

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

Date: October 15th, 2025 Time: 3:00pm

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/j/83085317222> Meeting ID: 830 8531 7222

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| 1. | Call to Order | Chairman Jerry Potocnik |
| 2. | Board Minutes | Secretary Andrea Wilt |
| 3. | Financial Reports | Treasurer Citlali Rivera |
| | P&L This Fiscal Year to Date | |
| | Profit & Loss - Budget vs Actual | |
| | Balance Sheet This Fiscal Year to Sept 30, 2025 | |
| 4. | Old Business | |
| | Speaker Mason Woods, Urban Planner Intern | |
| 5. | Board Committee Reports <ask if we expect all 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 & Appointed Officials Avenue Tour | Bobbi Baker |
| | Membership | Jerry Potocnik |
| | CID Reports | CID District Manager Bobbi Baker |
| | Security Camera Presentation | |
| | HNE Events | Events Director Rebecca Koop |
| | Chamber Reports | Events Director Rebecca Koop |
| | CEO/President Report | Bobbi Baker |
| | Manager's Report | Designed by Lon Clark, Urban Planner CID |
| | HNE Media | Bobbi Baker |
| 6. | Action Items | |
| | N/A | |
| 7. | New Business | |
| | Presentation- HNE Media Ask/Match | |
| 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

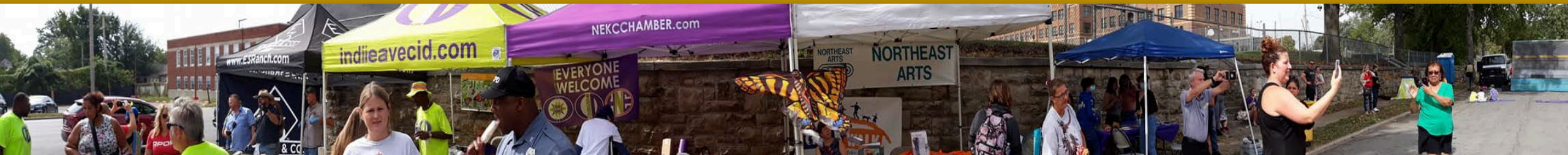


YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

→ NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

08/18/2025 ←
09/20/2025

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

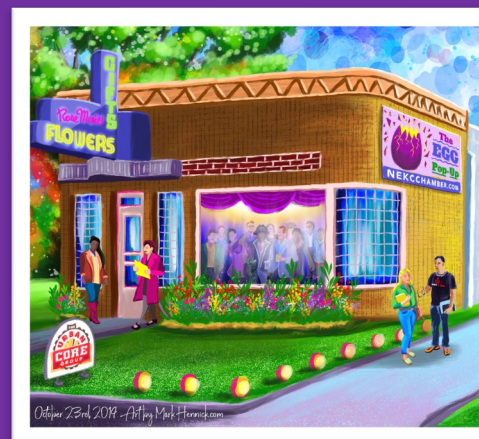


PRESENTED BY: BOBBI BAKER, NEKC CHAMBER PRESIDENT/CEO & IA CID MANAGER

OCTOBER 15, 2025

154 VISITORS: Aug 1 - Sept 31, 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



The 'EGG' & NE News Office



NEKC Chamber, IA CID & HNE Office



SAFETY & SECURITY MEETINGS

AUGUST 21, 2025

Next Meeting: October 16

AGENDA

- ✓ Independence Avenue business break-ins
- ✓ Repeat Nuisance Offenders – CID Alliance Shared Drive
- ✓ Consequences of not having a detention center
- ✓ Recent passage of extending Safety Sales Tax
- ✓ 'Partner' Updates on quality of life on the Ave
- ✓ Attendees' concerns until the next meeting

GENERAL ATTENDEES: 14

- 1 KCMO City Prosecutor
- 3 Business Owner
- 5 TITAN Angels
- 2 CID Office Staff
- 1 Mattie Rhodes Representative
- 1 KCMO safety liaison
- 1 SVN employee



Due to the coordinated policing efforts, calls concerning criminal activity dropped drastically since last year at the same period.



TASTY TOPIC TALK NEKC CHAMBER LUNCHEON

TOPIC: 2025 MURAL PROJECT
SPEAKER: MURAL ARTISTS

AUG 26 ATTENDEES: 11 + 9 STAFF
CATERED BY: STEAM BOWL



5017 Independence Ave

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NORTHEAST KANSAS CITY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PASSPORT

HOP-on & HOP-off
our TROLLEY...

6 Restaurants
1 Coffee Shop
4 Continents

EXPERIENCE
the culture

DISCOVER
the new tastes

EXPLORE
the restaurants

INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE
TASTE AND TOUR




**The Undefeated Champion
TRUCK-EATING BRIDGE**

FRIDAY, SEPT 5, 2025
TROLLEY RIDERS: 45
VOLUNTEERS: 4



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NEKC Chamber BEADS, BEANS & BOOZE Feb 17, 2026



Mariners vs Royals

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 17, 2025

GAMES

NEWS

MLB



WON
Royals
Home, 76-76



Yesterday



Mariners
Away, 83-69

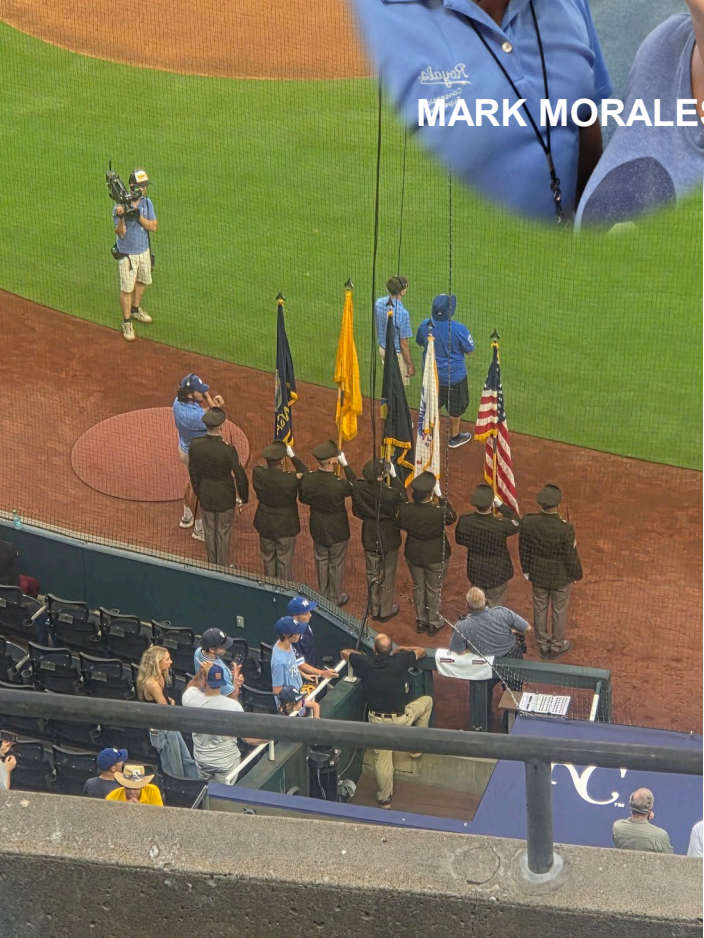
Team

Mariners

Royals

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Royals	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	x	7	13	0

