

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

Date: Wednesday December 18, 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 |
| | Chamber Reports | Events Director Rebecca Koop |
| | CEO/President Report | Bobbi Baker |
| 5. | Action Items | |
| 6. | New Business | |
| | Donation to the Chamber | |
| 7. | Old Business | |
| | Progress Report- HNE Media | |
| 8. | Adjournment | |

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

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

COMMUNITY COMPASSION



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE STRONG

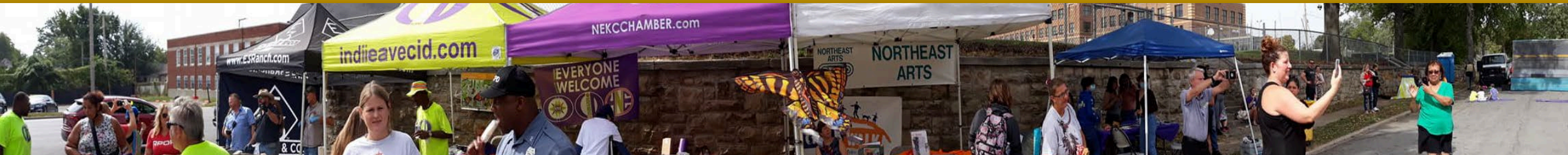


YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

→ NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

10/17/2024 ←
09/19/2024

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

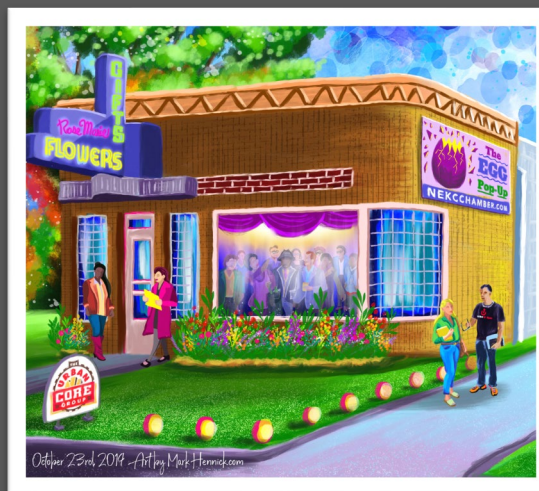


PRESENTED BY: BOBBI BAKER, NEKC CHAMBER PRESIDENT/CEO & IA CID MANAGER

DECEMBER 18, 2024

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- STOREFRONT REBATE PROGRAM (SIR)
 - 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

The 'EGG' & NE News Office



NEKC Chamber, IA CID & HNE Office



NEKC CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2024

JANUARY

NEW MEMBERS: 4

D' Angeles Salon
Mogadisho Market
AL-Halal Grocery Store
Kansas City Current

RENEWALS: 29

Marqueza Taco Express
Love Expressions
Taqueria El Torito
Carniceria El Torito
Carnieria El Torito III
Taqueria Mexico II
San Antonio Market
El Mercado Fresco
Frutopia
Elviria's Cakes
Dr. Ed Kendrick
Family Grocery
Jay Grocery
Al Rahman Mediterranean Market
Spalitto's Pharmacy
Yasmeen Café
Wilt Theres a way
Gringo Loco Market
Oneway Clothing
Baraka Market
Soesoe & Store
La Jarochita Express
Hernandex Tax Service
Independence Blvd Christian Church
P & R Diversified
Cricket Wireless
Fresh Market
Ph Coffee
Mika & Sons, Inc

FEBRUARY

NEW MEMBERS: 2

Legacy Tire Shop, LLC
El Rey De Las Baleadas

RENEWALS: 10

Urban Hikes Kansas City
Liberty Tax
Show me KC Schools
Sharif Store
Shelter Insurance, Co
Warehouse one
World Direct Link
Westlake ACE Hardware
Mark One Electric
Kansas City University

MARCH

NEW MEMBERS: 4

Total By Verizon #1
Total By Verizon #2
Strategic Workforce DEV, INC
Cubework.com, Inc.

RENEWALS: 2

Hector's Auto Repair
Top Notch Liquor

APRIL

NEW MEMBERS: 2

Dutzel's Catering & Events
Draw North

RENEWALS: 8

Law Office of Jerry W. Potocnik
North-East Branch Library
El Paso Del Norte
Pho Bowl
Back Door Pottery
Lina Nails
Adco
Gary Goebel

MAY

NEW MEMBERS: 0

RENEWALS: 4

Northeast Community Center
Don Bosco Center
Custom Truck Source
Samuel Rodgers Health Center

JUNE

NEW MEMBERS: 0

RENEWALS: 5

Passantino Bros. Funeral Home
Core Coffee & Eatery
Charrito's Plaza Taqueria
Las Tres Palmas
Computer Solutions

JULY

NEW MEMBERS: 0

RENEWALS: 7

Express Nail
Hardesty Storage
Premium Wireless
JH Beauty Salon
Bulaale Business Center
Central Bank of Kansas City
Salvation Army

AUGUST

NEW MEMBERS: 0

RENEWALS: 0

SEPTEMBER

NEW MEMBERS: 0

RENEWALS: 0

OCTOBER

NEW MEMBERS: 0

RENEWALS: 0

NOVEMBER

NEW MEMBERS: 1

La Cubana Restaurant

RENEWALS: 11

CSL Plasma
Eye Care Optical
Jack De Simone
Bella Realty
Northeast Arts KC
Late Model, LLC
Titan Protection & Consulting Inc
Northeast Realty, Co
Eleos Coffee
Opes Commercial Real Estate
Cosentino's Food Store

DECEMBER

NEW MEMBERS: 3

Convenience Grocery
Family Dollar
Dollar, Burns, Becker & Hershewe Law

RENEWALS: 5

AJ Partners
The Tamale Kitchen
Jose Fiestas Rental
Abbot Properties
Red Stone Properties (KCU Tower)
McDonald's Restaurant
Friends Printing & Embroidery

NEW: 16

RENEWALS: 83

TOTAL: 99

CID Storefront Rebate Program

Amount Disbursed To-Date Since Program Began in 2015 on 32 Projects: **\$147,102.23**

HNE BUSINESS INVESTMENT TO DATE: **\$415,000.42**



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
6. Clarify visibility from Independence Ave

2024 DISTRIBUTION: **\$10,021.50**

	Date	Address	Name	Contact	Project Amount	Approved Amount	Completed	Overall Disbursed
1	12/5/2015	2817 Independence	Bella Realty Group LLC	Sarina Hodges/Gayle Buri	\$ 41,976.00	\$ 5,000.00	12/8/2015	
1	10/6/2015	4605 Independence	J.Edward Kendrick DDS	J.Edward Kendrick	\$ 3,430.00	\$ 1,715.00	7/29/2015	
1	10/6/2015	3801 Independence	Spalitto's Pharmacy	Pete Spalitto	\$ 7,707.25	\$ 3,853.63	7/24/2015	
1	10/6/2015	2400 Independence	Scuola Vita Nuova	Nicole Goodman	\$ 11,929.00	\$ 5,000.00	10/5/2015	
1	11/11/2015	6000 Independence	CSL Plasma	Cole Kimple	\$ 5,105.00	\$ 2,552.50	11/4/2015	
1	11/11/2015	4231 Independence	Hoang Long Travel & Services	?	\$ 9,698.31	\$ 4,844.66	10/15/2015	
1	9/18/2015	4815 Independence	DBA Express Stop #2 (BP)	Remah Musallet	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 4,250.00	12/30/2015	
1	6/2/2015	3430 Independence	El Paso Del Norte	Los Tres Hermanos Inc	\$ 12,265.00	\$ 3,775.00	11/9/2015	
8	2015 TOTAL				\$ 100,610.56	\$ 30,990.79		\$ 30,990.79
1	11/11/2015	3430 Independence	El Paso Del Norte' Bakery	Michael Inquez	\$ 10,350.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/2016	
1	5/19/2015	2117 Independence	Passantino Bros. Funeral Home	Charlie Passantino	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	9/23/2016	
2	2016 TOTAL				\$ 20,550.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 40,990.79
	NO APPLICATIONS							
0	2017 TOTAL				\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 40,990.79
	NO APPLICATIONS							
0	2018 TOTAL				\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 40,990.79
1	3/27/2019	2400 Independence	Scuola Vita Nuova	Pittila	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/2019	
1	4/1/2019	5200 Independence	El Taco	John Cairne	\$ 9,057.00	\$ 4,528.50	6/14/2019	
2	2019 TOTAL				\$ 28,557.00	\$ 9,528.50		\$ 50,519.29
1	10/15/2019	3401 Independence	Eleos Coffee	Dan Smith	\$ 3,813.26	\$ 1,906.63	7/5/2020	
1	11/6/2019	4845 Independence	Speedy Cleaners	Joyce Jones	\$ 4,024.58	\$ 2,012.29	4/6/2020	
2	2020 TOTAL				\$ 7,837.84	\$ 3,918.92		\$ 54,438.21
1	7/10/2021	2415 Independence	Sons of Columbus	John Conforti	\$ 6,391.00	\$ 3,195.50	9/15/2021	
1	9/14/2021	6126 Independence	El Torito III	Joe Mika	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	10/10/2021	
1	2/24/2021	2629-33 Independence	Shopping Center	Jack DeSamoni	\$ 4,940.00	\$ 2,470.00	5/25/2022	
1	8/19/2021	6200 Independence	Taqueria El Torito	Joe Mika	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	11/5/2021	
4	2021 TOTAL				\$ 35,831.00	\$ 15,629.50		\$ 70,067.71
	COVID ERA							
0	2022 TOTAL				\$ -	\$ -		\$ 70,067.71
1	9/23/2021	2117 Independence	Passantino's	Charlie Passantino	\$ 9,995.74	\$ 4,997.87	4/30/2022	
1	6/10/2022	2629-33 Independence	Shop Center	Jack DeSamoni	\$ 37,649.00	\$ 10,000.00	7/27/2022	
1	8/15/2022	2620 Independence	Fresh Market	Saied Zaben	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	9/10/2022	
3	2022 TOTAL				\$ 85,644.74	\$ 19,997.87		\$ 90,065.58
1	10/17/2022	544 Wabash Ave	NE Community Center	Kyla Pitts-Zevin	\$ 765.00	\$ 382.50	1/8/2023	
1	4/10/2023	6126 Independence	Taqueria El Torito	Leobardo Gonzales	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	7/26/2023	
1	4/10/2023	6200 Independence	Carneria El Torito 3	Leobardo Gonzales	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	7/26/2023	
1	4/14/2023	2317-25 Independence	Samoli Mall	Jack DeSimone	\$ 10,330.89	\$ 5,000.00	7/24/2023	
1	4/14/2023	2629-31 Independence	Strip Mall	Jack DeSimone	\$ 11,075.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/24/2023	
1	5/29/2023	2620 Independence	Fresh Market	Eddie Musallet	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/14/2023	
1	5/30/2023	3801 Independence	Spalitto's Pharmacy	Pete Spalitto	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 3,125.00	7/12/2023	
7	2023 TOTAL				\$ 57,220.89	\$ 23,507.50		\$ 113,573.08
1	3/20/2024	2629-33 Independence	Ted's Barber Shop	Ted	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 625.00	5/12/2024	
1	8/9/2023	5600 Independence	Cash America	Tracy Maple	\$ 8,360.00	\$ 4,180.00	9/28/2024	
1	1/22/2024	544 Wabash Ave	Northeast Community Center	Kyla Pitts-Zevin	\$ 7,567.50	\$ 3,299.15	10/2/2024	
1	11/20/2024	2635 Independence	Avenue Cafe	Jack DeSimone	\$ 3,835.00	\$ 1,917.50	11/20/2024	
4	2024 TOTAL				\$ 78,233.39	\$ 10,021.65		\$ 147,102.23
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1	8/9/2023	5600 Independence	Cash America	Tracy Maple	\$ 8,360.00	\$ 4,180.00	9/28/2024	PROGRAM TO DATE
1	1/22/2024	544 Wabash Ave	Northeast Community Center	Kyla Pitts-Zevin	\$ 7,567.50	\$ 3,299.15	10/2/2024	TOTAL
1	11/20/2024	2635 Independence	Avenue Cafe	Jack DeSimone	\$ 3,835.00	\$ 1,917.50	11/20/2024	
4	2024 TOTAL				\$ 78,233.39	\$ 10,021.65		\$ 147,102.23

SAFETY & SECURITY MEETINGS

SEPT 19, 2024

OCT 17, 2024

GENERAL TOPICS

- 1) Temporary alternative JAIL SPACE update and response of surrounding city's accepting KC's arrested individuals.
- 2) Court system backup & no-show issues.
- 3) Repeat Nuisance Offenders (RNO) problem.
- 4) Low barrier shelter, Hope Faith organization, and the KCMO City Council decisions.

