

AGENDA

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

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 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 |
| 6. | New Business | |
| | Preview 2025/26 Budget | |
| 7. | Old Business | |
| | HNE Media updates | |
| 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

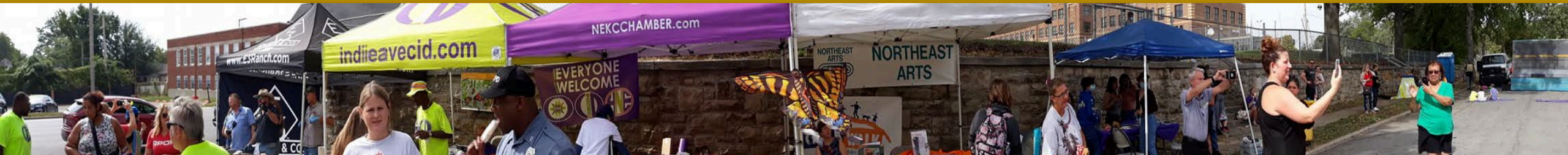


YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

→ NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

12/18/2024 ←
01/16/202

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

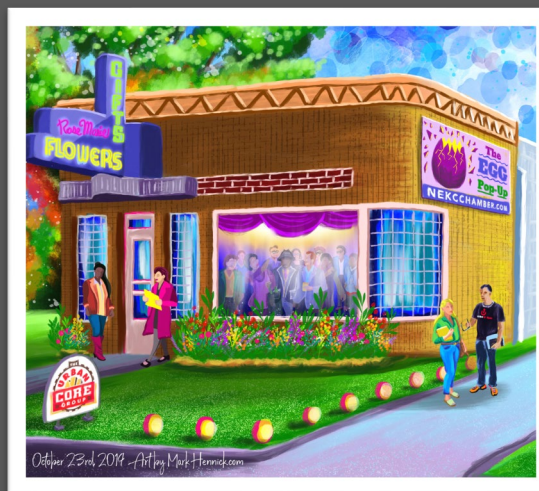


PRESENTED BY: BOBBI BAKER, NEKC CHAMBER PRESIDENT/CEO & IA CID MANAGER

FEBRUARY 19, 2024

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- 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



2025 NEKC CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

Ambassador of Business Communications Report

JANUARY: 1 New & 40 Renewals TOTAL MEMBERS TO DATE: 194

NEW:

Nomad Develops

RENEW:

Las Tres Palmas

Legacy Tire Shop

Taco Express

Taqueria El Torito I

Taqueria El Torito III

Taqueria El Torito Restaurant

Spalitto's Pharmacy

Elviria's Cake

Yasmeen Café

San Antonio Market

La Jarochita Express

Al Rahman Mediterranean Market

Sharif Store

Baraka Market

Charrito's Plaza Restaurant

Love Expression

JH Beauty Supply

Cricket Wireless

Fresh Market / El Mercado Fresco

El Mercado Fresco

El Mercado Fresh – 5901 Indep Ave

D & R Diversified

Independence Blvd Christian Church

Al – Hahal, LLC

Express Nails Salon

El Paso Del Norte

D' Angeles Beauty Salon

Taqueria Mexico II Restaurant

Where There's A Wilt

Dr. J. Edward Kendrick

Mika & Sons Inc.

Gringo Logo Market

Taqueria Mexico II Restaurant

Lit Smoke Shop

Show Me KC Schools

El Rey de las Baleadas

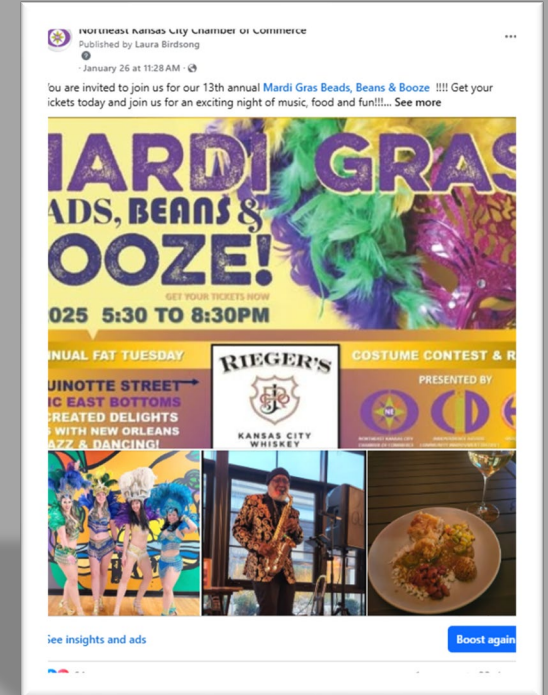
Top Notch Liquor

Hernandez Income Tax Service



KC's INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

#1 FB POST JANUARY



Views ⁱ	8,453	Reach ⁱ	5,351
Interactions ⁱ	89	Link clicks ⁱ	36
Reactions			64
Comments			1
Shares			23
Saves			1
👍	73	❤️	10
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SAFETY & SECURITY MEETINGS

JANUARY 16, 2025

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 & solutions through the Urban CID Alliance program (shared database).
- 4) Houseless issues continue for businesses at Independence & Wilson Roads but at a lesser degree.

GENERAL ATTENDEES

- 1 KCPD Officer
- 1 City Prosecutor
- 1 Business Reps & Residents
- 3 TITAN Angels & 1 Titan Officer
- 3 CID Office Staff
- 1 Mattie Rhodes Representative



Rebuild KANSAS CITY

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS

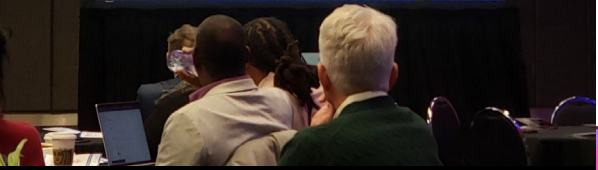
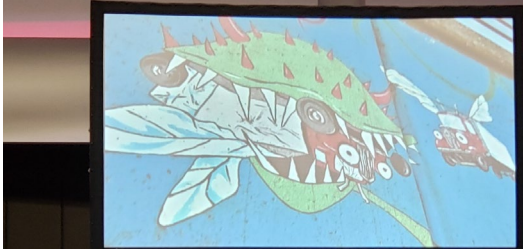
NETWORKING EXPO

2 - 4 PM
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22
Kansas City Convention Center
Grand Ballroom, 301 West 13th Street
Kansas City, MO 64105



STAFF REPRESENTS NEKC CHAMBER AT THE REBUILD KC EXPO JANUARY 22, 2025

Now is the *'Neighborhood Empowerment Grant'*



OPENING CELEBRATION



TASTY TOPIC TALK NEKC CHAMBER LUNCHEON



THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025
ATTENDEES: 9 GUESTS + 3 STAFF

SPEAKERS: Thomas Henggeler
TOPIC: Talking Taxes by LIBERTY TAX



**Taxes
Deadline
Date**

**TUESDAY
APRIL 15**



Lunch by:

Las Tres Palmas

4201 E 9th St, Kansas City, MO 64124 (816) 231-8100
Open today: 9AM-9PM

COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



GIFTS DONATED BY:



SPACE DONATED BY:



TOPIC: Valentine's Day
FEATURED GUEST: KCMO Police Chief
Stacey Graves

THURSDAY, FEB 13, 2025

ATTENDEES: 18 + 5 STAFF





FEB 5, 2025

Rebecca Koop is @ Arts Adbocacy Day at the MO State Capitol.



REBECCA KOOP **NEKC Chamber's Events** **Director visits Jeff City**

Arts Education | Springfield Regional Arts Council
Arts education is a vital aspect of the services the Springfield Regional educators with arts integration strategies they can immediately apply.
• [Springfield Regional Arts Council](#)

Arts Organization | Saint Louis Art Fair
Since the Saint Louis Art Fair began in 1994, it has become one of the experiences at its Creative Castle and showcases Missouri music, dance, and art.
• [Saint Louis Art Fair](#)

Creative Community | City of Mexico
The mid-Missouri city of Mexico abounds with vibrant and varied art experiences. Many programs are largely produced by volunteers, festivals, and events.
• [City of Mexico](#)

Individual Artist | Karen E. Griffin, Kansas City
Karen E. Griffin is a textile, teaching, and performing artist—an artist who creates art through workshops, presentations, and special events.
• [Art by .E Lewis Studio](#)

Leadership in the Arts | Sue Greenberg, St. Louis
Sue Greenberg has been the executive director of Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts for many years. She plays a pivotal role in cultivating Missouri's creative economy.
• [St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts](#)

Philanthropy | Alex and Robin LaBrunerie, Columbia
Alex and Robin LaBrunerie have upheld the arts in mid-Missouri through their support of the Missouri Symphony, as well as Access Arts, Orr Street Studios, Sage Studios, and the Columbia Art Center.

