library
6000 Wilson Avenue



2-5-2024 **PASSANTINO FUNERAL HOME**



3-8-2024 **TOTAL VERIZON**



2-23-2024 **PENDELETON HIGHTS**



3-15-2024 **KC TACOS & WINGS**



3-29-24 **LIBERTY TAX**



3-1-2024 **SPALITTO'S PHARMACY**



4-12-2024 **KANSAS CITY UNIV**

GRIME, CRIME & CHIME

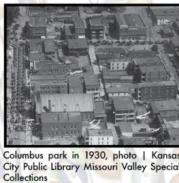
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THE INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID PRESENTS NEIGHBORHOODS IN NORTHEAST



The Columbus Park neighborhood is bordered on three sides by major highways. Route 9 separates the neighborhood from River Market on the west, I-35 North separates it from Fendleton Heights on the east, and a portion of the North Loop - I-35 and I-70 - separates it from downtown to the south. Its northern boundary is 3rd street and the major railroad line on the foot of the majestic Missouri River bluffs.

Columbus Park, or "The North End", was first settled in the late 1800's, largely by Italian immigrants who had arrived in the United States seeking their fortune. Their initial plan was to come to America, make large amounts of money, then return to Italy as rich men. Somewhere along the line, that changed when they realized what America held for them.



Columbus park in 1930, photo | Kansas City Public Library Missouri Valley Special Collections

Recently, the area has become an arts hub with numerous galleries and a monthly art walk held on the third Friday of every month. Columbus Park is also home to the Sewing Labs, a nonprofit focused on job skills training in the creative sewing arts, in the newly renovated Don Bosco Community Center. New restaurants such as Happy Gillis, Wolfpack B&C, Kim's Dalk or the longtime favorite Gorozzo's Italian Restaurant beckon visitors to the quaint streets of Columbus Park. Cafe Ca Phe, a Vietnamese coffee shop, as well as Lily Floral Designs now call the 5th Street corridor home, creating a cozy, small business node in the heart of the neighborhood.

Take a walk through the Columbus Park neighborhood most any evening and be greeted by friendly residents who love living in one of Kansas City's most urban and trendy neighborhoods.



Photo courtesy Columbus Park website

The Columbus Park Community Council is a Missouri 501(c)3 organization. It has been actively involved in conversations centered on the regulation of Short Term Rentals as well as fostering discussions on creating holistic, wrap-around programs that care for the area's houseless population. Incoming president Jeff Albright maintains an active neighborhood social media presence, updating residents on everything from new construction projects to activities presented by area non-profit organizations that may be of interest to the Columbus Park community.



Photo courtesy Columbus Park website

COLUMBUS PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Outgoing President - Kate Barsotti
Incoming President - Jeff Albright
Columbus Park Community Council board will be determined later this month.

The Columbus Park Community Council meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.
For more information on one of Kansas City's oldest communities, visit: <https://thecolumbuspark.com/>

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District 4-Corners Community Call was at Hardee's located at 6323 Independence Ave

JOIN US THIS FRIDAY AT 3PM FOR OUR 4 CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL | Kansas City University 1750 Independence Ave

NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOODS



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CHIME

Storefront Improvement Rebate Program

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Spallini's Pharmacy
3801 Independence Ave.

