AGENDA

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

Date: August 20, 2025 Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: 2657 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, MO. Directors and all interested parties may also attend remotely. Please call 816-215-6813 to receive a link or to be added by telephone. https://us02web.zoom.us/i/83085317222 Meeting ID: 830 8531 7222

1.	Call to Order	Chairman Jerry Potocnik			
2.	Board Minutes	Secretary Andrea Wilt			
3.	Financial Reports	Treasurer Citlali Rivera			
	Profit & Loss - This l	Profit & Loss - This Fiscal Year to 07/31/25			
	Profit & Loss - Budg	et vs Actual to 07/31/25			

Balance Sheet - This Fiscal Year to 07/31/25

4. Board Committee Reports

Executive Jerry Potocnik

Resource Development Bobbi Baker

Taste & Tour Committee Sarah Cousineau

BB&B Committee Sarah Cousineau

Planning & Development Bobbi Baker

Governmental Affairs Manny Abarca IV

Elected Officials Avenue Tour Mike Spady

MembershipJerry PotocnikCID ReportsCID District Manager Bobbi BakerCity and State Annual ReportsCID District Manager Bobbi BakerHistoric Northeast EventsEvents Director Rebecca KoopChamber ReportsEvents Director Rebecca KoopCEO/President ReportBobbi Baker

Designed by Lon Clark, CID Urban Planner

5. Action Items N/A

New Business
 Guest Speaker Sly James - Congressional Re-Districting

Old Business

Adjournment

COMMUNITY COMPASSION



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE STRONG









YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

06/18/2025 ← 05/15/2025

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE



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

AUGUST 20, 2025

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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

196 VISITORS: JUNE 1 – JULY 30, 2025



The 'EGG' & NE News Office

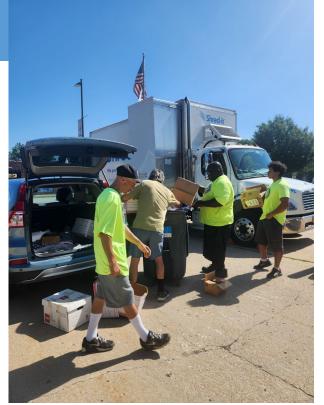


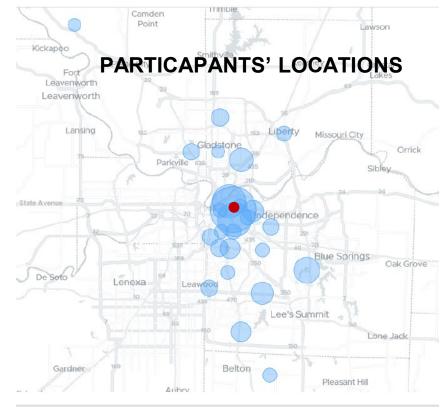
NEKC Chamber, IA CID & HNE Office

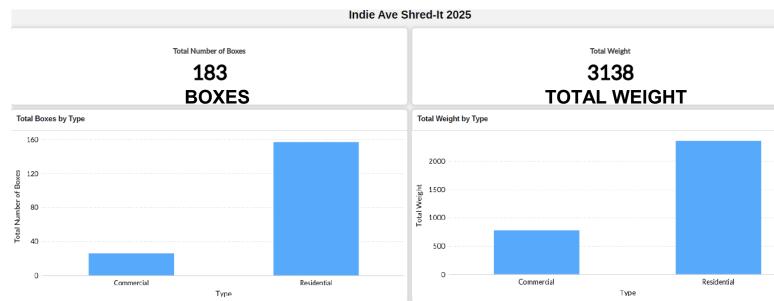
SHRED-IT EVENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025 41 VEHICLES









TASTY TOPIC TALK

NEKC CHAMBER LUNCHEON



THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2025

ATTENDEES: 11 ATTENDEES + 7 STAFF

SPEAKER: Courtney Thomas

President, Newhouse

TOPIC: longest-running domestic violence

shelter in KC

LUNCH PROVIDED BY:

















4TH DISTRICT SMALL BUSINESS





12:30-1:30 PM Wednesday, June 25,2025

Elvira's Bakery and Restaurant
3838 Independence Ave KCMO 64124



Cash Mobs are a great way to support local businesses in our community. Join Councilmember Crispin Rea, Northeast KC Chamber of Commerce and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater KC as we support small businesses.

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NEKC CHAMBER BOARD MEMBER
Tally Rivera & daughter

ATTENDEES: 20+ & ALL STAFF



MEETING @ NEKC CHAMBER OFFICE Kessler Park Master Plan Implementation Group

JUNE 25, 2025

ATTENDEES: 8

- 1) Finalized by-laws for the **Kessler Park Conservancy**.
- 2) Discussed the process of choosing board members.



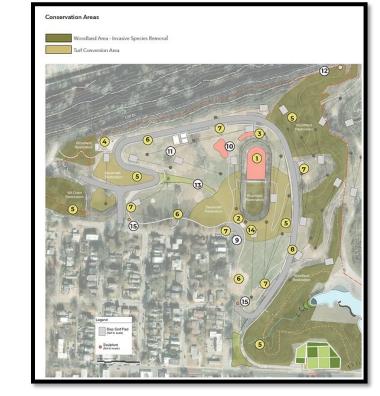


This map shows the ecosystems of Kessler Park and the areas of focused conservation efforts. The concept designs for each area of the park (pp 36-52) include strategies to increase the health and esilience of the natural resources while providing penefits to the health and wellness of park users. See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



Proposed View to be Cleared

Reservoir Park Design



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INDEPENDENCE AVENUE TRAFFIC SAFETY

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025 ATTENDEES: 5

• Road Safety Audit – Countermeasures next steps



Public Works

GUEST SPEAKER

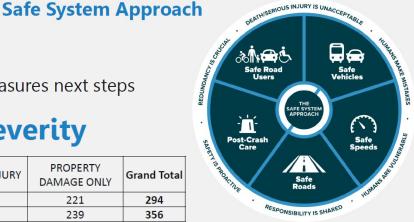
Crashes by Year and Severity

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Agenda City of KCMO's Chief Mobility Officer, Bailey Waters	

- · High Injury Network recap
- Independence Ave recap
- Speed
- Crash Type
- Unlicensed and Unregistered
- Fatal Crash review



	FATAL	SUSPECTED SERIOUS INJURY	MINOR INJURY	PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	Grand Total
2015	1	3	69	221	294
2016		11	106	239	356
2017		12	101	219	332
2018		3	103	216	322
2019	2	7	106	200	315
2020		9	113	181	303
2021	3	12	112	235	362
2022	1	11	98	212	322
2023	4	13	95	171	283
2024	2	14	93	146	255
2025	1	4	4	5	14
Grand Total	14	99	1000	2045	3158



Bailey Waters



Independence Avenue: Pedestrian Crashes 2019 - 2024





INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

EVENT LOCATION: 2657 Independence Avenue Kansas City, MO 64124

PHONE: (816) 231-3312

EMAIL: BobbiBaker@nekcchamber.com





- ✓ PRACTICE SCENARIOS
- ✓ TOOLS & TECHNIQUES
- ✓ AND MORE!