Every year, the honorees are commemorated on a poster featuring their names and photos.
Signature Image Artist | Bryan Haynes, Washington
Internationally renowned, Bryan Dawes Haynes continues the legacy of the Missouri State Capitol's murals.
• [The Art of Bryan Haynes](#)

Awards Artwork Artist | Wanda Tyner, Lee's Summit
Wanda Tyner creates sculptures, wall hangings, bowls, vases, tables, and more.
• [Wanda Tyner Glass](#)



📣 Boost this post to get more reach for Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

Boost post

Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Class at the NEKC Chamber Office

SATURDAY, FEB 9, 2025

ATTENDEES: 30

PRESENTER:

Whitney Barnardo

The Garden Steward



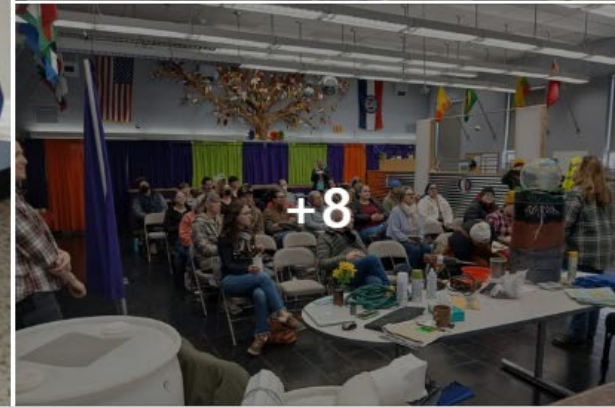
Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce added an event.
★ Favorites · January 23 at 2:08 PM · 🌐



Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
★ Favorites · February 9 at 3:18 PM · 🌐



Yesterday, Saturday the [Pendleton Heights](#) neighborhood put on an informative Rain Barrel building workshop in the NEKC Chamber Community room. All left with great info and two rain collection barrels.



He's in the house!! Bob Long is here and ready to answer questions and provide business development and property tax savings information free to the community!!



**We are sharing the LOVE
Feb 14, 2025**

Robert Long with the EDC-KC shares Community Development information

Economic Development Corporation of KC offering FREE

Business Consultations

- If you're interested in a business expansion or reductions
- building development or rehabilitation project
- job or development incentives



Meet at NEKC Chamber of Commerce Community Room
2657 Independence Avenue
 Kansas City, Mo 64124

Home Owners You will LOVE this....

- that in some areas investments in your home can qualify you for tax caps?
- property tax abatement for homeowners? And More.

Drop in for an as-available meeting.

☆ Interested




HOW CAN WE HELP

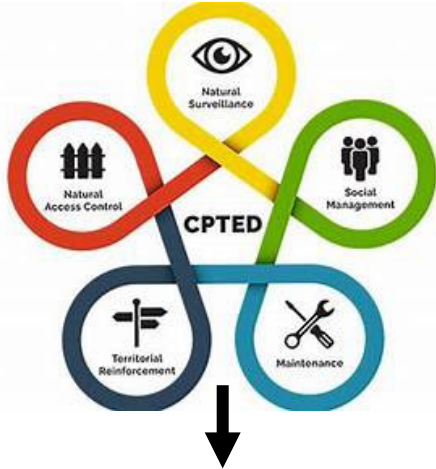
- Developers ▶
- Business Owners ▶**
- Entrepreneurs ▶
- Site Selectors ▶
- Residents
- Government Affairs
- Blue River Ecodustrial
- Corridor

- Business Development
- Incentives
- Workforce + Talent
- Education & Training
- Major Employers

- Economic Profile
- Infrastructure
- Culture
- Affordability
- Workforce + Talent
- Education & Training
- Major Employers

**Kansans City's
 Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
 Sr. Development Services Specialist, Robert Long**

**FRIDAY, FEBUARY 14, 2025
 1 - 4PM
 ATTENDEES: 5**



Crime Prevention

Through Environmental Design

CPTED MEETING



NEKC CHAMBER OFFICE

SATURDAY

2657 INDEPENDENCE AVE

FEBRUARY 15th, 2025

11:00AM - 12:30PM

Presented by: TITAN Protection & Security



Safety Training

RYAN MCFARLIN

Captain of Crime Prevention

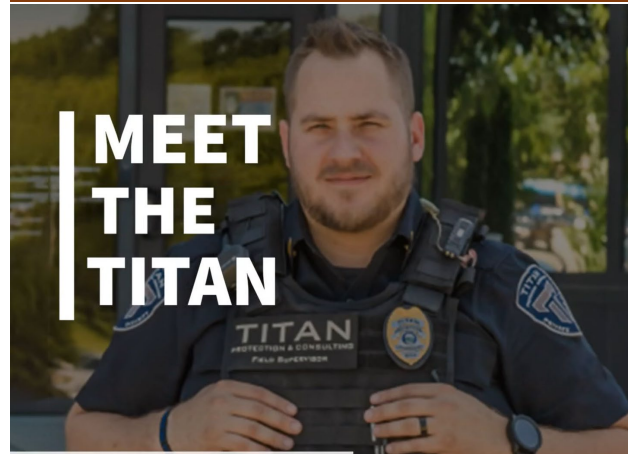
FEBUARY 16, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

All Office Staff

Office Titan Officers

One Store Manager



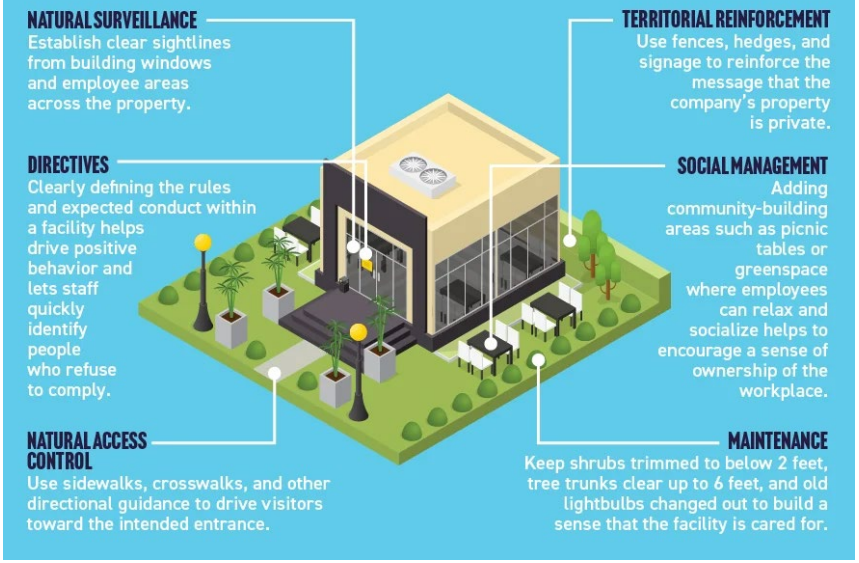
MEET THE TITAN

Lt. Ryan McFarlin
Supervisor



A BLUEPRINT FOR CPTED

What do Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles look like in practice? Small design changes like landscaping or maintenance can have major payoffs when it comes to protecting a facility.



Crime Prevention Techniques for Commercial Properties



2025

Zero KC Grant Application Launched

Funding for agencies helping homeless

Kansas City is offering new grant opportunities aimed at empowering service providers that support unhoused individuals, especially those from specialized populations who face additional barriers to access overnight shelter. This initiative is part of the City's ongoing commitment to addressing homelessness through **Zero KC**, the City's strategic plan to end homelessness.



NEKC Chamber Zero KC Grant Application

Name of Organization: Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

Contact Name: Mike Spady

Project Name: CID Safety and Security Monitoring Center Pilot Project –

Project/Program: Street Outreach

Is this a new project? Yes

Total grant request: \$155,000

Total project budget: \$200,000

Project end date: December 31, 2025

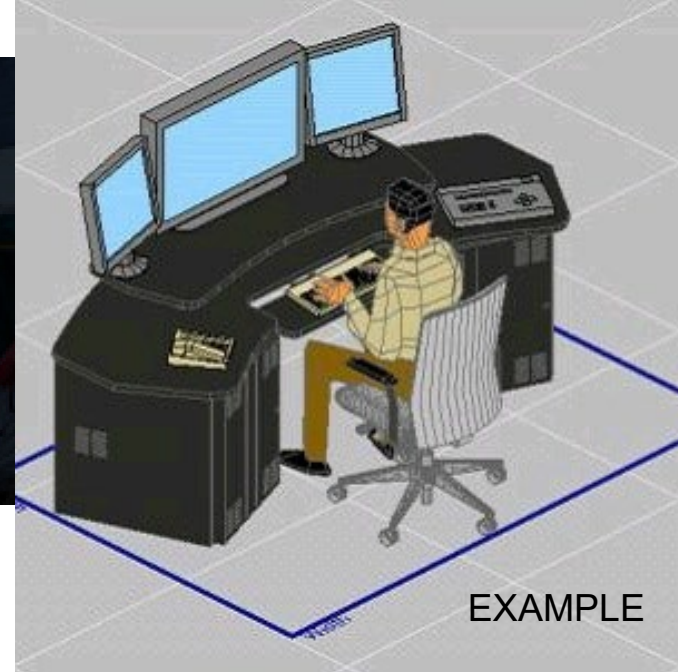
Project start date: January 1, 2025

District where the project will be delivered: Third District, Fourth District

Project Address: Various homeless camp sites and loitering, trespassing and criminal activity hotspot locations within the Independence Avenue CID and adjacent alleys.

A commitment to end homelessness begins with these 5 pillars:

1. Living outside is dangerous.
2. Kansas City needs more housing.
3. Wrap-Around services are critical.
4. One size does not fit all.
5. Solving homelessness requires investment.

