

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

Date: June 18, 2025 Time: 3:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order Chairman Jerry Potocnik
2. Board Minutes
3. Financial Reports Treasurer Citlali Rivera
  - P&L Last Fiscal Year
  - Balance Sheet Last Fiscal Year
  - P&L This Fiscal Year to Date
  - Balance Sheet Fiscal Year to Date
4. Board Committee Reports
  - Executive - Annual Meeting Review 04/23/25 Jerry Potocnik
  - Resource Development Andrea Wilt
  - Planning & Development Bobbi Baker
  - Governmental Affairs Manny Abarca IV
  - Membership Rebecca Koop
  - CID Reports CID District Manager Bobbi Baker
  - Historic Northeast Events Rebecca Koop
  - Chamber Reports Events Director Rebecca Koop
  - CEO/President Report Bobbi Baker
5. Action Items
  - Resolution No. 2025-01 Approval of Budget May 2025 through April 2026
  - Resolution No. 2025-02 Approval of Appointed NE KC Chamber Board Officers
6. New Business
  - Introduction of Annie Moran, Bookkeeper for NE KC Chamber of Commerce & Independence Ave CID
7. Old Business
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

04/20/2025 ←  
05/15/2025

## THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE



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

### JUNE 18, 2025

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- RECENT EVENTS
  - INTRODUCE SUMMER INTERN
  - STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT
  - 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



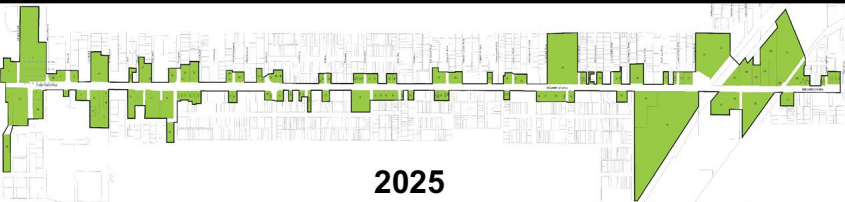




# UMKC Internship Fair 2025

## Independence Ave CID Urban Planners

### Attend UMKC Urban Planning School



### 2025

## INDEPENDENCE AVE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CID)

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Survey on IA CID Properties:

- This initial portion of this survey is completed and ready to start the ‘assessment phase.’
- This survey also has a **Placemaking** element to it, to help buildings be regulated toward the Independence Avenue Overlay.
- It is crucial to use these tools to help business/property owners use the CID’s Storefront Façade Rebate (SIR) program or find another CPTED grant to help fund improvements that are facilitated toward crime prevention/placemaking.

### (CPTED)

CPTED is based on the premise that the design of our environment generally affects the way we behave. It influences both the opportunities for crime to take place and the fear of crime. It can have an important impact on our quality of life.

#### CPTED PRINCIPLE #1

Natural Surveillance (increases visibility)

- Reduce areas of solid walls
- Low clustering in retail stores
- Quality lighting

#### CPTED PRINCIPLE #2

Natural Access Control (limits access)

1. Maintained Landscaping
2. Fencing
3. Use of Transparent Materials

#### CPTED PRINCIPLE #3

Territoriality (sense of ownership)

- Decorative Signage
- Maintenance
- Landscaping

**CPTED and the ‘Broken Window Theory’**  
suggests that one ‘broken window’ or instance, if allowed to exist, will lead to others and ultimately to the decline of an entire neighborhood. Neglected and poorly maintained properties are breeding grounds for criminal activity.

## CPTED & STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

### INDEPENDENCE AVENUE C.I.D. STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT REBATE

**PURPOSE** The goal of the IA CID Storefront Improvement Rebate (\$1.8K) is to support local businesses through funding for exterior building repairs or improvements. Applications will be reimbursed at half of their approved costs, with the IA CID’s share not to exceed \$5,000 per building project. The IA CID oversees the program and the IA CID Property Committee administers the program.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- S.I.R. is open to any properties within the Independence Avenue CID boundaries.
- Applications must be approved prior to the commencement of the project. No retro-active reimbursements will be issued.
- All applications are subject to the approval of the Independence Avenue C.I.D. Property Committee.
- An applicant is only eligible for one rebate per property within a ten year time period.
- Grant applications may be submitted by either a business or property owner, as long as both parties are in agreement. All grant monies will be issued as a reimbursement to the applicant.
- Business must have a valid Occupational License with the City of Kansas City at time of application.
- Projects must meet or exceed applicable City Zoning, Sign and Building Code requirements.

**REIMBURSEMENTS** are made within 2 weeks after the submission of the required documentation (i.e. receipts, proof of payment, etc.).

**ELIGIBLE EXPENSES**

- Removing and/or replacing sitting or facade
- Polishing concrete
- Painting or resurfacing handrails
- Replacing or installing gutter and downspout systems in conjunction with other facade improvements
- Back painting brick and masonry
- Repairing or replacing cornices, trim, or architectural details

**NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENSES**

- Interior work
- Electrical improvements (excluding exterior lighting)
- HVAC improvements
- Property acquisition
- Equipment, Furniture, and Fixtures
- Roads
- In-house labor by property owner, tenant, or employee

## UMKC Urban Planning Student

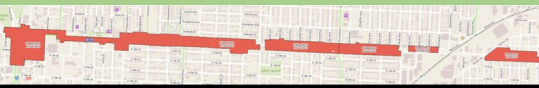
# MASON WOODS



## Independence Ave Overlay Ordinance (ICO)

**Special character overlay specifically designed for the Avenue:** Chapter 88, Code of Ordinances of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, commonly known as the Zoning and Development Code, is hereby amended by enacting a new section to be known as Section 88-20A1057, rezoning by creating a Special Character Overlay District.

**Purpose.** This overlay aims to promote design excellence and walkability for all parcels on the Independence Corridor from Forest Avenue on the west to Ewing Avenue on the east, and all parcels two blocks south of Independence Boulevard on Paseo Boulevard, and two blocks south of Independence Boulevard on Prospect Avenue (see Map).




**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 160513**

- The standards of this article apply to all development in the Independence Overlay District. This document establishes the development standards that vary from the underlying base zoning for the properties in the Independence Overlay District. All provisions described below as regulatory in nature have the same force and effect as, but are variations from, the standards set forth in Chapter 88 - Zoning and Development Code.
- If provisions of this overlay district are inconsistent with Chapter 88, the provisions of this overlay district shall apply.
- If provisions of this overlay district are inconsistent with a Historic Overlay District then the provisions of the Historic Overlay District shall apply.
- MPD and UR districts are exempt from the standards of this ordinance; however, standards in this ordinance shall be used to guide the development of standards for MPD and UR districts.
- Other than as set forth below, the underlying zoning and the regulations and standards included in the Zoning and Development Code, Chapter 88, prescribed for the areas rezoned to this overlay district shall remain unchanged and shall continue to apply.
  - New Development.** Full compliance with this article applies to all new buildings constructed within this district.
  - Enlargements and Expansions.** Full compliance with this article applies only to the enlargement or expansion area.
  - Facade Changes.** Compliance with this article applies to facade changes to existing buildings.
  - Change of Use or Occupancy.** Compliance with use standards apply whenever the use or occupancy of a property changes.
  - Signage.** Compliance with signage standards apply when a sign permit is required.
- The standards of this article apply to Areas A, B, and C (see Attachment A) as noted in each standards heading.

## 1940's Photo Survey

- All the pictures are in a ‘backwards’ order (*the house on the right will be on the left in the photo log*).
- Pictured are categorized by block and now we have the entire Avenue selected from their individual blocks.
- A future project ideas would be:
  - create some sort of historical scavenger hunt using some of these photos and other historical photos.
  - make placards for the Avenue to show the historical context.
  - Install historical markers along each block of the Blvd portion of the Avenue using relevant photos.



- Aid CID staff with our STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM by developing guidelines using:**
- 1) Crime Prevention Though Environmental Design (CPTED) recommendations
  - 2) 2015 ‘historic’ survey
  - 3) Existing property condition
  - 4) The Independence Avenue Corridor Overlay Ordinance
  - 5) 1940s KC Works Progress Administration (WPA) historic photos



# TASTY TOPIC TALK NEKC CHAMBER LUNCHEON



**THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2025**  
**ATTENDEES: 8 ATTENDEES + 5 STAFF**

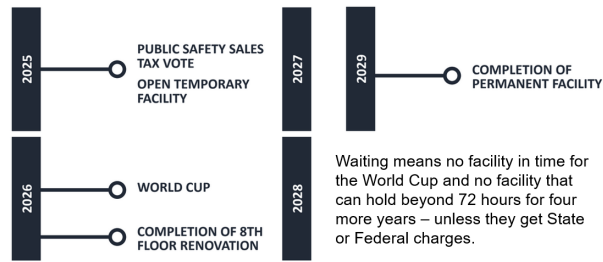
**SPEAKERS: Kevin Klinkenberg,**  
**Midtown KC Now CID Manager**

**TOPIC: TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER  
PROPOSED FOR KANSAS CITY, MO**

**LUNCH PROVIDED BY**

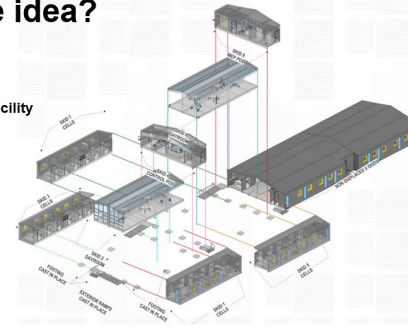


Why this? Why now?



What is the idea?

A modular, temporary facility



## TEMPORARY JAIL FACILITY PROPOSAL

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

**Mayor and City Council**  
City of Kansas City, MO  
414 East 12th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64106

**Re: Urgent Need for Temporary Municipal Detention Facility**

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District (CID), I am writing to urge immediate and decisive action to advance a *temporary* municipal detention facility. While the April 8 public safety sales tax renewal was a critical step forward, we cannot afford to wait until the permanent detention center is built to address the escalating public safety crisis that threatens the stability and future of our city.





# 'HEAT ISLAND'

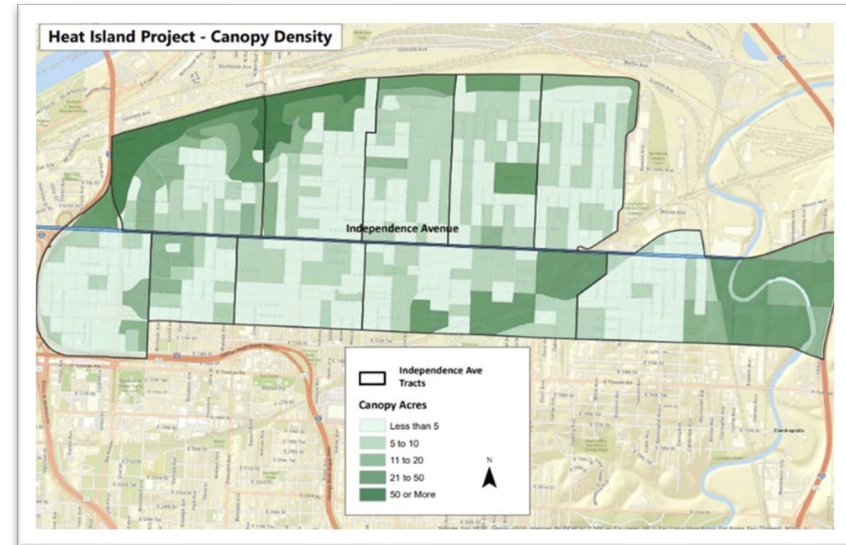
## Urban Heat Along Independence Ave

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



APRIL 24, 2025

ATTENDEES: 6 IN-HOUSE + 1



TREE CANOPY DENSITY HISTORIC NORTHEAST



# Legislative Town Hall Meeting

## Invitation

Saturday 4-26-25

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

NEKC Chamber Community Room  
2657 Independence Ave KCMO 64124

Join in with Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83980732789?pwd=kN2N6oM939Q7o22rTtXueTnkct2uzU.1>

Meeting ID: 839 8073 2789

Passcode: 118247

Your Voice Matters! We invite you to participate in our upcoming town hall meeting where we will gather as a community to discuss important issues and share ideas. Mimosas, Coffee and Elvira's Pastries served.

### State House District 19, MO

State House District in Missouri's United States

36,674

20.4 square miles

Population

1,798.7 people per square mile

Census data: ACS 2023 5-year unless noted

### State House District 21, MO

State House District in Missouri's United States

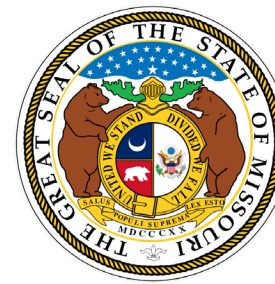
38,639

13.5 square miles

Population

2,861.7 people per square mile

Census data: ACS 2023 5-year unless noted



**APRIL 26, 2025**  
**ATTENDEES: 28**



Representative Wick Thomas, a Democrat, proudly represents part of Jackson County (District 19) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2024.