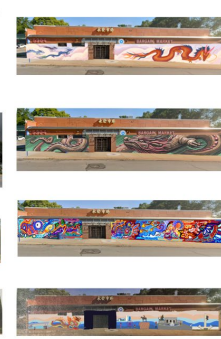
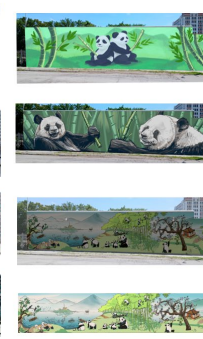
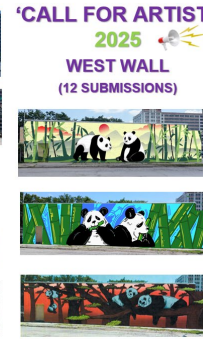
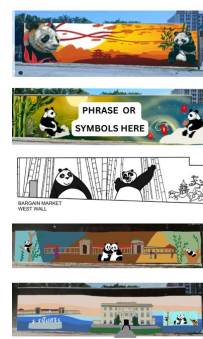
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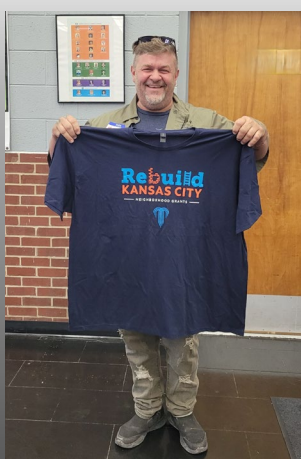
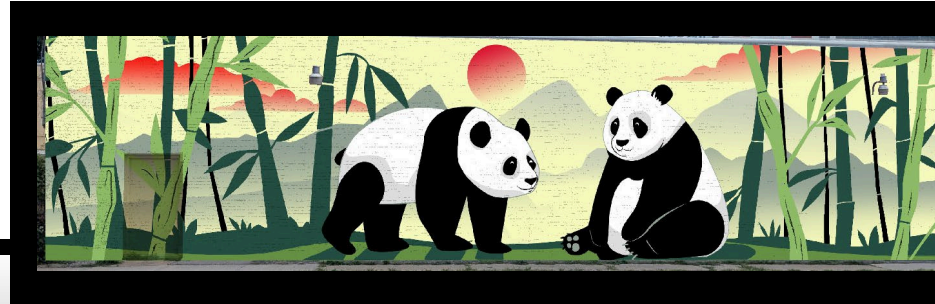


COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



TOPIC: Meet the 2025 NEKC Chamber Mural
FEATURED GUEST: 12 Competing Muralists
MURAL LOCATION: 5500 Independence Ave

Michelle Renn
MURAL WINNER



THURSDAY, SEPT 11, 2025
ATTENDEES: 11 + 5 STAFF

KCMO CID ALLIANCE

THURSDAY, SEPT 11, 2025
15 ATTENDEES + 3 STAFF

Citywide Community Improvement Districts

Independence Avenue CID & Truman Road CID

Mainstreet - Broadway - Three Trails CIDs

Brookside CID

Crossroads CID

Downtown & Rivermarket CIDs

Westport CID



The KC CID Alliance Meeting Focused On:

- 1) Enhancing data sharing & incident tracking among CIDs.
- 2) The need for a centralized offender database, with Titan Security's three-year incident reports analyzed using AI to create offender profiles.
- 3) The system will automate citation generation and map incident hotspots.
- 4) It will also streamline data collection, improve prosecution, and address repeat offenders.
- 5) The system will integrate with existing security and ambassador reports, ensuring comprehensive incident documentation.



SAFETY & SECURITY MEETINGS

SEPT 18, 2025

Next Meeting: October 16

- ✓ TITAN will begin sharing reports with KCPD in new system
- ✓ TITAN answered around 2,018 calls for assistance in 2024
- ✓ Repeat Nuisance Offenders – CID Alliance Shared Drive
- ✓ Prospects of possibly using the vacant Jackson Co jail
- ✓ Timeline for modular dentation center ready by May 2026
- ✓ 'Partner' Updates on quality of life on the Ave
- ✓ Attendees' concerns until the next meeting

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3 Business Owners
2 TITAN Angels & 1 Administrator
3 CID Office Staff
1 Mattie Rhodes Representative
1 KCMO Codes
1 SVN employee
6 KCPD Officers
1 Truman Rd CID



TASTY TOPIC TALK...

NEKC CHAMBER LUNCHEON



TOPIC: 2026 World Cup & Your Business
SPEAKER: Mindy Brissy, Director of Regional Impact

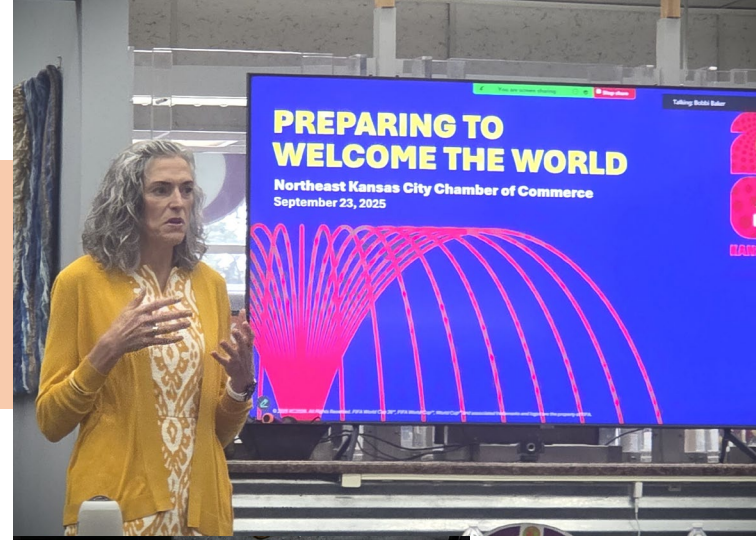
Tracy Whelpley, Founder & CEO MRB Strategies

THURSDAY: Sept 23, 2025

ATTENDEES: 22 attendees + 5 staff

LUNCH PROVIDED BY: Los Tres Palmas

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Discussed local businesses opportunity during World Cup 2026



ORGANIZATIONAL CORE VALUES

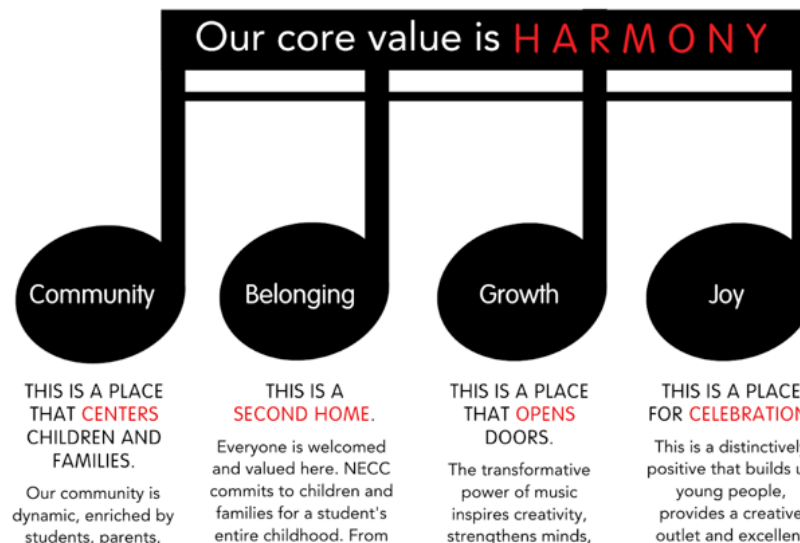
Our Mission

The **Northeast Community Center** utilizes the universal language of music to develop young musicians and minds, partner with families, and build community in Kansas City.