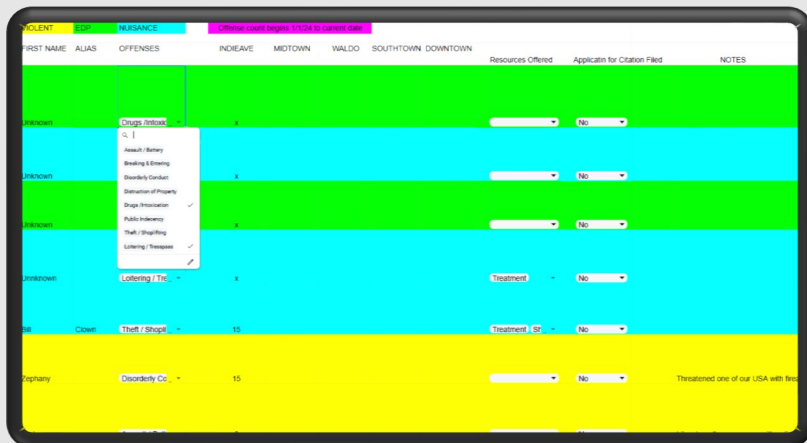


GOALS OF THE NEKC MONITORING STATION

- 1) Establish a “starter list” of environmental factors that might be related to the situational context for violent crimes, property crimes, drug overdoses, disturbances between and among persons/groups of persons, etcetera; refer to this list to build the Risk Terrain Modeling database and share this database with KCPD.
- 2) [Establish estimated number of entries into database].
- 3) Chart number homeless camps encountered.
- 4) Chart number homeless camps cleared.
- 5) Chart number of homeless persons referred.
- 6) Chart violent crimes, property crimes, drug overdoses, disturbances between and among persons/groups of persons.

KC's Urban CID Alliance

1. **Midtown KC Now** - Main Street CID, Broadway Area CID, Wagon Trails CID
2. **Downtown Council** - Downtown CID, Rivermarket CID
3. **Southtown Council** - Brookside Area CID, Troost CID
4. **Waldo KC** - Waldo Community Improvement District
5. **Truman Road CID** - Truman Road CID
6. **Crossroads Community Association** - Crossroads CID
7. **University Health** - UMKC Health Sciences District
8. **Historic West Bottoms** - West Bottoms CID
9. **NEKC Chamber of Commerce** - Independence Avenue CID
10. **West 39th Street** - West 39th Street CID



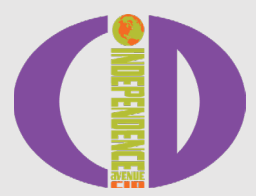
REPEAT NUISANCE OFFENDERS (RNO)

DATABASE

Provide basic information about each REO through descriptions, photos, locations & incarcerations.

The CID Alliance and KCPD collaboration and sharing of Repeat Nuisance Offenders (RNO) information database.





AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

WINTER ACTIVITIES ON THE AVENUE



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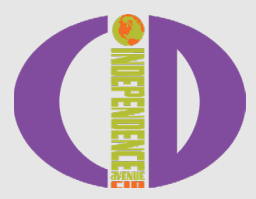
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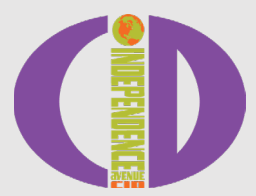


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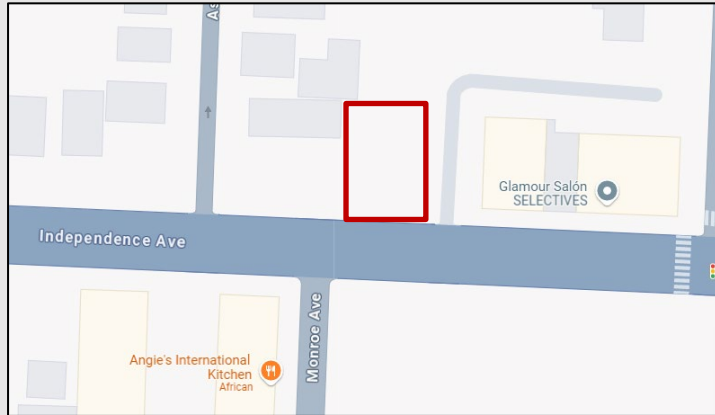


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WINTER ACTIVITIES ON THE AVENUE

INDEPENDENCE AVE & ASKEW PARKING LOT

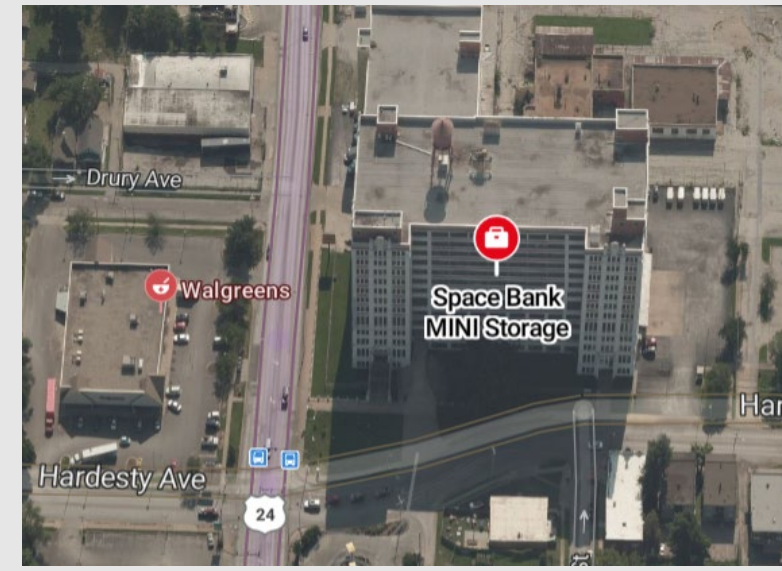
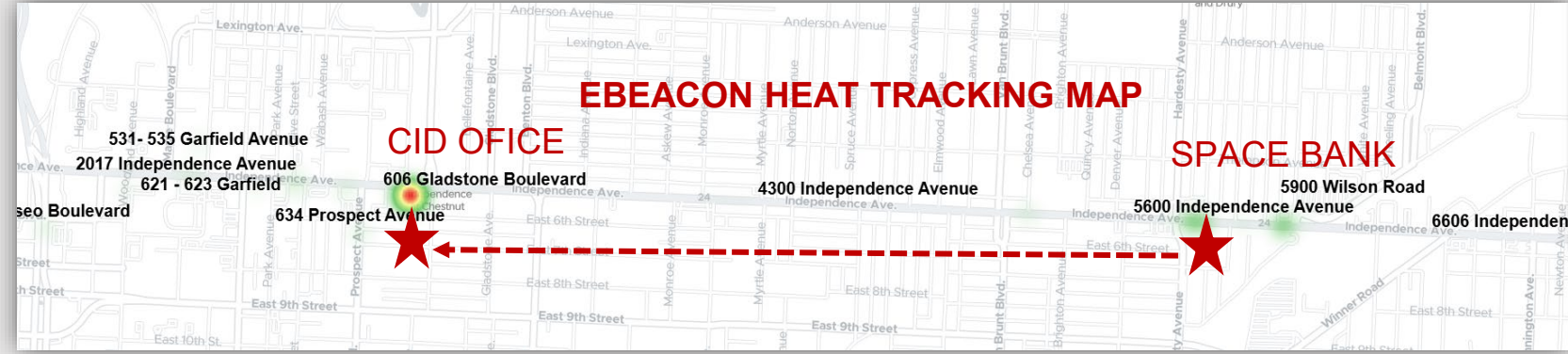
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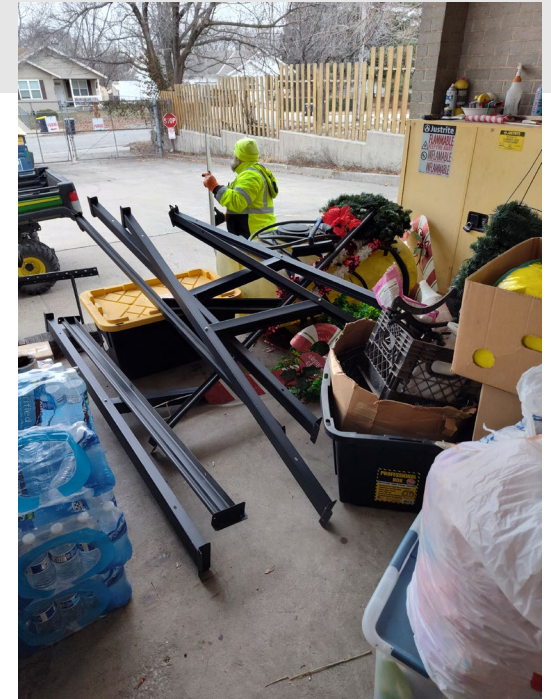


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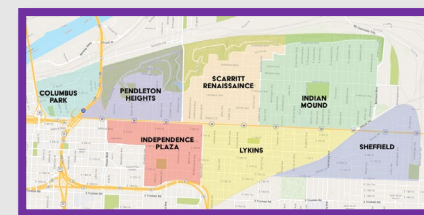
TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT FROM 'SPACE-BANK' TO CID OFFICE





AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

WINTER ACTIVITIES IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



FIRE, FIRE, FIRE...

Kansas City's Northeast News
January 3 at 9:35 AM ·

BREAKING (UPDATED) — Unhoused Encampment Fire Requires Multi-Truck Attention, Friday Morning

Just before 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3, several Kansas City Fire Department (KCFD) trucks were called to Independence Avenue near Order Express (3827 Independence Ave) and Gringo Loco (3825 Independence Ave) on a reported residential fire.

Upon further investigation, firefighters and Titan Security located the fire within the backside of Gringo Loco — a Northeast small business variety m... [See more](#)



105

9 comments 32 shares

HAROLD'S HAMBURGERS CLOSE 1958 - 2025

Kansas City's Northeast News
December 31, 2024 at 1:11 PM ·

Customers filled the parking lot and lobby of Harold's Drive-In Restaurant (1337 Admiral Blvd) on its final day in business. Due to the influx, the eatery stopped taking orders at 1:00. This restaurant has operated as Harold's since 1958 with various owners.