Address:  
MO House of Representatives  
201 West Capitol Avenue  
Room 135-AA  
Jefferson City MO 65101  
Legislator Assistant:  
Phyllis Hernandez  
Phone:  
573-751-3310  
E-Mail:  
[Wick.Thomas@house.mo.gov](mailto:Wick.Thomas@house.mo.gov)



Representative Michael Johnson, a Democrat, represents Jackson County (District 23) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020. Johnson currently serves as the Chair of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus.

Address:  
MO House of Representatives  
201 West Capitol Avenue  
Room 105-F  
Jefferson City MO 65101  
Legislator Assistant:  
Cyrus Taylor  
Phone:  
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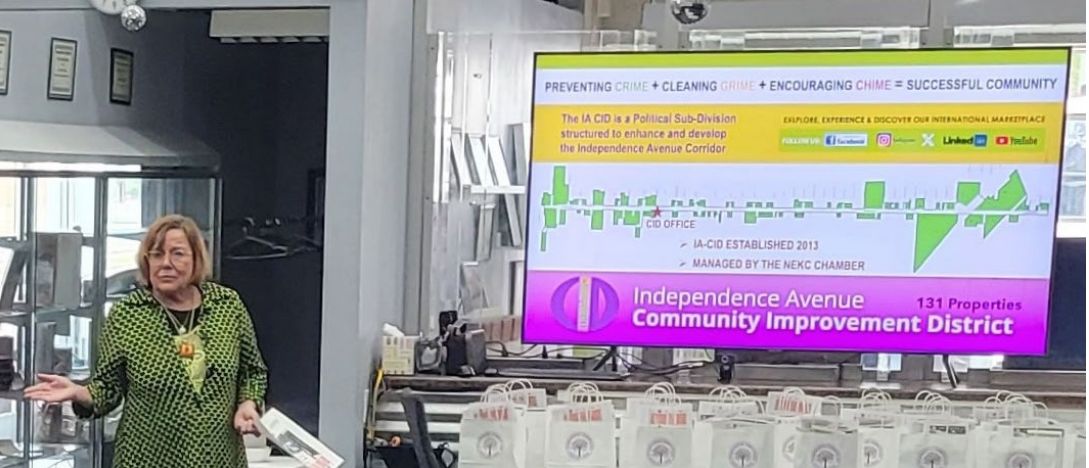





# URBAN CORE CID ALLIANCE

## 15 Attendees on Tour

- 1. Independence Ave CID
- 2. Downtown CID
- 3. River Market CID
- 4. Midtown KC Now CID
- 5. Crossroads CID



## Kansas City Community Improvement Districts Participate in Trolley Tour MAY 7, 2025

 Julia Williams • Community , News May 7, 2025





# COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



**TOPIC:** Core Coffee & Eatery

**FEATURED GUEST:** Owners, Deana & Eric Bellamaganya

**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025**

**546 Olive Street, KCMO**

**ATTENDEES: 13 + 6 STAFF**

[corecoffeeandeatery.squarespace.com](http://corecoffeeandeatery.squarespace.com)





## IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE EVENT



MCC-PENN VALLEY

### SPONSORED BY:

Councilman Crispin Rea (4th District at Large)

Eric Bunch (4<sup>th</sup> District)

Councilman Emanuel Cleaver (5<sup>th</sup> District Mo)

**MAY 9, 2025** **ACLU**  
Kansas

## *Immigration Compliance: Know Your Rights*

Best practices and preparation for workplace enforcement



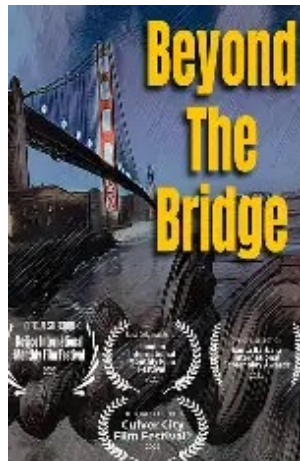




A documentary that explores a campaign focused on changing the national discourse on solutions to homelessness, addressing the upstream causes of homelessness, and addressing the downstream via housing and robust supportive services in combination.

## INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH MAY 7, 2025

[asolutiontohomelessness.com](https://asolutiontohomelessness.com)



**BEYOND THE BRIDGE**  
A Solution To Homelessness

[HOME](#)
[BEHIND THE SCENES](#)
[SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN](#)

# COMING UP

United States Congress: Monday, July 7 (more info [here](#))

To bring Beyond The Bridge to your community or organization

[REQUEST A SCREENING](#)

## BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION

Join our list and be the first to learn about our next impact campaign stops.

# BEYOND THE BRIDGE

A SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS

JOIN US FOR A MOVIE SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION ABOUT "BEYOND THE BRIDGE"

**MAY 7TH 6:00PM**

**AT INTERSECT KC, 606 GLADSTONE AVE. KCMO 64124**

GET FREE TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE!

JOIN THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS A UNIFIED RESPONSE TO END HOMELESSNESS IN KANSAS CITY

SCAN HERE TO GET TICKETS

**SPECIAL GUESTS:**  
 DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER DON SAWYER  
 CINEMATOGRAPHER/EDITOR TIM HASHKO  
 MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOUSING ADMIN AND THE ARCHITECT OF HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM JAMES MATHY

HAVE QUESTIONS OR LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES? EMAIL: [HOUSEKC0@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HOUSEKC0@GMAIL.COM)

[Tickets](#)

Rebecca Koop, Events Director  
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[www.NEKCChamber.com](http://www.NEKCChamber.com)  
 (816) 231-3312 (ext. 100)

Bobbi Baker





# SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

## Estimated Attendees: 600



**DETAILS**  
Free Concert featuring  
local up-and-coming  
musicians:

Danny and Malek Azrael  
(10am - 11am)

Fritz Hutchison Band  
(2pm - 4pm)

Joseph Warren of the  
Wanderlust Revival  
(11am - 12pm)

Stone Lion Puppets  
(11am - 2pm)







# SAFETY & SECURITY MEETINGS

**MAY 15, 2025**

- 1) The 3700 Independence Avenue business strip and TITAN & KCPD's responses was the focal point.
- 2) The positive attributes of using CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) strategy was discussed.
- 3) Repeat Nuisance Offenders (RNO) problem & solutions through the Urban CID Alliance program (shared database).
- 4) KCPD will be presenting information about the public safety tax renewal at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> forum here at the NEKC Chamber.
- 5) Mattie Rhodes is working to expand their safety initiative into the Independence Plaza neighborhood.

## GENERAL ATTENDEES

- 1 KCPD Officer
- 1 City Prosecutor
- 1 Business Owner
- 4 TITAN Angels
- 6 CID Office Staff
- 1 Mattie Rhodes Representative







RYAN MCFARLIN

# DETER SHOPLIFTING

Proven Strategies to Deter Retail Theft

TITAN PROTECTION

Saturday, May 17, 2025



## Security Measures

Use a combination of security personnel and technology.

## Legal Action

Pursue legal action against repeat offenders to deter future incidents.

## Recruit or Outsource Trained Staff

Ensure all your security personnel and store staff are trained in loss prevention techniques.

## Customer Service Focus

Provide attentive customer service as the first line of defense. Implement a "10-foot/10-second" rule  
(Acknowledge customers within 10 seconds when within 10 feet)

## 5. Employee Training:

Awareness of suspicious behavior: Train employees to recognize shoplifting indicators.

Customer service approach: Encourage proactive customer engagement to deter potential thieves.

Responding to incidents: Provide clear guidelines for employees on how to react to shoplifting incidents.

By combining these strategies, retailers can create a robust security system that effectively deters shoplifting and enhances overall store safety.



# TASTY TOPIC TALK

## NEKC CHAMBER LUNCHEON



**THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2025**  
**ATTENDEES: 14 ATTENDEES + 5 STAFF**

**TOPIC:** Rebuild KC Grant Program  
**SPEAKERS:** 1) Sarah Waggoner - City of KCMO  
2) Liz Zini – Don Bosco Center  
3) Mike Spady – Independence Ave CID

**LUNCH BY:** 



**TREATS BY:**







**PASSPORT**

**INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE**

**TASTE AND TOUR**

**NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 11:30AM-2:30PM**  
AND/OR  
**FRIDAY, SEPT 5, 2025 11:30AM-2:30PM**

**EXPLORE** the Restaurants  
**DISCOVER** the New Tastes  
**EXPERIENCE** the Cultures

**NEKCchamber.COM**



**FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 ATTENDEES: 48**

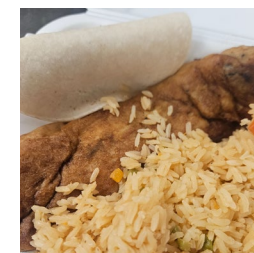
Map showing the route of the Passport Taste and Tour event, with numbered stops 1 through 14. The route starts at the NEKC Chamber of Commerce and ends at the NEKC Chamber of Commerce.

**ADULT BEVERAGES AVAILABLE**

**JUNE 6, 2025 7A ANGIE'S INTERNATIONAL KITCHEN**  
**SEPT 5, 2025 4 SOMA CAFE**

1. PHO BOWL  
2. SOMA CAFE  
3. CORE COFFEE & LATTE  
4. AMERICAN SONS OF COLUMBUS  
5. NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
6. SAN ANTONIO MARKET  
7. ELLOS COFFEE HOUSE  
8. ANGIE'S INTERNATIONAL KITCHEN  
9. PRUTON PALETTE & ICE CREAM  
10. ELVIRA'S CAKES  
11. CHINITOS TAQUERIA  
12. LA CUBANA  
13. NEW FRESH MARKET  
14. TAQUERIA MEXICO ST  
15. TAQUERIA EL TORITO  
16. CARNICERIA EL TORITO III

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## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

We are focused on attracting, growing and retaining businesses throughout KCMO. We measure success by the number of jobs added and investment by new and growing businesses.



## LAND DEVELOPMENT

We ensure that we effectively implement KCMO's incentives process. This requires policy work, scrutinizing potential deals, and great communication between developers and impacted stakeholders.



## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

We believe when nurtured correctly, startups become the economic engines of the future. We source and distribute early-stage funding, as well as advocate for pro-business and pro-entrepreneur legislation in Jefferson City.

**Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce  
Community Development Workshop  
for Northeast Businesses  
Presented by Robert Long**  
Senior Economic Development Services Specialist  
Economic Development Corporation of KC  
**FREE - Community office hours**  
**Wednesday June 11, 2025 6pm - 8pm**



**June 11, 2025**

EDCKC shares Community Development information. Staff will discuss a wide range of resources available to small businesses and property owners.

**Economic Development Corporation of KC offering FREE Business Consultations**

- If you're interested in business expansion
- 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 **Check this out....**

- 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.**



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**Bobbi Baker**  
CEO/President  
Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

See What's Happening On Our Social Sites



**I am a Developer**

- Land Development
- Incentives

**I am a Business Owner**

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

**I am a Entrepreneur**

- Entrepreneurship
- Grants & Programs

**I am a Site Selector**

- Featured Projects
- Incentives
- Major Employers
- Workforce + Talent



**JUNE 11, 2025**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPERATION**  
**@ THE NEKC CHAMBER OFFICE**  
**3 LOCAL VISITORS**



# COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



CHURCH & RYOGOKU SCHOOL  
TOUR...



**TOPIC:** Independence Ave Community Christian Church  
**FEATURED GUEST:** Pastor Mindy Fugarina

**THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025**

**606 GLADESTONE, KCMO**

**ATTENDEES: 19 + 6 STAFF**

**WEBSITE: [www.ibcckc.org](http://www.ibcckc.org)**





# **PASSION PROJECT 2025**

## **GREEN WALL PLANTER ON theEGG**





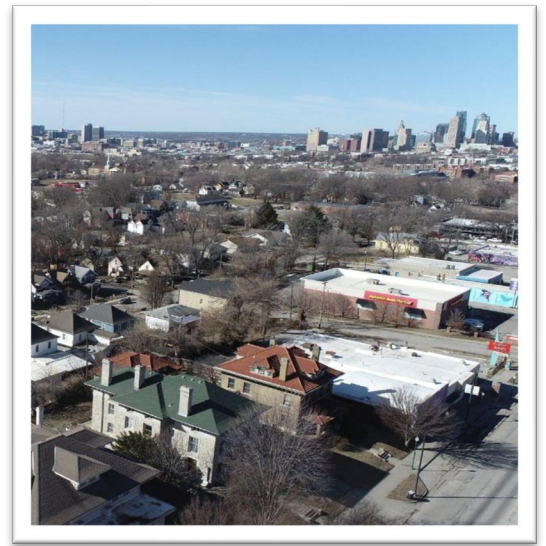


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# Forgotten Homes & Independence Plaza - Tour - JUNE 17, 2025

## Draft Strategy Areas

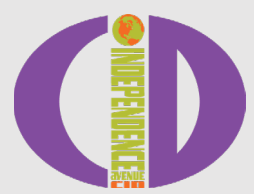
1. Strategies for Catalyst Development on: Public lands With large land owners
2. Infrastructure improvements + public spaces
3. Intentional anti-displacement planning
4. Renovation Infill Homeownership Coordination with Zero KC
5. Small business incubation, career development, entrepreneurship
6. Health, Safety and Connectivity
7. Environmental Improvements and nature based solutions