GENERAL ATTENDEES

- 2 KCPD Officers & 1 CIO Officer
- 1 City Prosecutor
- 6 Business Reps & Residents
- 3 TITAN Angels & 3 Officers
- 4 Office Staff
- 2 Mattie Rhodes Reps
- 1 Public Library (NE location)



TASTY TOPIC TALK NEKC CHAMBER LUNCHEON



THURSDAY, OCT 22, 2024
ATTENDEES: 9 GUESTS + 3 STAFF

SPEAKERS: Jenna Gerdes, Outreach
TOPIC: FREE FLIGHTS FOR THOSE IN NEED



Lunch by:

La Cubana

CUBAN RESTAURANT



12M
Nautical Miles
Flown

33K
Flights
Completed

330
Volunteer
Pilots

28
Years of
Saving Lives



Speaker: Jenna Gerdes. Outreach Director/Development Assistant
Angel Flight Central provides FREE flights utilizing a team of volunteer pilots for those seeking far away healthcare such as chemotherapies, rare disease specialists, and pre-post op transplant appointments.
They will talk and share about their mission and the impact on the KC community.

Schedule/Agenda

- 11:45 ARRIVE AT THE CHAMBER COMMUNITY ROOM
- 12:00 TAKE A SEAT, INTRODUCTIONS - FILL YOUR PLATES
- 12:15 INTRODUCE GUESTS - PROGRAM STARTS
- 12:45 QUESTIONS
- 1:00 CONCLUSION / NETWORKING

Catering Restaurant: La Cubana, Caribbean cuisine
RSVP for your Lunch and Program on
Eventbrite \$25

Seating is available for the program with NO Lunch. Drinks on the House.

[Eventbrite Lunch Tickets HERE](#)

Kessler Park Master Plan Implementation Group

October 22, 2024

Attendees: 12

November 19, 2024

Attendees: 14



Both sessions shared ideas to include in the group's by-laws & how to proceed forward organizing.



Conservation Plan Map



Reservoir Park Design

This map shows the ecosystems of Kessler Park and the areas of focused conservation efforts. The concept designs for each area of the park (pp 36-52) include strategies to increase the health and resilience of the natural resources while providing benefits to the health and wellness of park users. See Appendix A Conservation Plan for more information on the conservation approach and strategies.

Hoxie
COLLECTIVE LLC

Legend

- Woodland Area - Invasive Species Removal
- Turf to Savannah Conversion Area
- Wetland Restoration Area
- Existing View
- Proposed View to be Cleared

- Existing Urban Trail Company (UTC) single track dirt trail
- Proposed Widening of UTC Trail



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Join us at 2657 Independence Ave tomorrow night at 4:30pm for the **Historic Northeast Candidates' Forum!!!**

Virtual option: Candidate Form October 29, 2024 5:00 pm
 Zoom Meeting: FOR AUDIENCE ONLY - Candidates will be participating in person.... See more



Your Vote Is Your Neighborhood's Voice!

WHAT: HNE Candidates' Forum- for the General Election Nov 5, 2024

WHEN: **Tues Oct 29, 2024** 4:30 - 4:50 social networking
 (The first 30 minutes are for informal conversation and seating. Forum begins at 5:00 p.m.)
 WELCOME - Candidates get seated (4:50 - 4:55)
 Quick Review of Guidelines 4:55 - 5
 4:50 - 7:00 program (5-6:30 State Legislature offices; 6:35 - 7:00 Prosecutors)

WHERE: Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, 2657 Independence Avenue, Kansas City Mo 64124

WHO: Candidates for Senate Districts 7, 9 & 11, House District 19 & Jackson Co Prosecutor.
 Spanish interpretation is provided
 RSVPs on Eventbrite requested to help us prepare or - BobbiBaker@nekcochamber.com

- Candidates:
- Patty Lewis - SD 7 - confirmed
 - Joey La Salle - SD 7 - confirmed
 - Barbara Anne Washington - SD 9- confirmed
 - Derron Black - SD 9 - confirmed
 - Robert Sauls - SD 11 - confirmed
 - Joe Nicola - SD 11 - not attending
 - Wick Thomas - HD 19 - confirmed
 - Karen Spalding - HD 19 - no response
 - Michael Johnson - HD 23 - confirmed
 - Daniel Contreras - HD 23 - no contact information available - unable to contact
 - Melisa Johnson - Ja Co Prosecutor- confirmed
 - Tracy Chappell - Ja Co Prosecutor - not attending

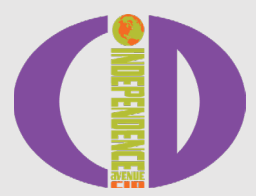


GENERAL ELECTION NOV 5, 2024



ATTENDEES: 31 + 5 STAFF
OCT 29, 2024
Senate Districts 7, 9 & 11
House District 19 & 23
Jackson Co Prosecutor

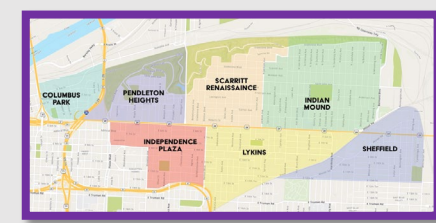




AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2024

FALL ACTIVITIES IN THE HNE

2024 ELECTIONS



LOCAL SEATS

FEDERAL REACES

BALLOT MEASURES

Kansas City's Northeast News
November 6 at 11:50 AM · 🌐

Results are in for the Nov. 5 General Election! 🗳️/✍️

Today, Northeast News staff will provide data results across our website and social media for all things local including Missouri State House of Representatives and State Senate, among others — courtesy of Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners and Jackson County Election Board.

Northeast Kansas City makes up Missouri House of Representatives State Districts 19 and 23 as well as State Senate District 7, 9 and 11. ... See more

Kansas City's Northeast News
November 6 at 12:30 PM · 🌐

Local election results continued: federal races 🗳️/✍️

The federal race results are as follows:

Missouri U.S. Senate: Josh Hawley (R) with 55.6% (1,639,359 votes) versus Democratic opponent Lucas Kunce. ... See more

Kansas City's Northeast News
November 6 at 12:15 PM · 🌐

Local election results continued 🗳️/✍️:

There were six ballot measures on registered Kansas City voters' ballots for the Nov. 5 general election — including a seventh "Jackson County Question" for those within the boundaries.

The Ballot measure results were tallied as follows:... See more

2024 General Election Results

★★★★★ Local Seats ★★★★★

Missouri State House: District 19 Wick Thomas (D)	Missouri State House: District 23 Michael Johnson (D)	
Mo State Senate: District 7 Patty Lewis (D)	Mo State Senate: District 9 Barbara Washington (D)	Mo State Senate: District 11 Joe Nicola (R)

2024 General Election Results

★★★★★ Federal Races ★★★★★

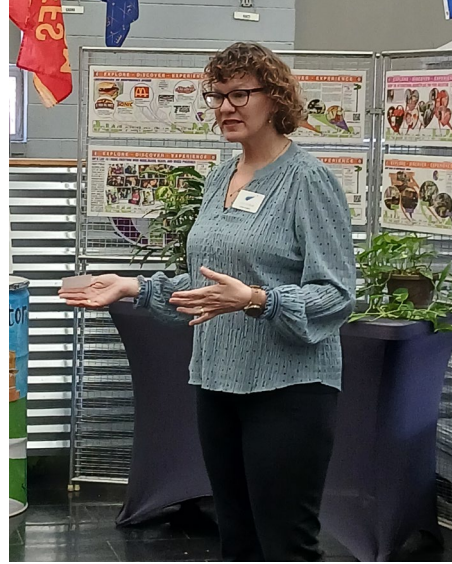
Mo U.S. Senate: Josh Hawley (R)	Mo Governor: Mike Kehoe (R)	Mo Lt. Governor: David Wasinger (R)
Mo Secretary of State: Denny Hoskins (R)	Mo Attorney General: Andrew Bailey (R)	Mo Treasurer: Vivek Malek (R)

2024 General Election Results

★★★★★ Ballot Measures ★★★★★

Missouri Amendment 2: "Sports Betting" <u>Yes</u>	Missouri Amendment 3: "Reproductive Rights, Abortion" <u>Yes</u>	Missouri Amendment 5: "Ozarks Casino" <u>No</u>
Missouri Amendment 6: "Court Fees" <u>No</u>	Missouri Amendment 7: "Election Restrictions" <u>Yes</u>	Missouri Proposition A: "Minimum Wage" <u>Yes</u>

COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



Cosentino's
**PRICE
CHOPPER**
Locally Owned

TREATS BY:



THURSDAY, NOV 14, 2024

ATTENDEES: 9 + 5 STAFF



<https://leadtoreadkc.org/>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024



SIX COFFEE SHOPS IN THE HNE

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EXPLORE • DISCOVER • EXPERIENCE

SHOP SMALL ON THE AVENUE

Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of Business Communications Rol Düng – in partnership with the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District and The Northeast News – delivered balloons to six Northeast small businesses ahead of Small Business Saturday this Saturday, Nov. 30. Celebrate Shop Small Saturday this Saturday, Nov. 30. Celebrate Shop Small Saturday as you prepare for the Holiday Season! As you shop the many small businesses in the Northeast community, stop in to one of the many restaurants and coffee shops to take a break. Enjoy some traditional cuisine or cozy up with a specialty coffee and a treat as you warm your feet! May all of our feet and hearts be warm during the Holiday Season and throughout the New Year!

The Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce supports local businesses year-round through networking opportunities, pop-ups and additional resources. To find information on Independence Avenue's International Marketplace and more, visit: nekccchamber.com

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU!

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL



Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District 4-Corners Community Call was Lina's Hair and Nail Salon located at 2629 Independence Ave.

JOIN US THIS FRIDAY AT 3PM FOR OUR 4 CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

S&M Gifts N More
2633 Independence Ave



PH Coffee
2200 Lexington Ave.