TITAN PROTECTION

9350 Metcalf Ave STE 210, Overland Park, KS 66212 (913) 441-0911

NEKC CHAMBER

HNE-REX

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025 ATTENDEES: 6 + 3 STAFF



Titan Lieutenant Ryan McFarlin







COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION

FREE DISC Assessment

- \$300 Value
- Personalized Report
- 30 Minute 1:1 debrief with me
- Tips for working with other styles





TOPIC: Leadership Development & Strategic Growth

FEATURED GUEST: Wendy English, Business Coaching

WEBSITE: www.thegrowthcoach.com

What is a **Business Coach?**

Your Strategic Partner Who...



- Provides an objective perspective on your business challenges
- Helps you identify blind spots and opportunities

your goals

Develops actionable strategies for growth

Holds you accountable to

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

ATTENDEES: 7 + 6 STAFF

Business leaders and Entrepreneurs invited. Guest speaker is Wendy English. I specialize in business leaders, with a heart for helping professionals

I bring several years of experience in Talent Acquisition and have always been passionate about building meaningful, authentic relationships. As a people-centric leader, I believe that everyone has untapped potential - sometimes all it takes is someone who can see it and help draw it out.

Whether I'm coaching a business owner or guiding someone toward their ideal career path, my mission is the same: to help individuals lead with confidence, clarity, and purpose. If you've ever struggled to find

your place in a conventional work environment, know this — you are not alone, and there





Phone: +1 (816) 955 5865







New Member

Grand Opening for The Growth Coach, Wendy English

July 16, 2025



I'm Wendy English, The Growth Coach serving the Kansas City South community. With over two decades of experience in senior human resources roles, I've helped teams and individuals across a wide range of industries navigate change, growth, and transformation. My passion is empowering business owners and leaders to become more strategic, focused, and effective—so they can achieve lasting results and enjoy richer, more balanced



Cleaning Up



GROWTHCOACH®



SAFETY & SECURITY MEETINGS

JULY 17, 2025

Next Meeting August 21st

JULY 17 AGENDA

- ✓ Independence Avenue business break-ins
- ✓ Problem business concerns <u>Puff Haven/game room/others</u>
- ✓ Repeat Nuisance Offenders CID Alliance Shared Drive
- ✓ Public Safety Update Modular <u>detention center</u> study
- ✓ Public Safety Update Revised Loitering Ordinance
- ✓ 'Partner' Updates
- ✓ Attendees' concerns



GENERAL ATTENDEES

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



TASTY TOPIC TALK

NEKC CHAMBER LUNCHEON



THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2025

ATTENDEES: 11 ATTENDEES + 7 STAFF

SPEAKER: Julie Nigro, Manager

TOPIC: Tour & presentation of Don Bosco

Community Center

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Columbus Park







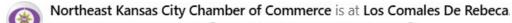


DonBosco www.donbosco.org









Published by Laura Birdsong ② · July 26 at 6:08 AM · Kansas City · ③

Everyone is invited to join in the next Cash Mob this Monday, July 28th!!!!



RESTAURANT WEBSITE: www.loscomalesderebeca.com





JULY 28, 2025 ~ 25 ATTENDEES

4TH DISTRICT SMALL BUSINESS

11:00 AM - Noon Monday, July 28,2025 Los Comales de Rebeca 3205 E 12th St. KCMO 64127





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NEKC Chamber

Hispanic Chamber of Greater KC











'CALL FOR ARTIST'

2025







AUGUST 9, 2025 5304 INDEPENDENCE AVE



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS AUGUST 15, 2025 @5:00PM



The 99 Cent Store, Bargain Market 5304 Independence Ave.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS AUGUST 15, 2025 @5:00PM









'CALL FOR ARTIST'



SOUTH WALL























'CALL FOR ARTIST'

2025

WEST WALL (11 SUBMISSIONS)



























Midtown KC Now

Midtown KC Now Executive

Director Kevin Klinkenberg

6 Facebook

discussing the Temporary Detent...













AUGUST 12, 2025













TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER FORUM

Bobbi Baker, NEKC Chamber & Independence Ave CID President, CEO & Manager

Kevin Klinkenberg, Midtown KC Now Executive Director Ron Lindsay, Concord Fortress of Hope Church Minister **John Sharp**, South Kansas City Alliance Board President

COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION

TOPIC: COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA AREA KIWANIS

FEATURED GUEST: GARY GOEBEL

WEBSITE: www.Kinanis.org





THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025

ATTENDEES: 10 + 6 STAFF





Kiwanis partners bring value to your club by providing enhancement to our service and work in the community.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA Kiwanis International partners with Boys & Girls Clubs of America with a focus on mentoring tomorrow's leaders. Invite the staff of their local chapter to a club meeting and begin building an impactful relationship.

CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS and Kiwanis family members work together by sponsoring fundraising events and conducting service projects at local children's hospitals. Contact your local CMN hospital and invite a representative to a club meeting so you can share ideas and create a partnership.

<u>SALVATION ARMY</u> Local chapters join us in membership, and we help support their services

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA partners with Kiwanis International to ensure that boys, young men and young women grow in character, citizenship, responsibility and leadership to achieve their greatest potential. Your club can sponsor a local unit and support its projects.









LAND DEVELOPMENT



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

I am a

Developer

- · Land Development
- Incentives

l 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





Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Community Development Workshop for Northeast Businesses Presented by Robert Long



Senior Economic Development Sevices Specialist **Economic Development Corporation of KC**

FREE - Community office hours Wednesday June 11, 2025 6pm - 8pm



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.

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



Rebecca Koop, Events Director rebeccakoop@nekcchamber.com www.NEKCChamber.com (816) 231-3312 (ext. 100)







AGENDA

- Evolution of compliance
- Elements of communication
- Tools and techniques
- Practice scenarios



PARTNERING / EXIT STRATEGY

- Recognize escalating behavior and steps that need to be taken
- Utilize Crisis Alert Badge/Radio if applicable (Advise subject that 911 is being called)
- Excuse yourself
- When to get a manager/supervisor





TOOLS & TECHNIQUES

- Body Language
- Tone of Voice
- Verbal Language
- Other Tools







DE-ESCALATION | TURNING DOWN THE HEAT

SATURDAY, 18, 2025

Titan Lieutenant Ryan McFarlin





Your Medicare Helpers

Hosts: Chris & Andrea Wilt, Where There's A Wilt There's A Way, LLC (*Brokers for Medicare*)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Chris Kauhl, Armada Strategic

Intelligence System (*Economist***)**

Subject: State of the US economy...