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38 comments 49 shares

CLOSING FOR REDEVELOPMENT

Kansas City's Northeast News
1h ·

On Dec. 19, an application for a Kansas City Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), which was submitted by Arnold Development Group for its acquired property — Hardesty Self-Storage at 5505 Independence Ave. — went before the City Council of Kansas City for its unanimous approval.

Arnold Development Group — a local real estate development agency dedicated toward creating sustainable, walkable communities, according to its website — headed by founder Jonathan Arnold, acqui... [See more](#)



Kansas City Environmental Improvement Program Awards Future Historic Northeast Lofts Over \$7 Million Grant

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Arnold Development Group — a local real estate development agency dedicated toward creating sustainable, walkable communities, according to its website — headed by founder Jonathan Arnold, acquired what is formerly known as Hardesty Self Storage at the corner of Hardesty and Independence Avenues.

Arnold Development Group submitted an RLF request for this property, which was adopted for a resolution in March 2024 by the Kansas City Brownfields Commission to aid in completion of phase one for its project of what will become "Historic Northeast Lofts" in early 2026 — weather permitting — at this location ...

Julia Williams has this story at [Northeastnews.net](#)



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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 November, 2018 by and between **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**, a constitutionally established corporation of the State of Missouri, through its **CITY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS**, 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 that the Contractor is providing maintenance and cleaning of seventeen (17) alleys abutting Independence Avenue to the north and south of the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District, including certain 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: NOV 21 – JAN 16, 2025

WINTER

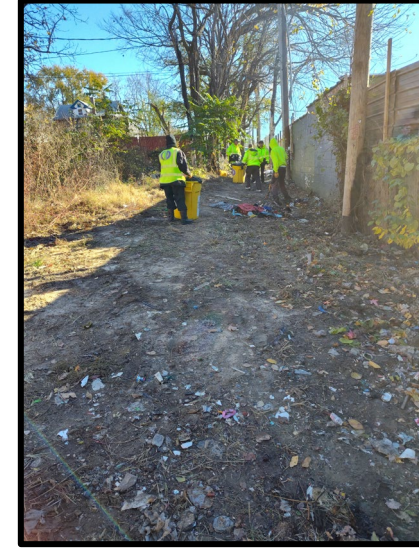


Alley Cleanup Activities – Nov 21, 2024 – 3,700LBS

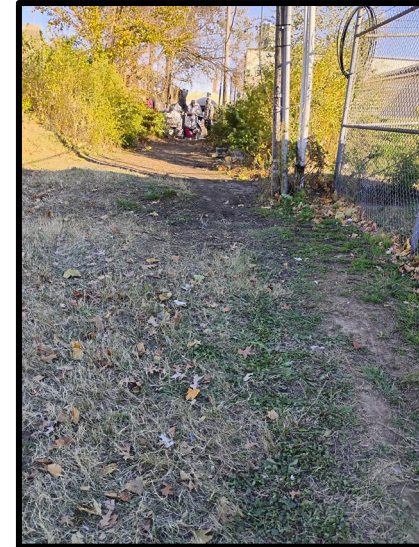
1) Flora to Highland - South of Avenue | 6 USA | 24 Hrs Labor | 2) Askew to Bales – North of Avenue



The images on the left are of the alley located between **Flora and Highland Avenues**, south of Independence Avenue and east of the Aldi store. The images on the right are of the alley located between **Bales and Askew Avenues**, north of Independence Avenue.



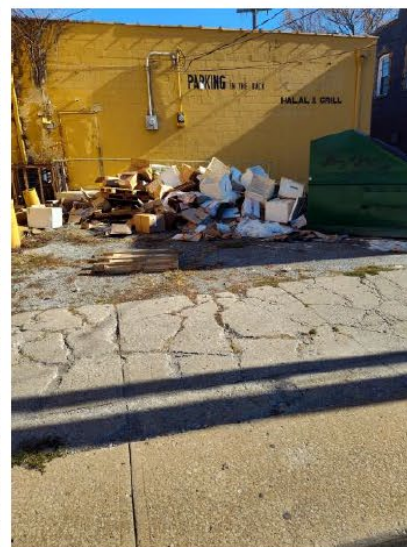
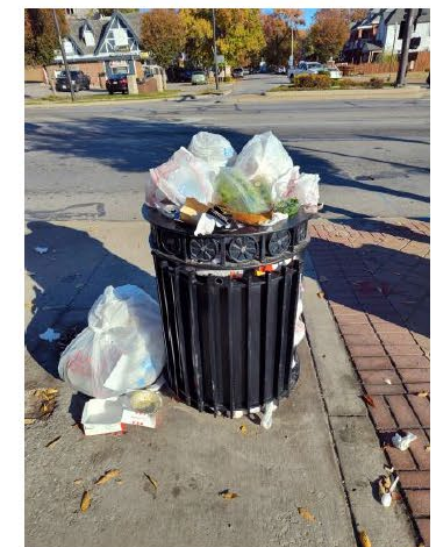
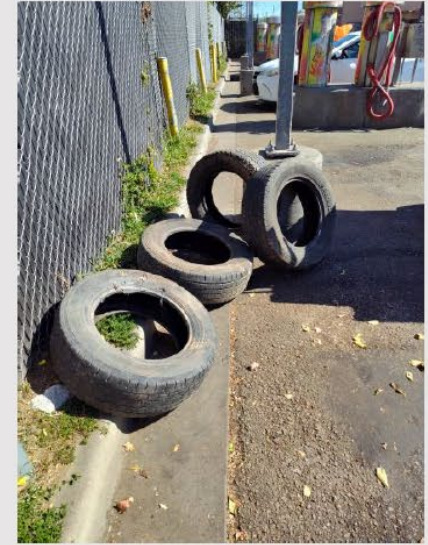
The Aldi cleanup involved removing a sizeable homeless camp. The Bales-Askew cleanup involved removing trash left by transients moving through the alley to points elsewhere.





AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2024

CID STAFF TOP OFF CITY AND KCATA TRASH BINS, COLLECT BULKY ITEMS AND PERFORM TRASH PICK UP ALONG THE INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CORRIDOR SIDEWALKS, CID LOTS, RIDE KC BUS STOPS





AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION AND ALLEY CLEANUP ACTIVITIES 4TH QUARTER 2024

Total Months Worked: October, November, December.

Total days worked: 76.

Total hours work October 1 thru December 31: 3,042 hours.

Total Alley Cleanups 6 with 8,225 pounds collected.

Total Recyclables Processed: 3,380 pounds

Total Litter and Trash Along Independence Avenue Corridor Collected: 19,777 pounds

Total Bulky Items Collected: 4,716 pounds

Total tires collected: 92

Total wages earned: \$47,634

Total percentage of time USA team involved in doing work defined in contract: 80%.

Total wages earned by team doing worked defined in contract: \$38,107

Total contract value period January 1 thru December 31 2024: \$30,000.

Total contract value per quarter 2024: \$7,500.

Total Due NEKC Chamber of Commerce: \$7,500

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1	Alley & Sidewalk Cleaning Wage Reimbursement- 4th quarter Total Days Worked: 76 --exclusive of holidays, inclement weather Total Hours Worked October 1 through December 31 2024: 3,042 Total Alley Cleanups: 6 Total Alley Lbs Trash/Debris: 8,225 Total Recyclables Processed: 3,380 Total Litter/Trash Lbs Collected Along Independence Ave: 19,777 Total Wages Earned: \$ 47,634 Total Percentage of time USA team involved in doing work defined in contract: 80% Total Wages Earned by team doing work defined in contract: \$38,107 Total Contract value period January 1 through December 31 2024: \$ 30,000 Total Contract value per quarter 2024: \$ 7,500		7,500.00	7,500.00																														
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Year - End Report 2024 City of Kansas City Alley and Public Spaces Cleaning Contract

The NEKC Chamber, the managing entity of the Independence Avenue CID, has completed the 2024 alley cleaning contract. We can confidently state that the we have capably executed the contract. The numbers reported reflect the efforts of six hard-working street team members. Over 9 tons of trash, litter and debris has been removed from alleys abutting Independence Avenue. Over 34 tons of trash and litter have been removed from the curbs, sidewalks and, parks within the CID. The value of the contract is one-fifth of the total wages the CID has invested into maintenance of Independence Avenue. The numbers reported do not include other activities such as landscaping, graffiti removal and snow removal.