Core Coffee & Eatery
546 Olive St.



Eleos Coffee House
3401 Independence Ave.



Soma Café
1315 Independence Ave.



El Paso del Norte
3430 Independence Ave.



La Cubana Cuban Restaurant
5402 Winner Rd.

La Cubana is hosting a Christmas Toy Drive from now until Dec. 14! Toys are preferred for youth ages one to 12 years – between \$15 to \$20. Donations can be dropped-off at its location 5402 Winner Rd.



THANKSGIVING LUNCH

NOVEMBER 27, 2024

NEKC Chamber
Independence Ave CID
Titan Protection
Northeast News



History of Thanksgiving

a timeline

1621



The First Thanksgiving

Pilgrims and Native Americans celebrated a harvest feast (known as the first "Thanksgiving") in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

1630

New England Thanksgiving

Settlers observed the first Thanksgiving of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in New England on July 8, 1630.

1789

Give Thanks

President George Washington declared November 26, 1789, as a national day of "thanksgiving and prayer."

1777

Chilly T-Day

While in route to Valley Forge, George Washington and his army stopped in freezing weather to observe the first Thanksgiving of the new United States of America.

1863

Federal Holiday

President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving an official federal holiday.

1876

College Football

The first intercollegiate football championship was held on Thanksgiving Day.



1924

First Parade

Macy's held its first Thanksgiving Day parade.

1934

National Football

The first National Football League game held on Thanksgiving Day was between the Detroit Lions who faced the Chicago Bears at the University of Detroit Stadium.

1947



Presidential Pardon

President Harry Truman "pardoned" a turkey the day before it was scheduled to be served up as the main course at the White House Thanksgiving dinner. Modern presidents today have carried on the tradition.

1941



Set a Date

President Roosevelt established the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.



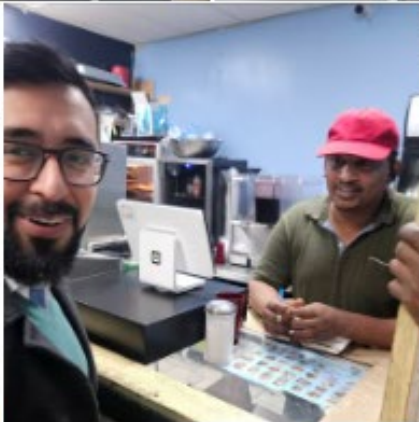
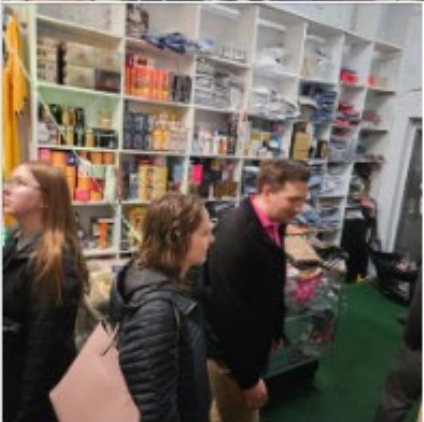
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ATTENDEES: 26 INCLUDING STAFF



Independence Avenue Community Improvement District

4 days ago

Today our hard-working team took a timeout to enjoy lunch during the CASH MOB at Soma Cafe!! Another 25 people introduced to the great food and shops in Histori... See more

4TH DISTRICT SMALL BUSINESS

**CASH
MOB**



FLASH SALES TO SUPPORT AND BOOST LOCAL BUSINESSES

Noon - 1:00 PM

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Soma Cafe

2323 Independence Ave, KCMO 64124

Cash Mobs are a great way to support local businesses in our community. Join Councilman Crispin Rea and the Northeast Chamber of Commerce for lunch as we support small businesses.

RSVP to Araceli Magaña at araceli.magana@kcmo.org.

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Councilman Crispin Rea &

Northeast Chamber of Commerce





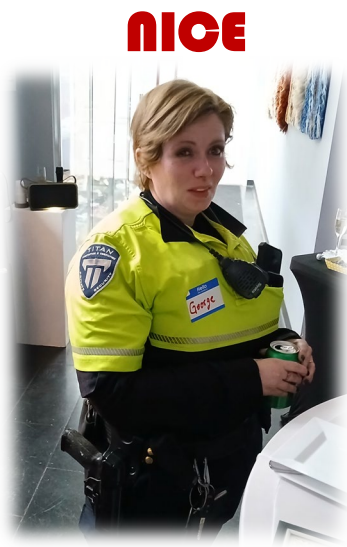
19th District MO State Reps
Out-Going & In-Coming
Ingrid Burnett & Wick Thomas
(Clay Jarrett)

CELEBRATORY TOAST 2024

1970s FONDUE FUN THROWBACK



DEC 13, 2024 TOAST



NICE



NAUGHTY



CELEBRATORY TOAST 2024



1970s FONDUE FUN THROWBACK

DECEMBER 13

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES OF 2024



CELEBRATING STAFF SUCCESSES OF 2024



MOST NEKO CHAMBER MEMBERSHIPS EVER



10 YEARS OF SERVICE



6 YEARS OF SERVICE



LIFE-SAVING HERO



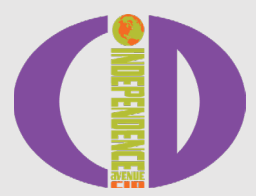
LIFE-SAVING HEROS



LIFE-SAVING HERO



25 YEARS OF SERVICE



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2024

FALL ACTIVITIES ON THE AVE

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CARVING


FRESH STREET CROSSINGS

Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
Published by Laura Birdsong
September 25

NORtheast NEWS NEWS LEAD COMMUNITY NEWS

Northeast Kansas City Working Group Holds Community Forum to Address Houseless Population

Following a survey launched by the Northeast Kansas City Working Group (NEKCWG) last month, results were shared during an Education Forum held on Sept. 12 at the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce's Community Room (2657 Independence Ave).



These photos are courtesy of Darri Partain

We have this full story at NORTHEASTNEWS.net

Kansas City's Northeast News
September 19

Kansas City Police officers in attendance expressed the difficulty of removing camps set in vacant lots and houses — noting the abundance of both within the nei... See more

Independence Avenue Community Improvement District
Published by Laura Birdsong
October 31 at 4:05 PM

Wishing everyone a Happy Halloween!!!



Laura Birdsong
October 31 at 2:51 PM

Time out to have a little fun for all of us big kids at the office! Happy Halloween!!! 🎃🎃🎃

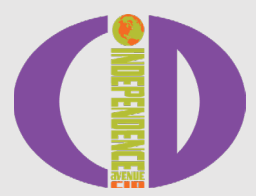
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October 16 at 2:11 PM



Independence Avenue Community Improvement District
October 16 at 1:44 PM

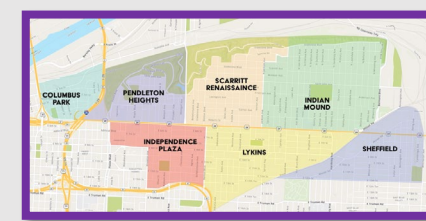
Kansas City Public Works Crew is on the Boulevard today giving our pedestrian crossings a fresh coat of paint!!

Thank you!! 🙏🙏🙏🙏



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2024

FALL ACTIVITIES IN THE HNE



ANNUAL HNE HOMES TOUR

Kansas City's Northeast News
September 13 · 🌐

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NORTHEAST NEWS NEWS COMMUNITY

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As the congregation dwindled, this historic church — founded in 1884 — found a new purpose in 2016 as "Gathering Table." Church members, volunteers and Rev. Ann Rundquist, offered fellowship and nutritious meals every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday.

A Facebook announcement on Sept. 2 shared the news that Gathering Table — for now — has closed its doors.




Photo by Dorri Partain
Courtesy Photo

Dorri Partain has this story at [NORTHEASTNEWS.net](https://www.northeastnews.net)

ANNUAL HNE HOMES TOUR

Kansas City's Northeast News
October 7 at 12:56 PM · 🌐

Don't miss this Historic Northeast tradition scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 12. This year, The [Northeast Kansas City Historical Society](http://www.nekchs.org) will feature four historic homes and a church in the Lykins neighborhood. For advance tickets, visit their website at www.nekchs.org Tickets will also be available for sale on Saturday during the tour. Look for the NEKCHS tent at 3800 E. 9th St. (9th & Cleveland Ave.)

HNE ALLEYS GET EXTRA HELP

Kansas City's Northeast News
September 20 at 10:00 AM · 🌐

On Saturday, Sept. 21, this neighborhood's alley project — Fairy Lights and Alley Murals — will commence as students from the Kansas City Art Institute begin painting murals along Sage Alley. Solar "fairy lights" will be strung to complete this year's community art installation.

Read the full article here! ➡️
buff.ly/42WKVnP

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NORTHEAST NEWS COMMUNITY

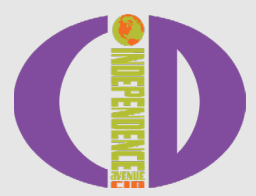
Youth Soccer Program Assists With Community Alley Project

With the mantra "Many hands make light work," volunteers in the Pendleton Heights (PH) neighborhood had extra help on Saturday, Sept. 14. Soccer players and coaches from Global FC (Futbol Community) assisted with clearing brush and weeds along Mulberry Alley, then proceeded to clear weeds along the sidewalks and curbs on Brooklyn and Minnie Avenues.




These photos are courtesy of Dorri Partain

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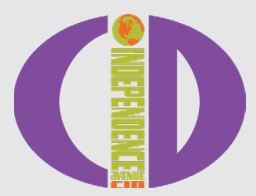


HNE AVENUE PILLARS LIGHTING FIXED! 6 from Woodland to Gladstone



THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

RebuildKC
NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2024

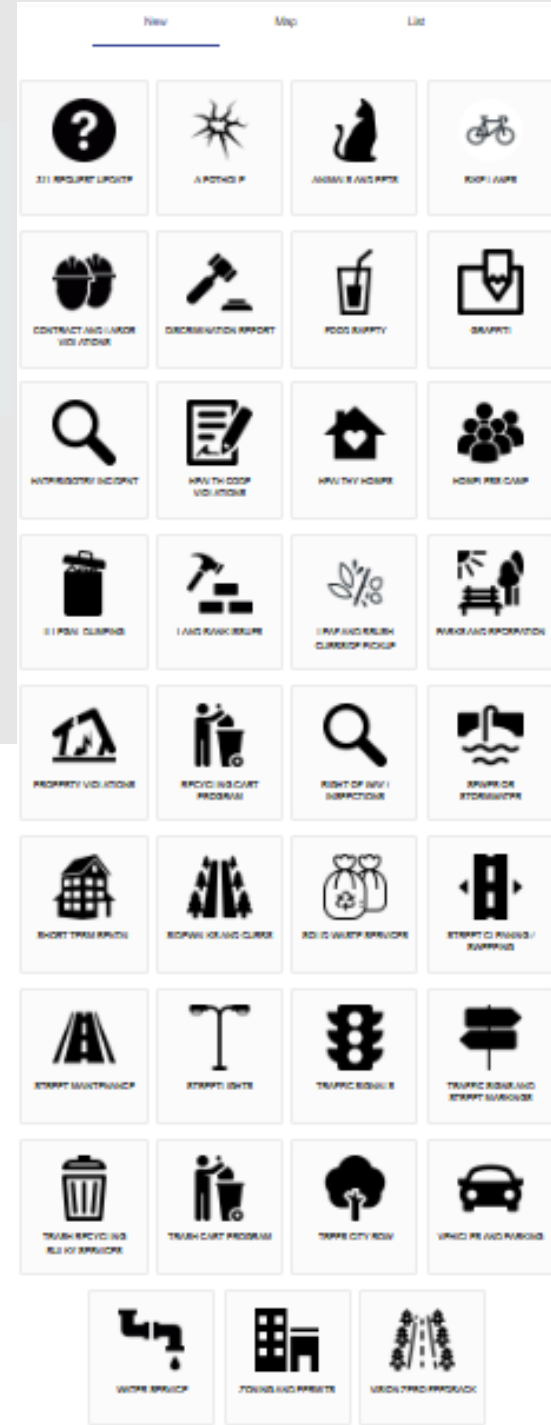
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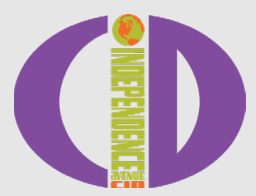
DEAD TREE REMOVAL & NEW TREE PLANTINGS