- Challenges**
- (A) 9th street Benton to Prospect, emphasis Bellefontaine to Prospect
  - (B) Wabash 9th to 6th
  - (C) Park 10th to 11th
  - (D) 8th Woodland, recently lost commercial building to fire
  - (E) Corner of Perry & Bellefontaine former AT&T building
  - (F) CVS vacant building Independence Ave & Prospect
  - (G) Family Dollar to 9th street
  - (H) 12th & Benton
- Projects working on**
- (I) Alleyway between Gladstone & Benton
  - (J) Prospect Plaza Park - 11th to 12th
  - (K) Prospect to Olive - new soccer field, skateboard feature planned
- Assets**
- (L) Gates complex 12th & Brooklyn
  - (M) Childcare center 12th & Garfield
  - (N) Samuel Rogers
  - (O) Woodland School
  - (P) Self storage complex 12th to 13th on Chestnut
  - (Q) City Union Mission Family Center 13th Wabash
  - (R) Emmanuel Baptist Church 9th & Olive
  - (S) Car Credit Inc 12th to 14th Prospect
  - (T) Police Gas Station - 1200 block Prospect
  - (U) KC Shelter Women's Center
  - (V) Health Center
  - (W) Independence Plaza Park - Independence Ave & Brooklyn
  - (X) Convenience store 9th & Prospect







# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

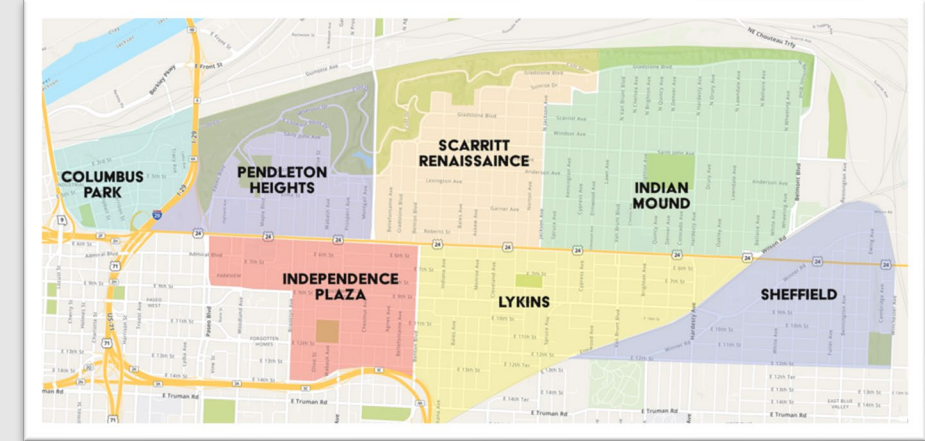
## HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



All is Calm (?) After Benton Boulevard Intersection Repavement



Pearce Construction Company Makes Progress on Sheffield Recovery Program's Third Residential Facility



New Owner, Fresh Look, Classic Menu for Iconic Harold's Drive-In

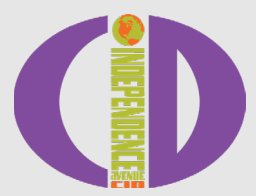


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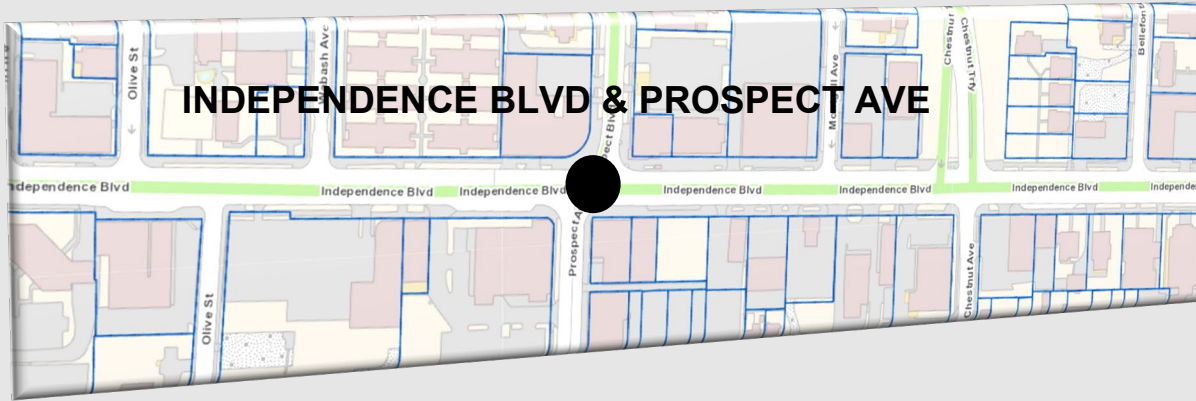
Auto Repair Business Owner Retires, Celebrates 38 Years in Operation



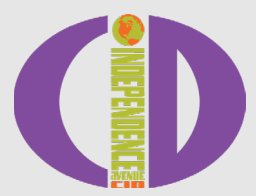


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## SPRING PLANTING FLOWER BEDS







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SPRING PLANTING ALONG THE AVENUE...

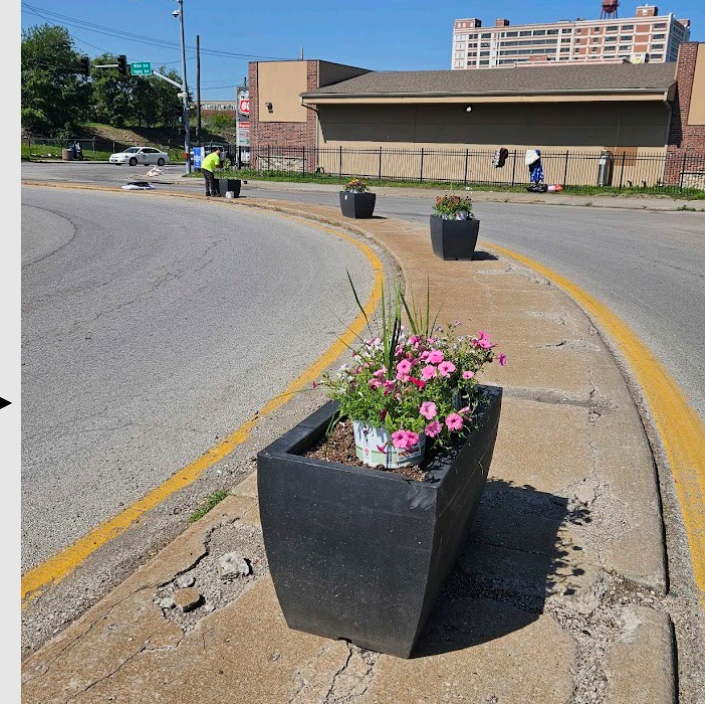




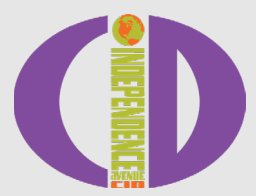


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GETTING READY FOR SPRING...

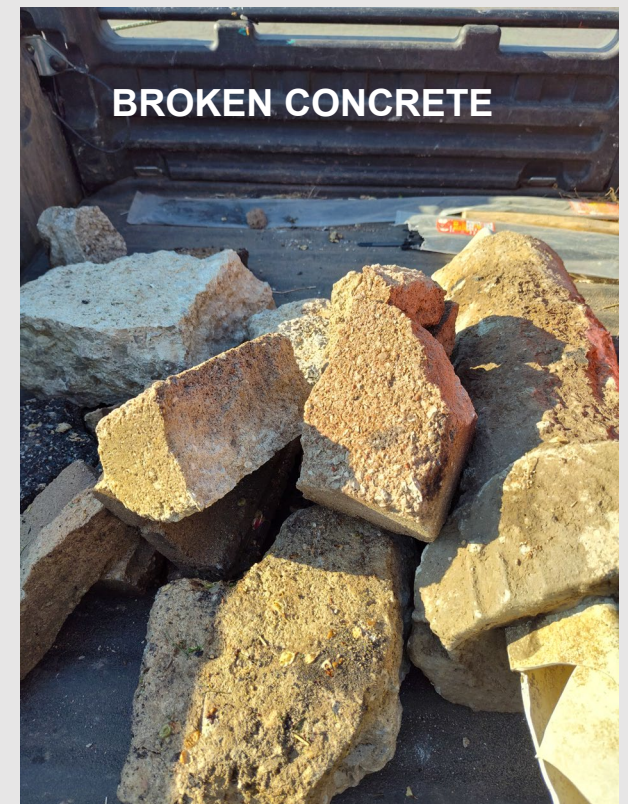






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CLEANING UP MESSSES MADE...





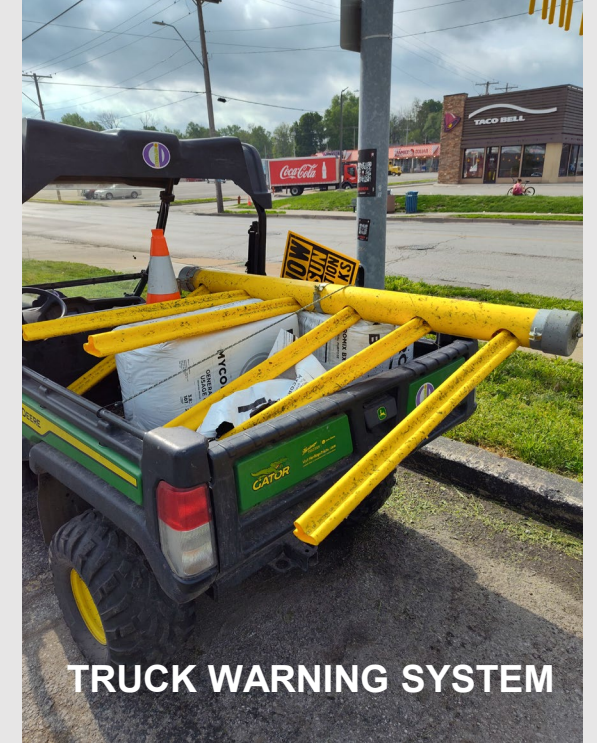


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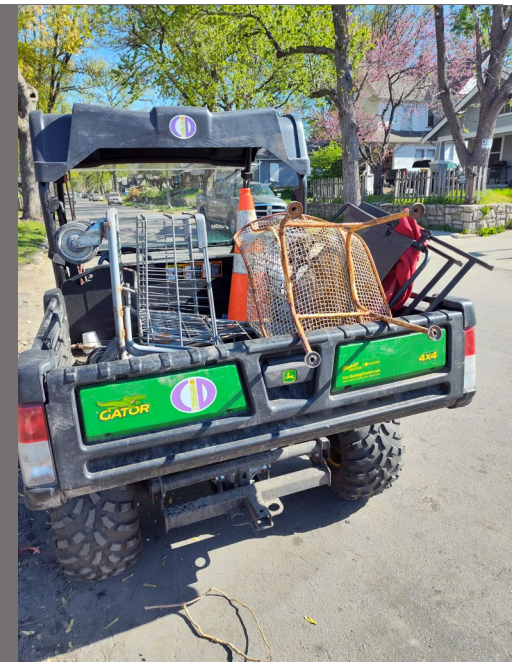
CLEANING UP MESSSES ALONG THE AVENUE...



TRUCK-EATING BRIDGE



TRUCK WARNING SYSTEM







# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

CLEAN UP ACTIVITIES ON THE AVENUE...