Total Months Worked	1 st Qtr 2024	2 nd Qtr 2024	3 rd Qtr 2024	4 th Qtr 2024	All Qtrs 2024
12	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sep	Oct - Dec	Jan - Dec
Total Days Worked	84	77	75	76	312
Total Hours Worked	3,155	3,165	2,316	3,042	10,673
Total Alley Cleanups LBS	3	1	6	6	16
Total Alley LBS Collected	2,350	1,050	6,600	8,225	18,225
Total LBS Recyclables Processed	1,842	3,040	3,510	3,380	11,722
Total LBS Litter Trash Collected	13,052	17,248	18,042	19,777	68,119
Total LBS Bulky Items Collected	3,604	3,835	5,190	4,716	17,345
Total Tires Collected	77	103	264	92	536
Total Wages Paid (\$)	49,404	49,058	35,537	47,634	181,633
Total Percentage (%) Time for Contract Work	80	80	80	80	80
Total Wages Earned (\$) as Defined in Contract	39,523	39,246	28,430	38,107	145,306
Total Contract Value (\$)	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	30,000
Total Value (\$) Due to NEKC Chamber	7,500 (PD)	7,500 (PD)	7,500 (PD)	7,500 (DUE)	30,000



ALL ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR

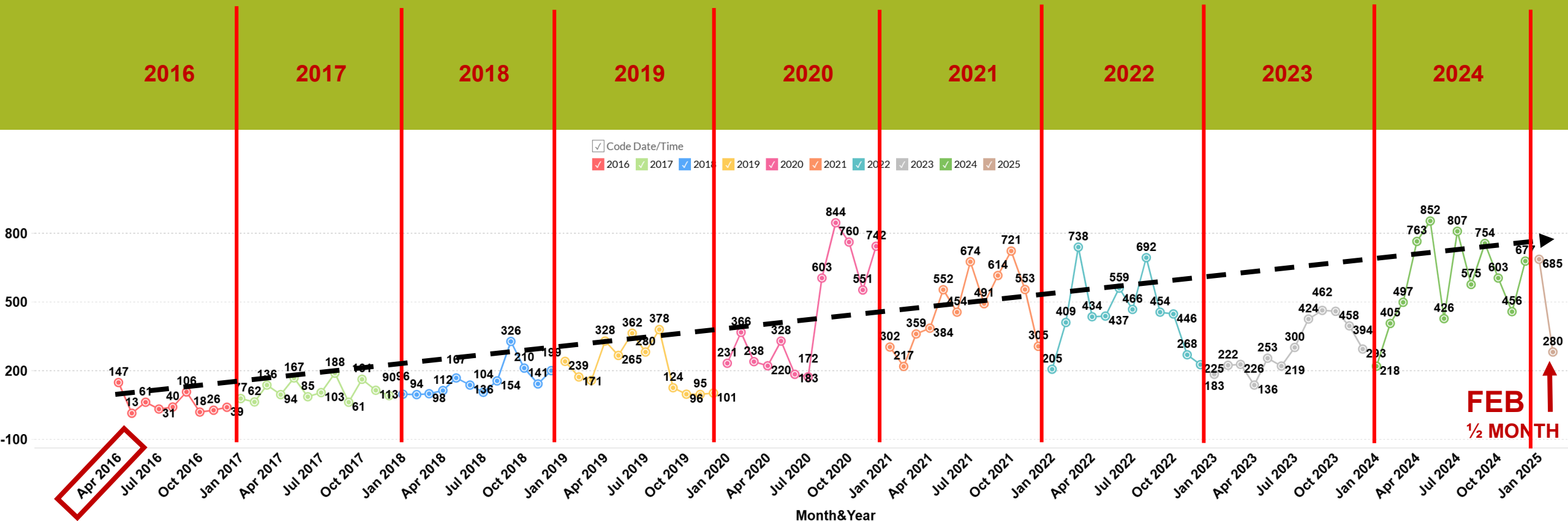
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Reports This Month: **483** (circled in red) **1/2 MONTH**

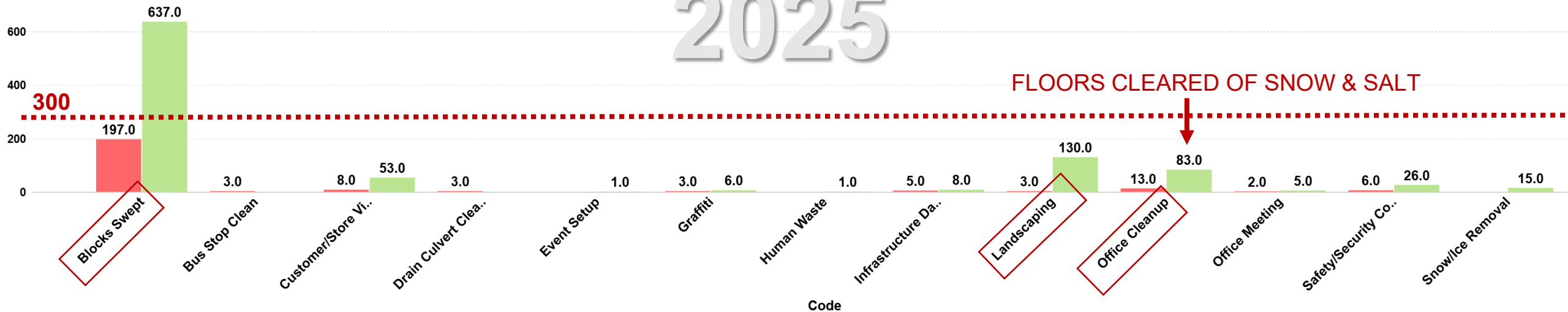
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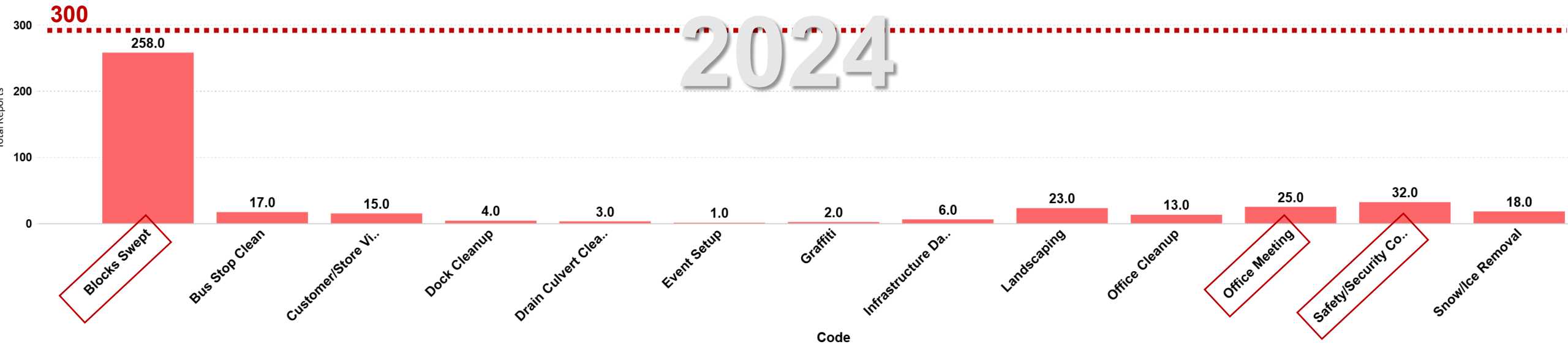


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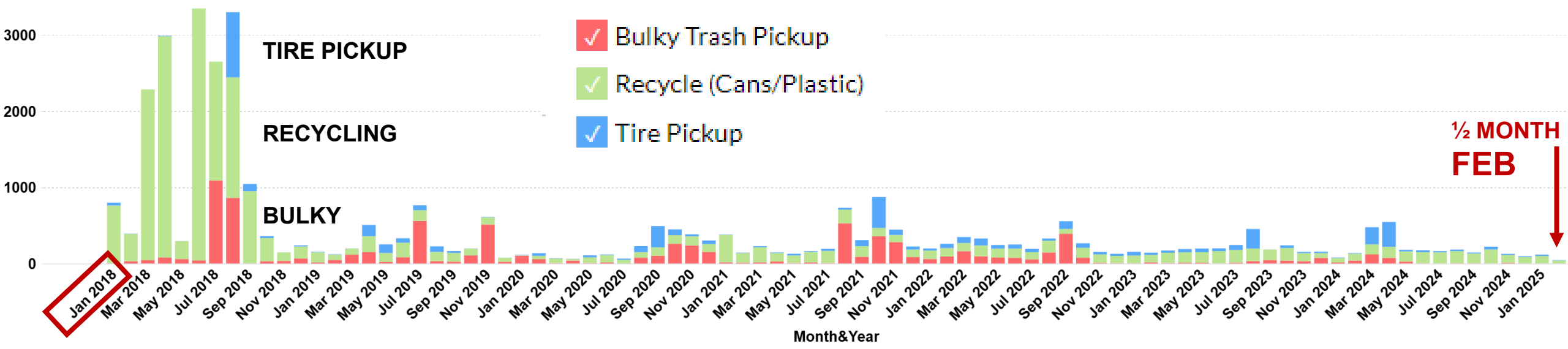
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USA REPORT