Andrea Wilt

your Medicare Helpers,

> NEKC Chamber Board Member Since 2020

Board Secretary

Serves on Resource Development Committee

Find Naloxone Near You

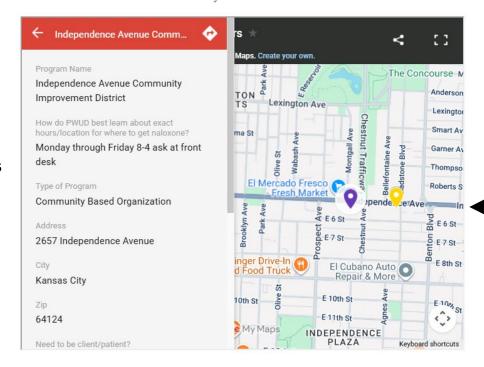
Find agencies and organizations that distribute naloxone in your area.

Note: click the "View Larger Map" icon in the top right corner to view the map and key in full screen.



700+ Narcan shots administered within 2 years by:

- 1. Avenue Angles (TITAN)
- 2. Independence Ave CID





2024 NUMBERS

2,958 Unique Patients
12, 803 Patient Check-Ins
7,826 Volunteer Hours
4,872 Medical Encounters
2,344 Case Management Sessions
275 Dental Sessions
167 Physical Therapy Sessions



SPALITTO'S PHARMACY

3801 INDEPENDENCE AVE

NALOXONE (NARCAN)
'ACCESS' LOCATION

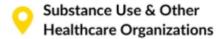


National Harm Reduction Coalition





















HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST

- ROAD SAFETY AUDIT
- INDEPENDENCE AVE
- AUGUST 25, 2025
- 25 PARTICAPANTS



KCMO PUBLIC WORKS



About TREKK...

Engineering Dedicated to **IMPROVING LIVES**

At TREKK Design Group, we improve lives by providing direction to enable community and personal growth. We have been designing solutions for clean water and safe roads since 2002.



5 ORGANIZATIONS

Group 1: Paseo to Jackson

- Angela Ely Parks Dept
- Lon Independence Ave CID
- Sam Akula KCPW City Traffic Engineer
- Bailey Waters KCPW
- Sofia Gillespie KCU
- Person TBD KCPD
- Dustin Smith TREKK
- Ethan Frostestad TREKK
- Zain Arain TREKK





Group 2: Jackson to Ewing (starting near White)

- Regan Tokos KCPW
- Scout Senyk KCPW signals team
- Mike Spady Independence Ave CID
- Person TBD KCPD
- Bobby Evans MARC Staff
- Teresa Krenning TREKK
- Anika Thakur TREKK



Mid-America Regional Council

Group 3: Ewing to Blue Ridge Blvd. - NOT WALKING, driving and stopping at Manchester, Blue Ridge Blvd, and Wallace intersections to observe

- Monica Kearney KCPW
 - Independence Ave CID UMKC Planning students and intern (Mason) to coordinate through Mike Spady
- Person TBD KCPD
- Ryan Umberger MARC Staff
- Spencer Osborn TREKK
- Grace Williams TREKK



• 72 Serious Injuries

• 828 Minor **Injuries**





HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST





Our Urban Street Ambassador team is out clearing alleyways today!! First alley Cleveland to Myrtle resulted in removing aprox 1500 lbs of trash and debris!



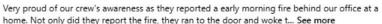


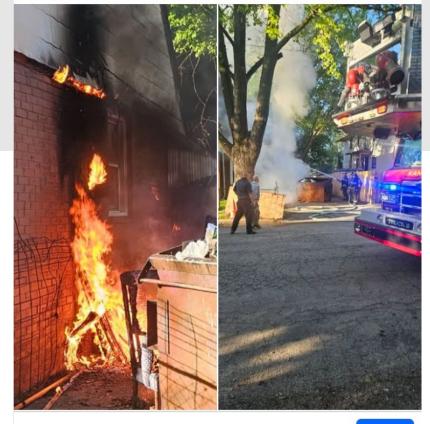
See insights and ads

Boost post

Northeast Arts KC and 16 others 4 comments







See insights and ads

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Jackson County commercial property owners face July 14 deadline for assessment appeals

Posted 10:08 PM, Jul 09, 2025 and last updated 10:20 AM, Jul 10, 2025





The deadline looms for Jackson County commercial property owners to appeal their property assessments.



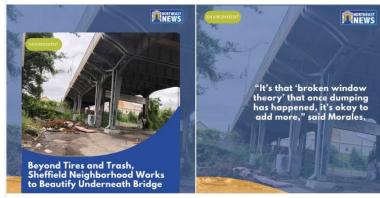
Kansas City's Northeast News



Where history and industry collide—Sheffield Bridge tells a story of pride, persistence, and the fight against illegal dumping.

Mark Morales, president of the Sheffield Neighborhood Association, is working hard to clean up and reimagine this key intersection at Cambridge & Independence Ave., where mattresses pile up

From cleanup to cameras to community-driven change, the work is just getting started. #SheffieldKC #CleanUpKC #CommunityInAction #HistoricKC #IllegalDumping #NeighborhoodPride







HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST

LETTER

HI Cool Roofs Program

Upgrade Your Building's Roof with High-Performance Cool Coating — at No Cost!

Take advantage of this limited-time opportunity to enhance your building's roof with a high-performance cool roof coating. This program is designed to deliver multiple long-term benefits — all at no cost to the building owner.

Buildings will be selected based on the condition and material of the existing roof.

To qualify, you must complete an application and allow for a professional roofing inspection.

Why Choose a Cool Roof?

- Energy Savings: Cool roofs reflect more sunlight and absorb less heat, reducing indoor temperatures and lowering air conditioning costs.
- Improved Comfort: By keeping buildings cooler, cool roofs enhance indoor comfort, especially during hot weather
- Extended Roof Lifespan: Cool roofs are more resistant to UV radiation and thermal stress, helping extend the life of your roofing materials.
- Impact Resistance: These roofs are often made from durable materials that can withstand damage from debris and foot traffic.
- Reduced Urban Heat Island Effect: Cool roofs help mitigate the urban heat island effect by reflecting sunlight and reducing heat absorption in cities.
- Environmental Benefits: Lower energy consumption leads to reduced greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to a more sustainable environment.
- Cost Savings: Cool roofs can save money through lower energy bills and reduced maintenance costs.
- Eligibility for Rebates: Qualifying buildings may be eligible for additional rebates, further increasing savings.
- Improved Building Value: Upgrading your roof can increase property value and appeal to tenants or buyers.
- Community Impact: Help create a cooler, healthier, and more resilient neighborhood by participating in this program.