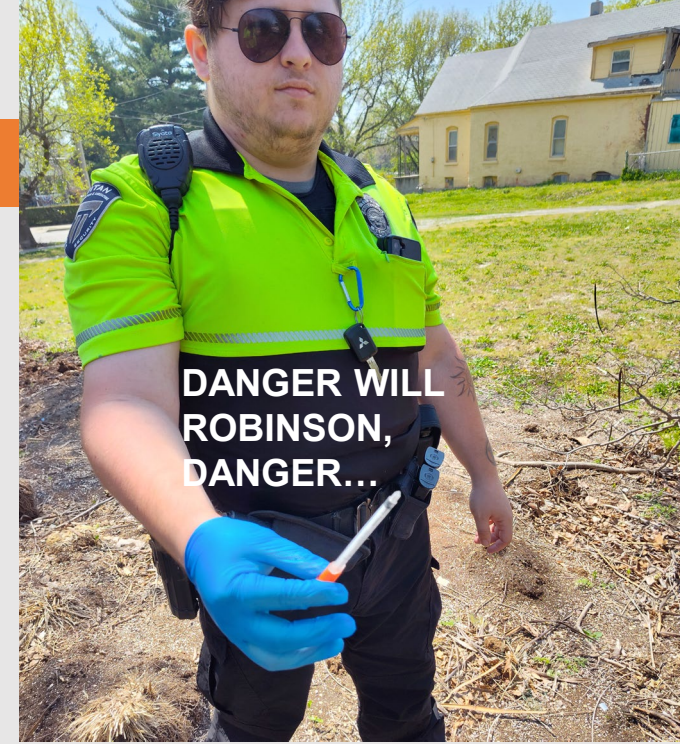






# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

## CLEANING UP DANGER IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST





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 (1<sup>st</sup>) day of May 2018 by and between  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, a constitutionally chartered municipal 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", consists of two parts: PART I. SPECIAL TERMS AND  
CONDITIONS, AND PART II. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS.~~

~~WITNESSETH: Consisting of seventeen (17) alleys abutting Independence Avenue to the  
north and south, and 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.~~

## 17 ALLEYWAYS

MANAGED BY:  
**NEKC CHAMBER**

IMPLEMENTED BY:  
**INDEPENDENCE AVE CID**



## Independence Avenue CID Alleys

**4 CLEANUP: APRIL 20 – JUNE 18, 2025**

# SPRING BEGINS





# #1 5/6/2025 ALLEYWAY CLEANUP → Cleaveland to Myrtle

800 Pounds Removed > 7 CID Crew Members > 4 Hours

**AFTER**



REMOVED A  
MAKE-SHIFT  
METAL 'HUT'



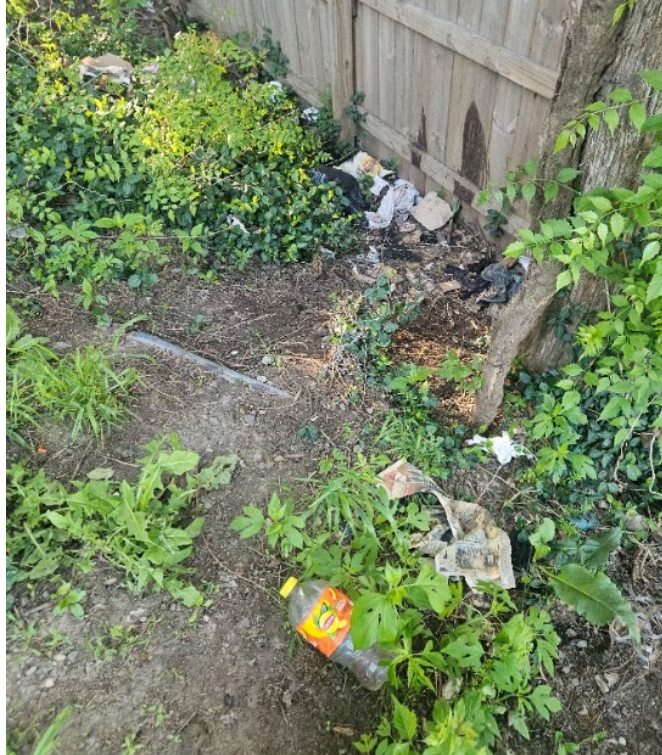


# #2 5/6/2025 ALLEYWAY CLEANUP → Myrtle - Norton

420 Pounds Removed > 7 CID Crew Members > 2 Hours

AFTER  
▼

BEFORE





# #3 5/6/2025 ALLEYWAY CLEANUP → Norton - Spruce

480 Pounds Removed > 7 CID Crew Members > 3 Hours

**AFTER**

**BEFORE**





# #4

## Alley Cleanup Activities – May 21, 2025 – 3,800LBS Askew to Monroe - North of Avenue | 8 USA | 24 Hours Labor



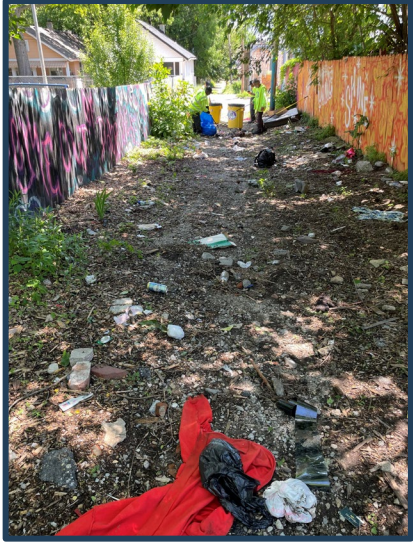
This alley cleanup took place in the alley located between Askew and Monroe, north of Independence Avenue. The cleanup involved removing a sizeable homeless camp. The Bales-Askew cleanup involved removing loose trash, mattresses, living room furniture, shopping carts, clothes and assorted ignitable materials. Local news station FOX 4 reporter Crystal Martinez was on-hand.



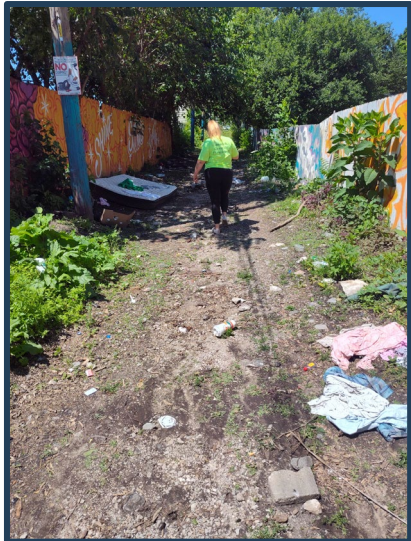


# #5

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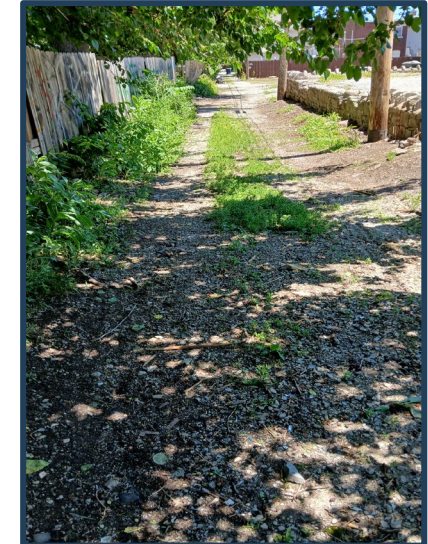
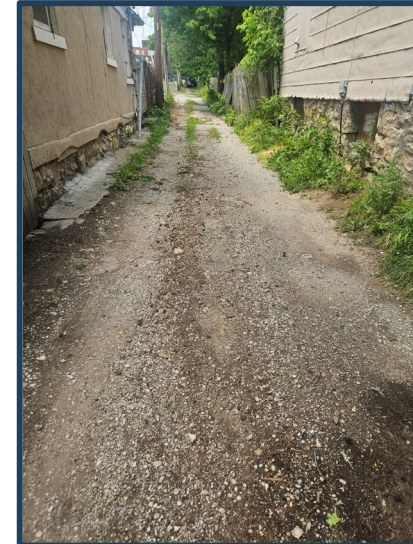


# #6

## Alley Cleanup Activities – May 21, 2025 – 550 LBS Bales to Askew - North of Avenue | 8 USA | 16 Hours Labor



This alley cleanup took place in the alley located between Bales and Askew, north of Independence Avenue. The cleanup involved removing loose trash, mattresses, clothes, alcohol containers and drug paraphernalia. No homeless camp at this location. Much of this trash and debris was left by transients moving through the alley to points elsewhere. Local news station FOX 4 reporter Crystal Martinez was on-hand to report on the cleanup efforts.



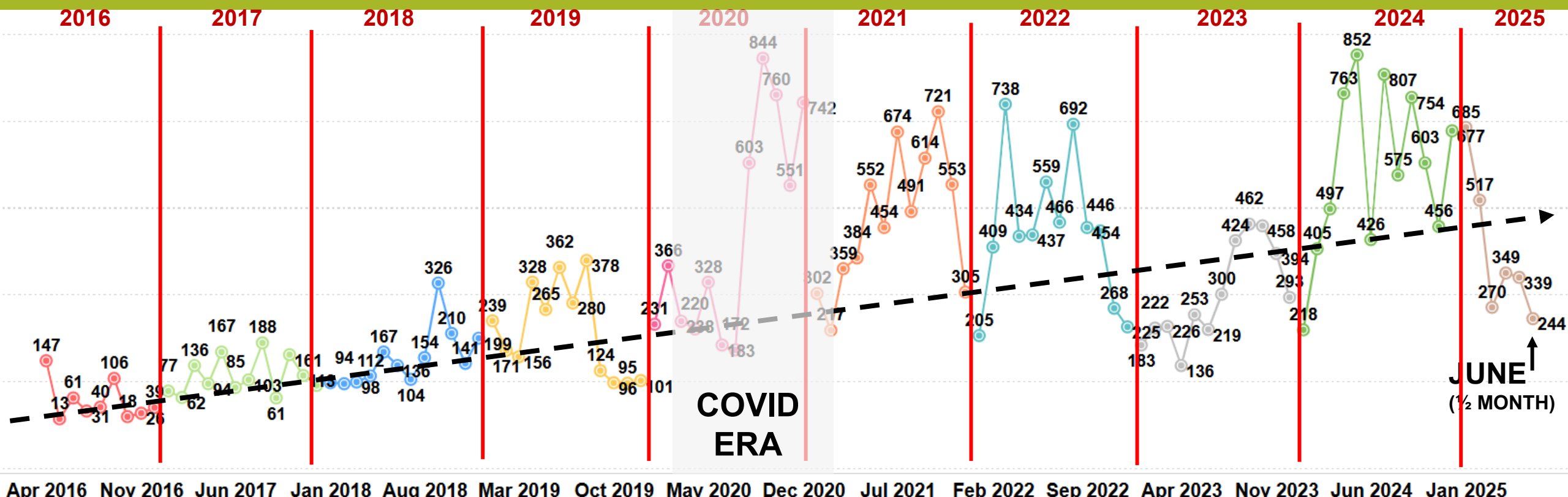


# URBAN STREET AMBASSADOR (USA) REPORT



## ALL ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR

Reports This Week	Reports This Month	Reports This Year	Reports All Time (Since April 2016)
78 ½ WEEK	565 ½ MONTH	5473	50659





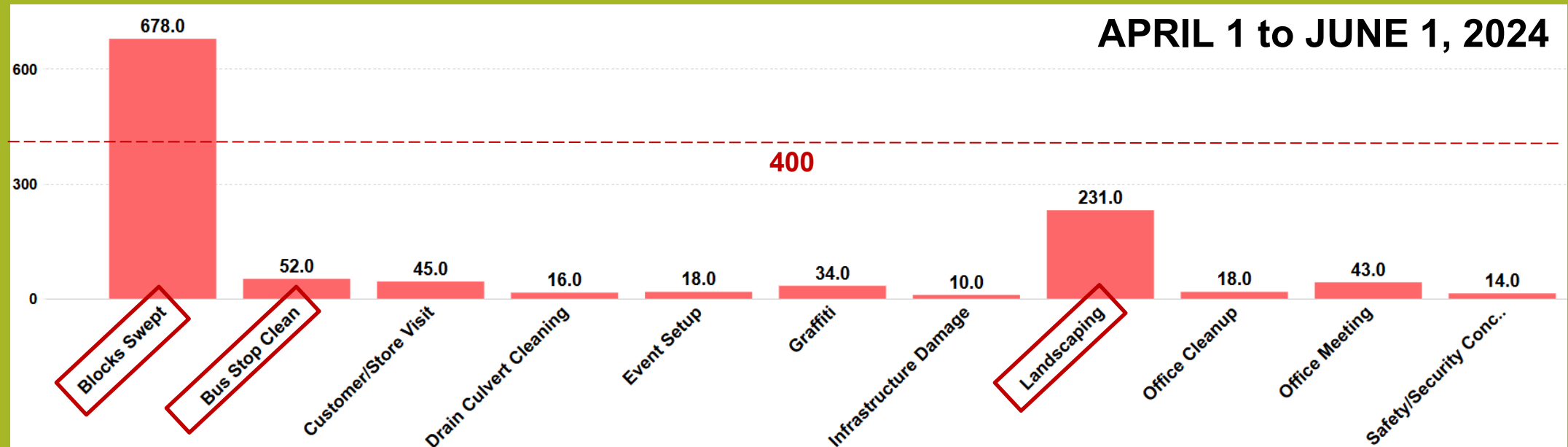
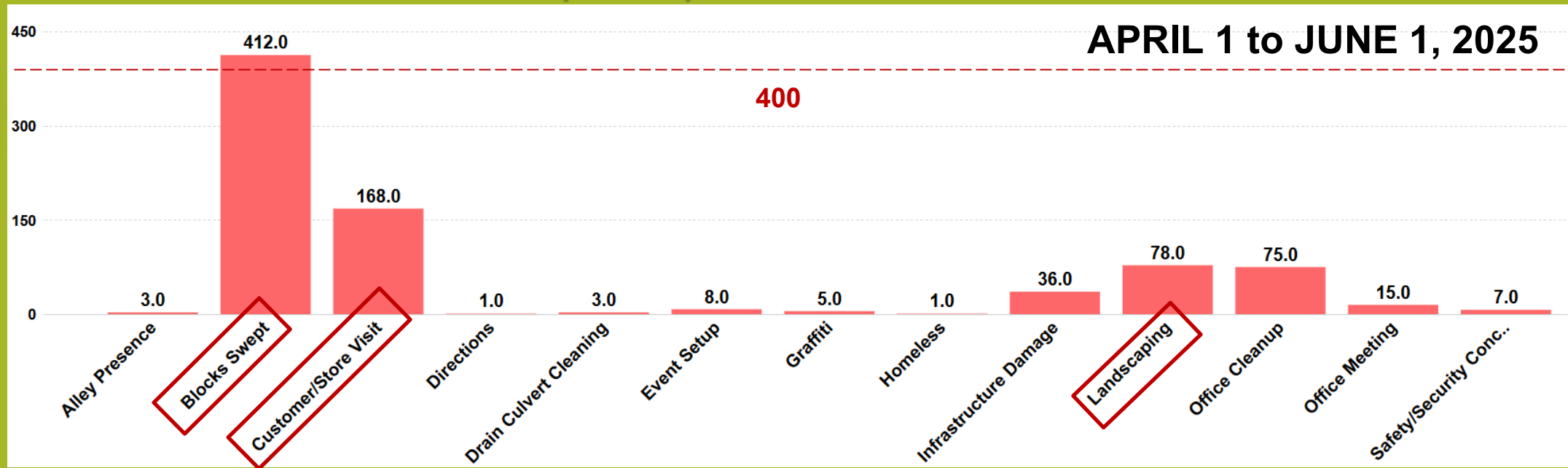
# URBAN STREET AMBASSADOR (USA) REPORT