CLEAN UP... BY THE NUMBERS JAN 2018 – TODAY



ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR



Incidents This Week

12

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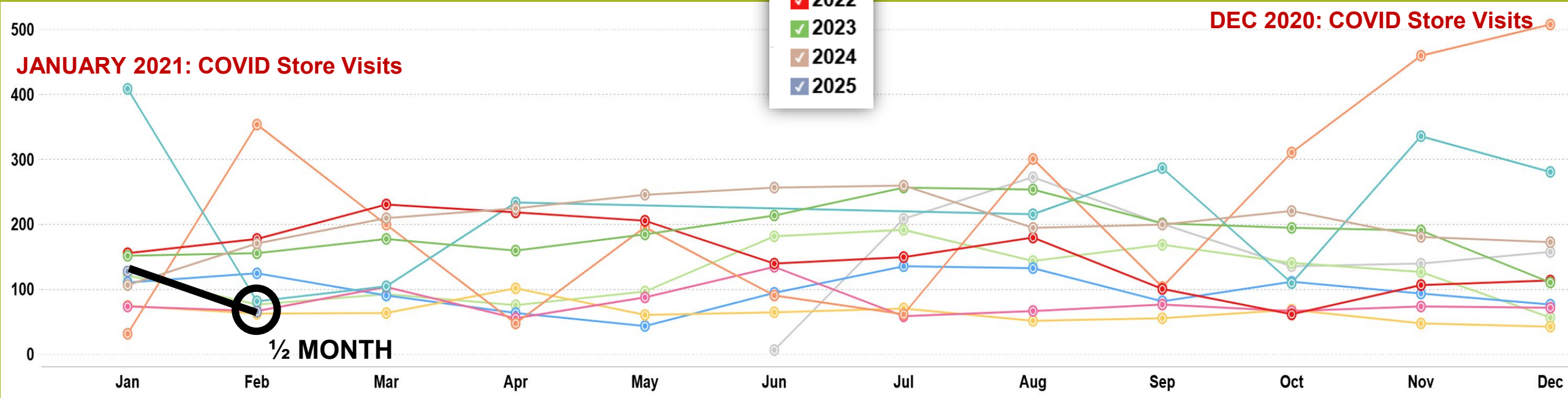
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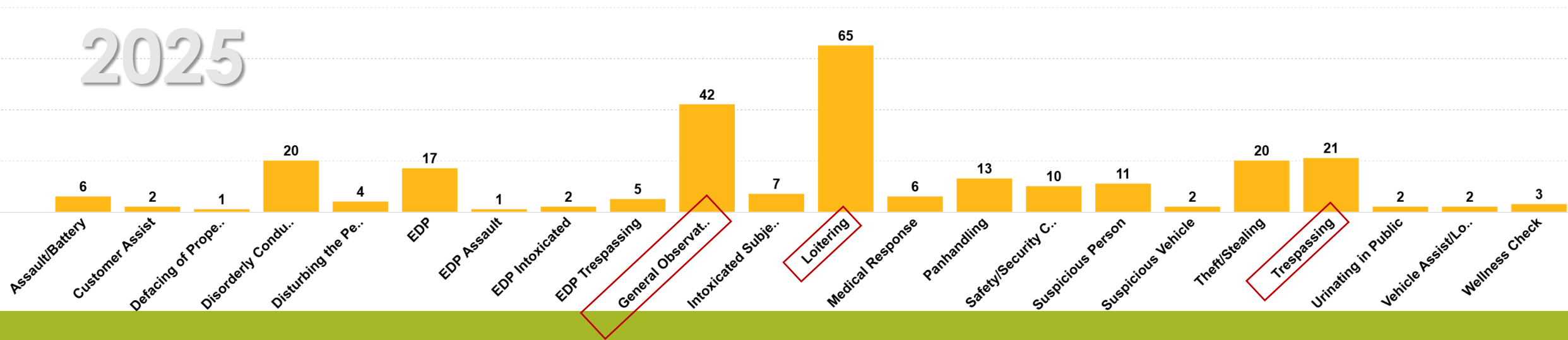
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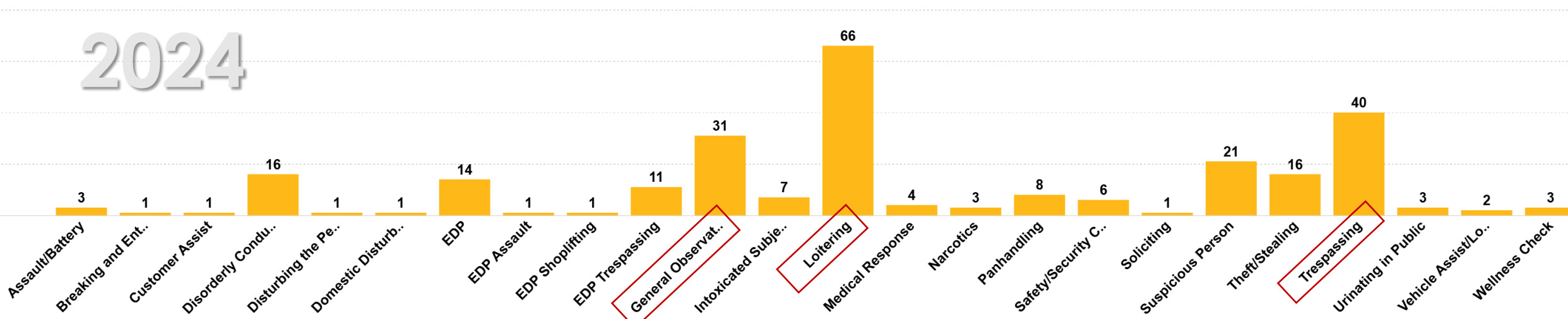
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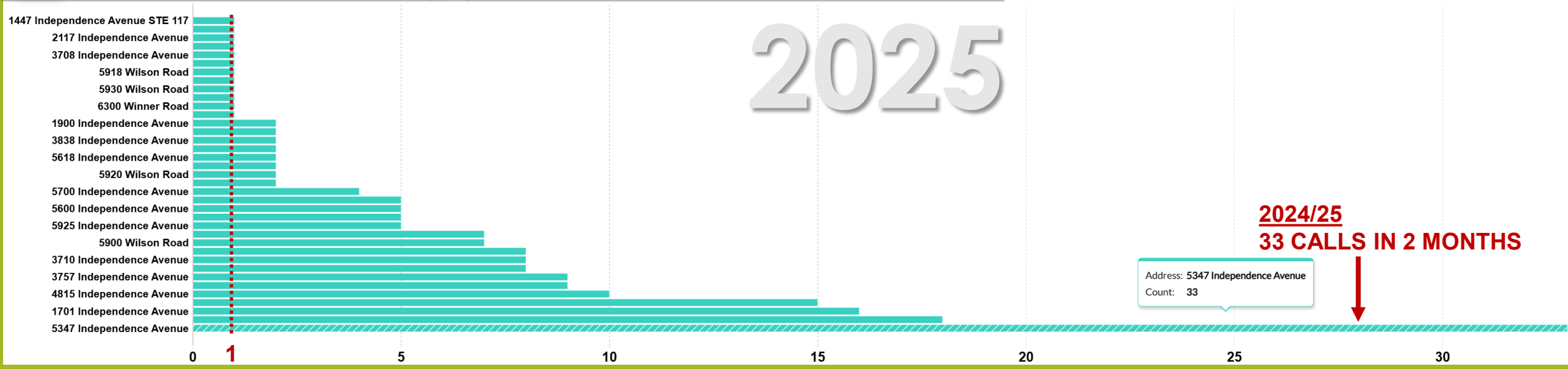
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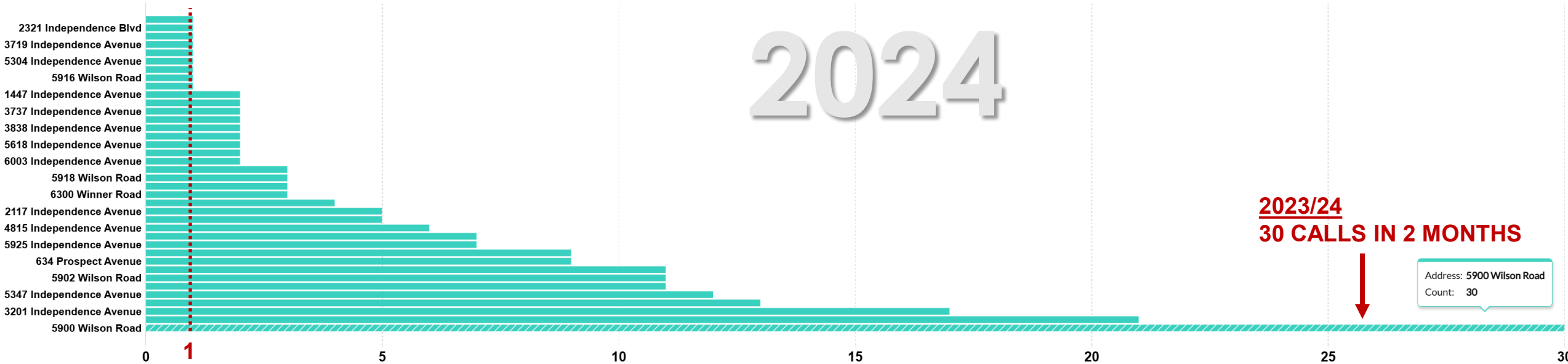
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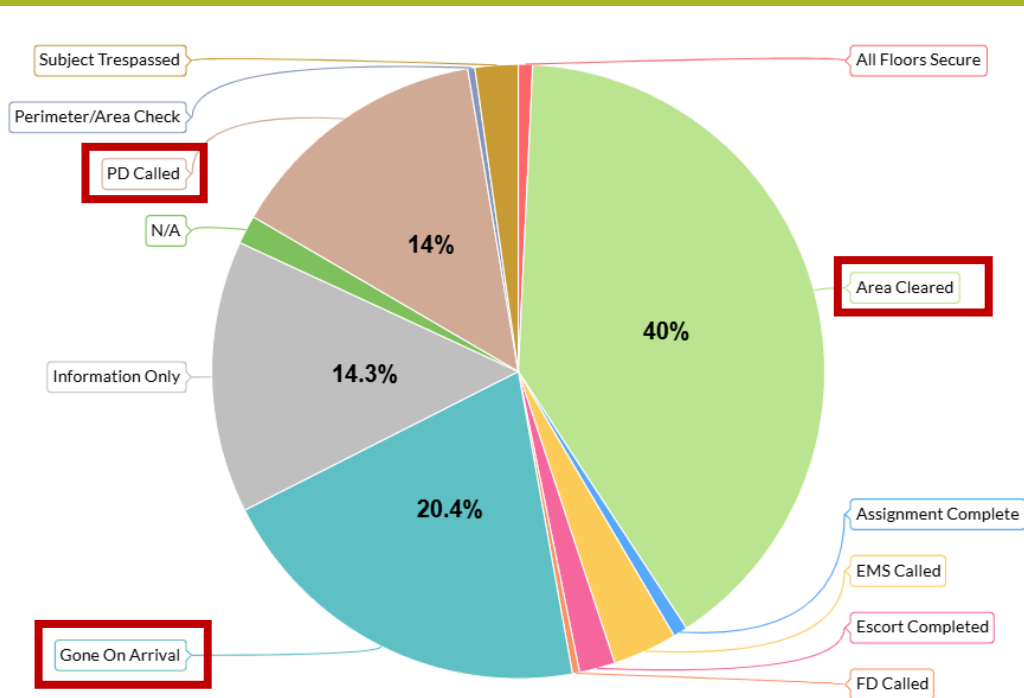
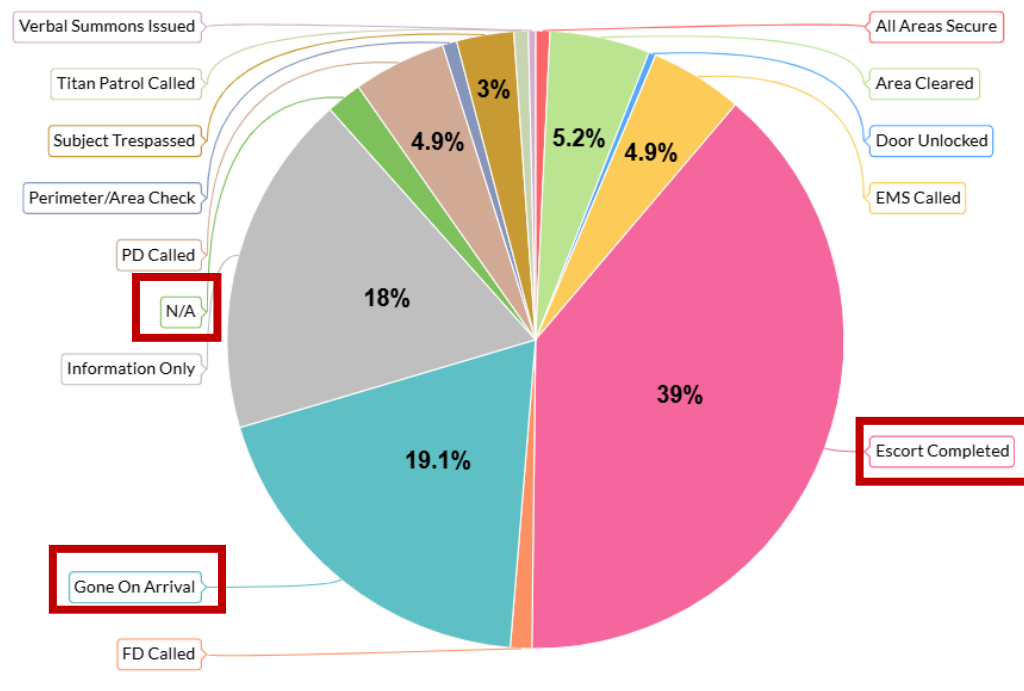