Report Issues to Public Works →

City Hall
414 E. 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Report Issues to Public Works with myKCMO or Call 3-1-1





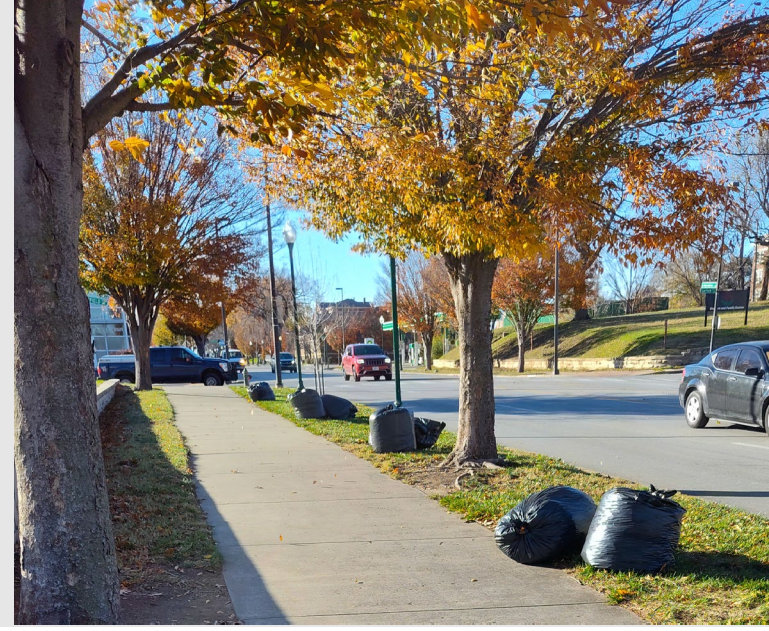
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FALL ACTIVITIES ON THE AVE

LEAF CLEAN UP
75 LEAF BAGS
SO FAR THIS
FALL



BEFORE



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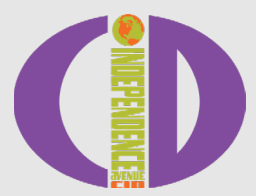


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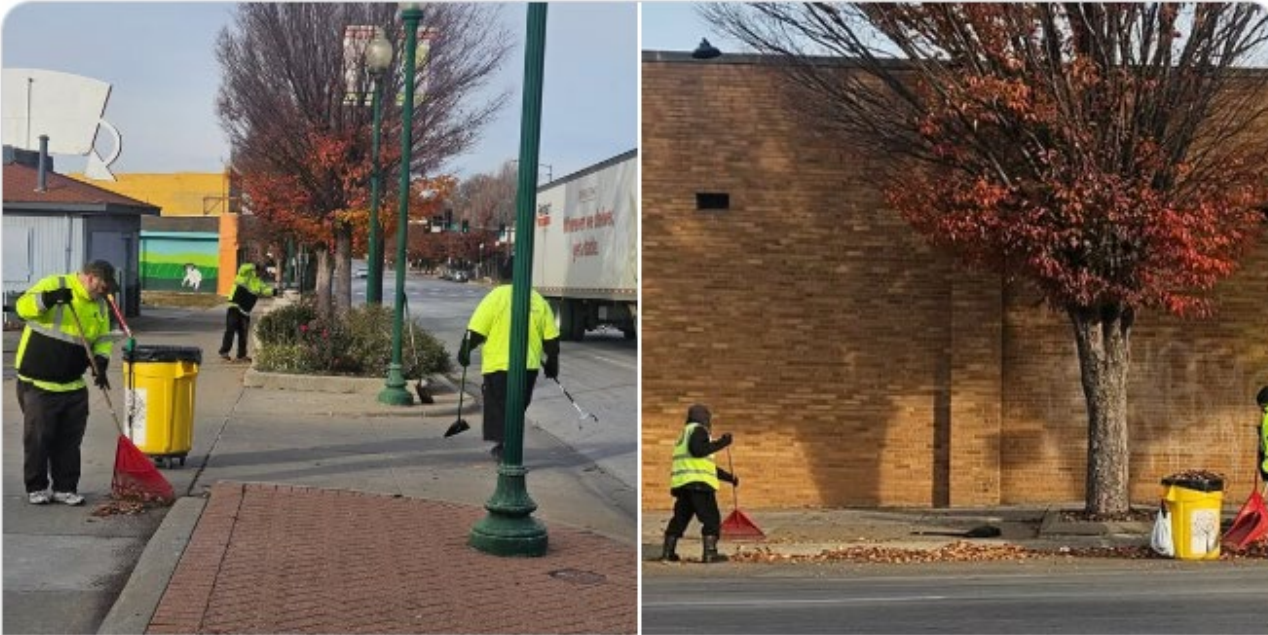
HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE...



Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

Published by Laura Birdsong

November 26 at 10:35 AM · 🌐



Independence Avenue Community Improvement District
Community Organization

Send message



Independence Avenue Community Improvement District

November 26 at 10:22 AM · 🌐

Today we continue to tackle the fall season!! 🍁🍁🍁🍁🍁

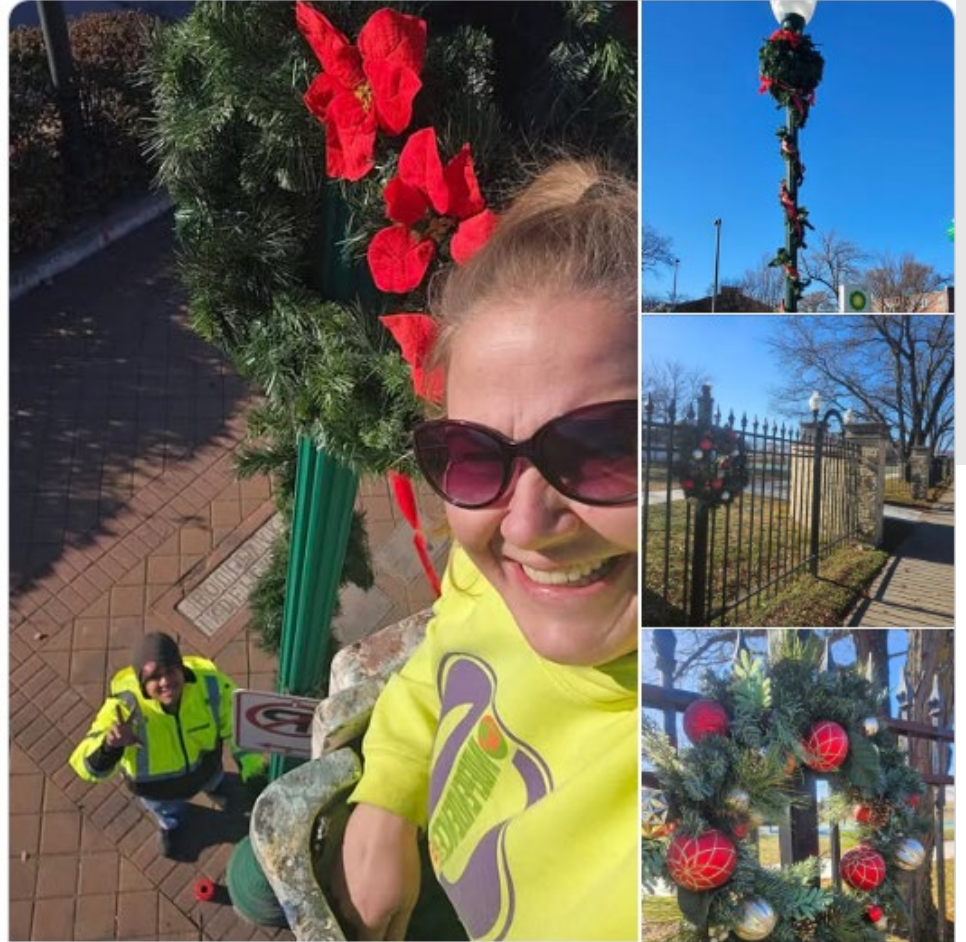
Our Urban Street Ambassadors have already removed over 50 bags of leaves from Independence Avenue in effort... See more



Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

Published by Laura Birdsong

December 6 at 5:46 PM · 🌐



Independence Avenue Community Improvement District

December 6 at 5:45 PM · 🌐

Today our Urban Street Ambassador team started dressing up Independence Boulevard for the holidays!!!



4TH District PIAC APPLICATION “Truck Eating Bridge” Enhancement Project 2025 REQUEST | \$55,000

Kansas City Terminal Railway Bridge
5899 Independence Avenue

The NEKC Chamber seeks to receive \$55,000 in 4th District PIAC Funding to continue the enhancement of the railroad bridge. The funds shall be purposed towards:

1. Continue mural implementation along the interior walls of the railroad bridge.
2. Repair the city-owned electrical conduits and non-working lights above the sidewalks.
3. Install additional pedestrian lights above the sidewalks to increase pedestrian safety under the bridge.
4. Plant trees, bushes and other native plants along the hill side slopes abutting the tracks.





AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2024

FALL ACTIVITIES

MO DEPT OF CONSERVATION

\$38,000 TOTAL FUNDING

NOTE: \$18,000 for landscaping at the "truck-eating bridge"

#1 NEKCCoC GRANT

MO DEPT OF CONSERVATION COMMUNITY
COST SHARE PROGRAM **\$20,000 REQUEST**



3512 Independence Ave
\$5,910



4401 Independence Ave
\$5,357



5401 Independence Ave
\$8,499



EX: 3512 Independence Ave



3 CID OWNED LOTS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR COST SHARE GRANT

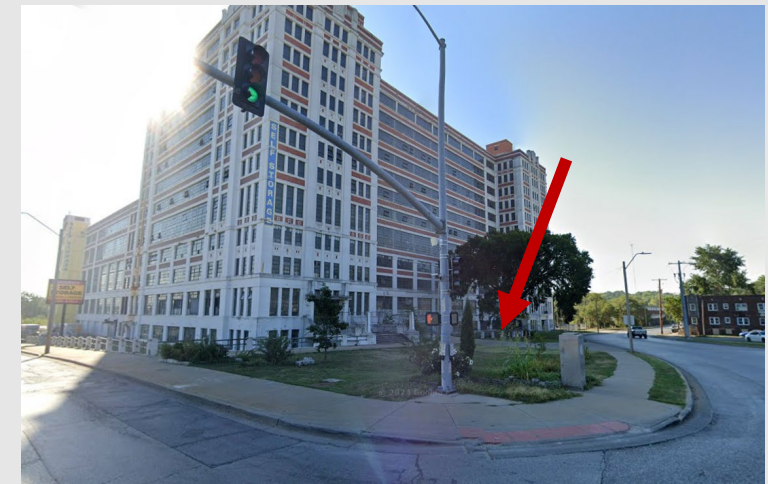




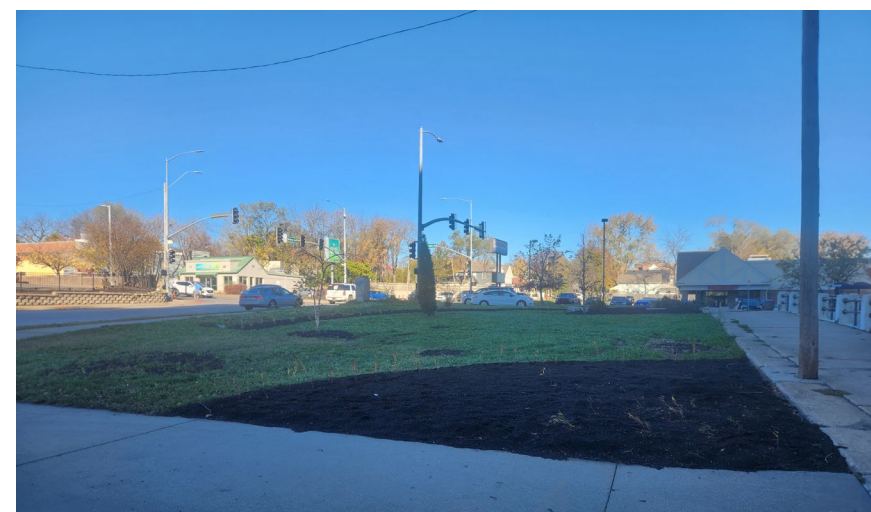
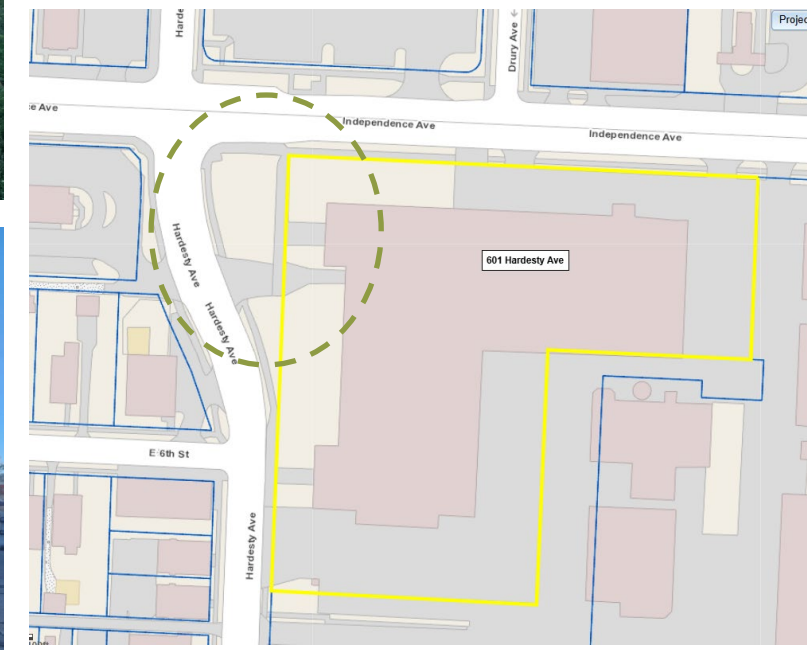
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FALL ACTIVITIES

MO DEPT OF CONSERVATION



INDEPENDENCE AVE & HARDESTY AVE





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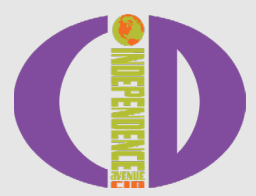
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INDEPENDENCE AVE & KINSINGTON AVE





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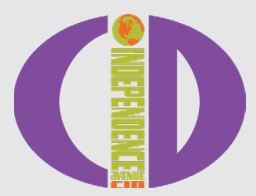
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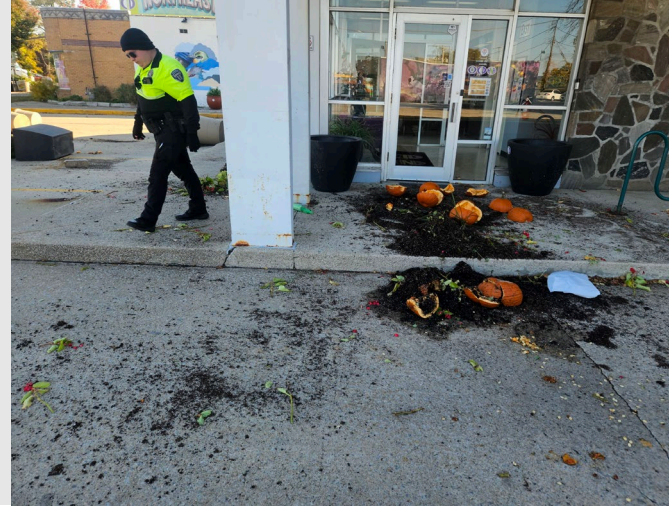
3512 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE





AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2024

FALL ACTIVITIES ON THE AVE



10/26/24 VANDALISM
Estimated Damages = \$24,100.00



INTENTIONAL DESTRUCTION OF INDEPENDENCE AVE CID PROPERTY



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 August, 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

2 CLEANUPS: SEPT 19 – DEC 18, 2024



#1

Cleveland – Myrtle

South of Ave

About 1,050 Lbs Trash | 7 USA | $7 \times 1.5 = 7.0$ Hrs | October 3, 2024



#2

Oakley– Lawndale

North of Ave

About 550 Lbs Trash | 7 USA | 7 x 1.0 = 7.0 Hrs | October 3, 2024





ALL ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR

Reports This Week

112
1/2 WEEK

Reports This Month

623
1/2 MONTH

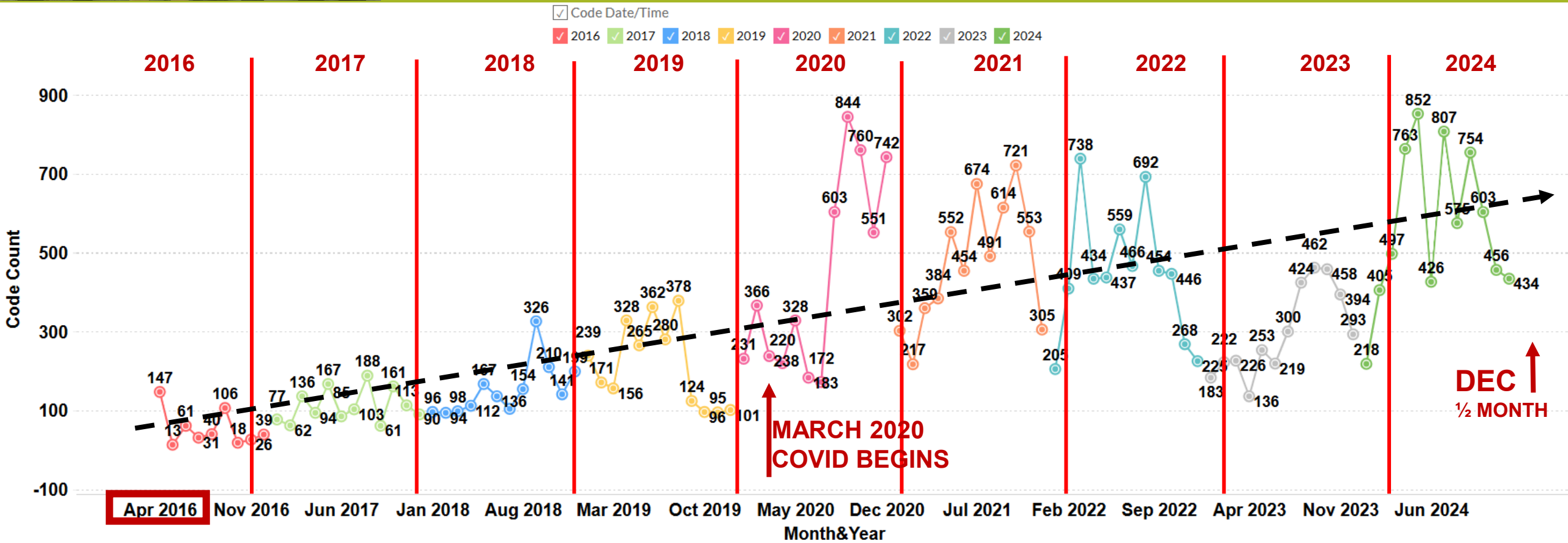
Reports This Year

10393

Reports All Time (Since April 2016)