2025

ACTIVITY  
DETAILS

2024





# URBAN STREET AMBASSADOR (USA) REPORT



## CLEAN UP YEAR-TO-YEAR

Pounds Picked Up This Week

**21.00**  
**½ WEEK**

Pounds Picked Up This Month

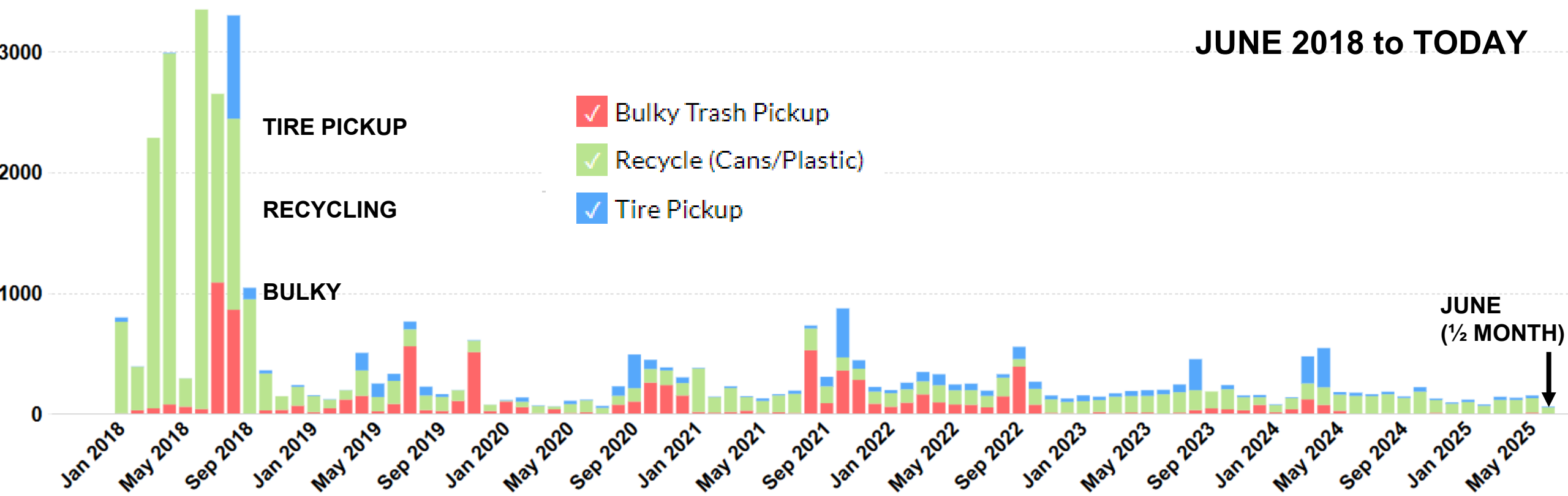
**109.00**  
**½ MONTH**

Pounds Picked Up This Year

**905.00**

Pounds Picked Up All Time

**123558.40**





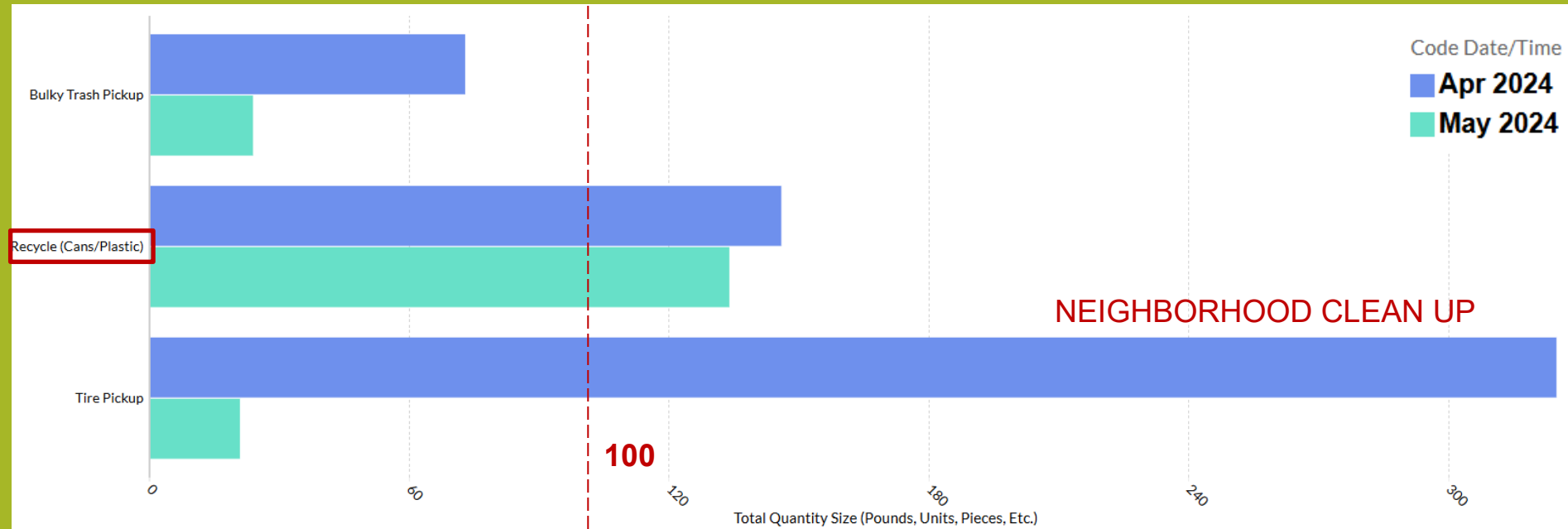
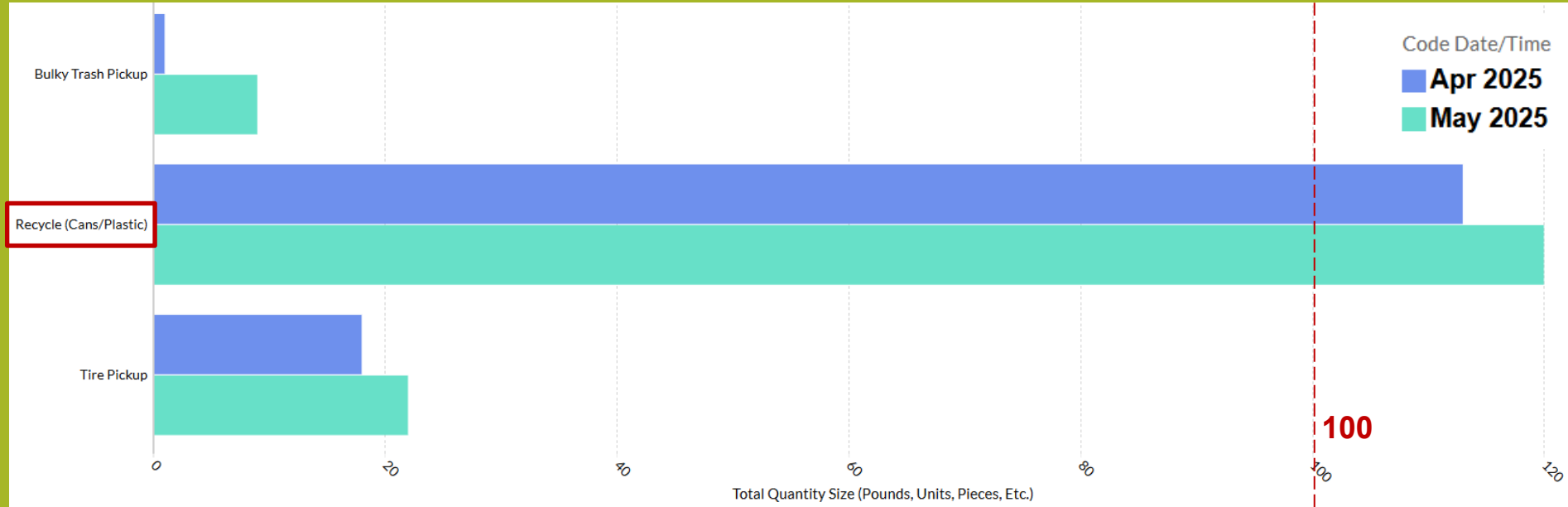
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## 2025

CLEAN UP BY  
QUANTITY

## 2024





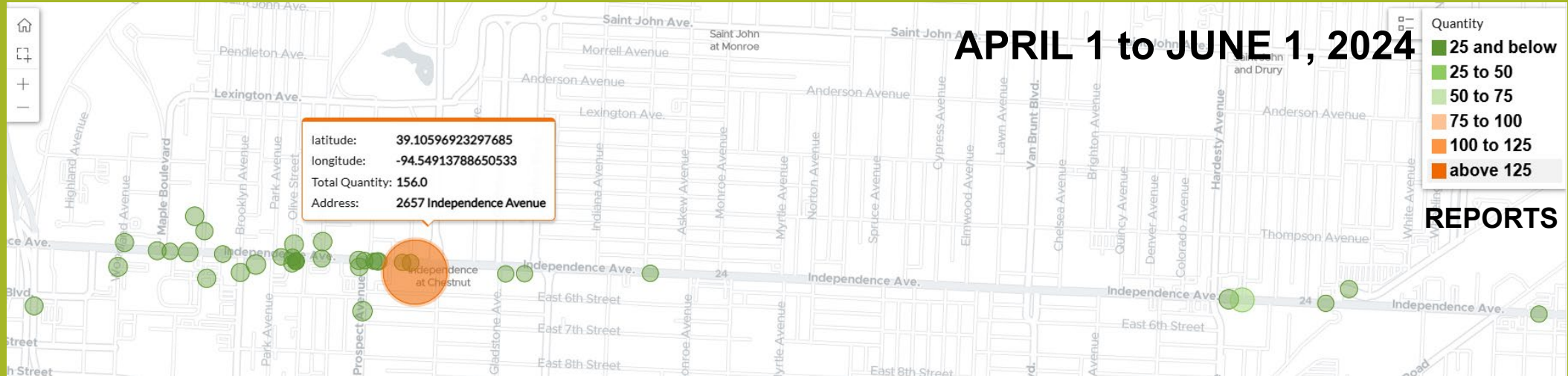
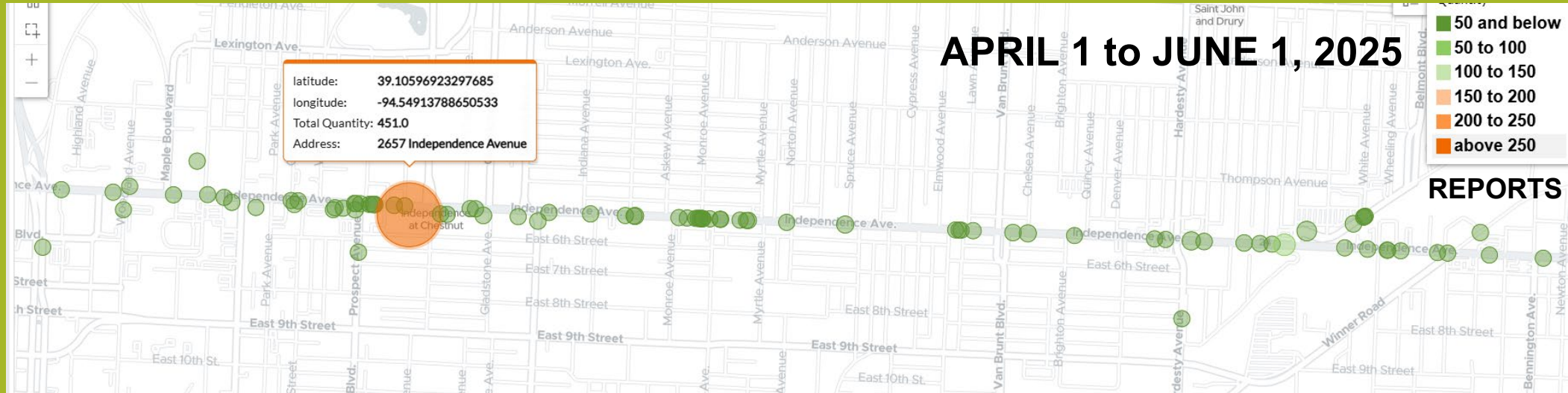
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CLEAN UP BY  
LOCATION