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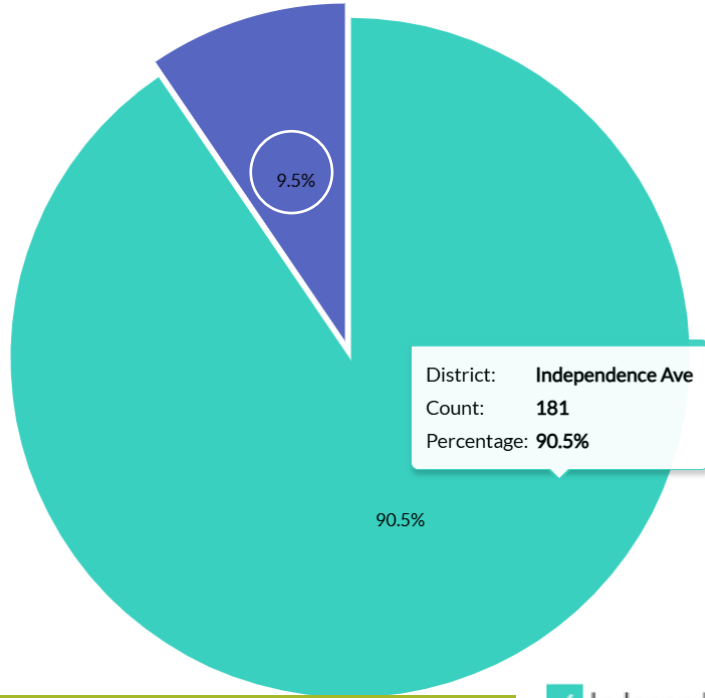


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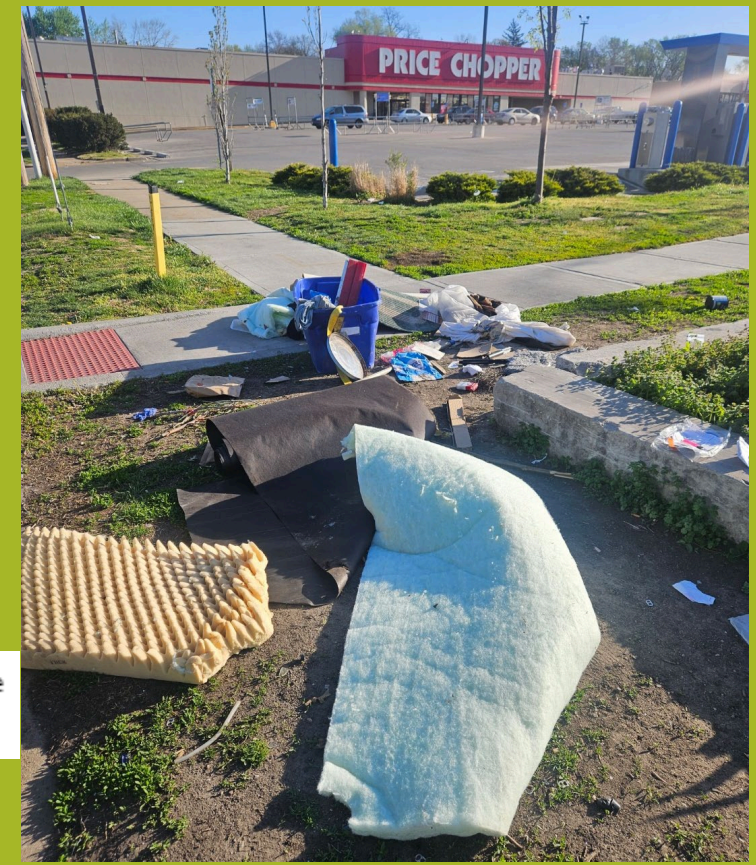
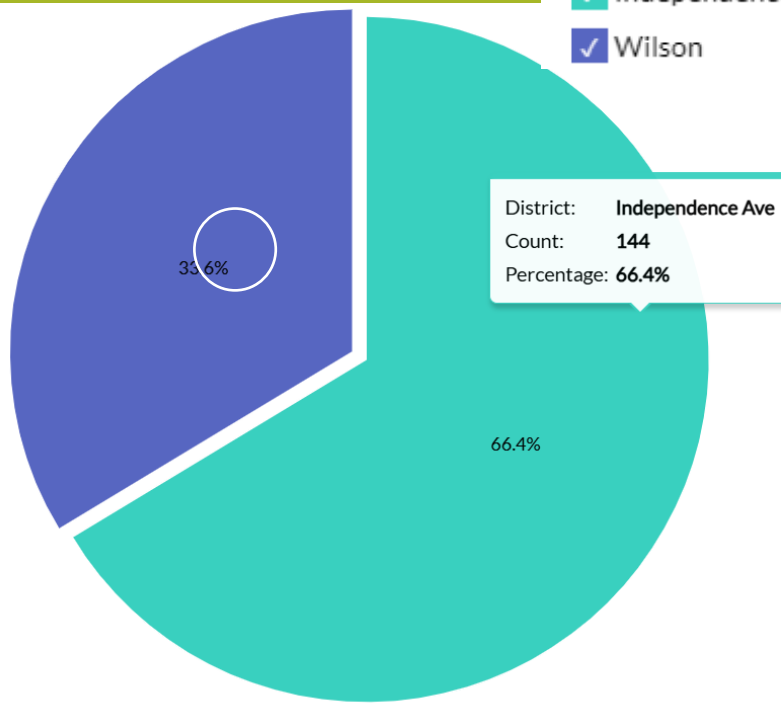
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WILSON RD VERSES INDEPENDENCE AVE



- ✓ Independence Ave
- ✓ Wilson



AVAILABLE SPACE ON... Independence AVE



2601 INDEPENDENCE



2435 INDEPENDENCE



~~2635 INDEPENDENCE~~



2425 INDEPENDENCE



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5926 WILSON



**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**



12-13-2024 LOVE ESXPRESSIONS



1-3-2025 Elvira's Cakes



2-7-2025 Kasanova Hair Studio



1-17-2025 Dr. Kendrick Dental



1-31-2025 Fresh Market - 2620 Indep



1-13-2025 THE AVENUE CAFE



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Somali Native Carries on Family's Business Tradition with Independence Plaza's "Jama Imports"

Julia Williams
Editor-in-Chief

Muhubo Jama has owned and operated her business "Jama Imports" for over 20 years. Formerly located along Lexington Avenue within the Pendleton Heights neighborhood, Jama Imports has sat on the corner at 621 Prospect Ave., within the Independence Plaza neighborhood, for the past several years.