45759
Since April 2016

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USA REPORT



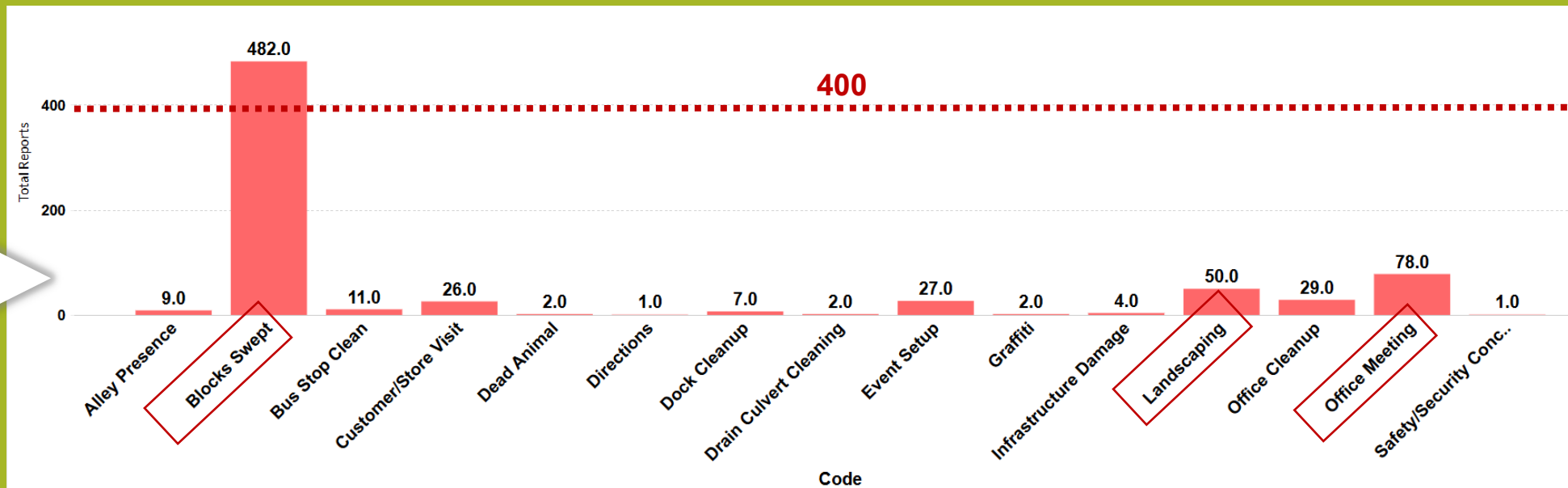
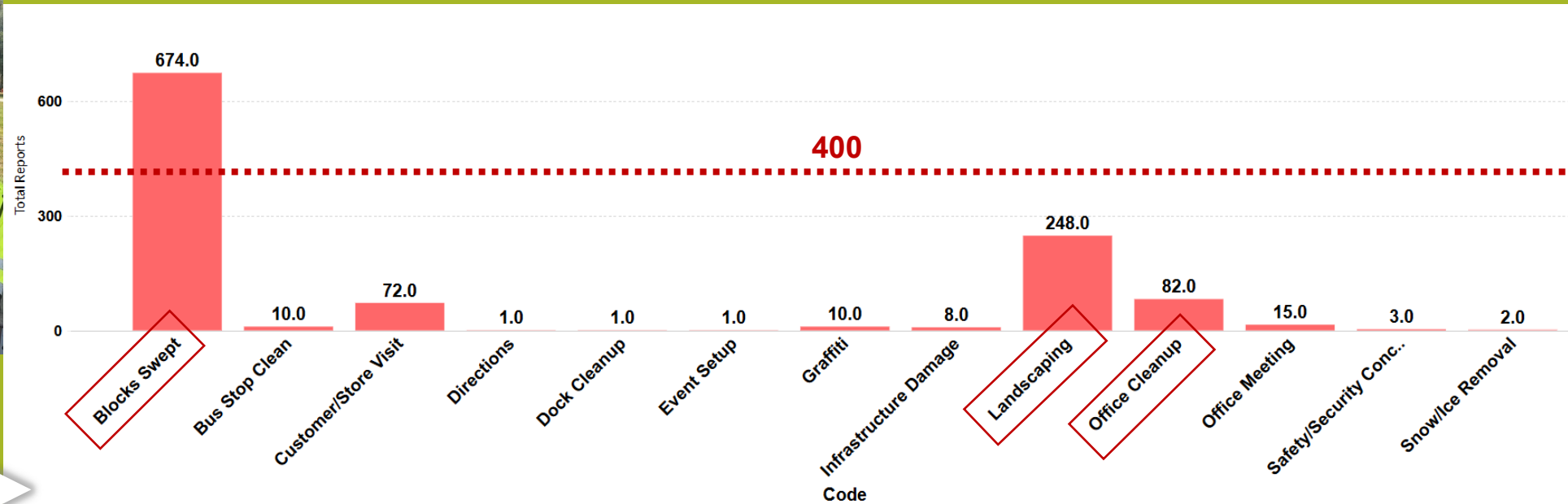
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2024

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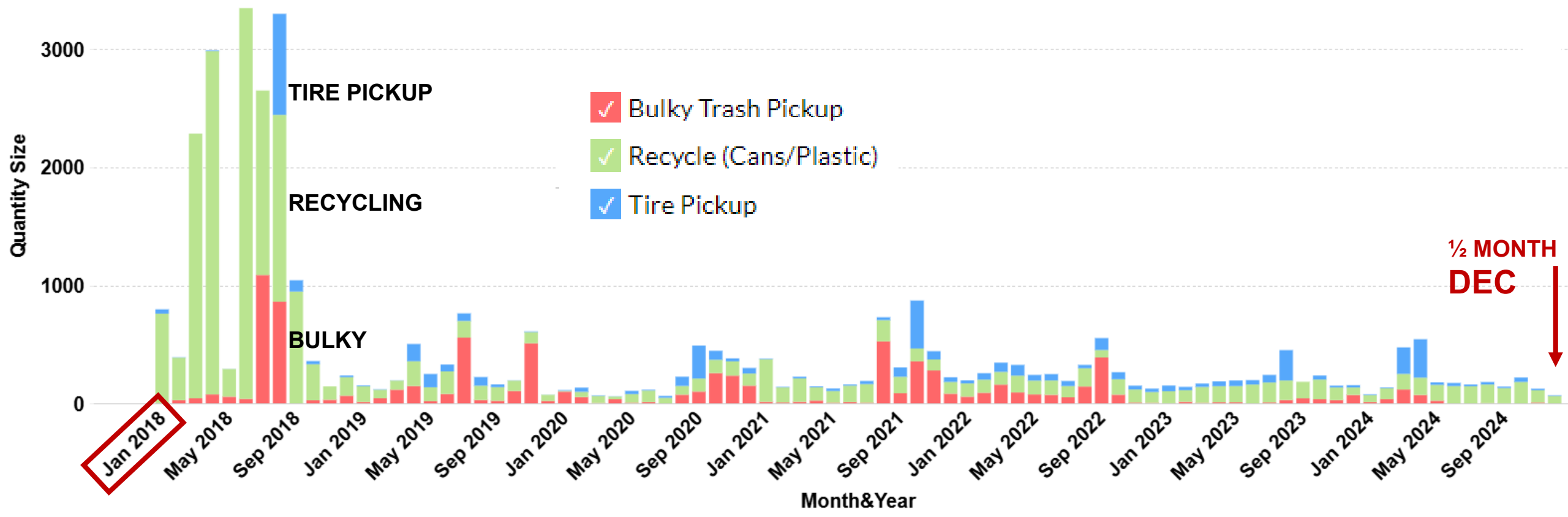
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2023