Roofing Details

- Cool roof material will be either acrylic or silicone, selected based on roof type and condition.
- Installation is 100% covered no cost to the building owner.
- All materials meet or exceed a Solar Reflectance Index (SRI) of 65.

EMAIL

Dear Chamber Members and Building Owners,

We are excited to share a limited time opportunity that can help you save money, extend the life of your roof, and improve comfort in your building at no cost to you.

Through the Evergy Cool Roof Program, eligible commercial and multifamily building owners in the Independence Avenue Corridor of Kansas City, MO can receive a free cool roof upgrade. This includes the professional application of a white, highly reflective acrylic or silicone coating that significantly reduces rooftop temperatures, often by 50 degrees Fahrenheit or more during the summer. The program offers a high-value improvement at no cost to you, with all expenses covered upfront and availability on a first come, first served basis

Eligibility Requirements:

- . Located in Kansas City, MO within the Independence Avenue Corridor
- Commercial or multifamily property
- Dark or black flat or low sloped roof in good condition
- · Evergy electric customer in good standing
- Willing to allow a free rooftop inspection

A completed application and a free professional roof pre-inspection are required for participation. If your roof requires repairs to qualify, you will be notified after the inspection. However, repair costs are not covered by the program.

This is a no cost solution with long term savings and community wide benefits. Whether you are looking to reduce operating costs or contribute to a more sustainable Kansas City, this program is a win for your building and your neighborhood.

You will find a flyer attached with full program details and benefits. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to improve your building and your community.

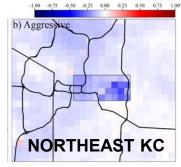
Upgrade Your Building's Roof with High-Performance Cool Coating — at No Cost!

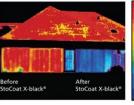
FREE PROGRAM

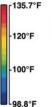
Evergy Urban Heat Island













27 Letters & 2,534 Emails

TO: Owners of Commercial & Multifamily Properties in the Historic Northeast area & NEKC Chamber Members

REGARDING: Evergy Free Roof Cooling Program



HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST

2025 Commercial Property Tax Assessment Results Leave Drastic Impact on Jackson County



Julia Williams • Community , News , News Lead , Politics July 2, 2025

Exterior of Dennis Hamontree's — Northeast plumber and H&H Plumbing business owner — storage unit, which was boarded up due to a vehicle that collided with the building in early June. | Photo by Kendall Williams

Julia Williams

Editor-in-Chief

Throughout the month of June, commercial property and business owners across Jackson County began to receive their tax assessments from the Jackson County Assessor's Office for the 2025 fiscal year, leaving many questioning whether to shut down their business or to pay their tax bill with a six-month lead time.

118 Letters Mailed

TO: Owners of Commercial Properties within the Independence Ave CID

REGARDING: Process to Appeal Jackson Co Commercial Property Tax

WHEN: July 21, 2025

July 17, 2025

TO: Independence Avenue Commercial Property Owners

FROM: NEKC Chamber of Commerce/Independence Avenue CID

RE: Property Tax Assessments and Appeals Process

Dear Property Owners:

You have all recently received the letters from the Jackson County Assessors office regarding the valuation of your properties. Most of you have found, or will find, the declared valuation to be significantly higher than your previous valuation. Many owners are receiving valuations that are 600 percent or higher than the previous valuation. This will undoubtedly result in increases in your property tax that you will soon be billed by the county.

This increase is in many cases extreme and will cause economic hardship for you, your businesses and your tenants. Many of you will be forced to sell your properties or pass along unsustainable rent increases to your tenants. This is an untenable situation. We support your efforts to reverse these extreme valuation increases. The Jackson County Board of Equalization has extended the deadline for filling appeals.

The deadline has been extended to August 1**, 2025. All appeals **must be filed online**, **mailed or filed in person**. Emailed and faxed appeals will not be accepted. Filing online is the preferred method as it walks you through all the steps and provides a case number upon successful submission. Get started with your appeal by going to the following web address: https://www.jacksongov.org/Government/Boards-Commissions/Board-of-Equalization-Appeals.

We've also included a Jackson County 2025 Property Tax Appeal Guide in this letter.

Best of Luck!

Bobbi Baker
CEO/President
Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commer





TOURING THE AVE:

NATIONAL COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS



VOICE FOR KC

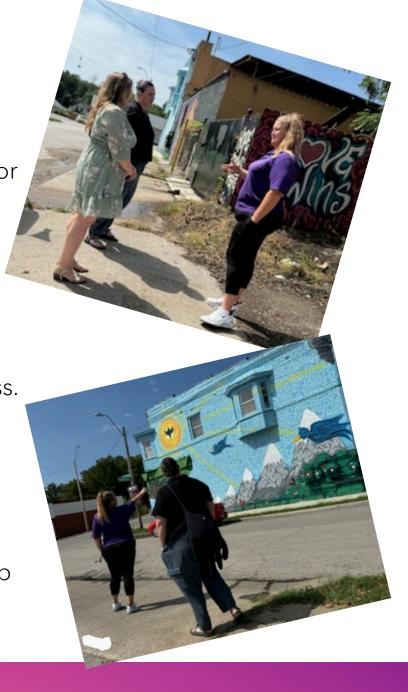
The Independence Ave CID was recognized as a valuable voice for the challenges in Kansas City's Homeless issues and recognized for the impact we make.

PARTNERS

The tour was led by Creative Innovative and hosted the Deputy Director, Megan Hustings of The National Coalition for the Homeless.

OTHER STOPS IN KC

We were included among other stops around the KC area, such as Hope Faith, Morningstar Community Youth Center, Clean-up KC, and Washington Park.





FOLLOWING RECENT **GUN VIOLENCE, THE** INDIEAVE CID HARM REDUCTON SPECIALST JOINED WITH AIM FOR PEACE AND MATTIE RHODES TO CANVAS THE INDEPENDENCE AVENUE AND MONROE AREA TO OFFER RESOURCES, PROMOTE PEACE IN THE COMMUNITY AND DISTRIBUTED 40 DOSES OF NARCAN.



HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



Independence Avenue Community Improvement District Published by Laura Birdsong . July 16 at 12:42 PM . 3

Thank you to our 19th District House Rep, Wick Thomas, for joining us for our Workforce Development Meeting and taking an Avenue Tour!! We even got to stop to support a... See more



See insights and ads

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Independence Avenue Community Improvement District Published by Laura Birdsong

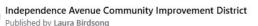
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Thank you to KC Public Works for making repairs to pedestrian light poles along Independence

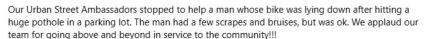








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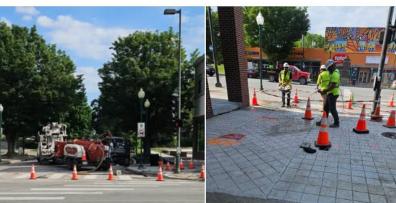
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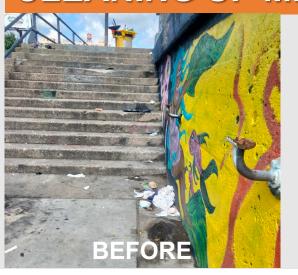


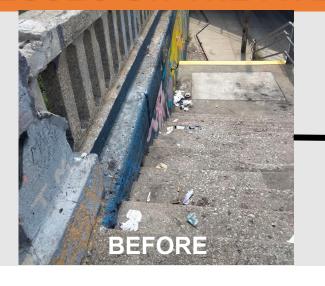


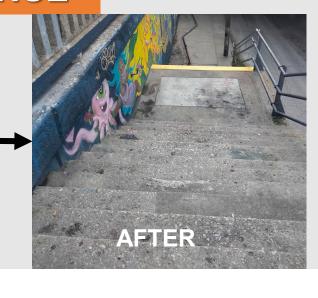




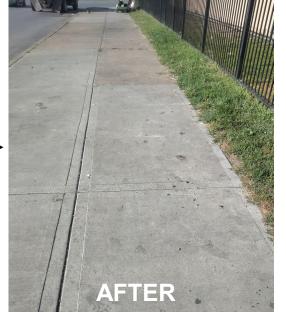




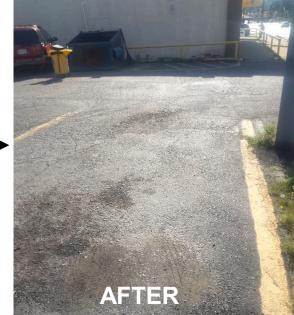












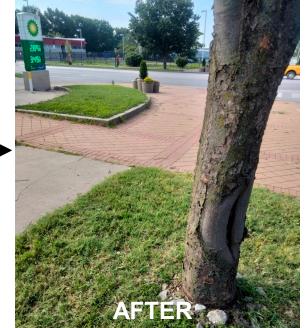






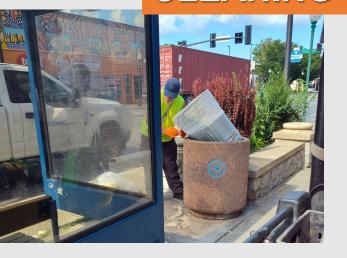








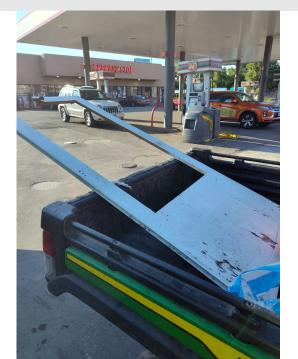


















































NON-MUNICIPAL FUNDING AND SERVICES CONTRACT BY AND RETWEEN

THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI AND INDIRENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRAC

THIS CONTRACT, ande and entered into this first (1¹⁸) do 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 COLMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTORS" consists of two pairs: PART I, SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND PARSAS, STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

WITNESSETH: Consisting of seventeen (17) alleys abutting a dependence Avenue to the north and with, 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.

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17 ALLEYWAYS

MANAGED BY: **NEKC CHAMBER**

IMPLEMENTED BY:
INDEPENDENCE AVE CID





BALES TO EASKEW – NORTH SIDE OF THE AVE

August 7, 2025 | 800 LBS | 7 USA Employees | 15 Labor Hours

AFTER



BEFORE















AVENUE NORTHSIDE OAKLEY ALLEY

 Brush and debris are piling up not only becoming a nuisance to the businesses, but hindering right of way as allow curves north



AVE NORTHSIDE

completely obstructing access to alley. This is a

excessive amount of waste throughout the alley

consistent area where encampments are constructed

and they have again established a makeshift Shantee housing several individuals, and leading to an

ASKEW ALLEY



AVE NORTHSIDE TOPPING ALLEY

 Our Harm Reduction Specialist was having daily interaction to remove individuals from this area.
 Since we have stopped, They have reestablished a seating area for themselves, have cut through both the adjacent business and personal properties and tore down the "No Trespassing" sign put up by KC.

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 This alley is often a dumping spot and without being kept cut back it is starting to pile up in the weeds.



AVE NORTHSIDE BALES ALLEY

 With the city's destruction of the defensive garden project, the east side of this alley is easy to back into for litegal dumping, and multiple time trues have been discarded. The area is inviting for individuals to gather and drug paraphernalia and debris can be found the length of the alley. Half way down it is overgrown and therefore providing a hideway for illead activity.





AVE SOUTHSIDE CLEVELAND ALLEY

 This alley is prone to fires risking both the business and neighborhood. Individuals hide in the alley for drug use and a passageway to fee stealing from the area businesses. As it continues to be overgrown a hideaway is developing and evident presence is confirmed by the needles and trash throughout the alley.



TIRES COLLECTED PAST 60 DAYS FROM PUBLIC SPACE TOTAL = 150+





In direct response to this CID report, the City assisted in getting HNE alleyways back to ground zero, allowing us to move forward with a new partnership contract.

Plans are in place to <u>continue addressing</u> <u>illegal dumping</u> in additional alleys that the CID been brought to the City's attention.



SUMMER 2025



Examples of the CITY'S HNE Alleyway 'GROUND ZERO' Cleaning
Bales Alley Cleveland Alley Topping Alley









ALL ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR

Reports This Week
49
1/2 WEEK

Reports This Month

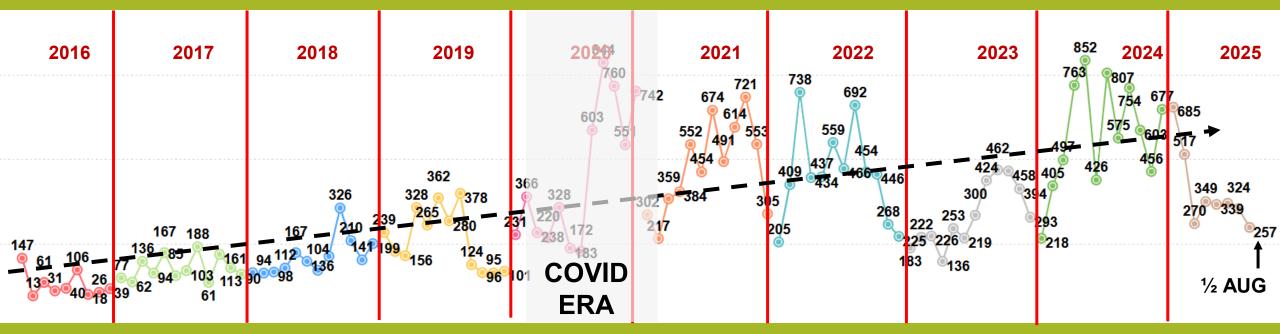
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1/2 MONTH