What We Do

Music is how children enter our doors, but once they are here, it is so much more. In a neighborhood with 25+ languages spoken, music is the universal language. Together, we are orchestrating a thriving community through access to music education and wraparound services including educational and supportive programs!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
NEKC CHAMBER EVENT SPACE**



Our Board

Jill Meriweather, President
Meriweather Consulting

Dr. Natalie Spar, board member
American Heart Association

Angelica de la Cruz, Vice President
Northeast Realty

Uli Schneider, board member
Kansas City Public Schools

Jay Breeden, Treasurer
Smash my Trash

Ulises Rodriguez Quintanilla, board member
Mexican Consulate

Marcia Charney, Secretary
Retired Real Estate Attorney

Christopher Hayes, board member
University of Missouri - Kansas City

Joe O'Flaherty, board member
Country Club Bank

Mike Gordon, emeritus
Kansas City Symphony



SERVING THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST FOR OVER 100 YEARS!

Musical Ability



Arts Access & Engagement



Child Well-Being



School Attendance



Mathematical Proficiency



Literacy



High School Completion & Beyond



HNE-REX (Historic Northeast - Response Emergency Examples)

WEDESDAY, OCT 8, 2025

TOPIC: 'Active Threat Awareness'

SPEAKER: Ryan McFarlen, Major of Field Operations Titan

ATTENDEES: 7 Guest + 3 Avenue Angels + 4 Staff

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS



- Prevent
- Protect
- Mitigate
- Respond
- Recover



Major,
Ryan
McFarlen



ACTIVE THREAT AWARENESS

Prepare Your Team to
Recognize, Respond, and Stay
Safe in Critical Situations

FREE TRAINING HOSTED BY TITAN PROTECTION

Wednesday,
October 8th
at 5:30 pm

LEARN HOW TO RESPOND WITH THESE TACTICS

- ✓ PREVENTION
- ✓ MITIGATION
- ✓ PROTECTION
- ✓ RESPONSE

INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

EVENT LOCATION:
2657 Independence Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64124

PHONE: (816) 231-3312

EMAIL: BobbiBaker@nekccchamber.com



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



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

- ✓ LONG TERM RECOVERY
- ✓ PLANNING

Planning considerations, and practical
tips to help you navigate critical
situations.





DePrice Taylor Receiving The Athena Award

Mellisa Robinson - Fay Beal & Husband - Bobbi Baker
KCMO Council Local Artists NEKC Chamber



ATHENA Awards **2025**

The Greek goddess Athena was a symbol of wisdom, intelligence, the arts and sciences and is the namesake of the KC Chamber's annual ATHENA Awards, presented at a reception every fall.

Congratulations to the 2025 ATHENA Honorees!!

ATHENA Honoree | Christine Kemper



Christine founded Kemper & Company, LLC, following her early endeavors in government, politics, entertainment and strategic communications. Her customer research and marketing consultancy advised local, national and global brands starting in 2002. She is co-founder of The Collectors Fund and The Kansas City Collection, two enterprises that invest in art and build markets for artists, as well as YEP, an internship and scholarship organization focused on identifying and nurturing entrepreneurship among high school students.

The focus of her community work has largely been women- and student-focused. She has served in leadership roles for dozens of regional nonprofit organizations, including the Women's Foundation, Women's Employment Network, WIN for KC, the WWI Museum and Memorial, DeLaSalle Education Center, and University Academy Charter School.

Her current passion is in her role as Founder and Board Chair of Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy, Missouri's only all-girls, college-bound, public charter school, which opened in August of 2019. Located in a traditionally underserved community, the school's mission is to prepare young women to use their voices, succeed academically and to lead productive, meaningful lives. As leader of this endeavor, Kemper has helped to raise nearly \$30 million to advance the purpose of the program.

With a reputation for strong academic and emotional growth, KC Girls Prep has just started its 7th year of operation, serving 110 scholars in 5th-8th grade girls and another 38 girls in its KC Girls Leadership Institute (KCGLI). The innovative KCGLI program was created in 2024 to support scholars through high school and into college. With leadership development, study abroad, college and scholarship application support, and a deep, ongoing connection to the KCGAP sisterhood, KCGLI delivers on the mission and vision at the heart of the school's founding. Kemper's intense focus on this school is inspired by her belief that empowering young women lifts families, communities, and ultimately, the world.

ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Honoree | DePrice Taylor



Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, DePrice is the product of resiliency and growth; not the circumstances and roadblocks meant to impede her future but the determination to overcome them. With more than a decade of experience driving youth development, strategic initiatives, and community partnerships, DePrice currently serves as the Executive Director of Community Relations for the Kansas City Current. In this role, she spearheads the club's community engagement strategy, builds and sustains meaningful relationships with corporate and nonprofit stakeholders and oversees impactful programming and player civic engagement efforts.

A proud first-generation college graduate and former MIAA athlete, DePrice earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Work and a Master of Science in Health, Human Performance, and Recreation from Pittsburg State University. She has been recognized as a Kansas City Business Journal NextGen Leader (2023), Startland News Community Builder to Watch (2023), Heartland Black Chamber of Commerce MVP (2024), and alumna of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Centurions Leadership Program.

DePrice's commitment to service is reflected in her leadership beyond her professional role. DePrice serves on the Win for KC Advisory Board, Black Excellence KC Board, Pittsburg State Alumni Association, and as a Commissioner for Kansas City Parks & Recreation, appointed by Mayor Quinton Lucas.

COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



TOPIC: Meet Your Neighbors!
FEATURED GUESTS: You

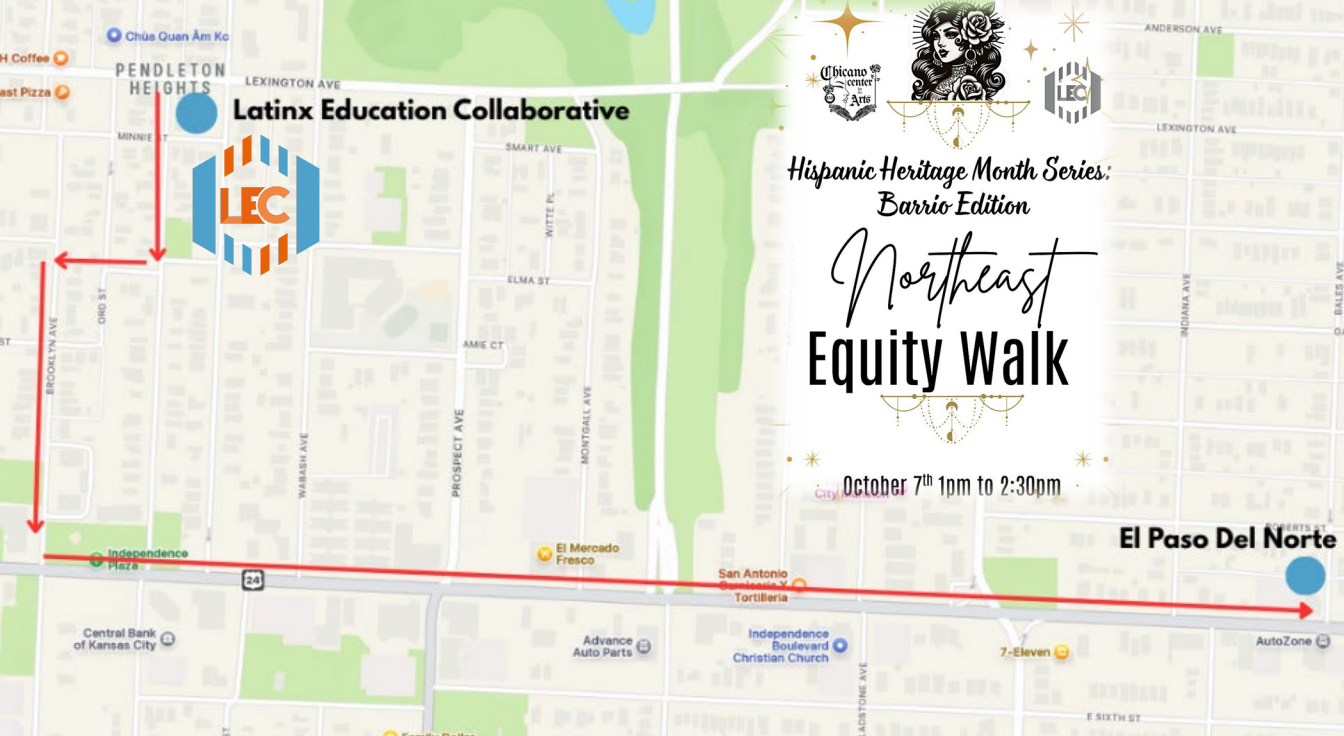


THURSDAY, OCT 9, 2025

Guest Shared Their Business Ideas

ATTENDEES: 10 + 5 STAFF





Hispanic Heritage Month!

September 15 – October 15



Historic Northeast Equity Walk, October 7, 2025

SPONSORED BY: Councilman Crispin Rea (4th District at Large)

Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes the achievements and contributions of Americans whose ancestry can be traced to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Spanish-speaking countries of the Caribbean.





RECALL TOWN HALL:

What's Next for Jackson County?



Legislator
Manuel Abarca IV
1st District



Legislator
Venessa Huskey
2nd District



Legislator
Sean Smith
6th District



Date: Wednesday, October 1st



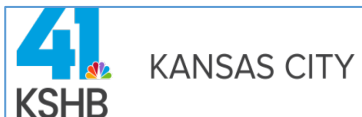
Time: 5:30-7 PM



Location: Northeast KC Chamber of Commerce
2657 Independence Ave, Kansas City, MO 64124



WEDNESDAY, OCT 1, 2025
ATTENDEES: 33 + 5 STAFF



3 JACKSON CO LEGISLATORS

Mauel Abarca IV
Sean Smith
Venessa Huskey



PHIL LAVOTA becomes
permanent Jackson Co
Executive Director

Today, Friday, Oct. 10, the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District are hosting city, county, state and fed... See more



👍 You and 27 others

2 comments 2 shares

Avenue Tour For Elected Officials

FRIDAY, OCT 10, 2025

ATTENDEES: 21 + 3 STAFF

This tour led directly to legislation proposed to outlaw gaming shops.



Officials Experienced: 1) HNE International Marketplace Ongoing Development Progress & Investment Opportunities, 2) Corridor District Anchors, 3) Prospering Small Businesses, 4) Nuisance Establishments, & 5) Truck-Eating Bridge.

DESTINATIONS: Kansas City University (KCU) Campus, Century Towers, Sons of Columbus Event Space, Independence Plaza Park, Soma Retail Center, Prospect Retail Center, The Economic Growth Gallery (EGG) Facility, Northeast News Bureau, Medical Mall, Historic Northeast Lofts, & Custom Truck One Source Facility



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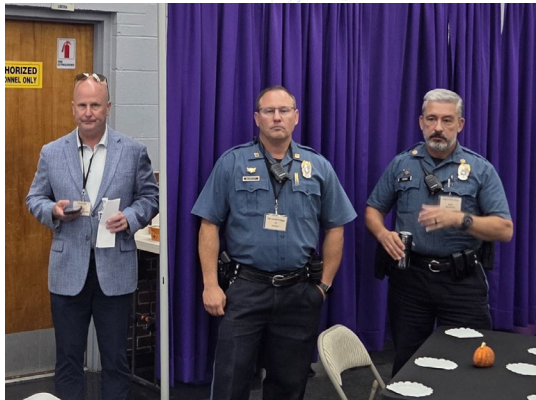
ATTENDEES: 21 + 3 STAFF

LUNCH

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INDEPENDENCE AVE CID BOUNDARIES



**CITY OF KCMO
CITY MANAGER
Mario Vasquez**

**JACKSON CO
PROSECUTOR
Melesa Johnson**



**DISTRICT 19 MO STATE HOUSE REP
Wick Thomas**



Supported by Councilman Crispin Rea Office (At Large)



4TH DISTRICT SMALL BUSINESS

CASH MOB



PENDLETON HIGHTS

9am - 10am

Wednesday, OCT 15, 2025

PH Coffee

2200 Lexington Ave. KCMO 64124



Cash Mobs are a great way to support local businesses in our community. Join Councilman Crispin Rea for coffee/breakfast to support small businesses.

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

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Councilman Crispin Rea &

Northeast Chamber of Commerce, Latinx Education Collaborative and
Revolucion Educativa.





AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE



The Avenue Angels (TITAN Security)
NEW Security Monitoring Station
Independence Avenue CID Office

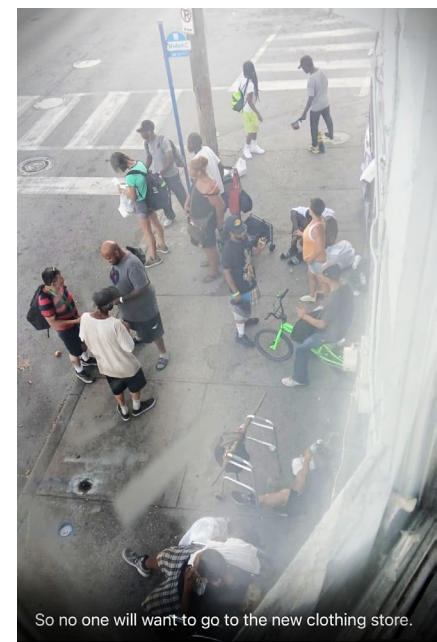


PARATE XPAZ
STAND UP FOR
PEACE

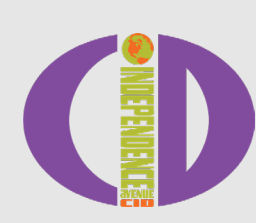


Independence Ave CID partners
with...  **Mattie Rhodes**

KCPD & Jackson Co Rep, Manny Abarca, meet to address gaming establishment concerns at Monroe & Independence Ave 



So no one will want to go to the new clothing store.



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



 **ORCHARD FEST**
Saturday, Oct. 4

2025
Independence Plaza Park



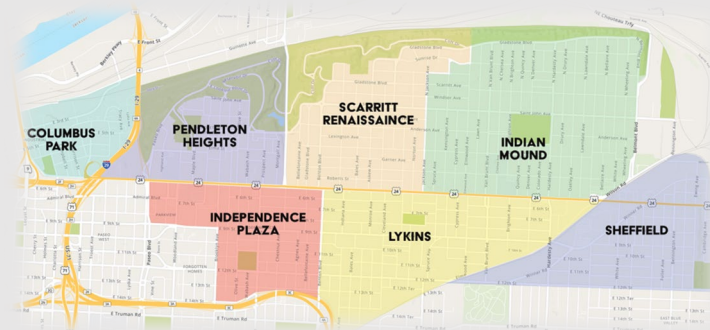
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AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



Jason Kelce Shines a National Spotlight on Northeast Favorite Peter May's House of Kielbasa

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Bryan Stalder
Contributor

JASON KELCE VISITS... PETER MAY'S HOUSE OF KIELBASA

Photo credit: Bryan Stalder



Dorri Partain • October 15, 2025 • 3 minutes Read

Indian Mound, Pendleton Heights Neighborhoods Celebrate New Murals

Dorri Partain Managing Editor From airborne dragon kites and pandas to unicorns and praying mantis insects, new murals are being unveiled in two Northeast neighborhoods during October. The Indian Mound Neighborhood...