CLEAN UP... BY THE NUMBERS

JAN 2018 - TODAY





ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR

Incidents This Week

13

Incidents This Month

99

1/2 MONTH

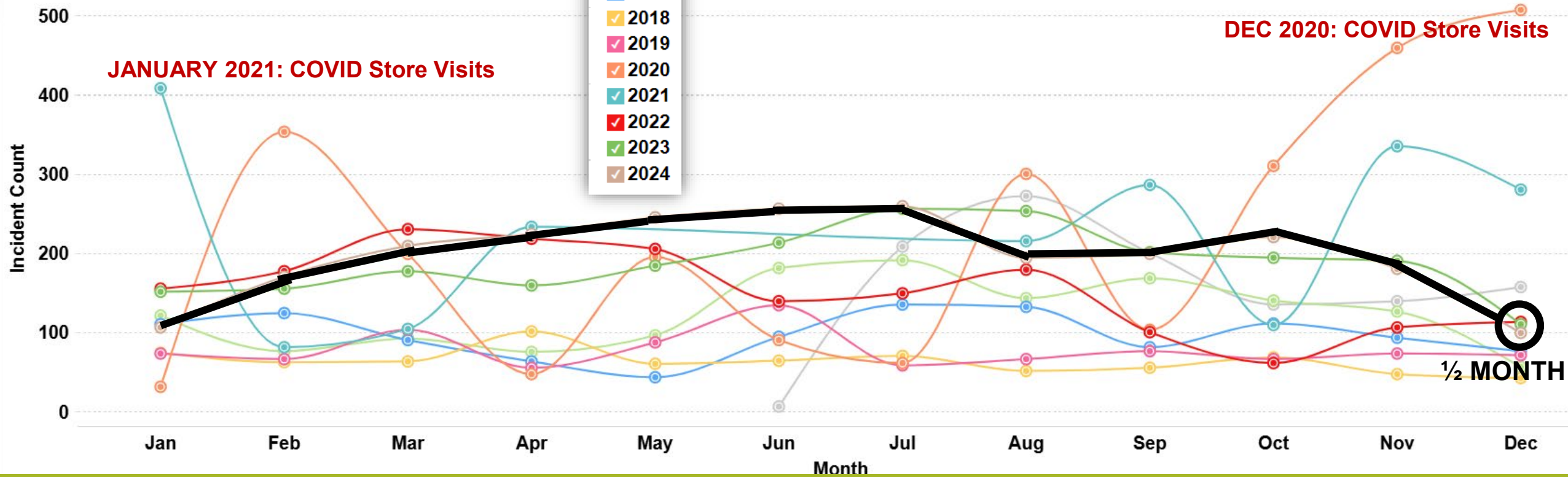
Incidents This Year

2361

Incidents All Time

16846

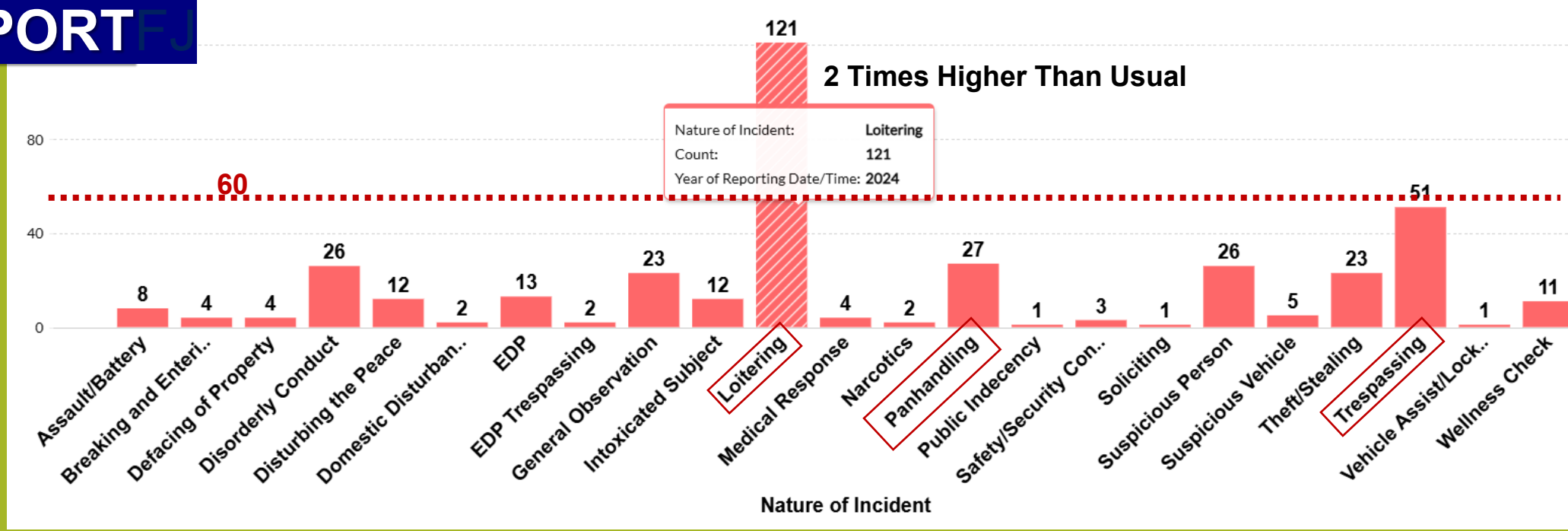
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**INCIDENT
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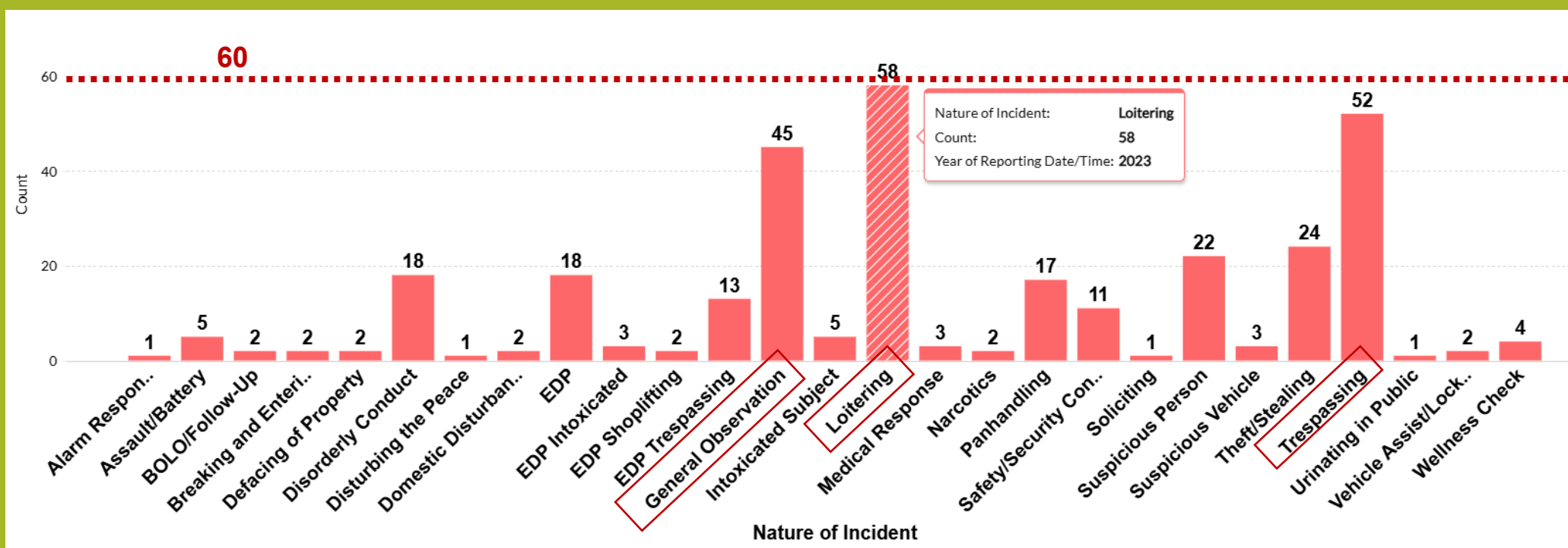
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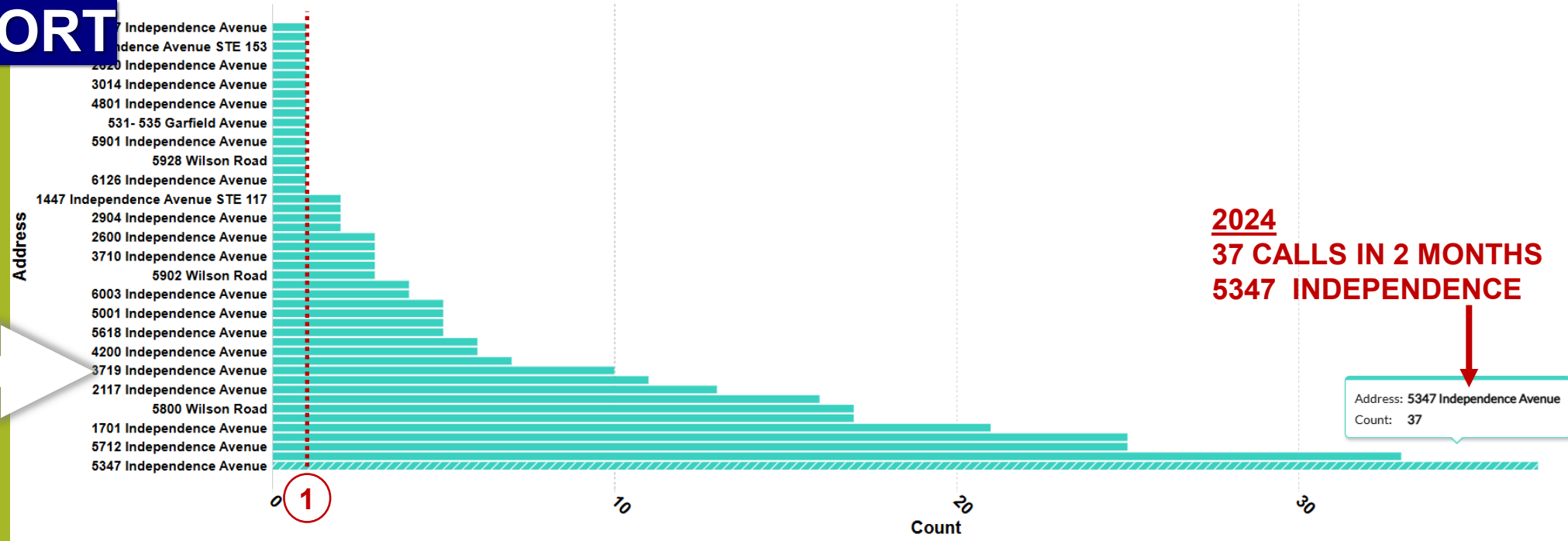
2023



ACTIVITY BY ADDRESS

OCT 17 TO DEC 18

2024



2024
37 CALLS IN 2 MONTHS
5347 INDEPENDENCE

Address: 5347 Independence Avenue
 Count: 37

OCT 17 TO DEC 18

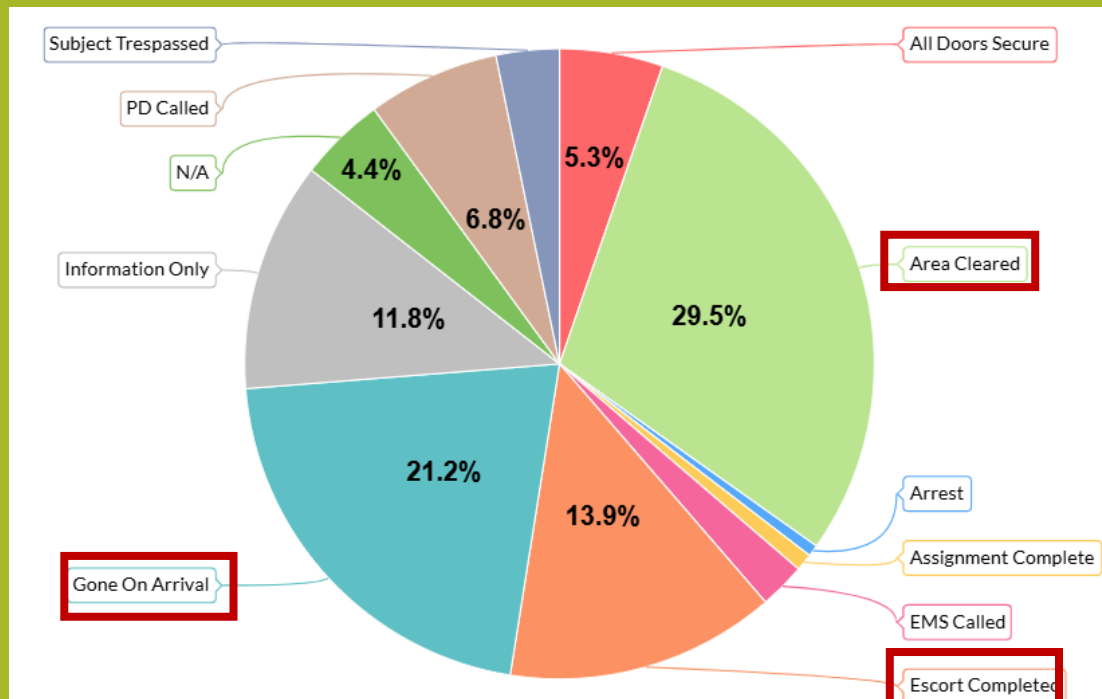
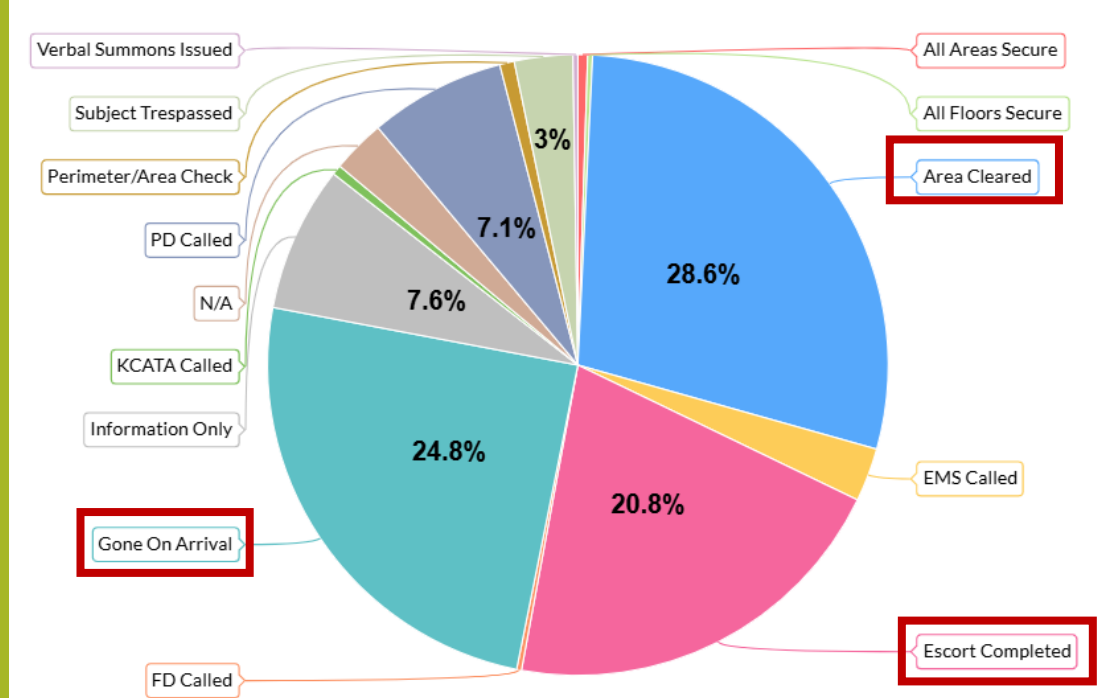
2023



2023
24 CALLS IN 2 MONTHS
5001 INDEPENDENCE AVE

Address: 5001 Independence Avenue
 Count: 24

TITAN REPORT



OCT 17 TO DEC 18

2024

OVERALL ACTIVITY

OCT 17 TO DEC 18

2023



TITAN REPORT



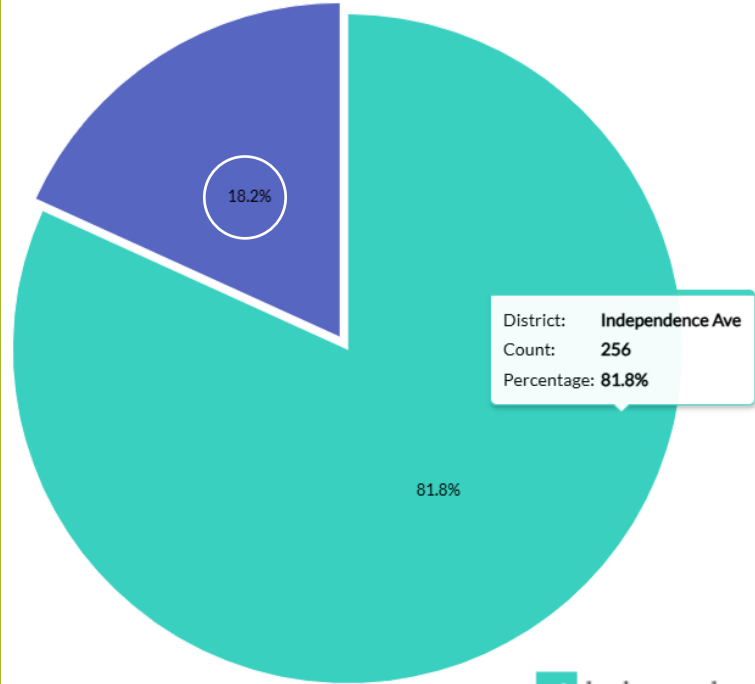
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WILSON RD VERSES INDEPENDENCE AVE