Reports This Year 7094

Reports All Time (Since April 2016)
51784

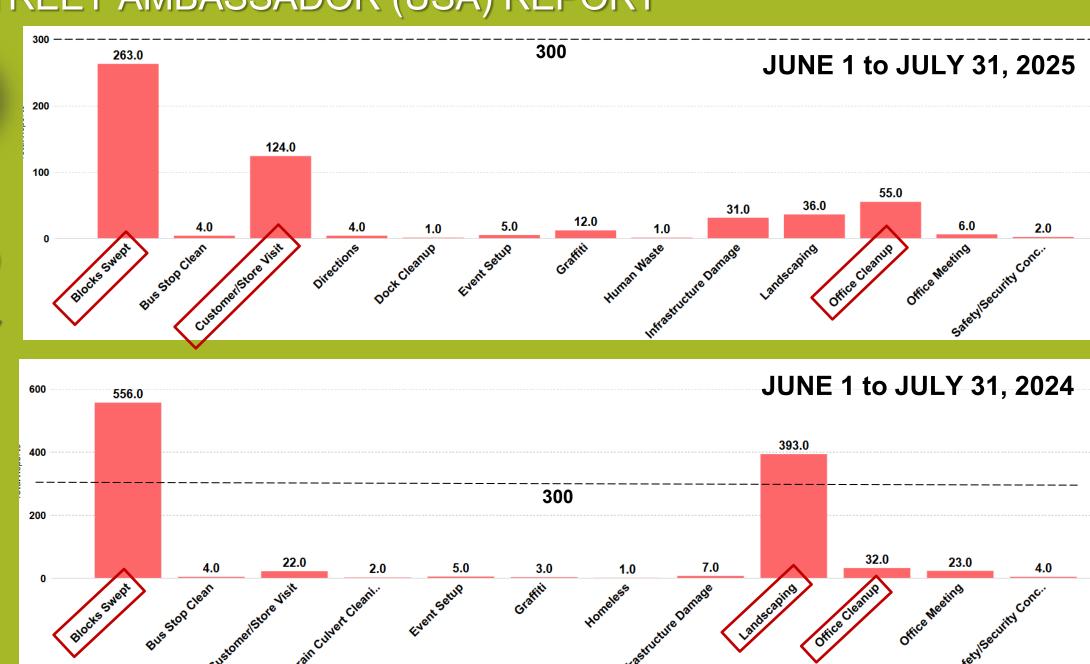






2025

ACTIVITY DETAILS

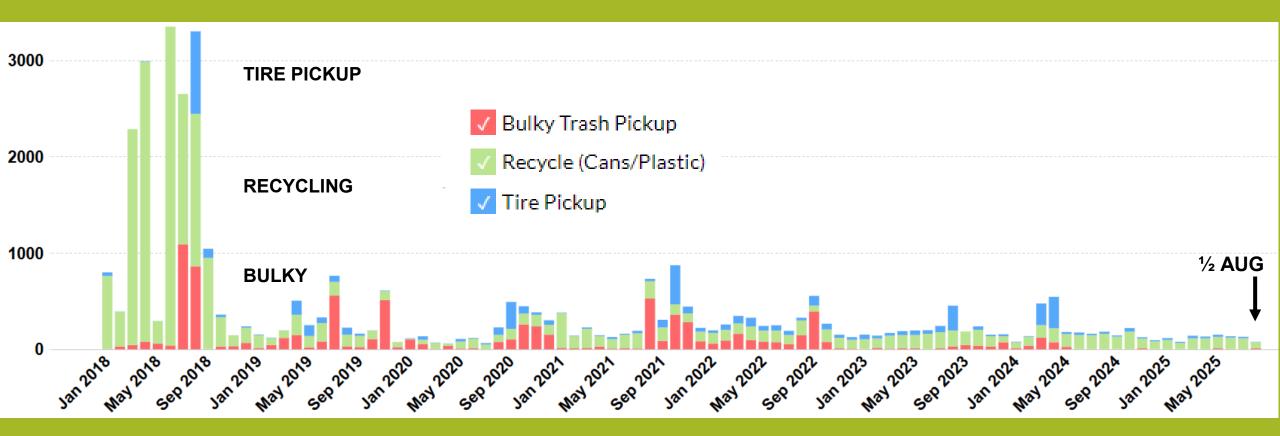




TIRES, RECYCLING & BULKY ITEM CLEAN UP YEAR-TO-YEAR

(JUNE 2018 to TODAY)