Originally from the country of Somalia — located in South Africa — Jama said she left the area when she was

just three years old and has called Northeast Kansas City home for over 34 years as both a resident and a business owner.

Jama shared in an interview, Friday that she has lived in the Northeast "more than any other area. I like it; I've never seen any problem," she said.

While she has lived in the Northeast for over three decades, she said opening up her own business was not her first career move. "You're not worried about time or [taking] a 30 to 40-minute break."

The Downtown Kansas City Marriott Hotel and bought and worked for a candle company, before deciding to open up Jama Imports.

Receiving assistance from her brother, sister and husband, Jama decided to launch her own business in 2003.

"I love it; You enjoy the life, no one bothers you when you own your own business," Jama shared in an interview, Friday. "You're not worried about time or [taking] a 30 to 40-minute break."

This flexibility and independence, Jama shared, is one of her favorite aspects of self-employment.

"If I want to visit someone, I can just close the door," she said.

And this drive for entrepreneurship, she shared, runs deep as both her mother and father owned family businesses, which she said she worked at and helped with as a young girl.

While Jama said she works mainly solo at

Jama Imports and the store does not have any additional employees, her brother and her husband also help her run the business — carrying on this familial mom and pop shop legacy.

Jama Imports is an everything store of sorts with items ranging from women's clothing and perfume selections to home decor including rugs, carpets and curtains, among other items.

Just as it sounds in the title, items offered for sale in Jama's store

are imported from countries all around the world including Turkey, Spain, Japan, Saudi Arabia and Italy, among others according to ImpoTei — an online platform, which helps to air and identify business owners with suppliers that best cater to their specific needs.

Jama Imports is open from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Sunday, seven days a week.



Muhubo Jama | Northeast News file photo



FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL



Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District Four Corners Community Call was Jama Imports, 621 Prospect Ave.

JOIN US AT 3 P.M., FRIDAY FOR OUR FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL:

Yasmeen Cafe
1447 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

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Celebrate National Strawberry Ice Cream Day, Jan. 15!

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

National Strawberry Ice Cream Day is celebrated on Jan. 15. Originally founded in 1913, this day is celebrated by the United States. It was created by the National Ice Cream Association in 1914.

El Mercurio Fresh Market
El Mercurio Fresh Market at 2101 Independence Ave., is celebrating National Strawberry Ice Cream Day with a special promotion. The store is located at 2101 Independence Ave., between 18th and 19th Sts. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

South Dishes
This South Dishes location at 4233 Independence Ave., is celebrating National Strawberry Ice Cream Day with a special promotion. The store is located at 4233 Independence Ave., between 38th and 39th Sts. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

Frutopia Pastries & Ice Cream
Frutopia Pastries & Ice Cream at 2127 Independence Ave., is celebrating National Strawberry Ice Cream Day with a special promotion. The store is located at 2127 Independence Ave., between 18th and 19th Sts. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

JOIN US AT 3 P.M., FRIDAY FOR OUR FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

Edward Kendrick DDS
6465 Independence Ave.

1-3-2025

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Celebrate International Integrative Health Care Day, Jan. 23!

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

International Health Care Day is an international day, which is recognized every year on Jan. 23.

Integrative Health Care Center
Integrative Health Care Center at 4611 Independence Ave., is celebrating International Integrative Health Care Day with a special promotion. The center is located at 4611 Independence Ave., between 42nd and 43rd Sts. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Eye Care Optical
The Eye Care Optical location at 4611 Independence Ave., is celebrating International Integrative Health Care Day with a special promotion. The store is located at 4611 Independence Ave., between 42nd and 43rd Sts. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Edward Kendrick DDS
Edward Kendrick DDS at 6465 Independence Ave., is celebrating International Integrative Health Care Day with a special promotion. The office is located at 6465 Independence Ave., between 60th and 61st Sts. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Edward Kendrick DDS
6465 Independence Ave.

1-22-2025

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Celebrate National Dark Chocolate Day, Feb. 1 with Northeast Businesses!

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

National Dark Chocolate Day is celebrated on Feb. 1. This day is celebrated by the United States. It was created by the National Confectionery Association in 1987.

Gringo Loco
Gringo Loco at 1212 Prospect Ave., is celebrating National Dark Chocolate Day with a special promotion. The store is located at 1212 Prospect Ave., between 11th and 12th Sts. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

Price Chopper
Price Chopper at 1447 Independence Ave., is celebrating National Dark Chocolate Day with a special promotion. The store is located at 1447 Independence Ave., between 14th and 15th Sts. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

Fresh Market
Fresh Market at 2127 Independence Ave., is celebrating National Dark Chocolate Day with a special promotion. The store is located at 2127 Independence Ave., between 18th and 19th Sts. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

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1-29-2025

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Sunday, Jan. 12 is National Pharmacist Day!

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

"Pharmacist Day" is a national holiday intended to honor and recognize pharmacists across the U.S. While National Pharmacists Day is Jan. 12, the American Pharmacists Association additionally has deemed October "American Pharmacists Month," which is celebrated by many organizations including the World Health Organization.

Spaul's
Spaul's at 1447 Independence Ave., is celebrating National Pharmacist Day with a special promotion. The store is located at 1447 Independence Ave., between 14th and 15th Sts. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

Walgreens
Walgreens at 2127 Independence Ave., is celebrating National Pharmacist Day with a special promotion. The store is located at 2127 Independence Ave., between 18th and 19th Sts. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

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1-8-2025

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Northeast Honors Black History Month with a Local, Black-Owned Business

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

The recognition and celebration of Black History Month in the U.S. began in 1915. It was created by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1915.

Ted's Barber Shop
Ted's Barber Shop at 1447 Independence Ave., is celebrating Black History Month with a special promotion. The store is located at 1447 Independence Ave., between 14th and 15th Sts. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

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JOIN US AT 3 P.M., FRIDAY FOR OUR FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

Jama Imports
621 Prospect Ave.

2-12-2024



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DEC 7 & 8: HNE ARTISTS OPEN STUDIO TOUR

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1000 West 12th St
Kansas City, MO 64108
www.kevinkingart.com

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7 Back Door Pottery
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Rebecca Koop
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Wick Thomas and Clay Jarryl
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www.wickthomas.com

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8 Solo de Arte
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DEC 7 & 8: BOOK SIGNING

Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
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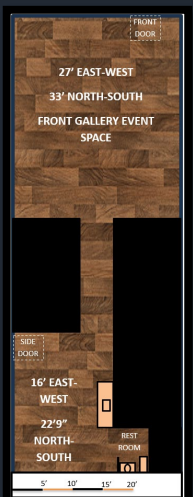
The Third Annual Northeast Arts KC Open Studio Tour is under way!! Be sure to stop The EGG: Art & Business Incubator and the other 7 locations to support our local artists!



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 FEB 13, 2025

Valentine's Day

TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCH

TUESDAY, JAN 28, 2025

Tax Talk 2024

SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

THURSDAY, FEB 20, 2025

Discuss Local Security
Issues & Solutions



Beads, Beans & Booze TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

Mardi Gras



EXPLORE

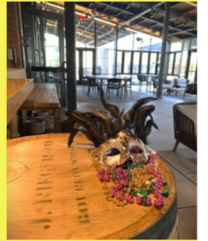
Bring a friend or two and spend FAT TUESDAY 2025 in KC's Historic East Bottoms to EXPLORE the Past and celebrate the Spirit of the Present!

EXPERIENCE

Enjoy BEADS, BEANS & BOOZE in a new 2025 way and EXPERIENCE the Atrium Room at the Rieger overlooking ELECTRIC PARK Garden Bar.

Bring a guest or two for an unforgettable party on FAT TUESDAY, filled with tons of Cajun eating & Cocktail drinking. 1st & 2nd line Dancing! 7-7:30 pm

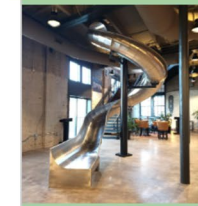
King and Queen Costume winners 7:30
Raffle ticket drawing starts 7:40 pm



DISCOVER

DISCOVER the history of booze in KC while making memories of MARDI GRAS 2025. A century after Prohibition, the Iconic J. Rieger Co. Distillery now offers tours for you to Discover the taste of post-Prohibition.

Make your last drink a classic Mudslide then take your turn to enjoy the exciting Rieger slide!



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

- 1 KC Source Link
- 2 Arts as Membership a 501c3
- 3 Welcome KC
- 4 KC Refugee & Immigrant Services & Empowerment
- 5 The EGG Board
- 6 Recipient: 2024 Urban Heroes Award

- 1 Safety & Security Committee
- 2 Recipient: Community Champion 816 Award
- 3 Certified Harm Reduction Specialist
- 4 HNE Community Engagement Liaison
- 5 KCMO Houseless Summit Ambassador
- 6 National Coalition for the Homeless: Civil Rights/Organizing Committee

- 1 Aweil East Community Association Inc - USA former Chairman
- 2 NEKC Chamber Liaison for the Historic Northeast Area Businesses

- 1 Kessler Park Plan Implementation Committee
- 2 MARC Bi-State Sustainable Corridor Advisory Board
- 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

- 1 Safety & Security Committee
- 2 Independence Avenue Storefront Improvement Rebate Board
- 3 The Paseo Gateway & Choice Neighborhood Initiative Liaison



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