Ten Years Later: Northeast Remembers Firefighters John Mesh and Larry Leggio

admin • Front Page, News October 12, 2025



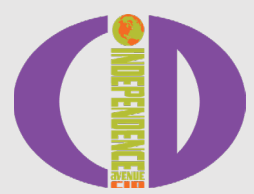
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NE Corner: Prosect & Independence Ave



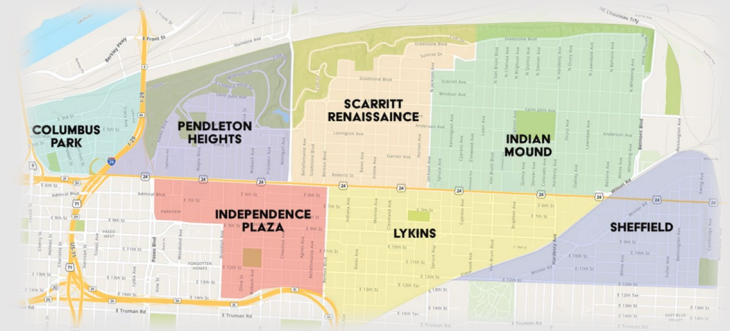
Burned to the ground 10 years ago





AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



ENCAMPMENT SITE VISITS



Julia Williams • August 20, 2025
4 minutes Read

Homeless Advocacy Nonprofit Visits Kansas City, Tours Independence Avenue Unhoused Encampments

Julia Williams Editor-in-Chief Members from Creative Innovative – a Kansas City, social services organization – and The National Coalition for the Homeless – a nonprofit unhoused prevention organization in Washington...



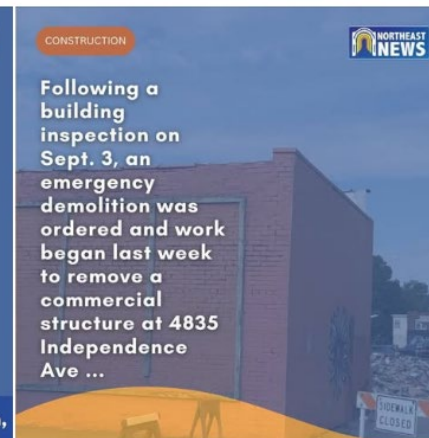
Kansas City's Northeast News
September 19 at 6:00 PM

Structure Collapse Results in Building Demolition, Murals Require Relocation

Thi... See more **BUILDING COLLAPSE – MURAL SAVED**



Structure Collapse Results in Building Demolition, Murals Require Relocation



Following a building inspection on Sept. 3, an emergency demolition was ordered and work began last week to remove a commercial structure at 4835 Independence Ave ...

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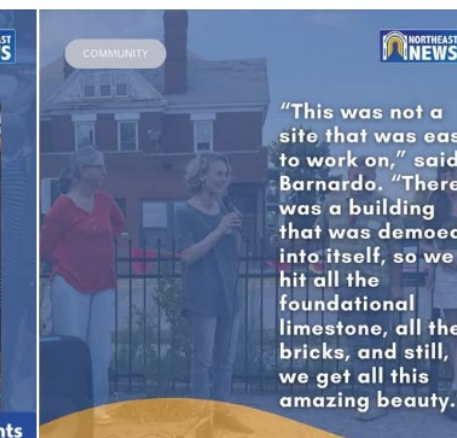
Kansas City's Northeast News
September 18 at 1:00 PM

Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association celebrated the completion of its Pocket Park on Friday, Sept. 12 with food, music and community!

'Du... See more **PENDLETON HEIGHTS CELEBRATION**



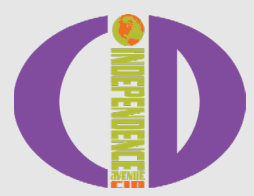
Celebration Showcases Pendleton Heights



"This was not a site that was easy to work on," said Barnardo. "There was a building that was demoed into itself, so we hit all the foundational limestone, all the bricks, and still, we get all this amazing beauty."

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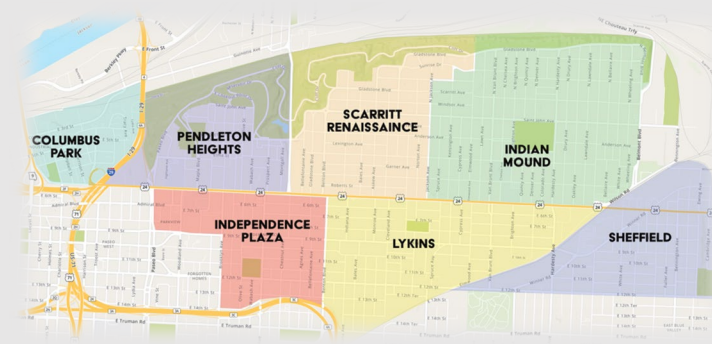
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AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST

NORTHEAST NEWS



SCARRITT HALLOWEEN 2025

Kansas City's Northeast News
September 14 at 2:24 PM ·

Sharing for [Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood](#), sign up now to volunteer to help sort, pass out candy and more. It takes many hands to provide this Halloween event for o... See more

Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood SCARE-IT HALLOWEEN 2025

WE NEED YOU

TO MAKE KANSAS CITY'S BIGGEST HALLOWEEN TRADITION A SUCCESS!

CANDY SORTERS: OCT 26 AT 11AM
GATE ATTENDANTS (16 NEEDED): OCT 31, 5-8:30PM
CANDY GIVERS: OCT 31, 5-8:30PM
CANDY DELIVERY SETUP (MUST LIFT): OCT 31 AT 12PM

Email jacob.luke@scarrittkc.org

Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood
September 5 at 4:45 PM ·

Looking for volunteers! Email jacob.luke@scarrittkc.org

Clay Jarratt, Jeff Zumsteg and 12 others 5 shares

THE PASEO WATER RETENTION POND

Kansas City's Northeast News
September 12 at 11:00 AM ·

Curious about the construction happening on Kansas City University's campus just off The Paseo? We've got an answer for you!

"Fo... See more

CONSTRUCTION

Green Infrastructure Project to Add Natural

CONSTRUCTION

"We (KCU) want to be a vocal advocate for the neighborhood," Saxe stated. "This is an opportunity to create a welcoming arrival experience to the neighborhood and campus."

30 39 comments 5 shares

INDEP AVE BUS ROUTE CONTINUES

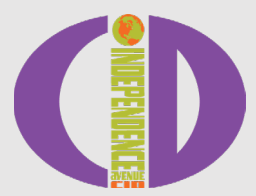
KCATA Enters Agreement to Continue Essential Northeast Bus Route Services

Julia Williams · Business · News · News Lead August 20, 2025

RideKC

RideKC.org 816.221.0660

11 Northeast-Westside



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE – HEAT ISLAND



3512 INDEPENDENCE AVE

Urban Planner, *Mike Spady*,  managing efforts to lessen the 'HEAT ISLAND' effect along Independence Ave working with a Mo state dept & local nursery.