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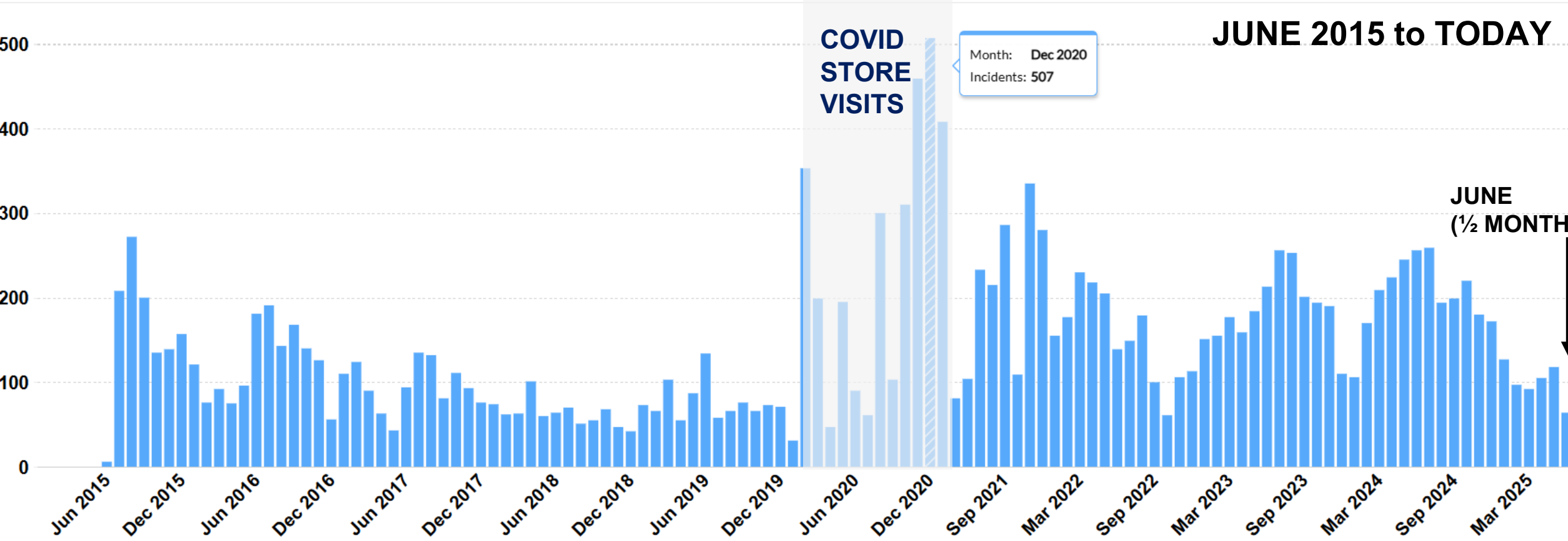
# TITAN REPORT



## ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR



Incidents This Week	Incidents This Month	Incidents This Year	Incidents All Time
14 ½ WEEK	64 ½ MONTH	603	17522





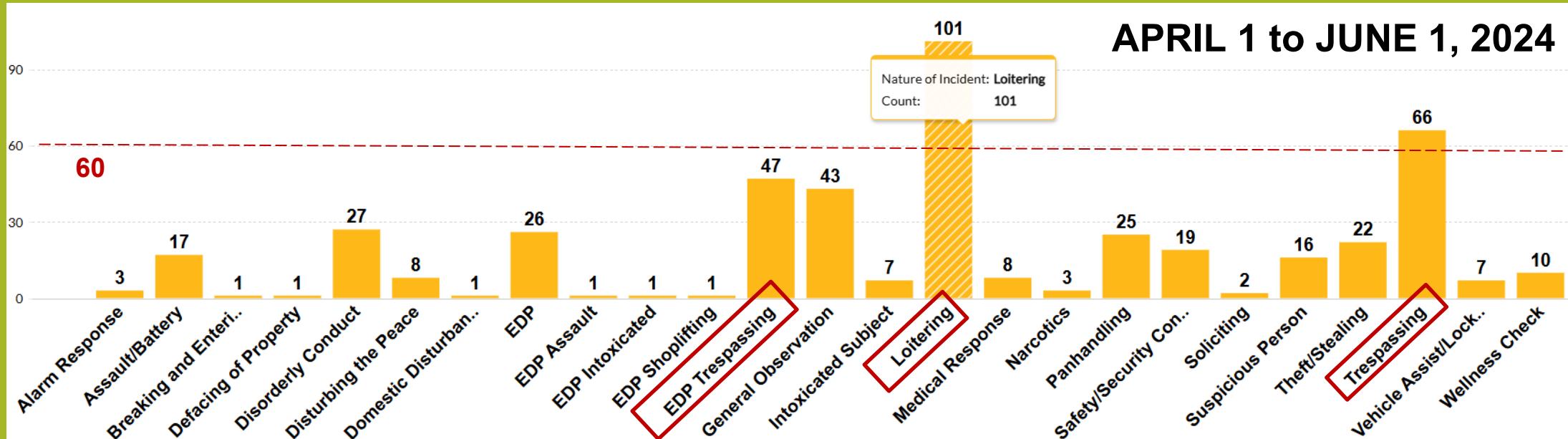
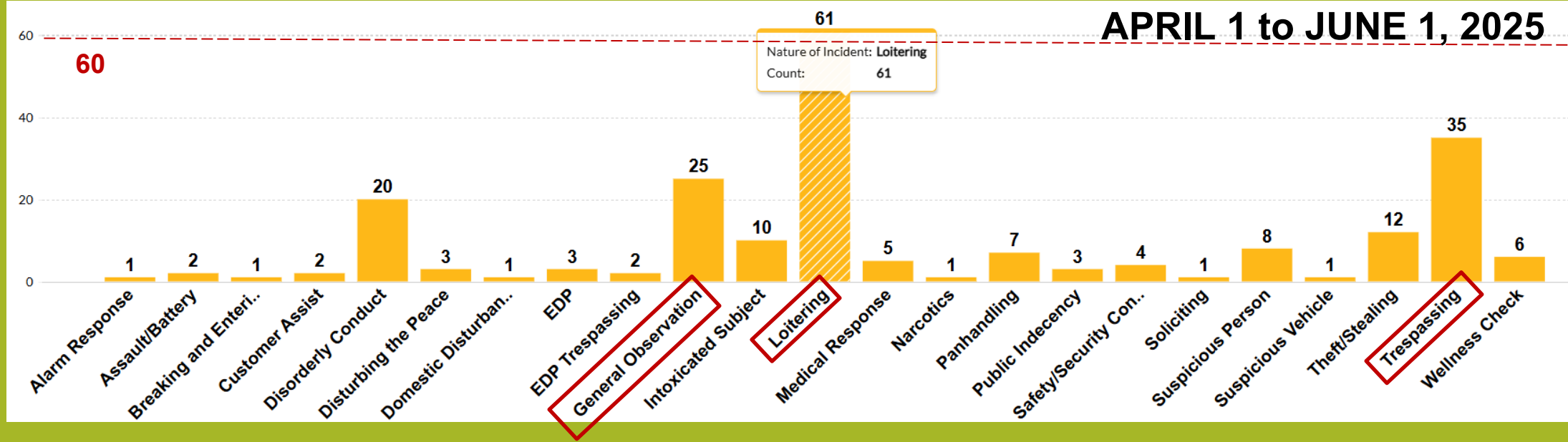
# TITAN REPORT



## 2025

### INCIDENT COUNT

## 2024





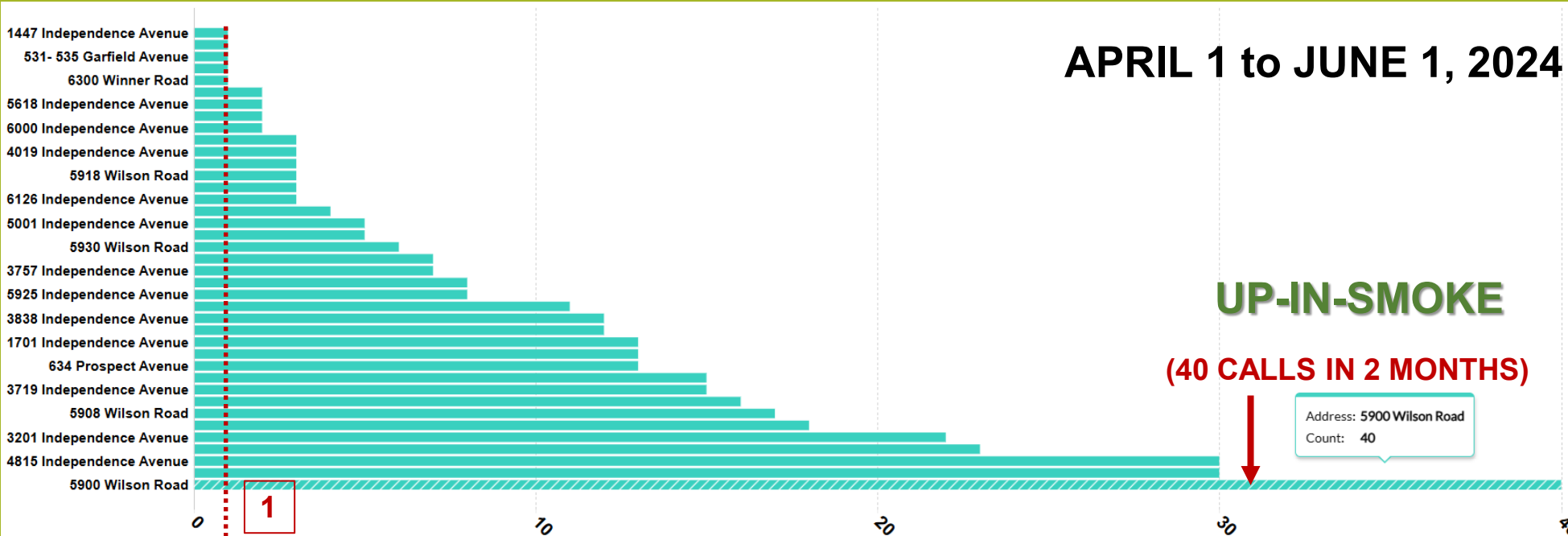
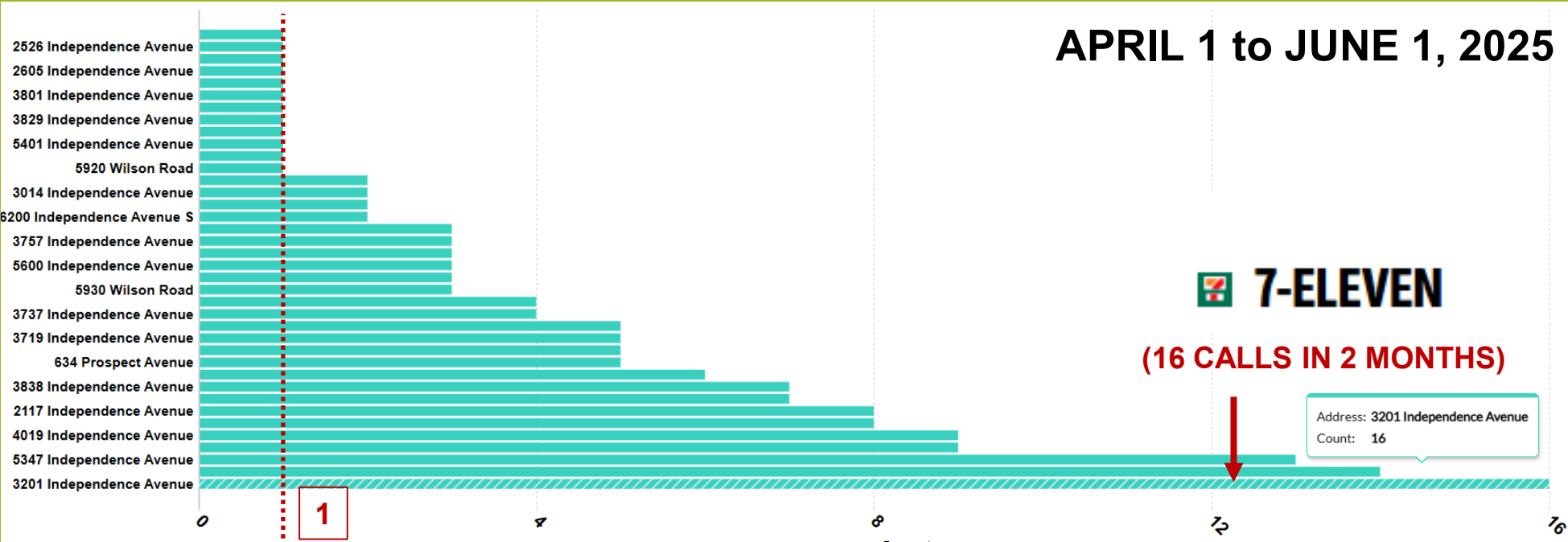
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2025