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3414 Independence Avenue

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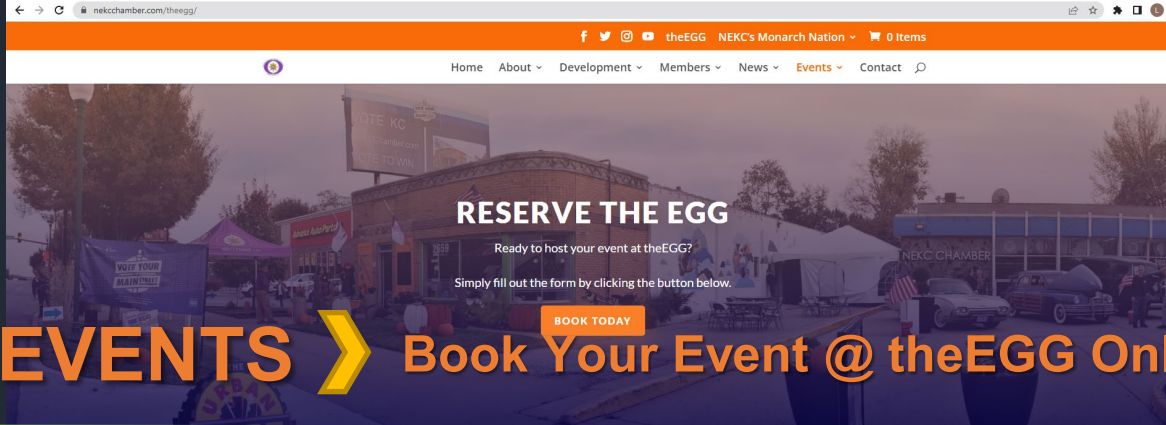
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Historic Northeast Lofts, a
Redevelopment of the Former
Hardesty Industrial Complex

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024



**TASTY TOPIC TALK
LUNCHEON**

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

Tasty Topic Talk
with **Greg Schowe**
1031 Tax Workshop 4-23-24



MONEY TALK

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2024



Chamber # 816-231-3312 x 100



Fri, May 3, 2024 10:00 AM CST
**Robert Long at the NEKC
Chamber for Open Office**
2657 Independence Ave, Kansas City

[Tickets](#)