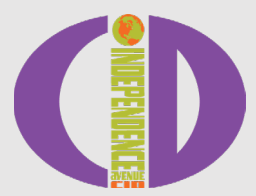
Mo Dept of Conservation



City Roots Nursery



GROWING COMMUNITY
INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE - NEIGHBORHOODS



HISTORIC
NORTHEAST
CLEANUP
FALL 2025



TIRES FROM CID OFFICE



FROM CID OFFICE

3RD & 4TH DISTRICT OCTOBER DROP-OFF EVENT

Saturday, October 4th
8AM – Noon
For All KC Residents

Bulky Items, Trash, Leaf and Brush Collection:

- **Lykins Square** – 4115 E 7th St, Kansas City, MO 64108
- **Budd Park** – 5001 St John Ave, Kansas City, MO 64108
- **The Concourse** – 200 Benton Ave, Kansas City, MO 64108
- **Sheffield Park** – 1111 Ewing Ave, Kansas City, MO 64108
- **CarQuest Parking Lot** – 7806 US-24, Kansas City, MO 64108

Tire collection location (with or without rim in it):

- **The Concourse** – 200 Benton Ave, Kansas City, MO 64108

Electronics collection and Shredder location:

- **9th and Van Brunt Athletic Fields Lot** – 901 Van Brunt Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64108

Electronics Free to Recycle:

- Computers & Networking
- Home Audio/Video
- Pro Audio
- Office Electronics
- Home Video & Gaming
- Photography & Lighting

Item with Fees:

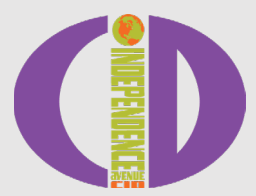
- CRT TVs 26" or less: **\$30.00 each**
- CRT TVs 27" or greater: **\$50.00 each**
- Console/Projection TVs: **\$50.00 each**
- LED, LCD, and Plasma Flat Screen TVs (all sizes): **\$20.00 each**
- CRT Monitors: **\$5.00 each**

Materials Not Accepted:

- Smoke Detectors
- Light Bulbs
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Tapes
- CDs
- DVDs
- Alkaline Batteries
- PCB Ballasts
- Software
- Toner Cartridges
- Thermometers
- Thermostats
- Hazardous Materials



Sponsored by Councilmembers:
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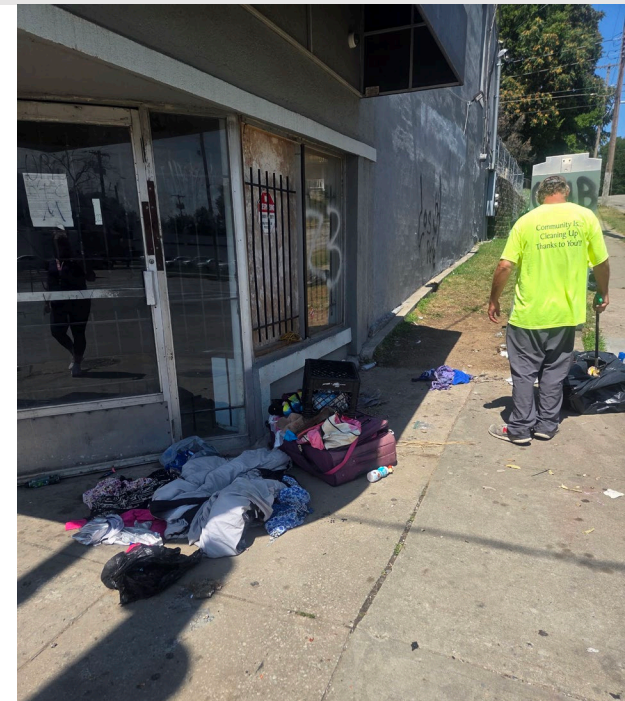
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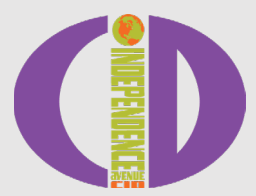


North-side of intersection
Monroe & Independence

GAMING SHOP AT THIS LOCATION

Daily delivery of supplies and
provisions from various organizations





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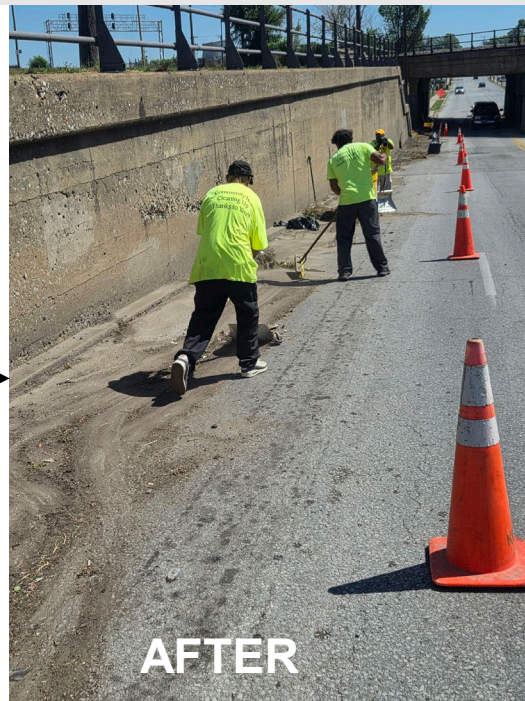
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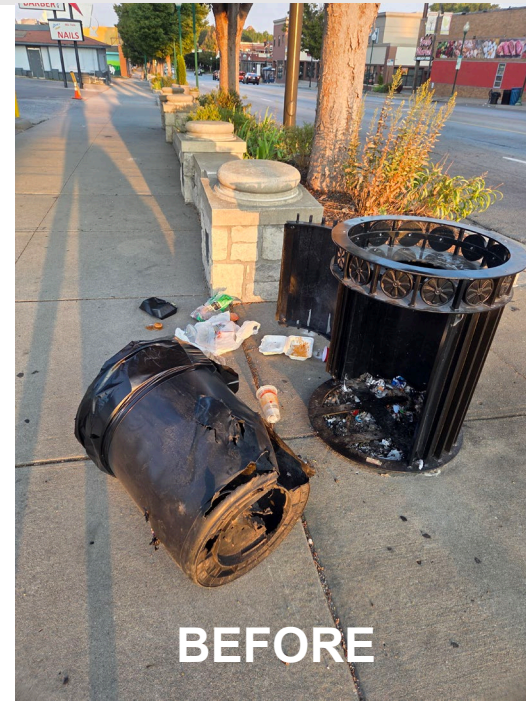
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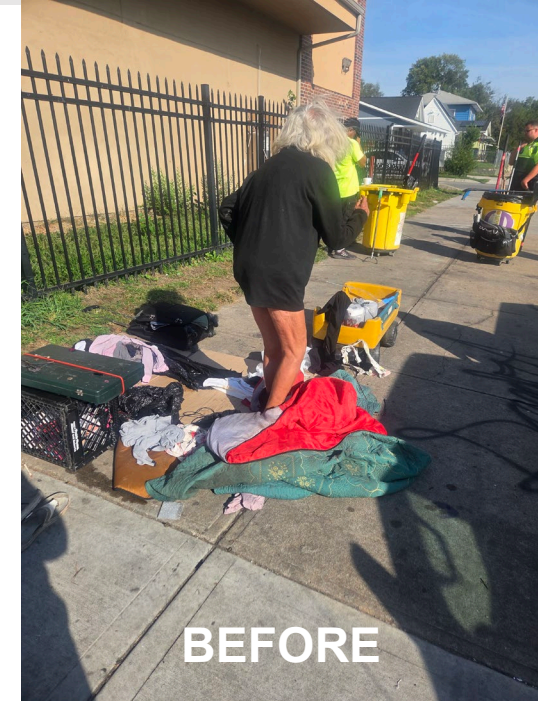
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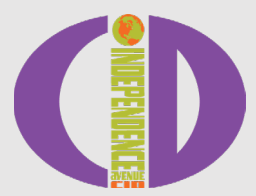
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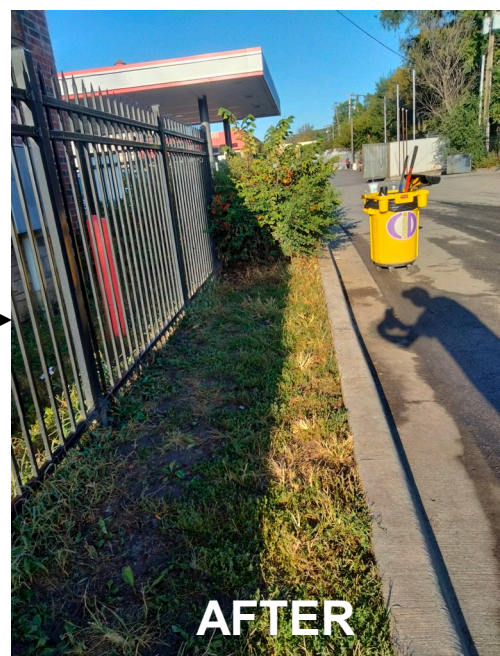
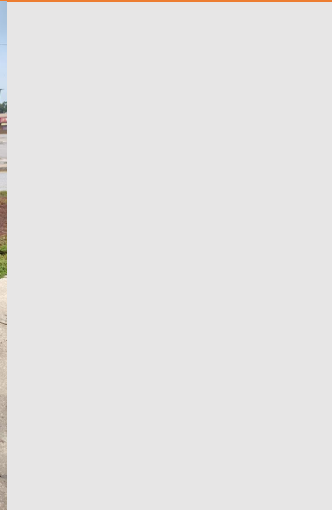
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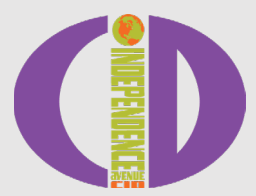