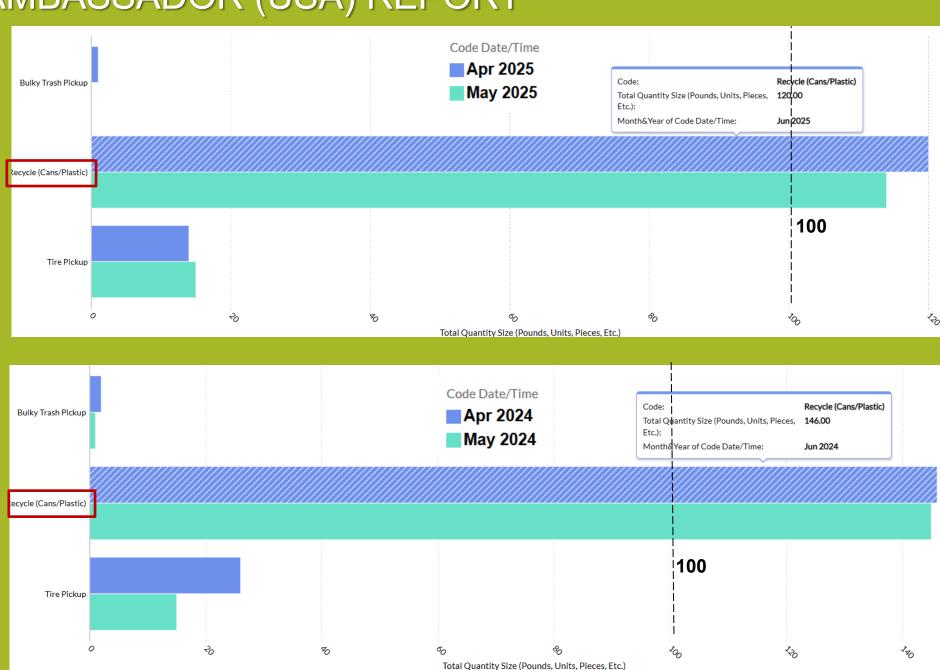






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TIRES, RECYCLING & BULKY ITEM CLEAN UP BY QUANTITY

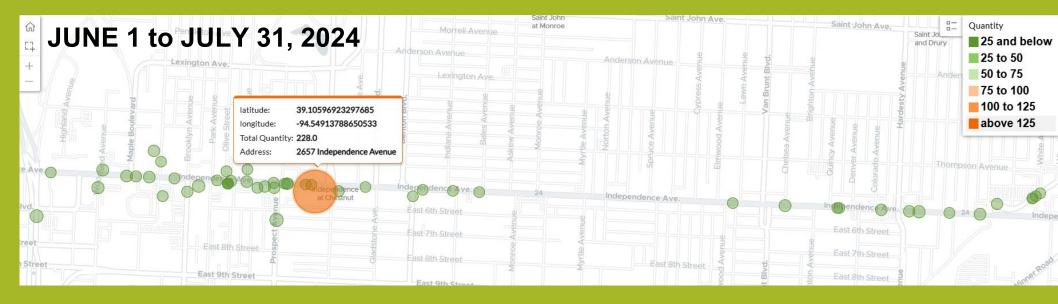




2025

CLEAN UP BY LOCATION







ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR

Incidents This Week

½ WEEK

Incidents This Month

1/2 MONTH

Incidents This Year

17782

Incidents All Time

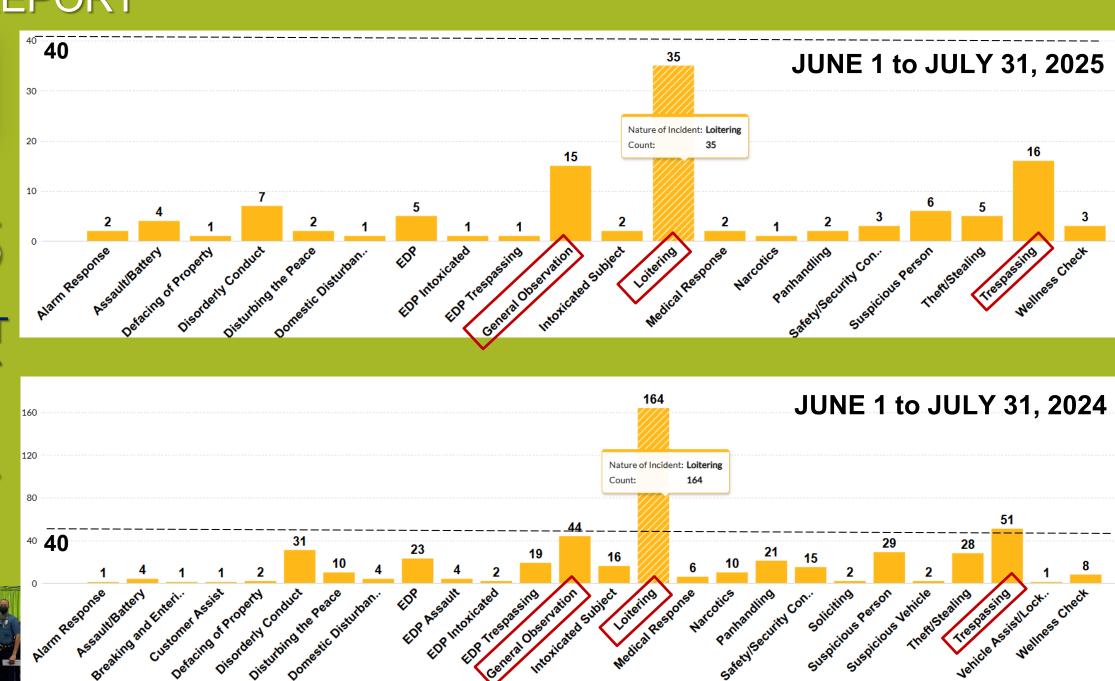






2025

INCIDENT COUNT

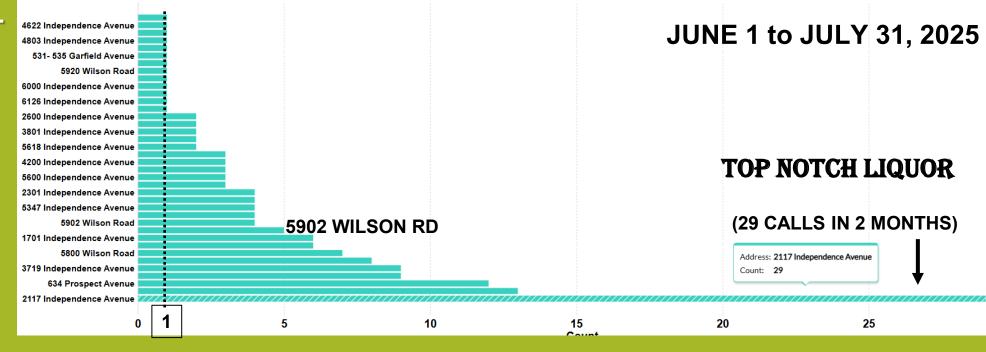


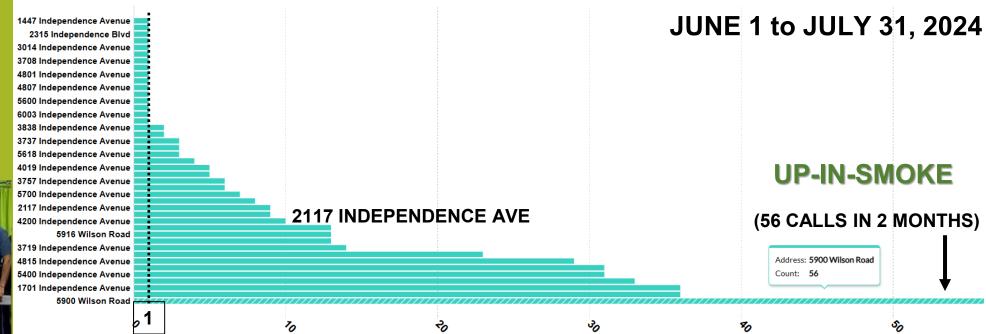


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ACTIVITY BY ADDRESS





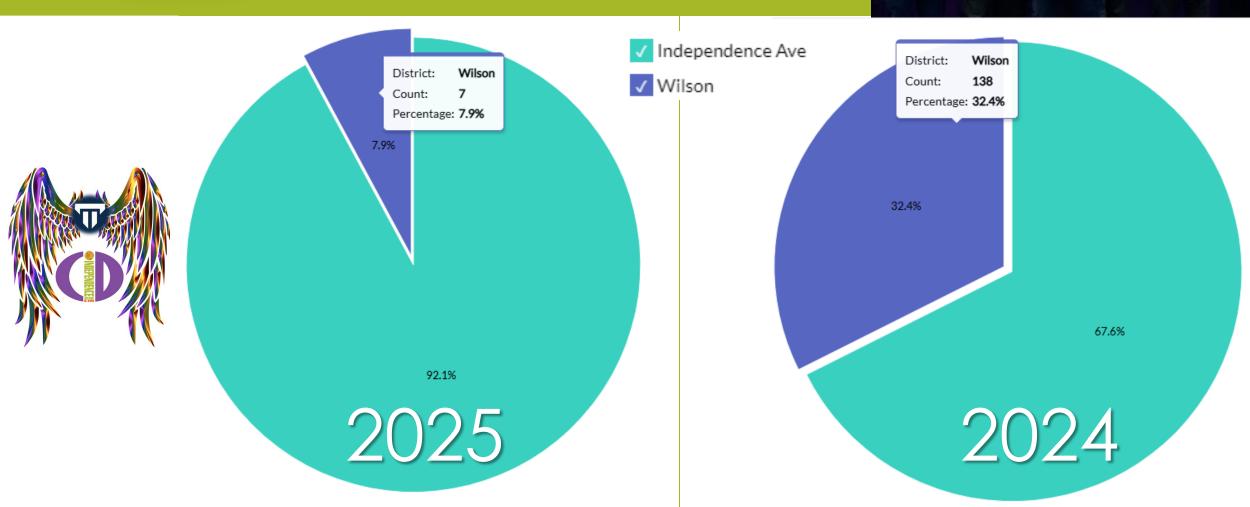




WILSON RD VERSES INDEPENDENCE AVE

JUNE 1 to JULY 31, 2025





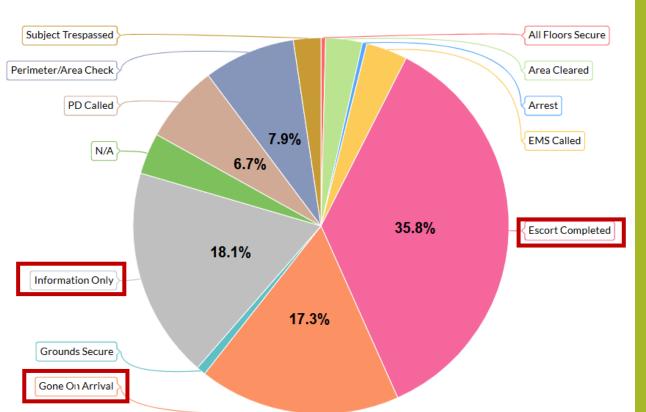


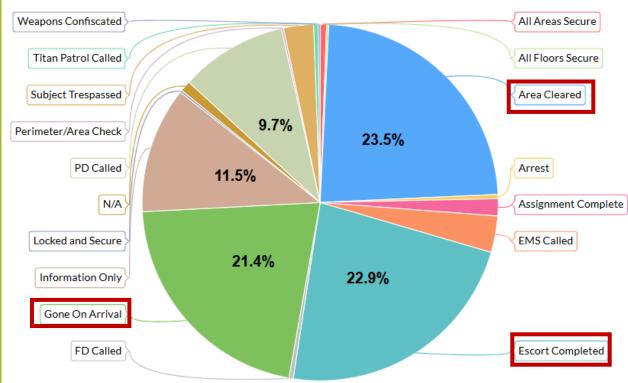
OVERALL ACTIVITY

JUNE 1 to JULY 31, 2025

2025







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







3708 & 10 INDEPENDENCE

AVAILABLE SPACE ON... Independence AVE







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



8-15-2025 KC Wings & Tacos



8-8-2025 KFC



7-25-2025 Taco Bell



8-1-2025 Pizza Hut



7-4-2025 Sonic



7-11-2025 Little Ceasars Pizza



7-18-2025 Subway



FAST FOOD ON THE INDEPENDENCE AVE



CURRENT ISSUE 8-20-2025







7-23-2025



7-2-2025



7-30-2025 7-16-2025 8-13-2025



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





The EGG > EVENTS >

Book Your Event @ theEGG Online > www.NEKCchamber.com

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



JUNE 28, JULY 19, AUGUST 9, 2025:

BRIAN MAPES Color/Draw at theEGG **SATURDAY**, 10:00am - 2:00pm



JULY 24 & 25, 2025: FRING

FESTIVAL THEATER

REHERSAL: 3 ATTENDEES



UPCOMING EVENTS (STEPLE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY











COFFEE CULTURE & CONVERSATION

THURSDAY, SEPT 11, 2025