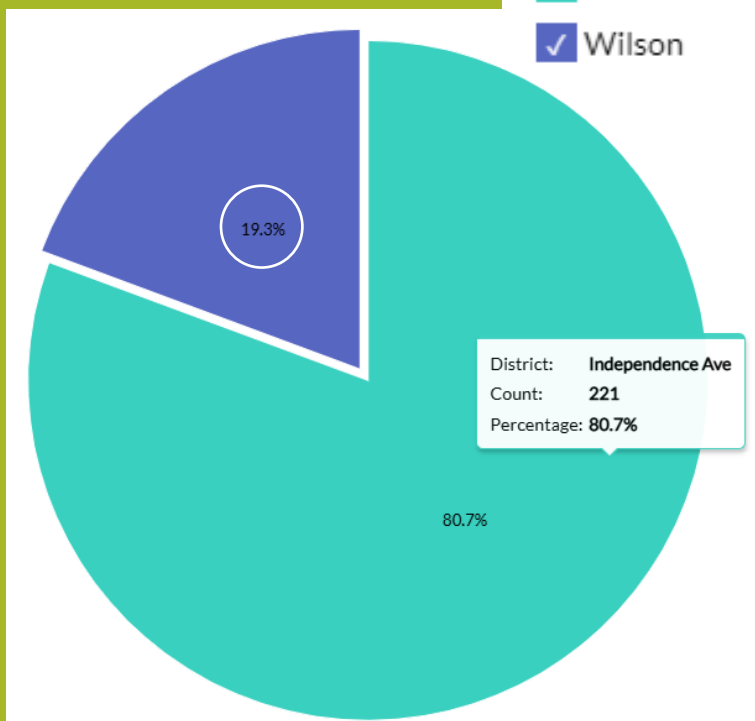
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2023



District: Independence Ave
Count: 256
Percentage: 81.8%

- ✓ Independence Ave
- ✓ Wilson



District: Independence Ave
Count: 221
Percentage: 80.7%



AVAILABLE SPACE ON...

Independence AVE



2601 INDEPENDENCE



2435 INDEPENDENCE



~~2635 INDEPENDENCE~~



2425 INDEPENDENCE



~~2807 INDEPENDENCE~~



5926 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



12-13-2024 LOVE ESXPRESSIONS



12-13-2024 theEGG



11-1-2024 NEKC CHAMBER & CID



11-29-2024 S&M GIFTS-N-MORE



11-26-2024 LINA'S HAIR & NAIL SHOP



11-8-2024 THE GAME ROOM



11-15-2024 TED'S BARBAR SHOP

INDEPENDENCE AVENUE'S SHOPS

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Local Organizations Host Holiday Drives, Give Back to Community



File Photo

Mattie Rhodes Toy Drive Dec. 21
 • From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Dec. 21, MRC will drive through Indian Mound, Lykins and Sheffield neighborhoods delivering toys.
 • Those interested in participating are asked to contact Molly Marcks at (816) 531-5643 to schedule a toy drop-off at one of Mattie Rhodes' new three locations.
 • Toy donations will be accepted from now until Dec. 19.



File Photo

Healing House
 • At 9:00 a.m. Dec. 21, neighborhood families will gather in the parking lot of the Healing House administration building for children to meet Santa, choose a toy and select winter clothing items they may need.
 • Healing House is asking for donations for this event in the form of a toy under \$10 and/or lightly used winter items including hats, gloves, scarves or coats, among others.
 • Donations can be dropped off from now until Dec. 20 at its administration building, 4505 St. John Ave.



File Photo

Nourish KC
 • Nourish KC is currently accepting donations for its new Community Kitchen Library, located at 750 The Pavon.
 • In an effort to increase literacy and education, they are currently accepting new or used books, children's books, magazines and newspapers. For those interested in donating, they can drop off items at its location 750 The Pavon.
 • Nourish KC will additionally be providing meals throughout the holiday season. For more information or to receive a meal, call (816) 561-8920.



Photo courtesy of Salvation Army

Salvation Army Toy Drive Dec. 19
 • The Salvation Army's East location (2014-19 E. Ninth St.) accepted sign-ups from October through the first week of December for families and children wanting to receive gifts from its toy drive.
 • Last week, Salvation Army began preparing and bagging gifts for this drive.
 • This event is expected to help 500 children and 35 families, according to Administrator and Pastor, Janice Love.
 • Gifts are accepted for ages 0 to 13. Corporations have adopted out 35 families in addition to the toy drive this season.
 • Salvation Army will be accepting donations through 12 p.m., Dec. 19.
 • Those who missed the sign-up to receive gifts can still participate in its walk-in option. For additional questions or inquiries, contact Salvation Army Administrator and Pastor, Janice Love at Janice.Love@us.salvationarmy.org.

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL



Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District 4-Corners Community Call was Love Expression's located at 4618 Independence Ave.

JOIN US THIS FRIDAY AT 3PM FOR OUR 4 CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

Carbal Boots
4616 Independence Ave



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

For more information, visit www.necchamber.com

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Where to: Order Tamales Along Independence Ave

Travelers are a time-honored holiday tradition for many Hispanic and Latin cultures, among others, across the world. There are a few Northeast businesses selling tamales ahead this holiday season!

- Blitta's PASTELERIA PANADERIA**
 1000 Independence Ave. (at 10th St.)
 (816) 432-1111
- El Mercado Fresh Market**
 1000 Independence Ave. (at 10th St.)
 (816) 432-1111
- Frutopia**
 1000 Independence Ave. (at 10th St.)
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 Carbal Boots & Bull Sales
4616 Independence Ave

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SHOP SMALL ON THE AVENUE

The Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce supports local businesses year-round through networking opportunities, services and additional resources. To find information on Independence Avenue's Independent Merchants and more, visit: independenceave.com

- 9th Coffee**
2308 Longview Ave.
- Love Coffee & Eatery**
346 Olive St.
- Miss Coffee House**
3081 Independence Ave.
- Stacy Cafe**
1318 Independence Ave.
- El Pasa del Norte**
3420 Independence Ave.
- La Colmena Coffee Roaster**
5483 Weaver St.

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Where to: Shop Holiday Items Along Independence Avenue

Stores of what to gift family members and loved ones this holiday season? Here are some local businesses along Independence Avenue offering holiday-themed items, which range from toys to home decor.

- Love Expression's World**
4618 Independence Ave
- Carbal Boots**
4616 Independence Ave
- El Pasa del Norte**
3420 Independence Ave
- Stacy Cafe**
1318 Independence Ave
- Miss Coffee House**
3081 Independence Ave
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INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CORRIDOR OVERLAY - ZONE C

Avenue East Special Review District that provided the Overlay. These guidelines were approved by the Overlay District on the following dates:

- 2025** - The Overlay District was approved by the City Council on 12/15/2025.
- 2024** - The Overlay District was approved by the City Council on 12/15/2024.
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INDEPENDENCE AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT STRUCK BY VANDALISM

Urban Street Ambassadors clean up spill from damaged flower pots Monday, Oct. 28. Photo by Independence Avenue CID.

Damage from destroyed gardens along Independence Avenue prior Oct. 26 weekend. Photo by Lauren Borsing.

Flower pots, which line the sidewalks of Independence Avenue, have provided positive to business and restaurants along the Avenue since the beautification project by the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District (CID) began.

The weekend of Oct. 26, these carefully placed flower pots, along with ornamental plants and trees, were destroyed and scattered by a white van that was on a rampage, said CID team manager, Lauren Borsing.

While many neighbors and community members have volunteered to help with the cleanup, Borsing said the project was taken into custody on Monday, Oct. 28 - including the use of heavy machinery to clear the area.

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NEED MORE INFORMATION?
 Check out the full Independence Avenue Corridor Overlay and the design guidelines in each zone.
 Scan Here

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

DEC 7 & 8: HNE ARTISTS OPEN STUDIO TOUR

Whim Space
4115 Prospect Ave
Kansas City, MO 64114
Whim Space is a community center located in the heart of the HNE neighborhood. It is a place where you can find a variety of art classes, workshops, and events. The space is open to all ages and is a great place to learn and create.

Alex Laughlin
Alex Laughlin is a professional artist and instructor. She has been teaching art for over 10 years and has a passion for helping others discover their own creative potential. Her classes focus on various mediums including painting, drawing, and sculpture.

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McAfee Studios
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Back Door Pottery
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Rebecca Koop
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Phyllis Hernandez - Gallery Owner
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Wick Thomas and Clay Jarrell
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Nancy Gordon - Art
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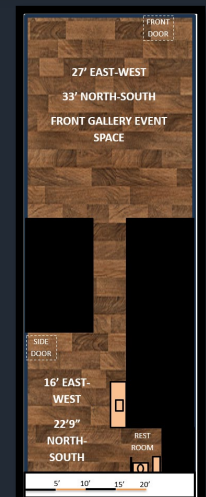
The Third Annual Northeast Arts KC Open Studio Tour is under way!! Be sure to stop The EGG: Art & Business Incubator and the other 7 locations to support our local artists!



AVAILABLE FOR CREATIVITY

Fees:

Weekend Rate per day:	8am to 10pm \$200
Evening Rate:	6pm to 10pm \$75
Daily Rate; morning:	8am to 12pm \$50
Daily Rate; afternoon:	1pm to 5 pm \$50



UPCOMING EVENTS



COFFEE CULTURE & CONVERSATION

THURSDAY JAN 9, 2025

National Law Enforcement
Appreciation Day



TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCH

TUESDAY, JAN 28, 2025

National Data Privacy Day



SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

THURSDAY, JAN 16, 2025

Discuss Local Security
Issues & Solutions



HNE-REX

WEDNESDAY, JAN 8, 2025

TO BE DETERMINED



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- 3 KC 'Vison Zero'
- 4 HNE Houseless
- 5 Small Developers of KC
- 6 NE Coalition
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- 8 HNE Media Board Member
- 9 Recipient: Carol Col Community Defender Award



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- 2 Arts as Membership a 501c3
- 3 Welcome KC
- 4 KC Refugee & Immigrant Services & Empowerment
- 5 The EGG Board
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- 3 MARC Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Update Committee
- 5 The Kansas City Media Collective 2024 Voters Guide Focus Group
- 6 Urban Core Group Chair



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- 3 The Paseo Gateway & Choice Neighborhood Initiative Liaison

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

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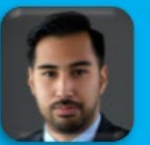
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