ACTIVITY  
BY ADDRESS

2024



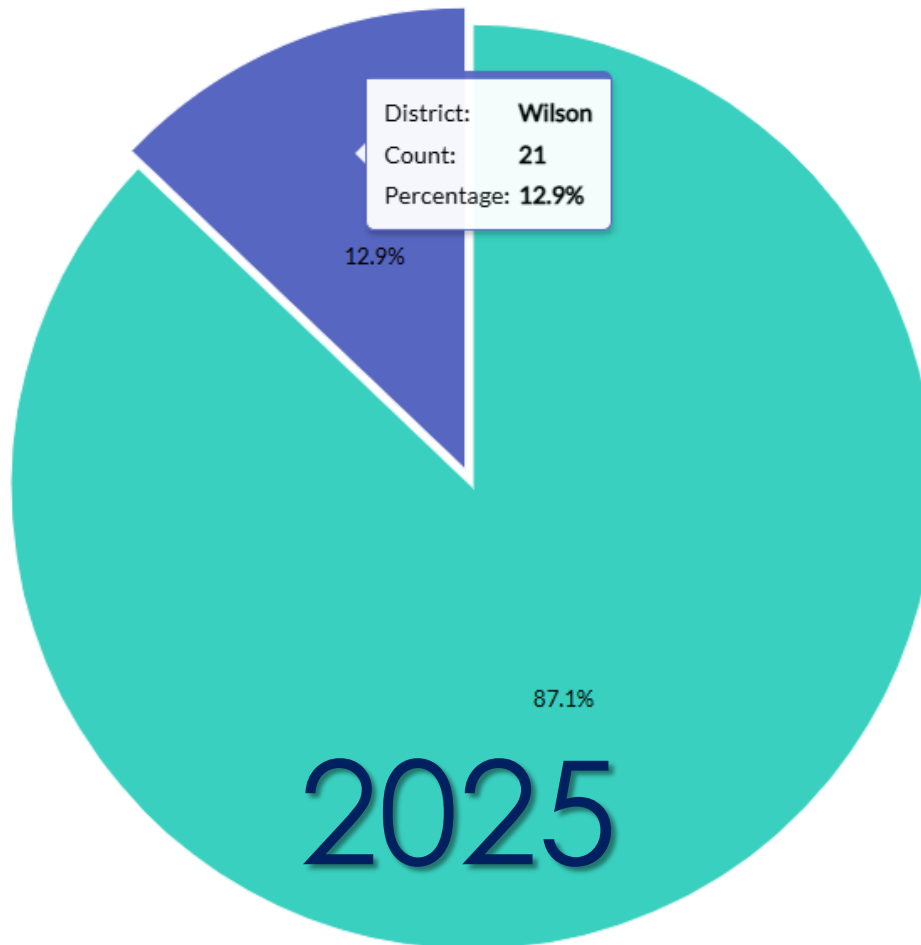


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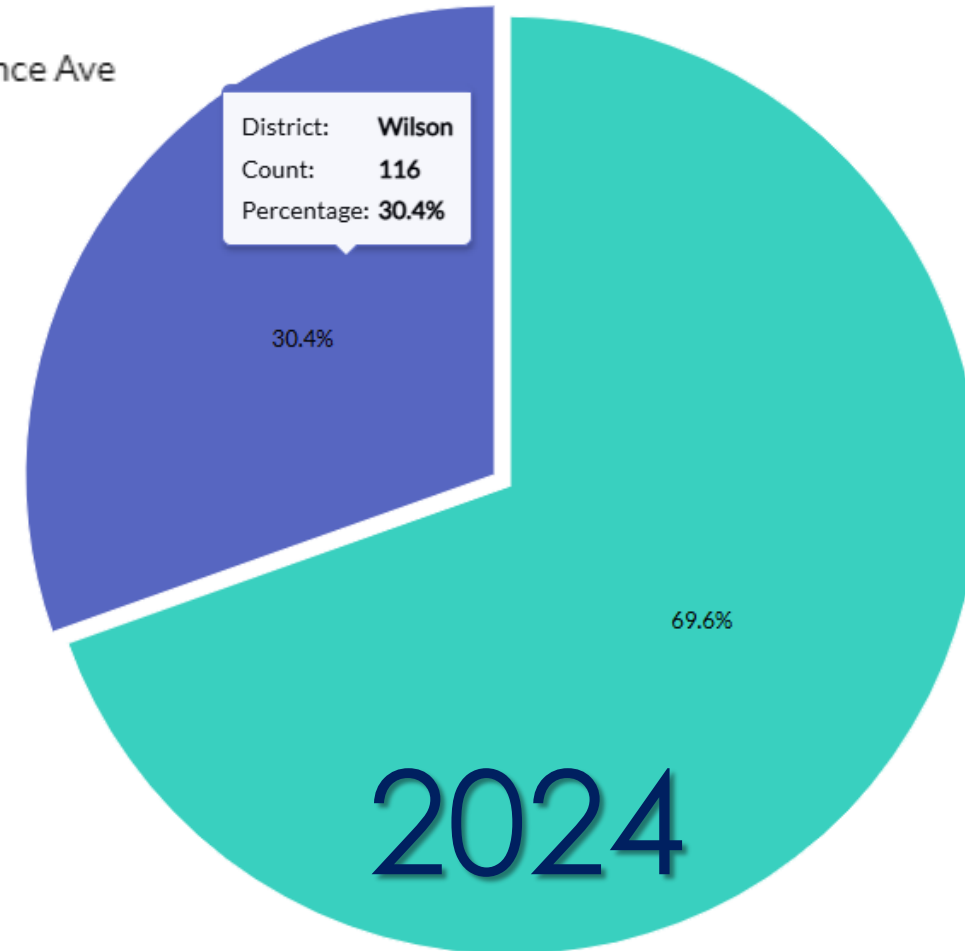


## WILSON RD VERSES INDEPENDENCE AVE

APRIL 1 to JUNE 1



✓ Independence Ave  
✓ Wilson





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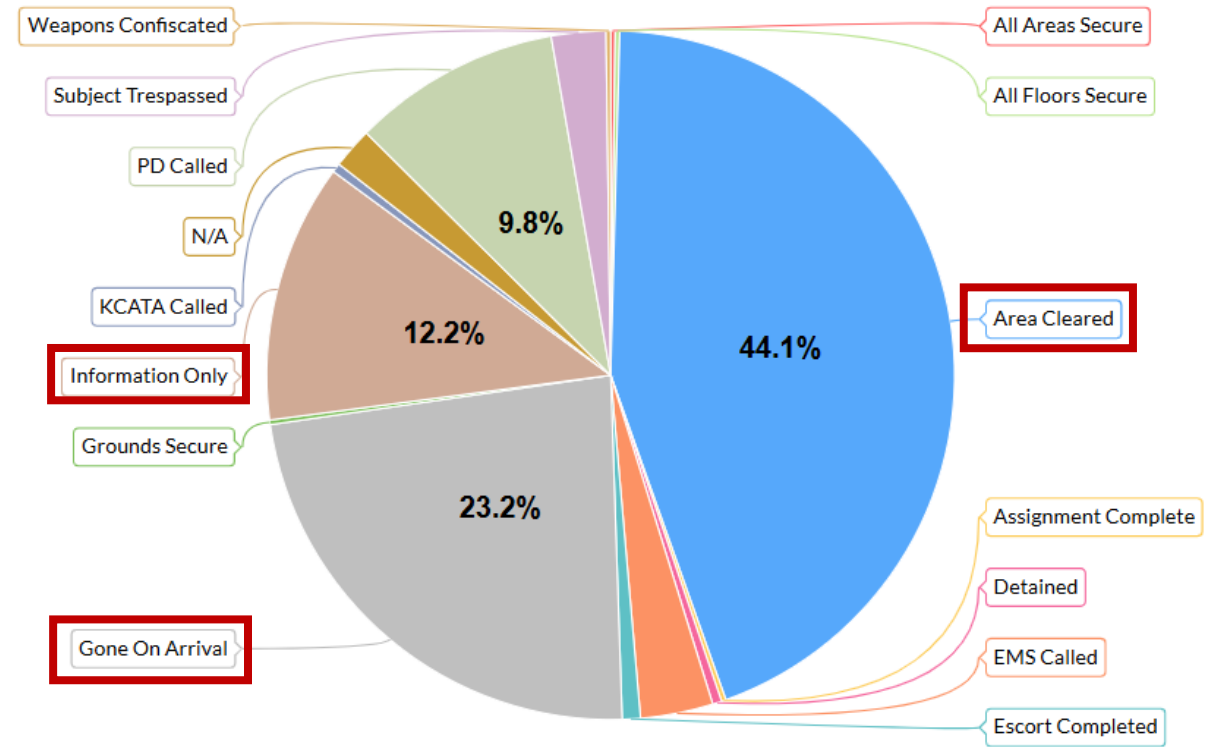
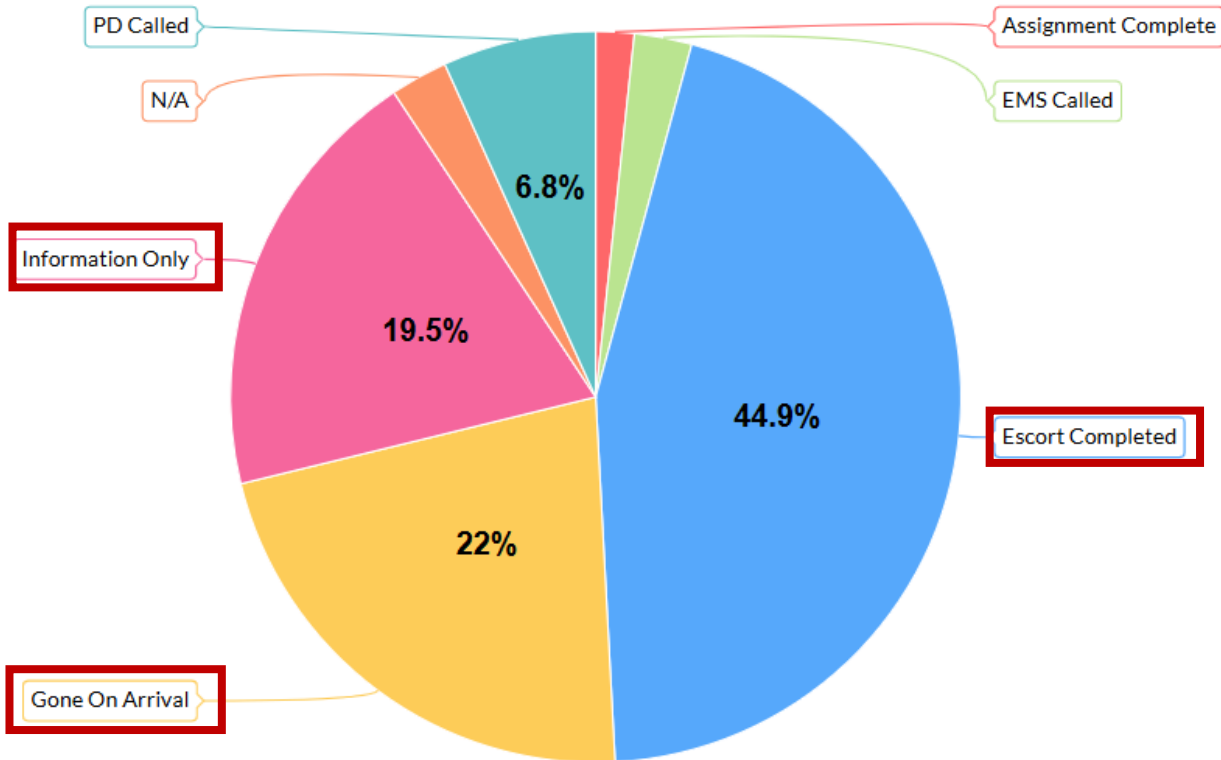