NEKC Chamber Office



TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCH TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025 Serving the Community

Tasty, Topic Talk NEKC Chamber Luncheon August 26, 2025 11:45 am -1:00 pm 2657 Independence Ave KCMO 64124 Topic: New Art on the Avenue A sneak peek of artists concept drawings for the newest Mural on Independence Ave. Artists are invited to this Luncheon and the Sept 11, 11am - 12 pm Coffee Culture Culture meeting

SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025

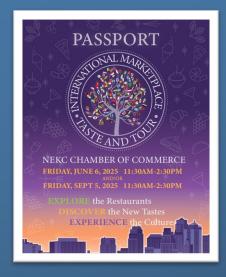
The latest on crime prevention



INTERNATIONAL TASTE & TOUR

FRIDAY, SEPT 5, 2025

Sons of Columbus



NEKC CHAMBER & INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID MANAGEMENT STAFF

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES



BOBBI BAKER
CHAMBER CEO

CID DISTRICT

MANAGER

9 Recipient: Carol Col

Community Defender

Award



1 Northeast Strivin' 1 KC Source Link COMBAT 2 Arts as Membership a 2 KC Chamber Public 501c3 3 Welcome KC **Safety Coalition** 4 KC Refugee & 3 KC 'Vison Zero' **4 HNE Houseless Immigrant Services &** 5 Small Developers of KC **Empowerment 6 NE Coalition** 5 The EGG Board 6 Recipient: 2024 Urban 7 HNE/EGG Board Member **Heroes Award** 8 HNE Media Board Member



REBECCA KOOP



LAURA BIRDSONG

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
OF
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 & HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER

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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URBAN PLANNER &
INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY

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

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

2657 INDEPENDENCE BLVD, KCMO



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