SHOP SMALL ON THE AVENUE

ALL YEAR 2024

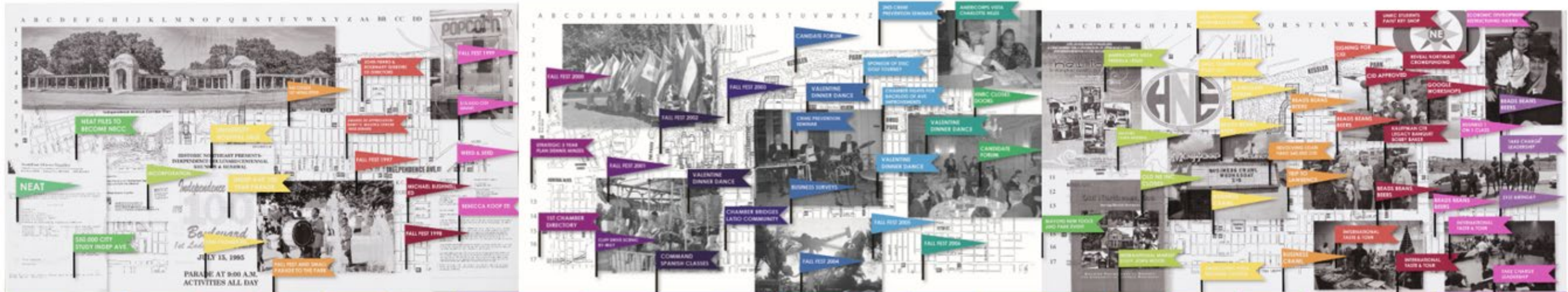


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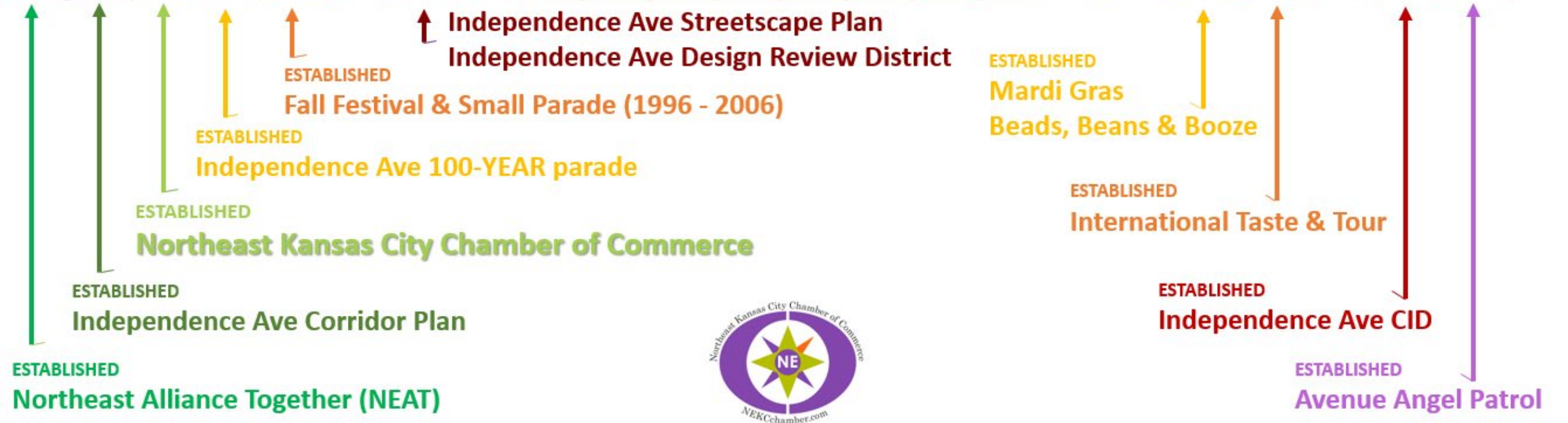
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NORTHEAST KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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STAFF UPDATING TIMELINE TO 2023



1992 to 2015

2016

- CHAMBER & CID ESTABLISH STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
- WORLD REFUGE DAY
- TOUR NEW KANSAS CITY STREETCAR FACILITY EVENT
- BEADS, BEANS & BEER
- CANDIDATE FORUM
- CHAMBER & CID ESTABLISH INTERNET SITES
- NEW CHAMBER & CID OFFICE OPEN HOUSE
- theEGG BEGINS POP-UP EVENTS
- CIVIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2016
- CLIFF HANGER
- CLIFF HANGER RUN FUNDRAISER
- INTERNATIONAL TASTE & TOUR
- PASEO GATEWAY GROUND BREAKING
- 1st HNE-REX EVENT REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE
- HNE CLEANUP
- MISSOURI EXTENSION HEALTHY COOK-OFF
- BEADS, BEAN & BOOZE AND TASTE & TOUR
- 1st SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING
- 1st SHRED-IT EVENT
- NEKC CHAMBER
- NEKC FIND-IT WHEEL
- 1st URBAN CORE EVENT AND CID 5 YEAR GALA
- EGYPTIAN DELIGATION VISIT
- BEADS, BEANS & BOOZE AND TASTE & TOUR
- SHOP SMALL 2019 SHOPPING CART GIVEAWAY @ SNYDER'S
- NEW PENDLETON ARTS BLOCK BUILDING RIBBON CUTTING
- theEGG PRESERVATION FUNDRAISER WITH URBAN CORE
- WEB-BASED BUSINESS CLASSES
- FIREMEN MEMORIAL CELEBRATION
- NATIONAL MURAL DAY CELEBRATION

2017

- AVENUE ANGELS AT WORK
- KC CARE OPEN HOUSE RIBBON CUTTING EVENT
- INDEP AVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY STUDY
- BIKE-WALK KC MEETING
- PASEO GATEWAY STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR INDEP AVE
- BEADS, BEANS & BOOZE AND TASTE & TOUR
- KCMO CONTRACT ALLEYWAY CLEAN-UP
- SHOP SMALL TOUR 2018
- INDIAN MOUND BLOCK PARTY
- NORTHEAST MURALS TROLLEY TOUR
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2657 INDEPENDENCE BLVD, KCMO



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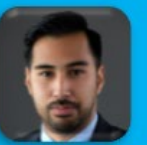
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