## OVERALL ACTIVITY

APRIL 1 to JUNE 1

2025

2024





# AVAILABLE SPACE ON... Independence AVE



2601 INDEPENDENCE



2435 INDEPENDENCE



2635 INDEPENDENCE



2815 INDEPENDENCE



3066 INDEPENDENCE



3220 INDEPENDENCE



# AVAILABLE SPACE ON... Independence AVE



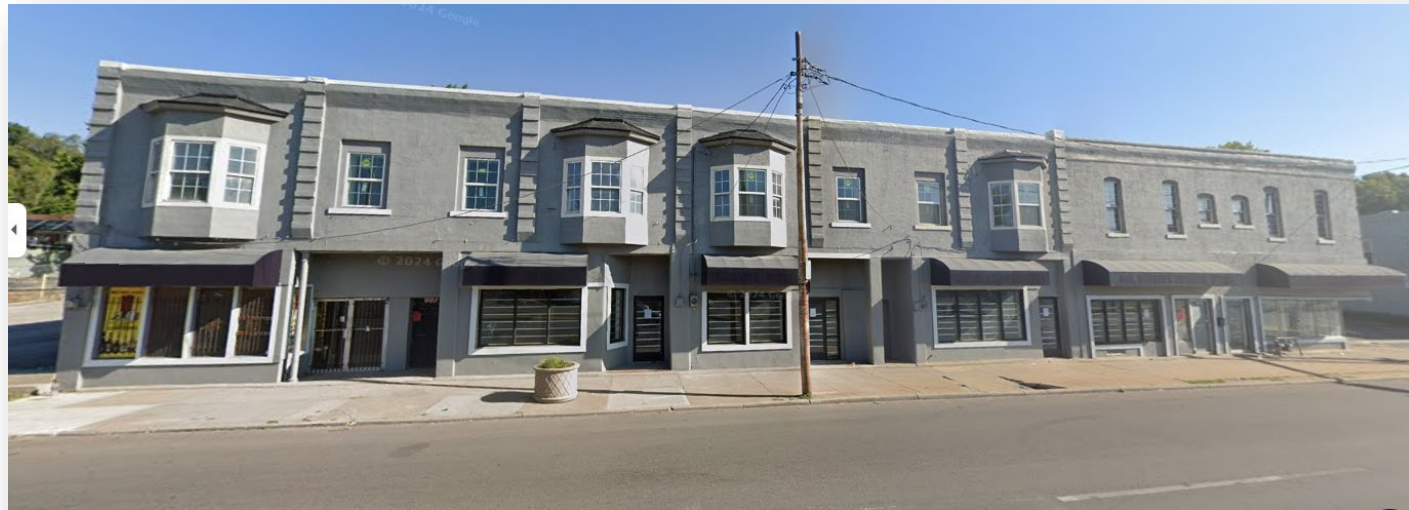
**3245 INDEPENDENCE**



**3500 INDEPENDENCE**



**2425 INDEPENDENCE**



**3616, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 INDEPENDENCE**



**3708 & 10 INDEPENDENCE**



# AVAILABLE SPACE ON... Independence AVE



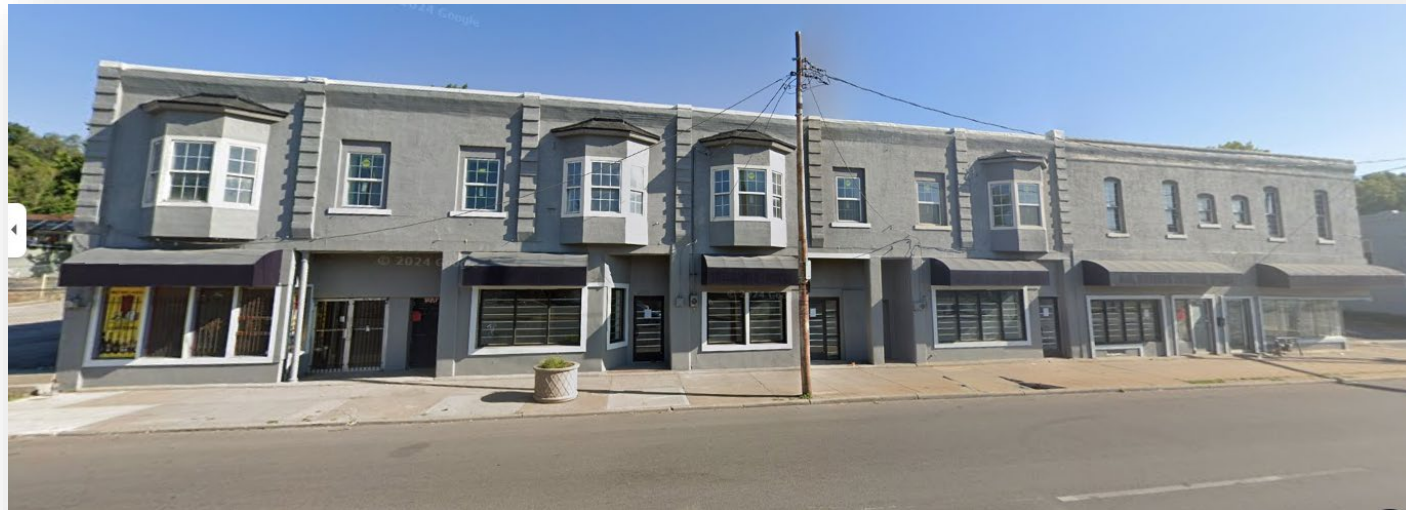
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**FOUR CORNERS  
COMMUNITY CALL**



Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District Four Corners Community Call was Jay's Grocery and Restaurant, 2605 Independence Ave.



6-6-2025 El Torito III



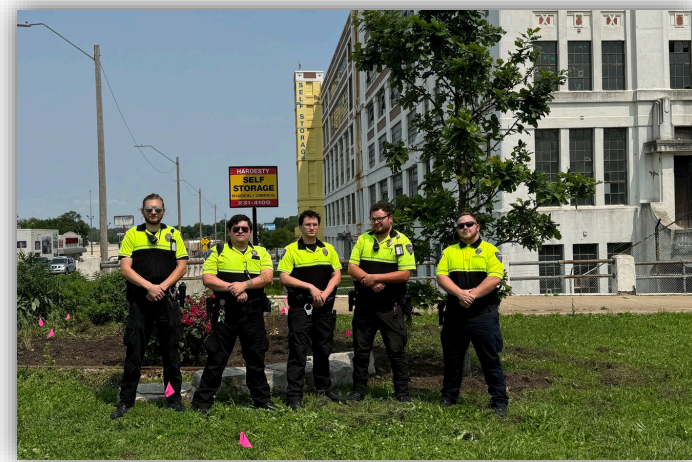
5-2-2025 Jay's Grocery & Rest



5-9-2025 KC Care



5-16-2025 Sharif Store



5-30-2025 Peace Park – Hardesty Lofts



6-13-2025 Fruitopia



4-25-2024 EBEN-EZER Shop



# INDEPENDENCE AVE CID's Grocery Stores & Taste and Tour

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## EXPLORE • DISCOVER • EXPERIENCE

### Independence Avenue Businesses Offer Locations for NEKC Chamber's June Taste & Tour



Photo by John Williams

Pho Bowl — one of the seven locations along the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce's biannual Taste and Tour on June 6 — is a Vietnamese restaurant, offering Pho Boi, Boi, and Chamuh Meat, among other items including Nam Hing or spring rolls, which were a featured item on the June 6 Taste and Tour.

This location at 1447 Independence Ave., Ste 136 has long housed Vietnamese-style restaurants with a multitude of owners from Pho Hoa Noodle Soup to Pho 79 and is now current business, Pho Bowl.

Pho Bowl is open six days a week and offers online, carryout and delivery options. For additional information on this Avenue entry, visit: <https://www.phobowl.com/>.



Photo by John Williams

Core Coffee & Eatery served as the sole coffee shop on this Taste and Tour, offering its "Love Po," for those travelers, which included a matcha beverage from its dedicated matcha menu.

Owners Eric and Dana Belamangaya opened their Pandemon Heights shop in 2022 at 646 Olive St., and are now in their third year of serving the Northeast Kansas City community.

"The diversity is my favorite part," D. Belamangaya said in an interview, Monday, "And building community for locals and for tourists."

This atmosphere was in no shortage on Friday afternoon as Core Coffee welcomed those who participated in the June 6 Taste and Tour. The business has a sign placed just above its door, which reads "Coffee as Strangers, Leave as Friends." This concept, Belamangaya said, remains at the forefront of Core Coffee and she shared was one of her favorite aspects of the event.

"There were people here I had never seen before. We were able to introduce matcha to people who had never seen it before and [reintroduce] it to people who didn't like it," she said.

For additional information on Core Coffee, including hours of operation, visit: <https://www.corecoffee.com/>.



Photo by John Williams

Carniceria El Torito III at 6200 Independence Ave., is one of three El Torito locations within the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce's Taste and Tour on June 6.

Carniceria El Torito III opened in its current building in 2012, after grocery store owners were looking to expand from its former location at 6126 Independence Ave., which closed in 2011.

Of items offered at Carniceria El Torito III includes its hot food section with various Hispanic dishes and its Chile Refresco, which were provided for tour travelers on Friday's Taste and Tour.

For additional information on El Torito and its other locations, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/eltorito3/>.

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### FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL



Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District Four Corners Community Call was Carniceria El Torito III, 2600 Independence Ave.

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

Fruitopia Paletaria & Ice Cream  
3737 Independence Ave.



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## 5-21-2025

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## 5-7-2025

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### Somali Entrepreneur Finds Success in Independence Avenue Market with Motto: Positivity



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### Kansas City Metro Grocery Store Prepares to Celebrate Northeast Location Anniversary



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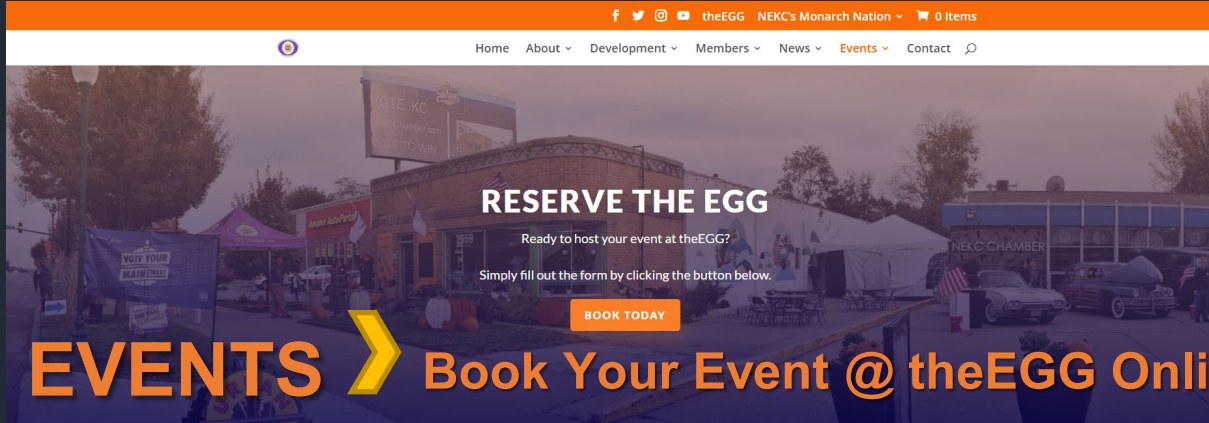


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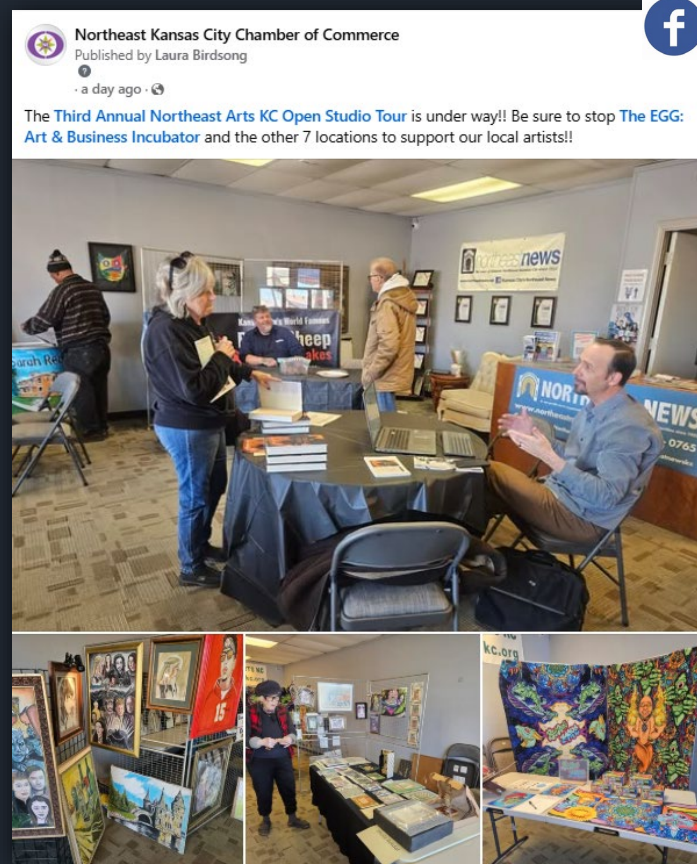
# The EGG EVENTS Book Your Event @ theEGG Online [www.NEKCchamber.com](http://www.NEKCchamber.com)



**JUNE 7, 2025: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PARTY: 50 ATTENDEES**

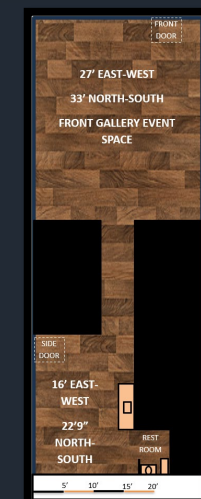
**DEC 7 & 8, 2024: BOOK SIGNING: 22 ATTENDEES**

**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, July 10, 2025**

Business & Sales Coaching



## TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCH

**TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025**

longest-running domestic  
violence shelter in KC



## SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

**THURSDAY, July 17, 2025**

The latest on crime prevention



## TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCH

**TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025**

Don Bosco Center





# NEKC CHAMBER & INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID MANAGEMENT STAFF

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES



**BOBBI BAKER**

**CHAMBER CEO  
&  
CID DISTRICT  
MANAGER**

1 Northeast Strivin' COMBAT  
2 KC Chamber Public Safety Coalition  
3 KC 'Vision 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



**REBECCA KOOP**

**EVENTS DIRECTOR  
&  
ARTS  
COORDINATOR**

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



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AMBASSADOR  
MANAGER**

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



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**AMBASSADOR  
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BUSINESS  
COMMUNICATIONS**

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



**MIKE SPADY**

**URBAN PLANNER  
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HUMAN RESOURCE  
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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



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3 The Paseo Gateway & Choice Neighborhood Initiative Liaison



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