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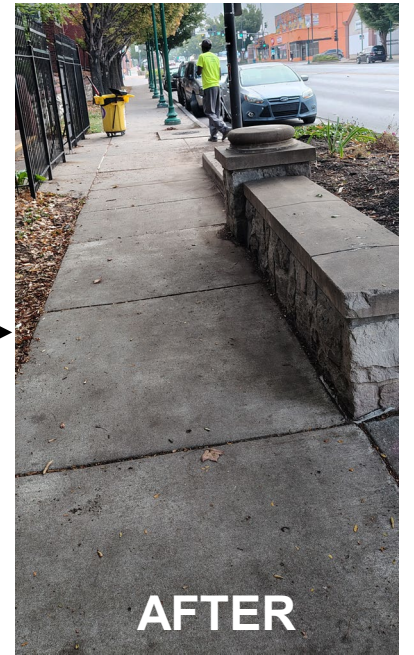
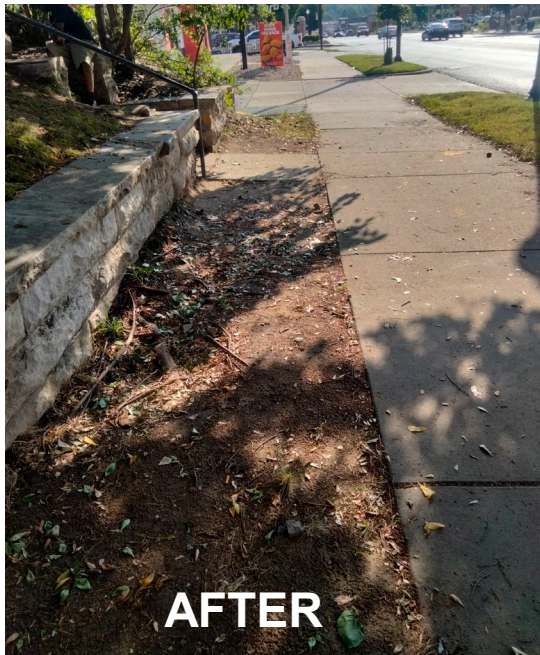
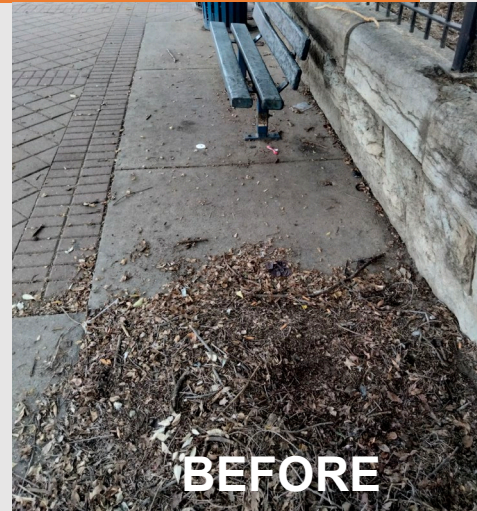
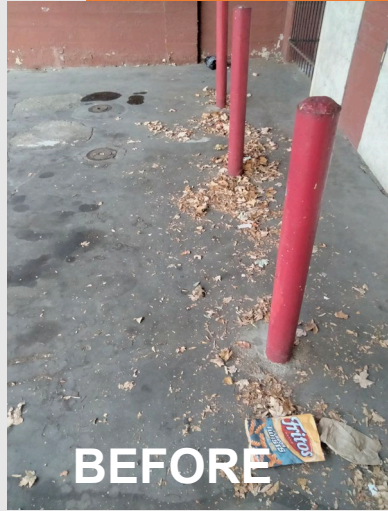
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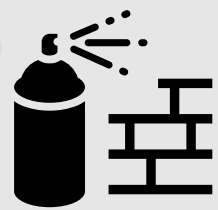
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ASSISTING THE CID WITH GRAFFITI
REMOVAL



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 (1st) 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.

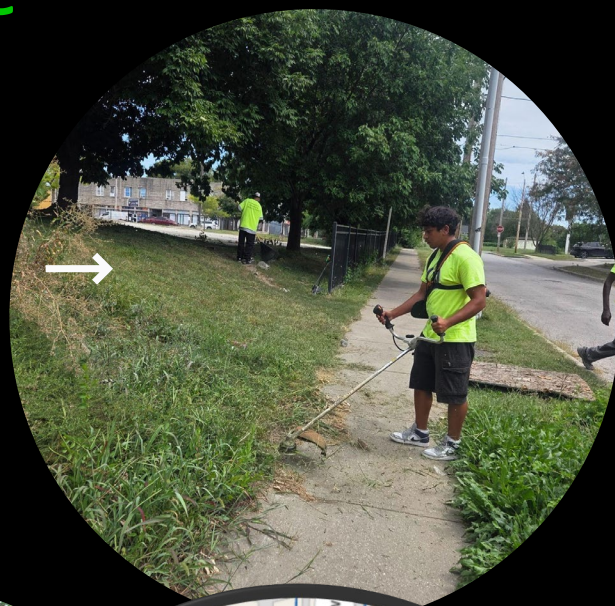
17 ALLEYWAYS

MANAGED BY:
NEKC CHAMBER

IMPLEMENTED BY:
INDEPENDENCE AVE CID



Cleanup at 2415 Independence Ave
750 lbs of Trash & Brush



AFTER



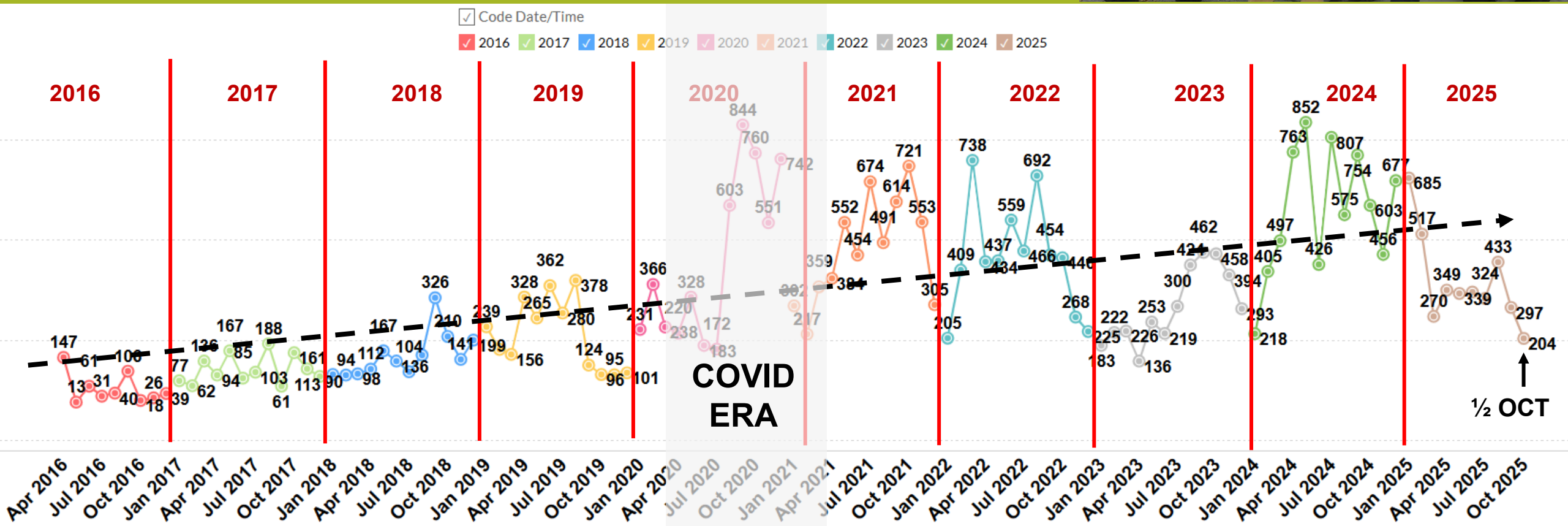
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ALL ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR



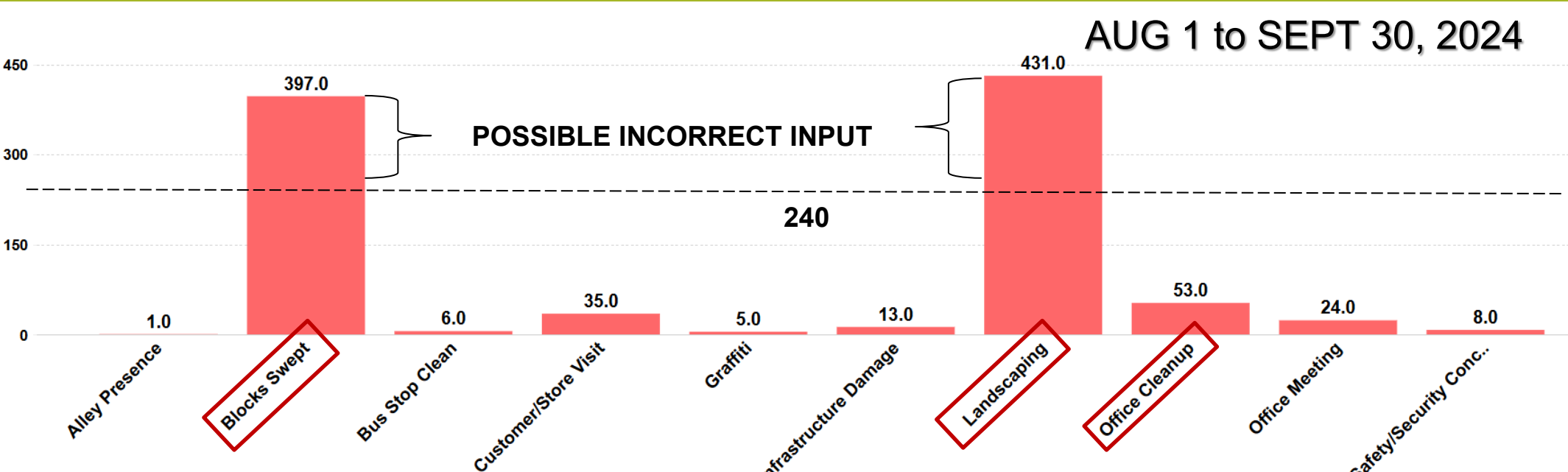
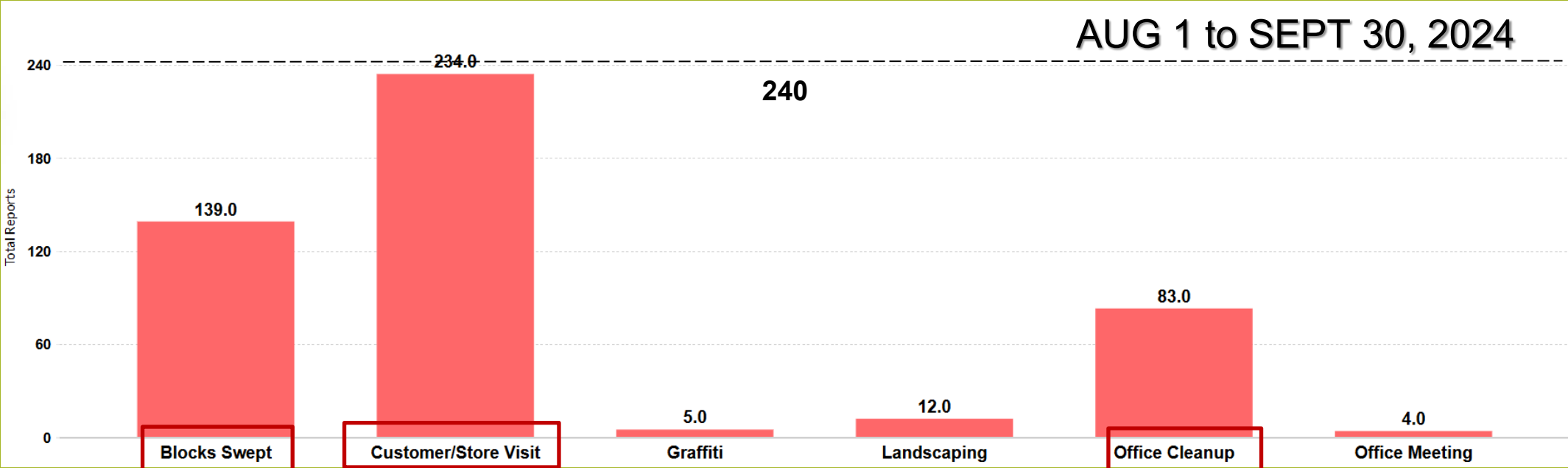
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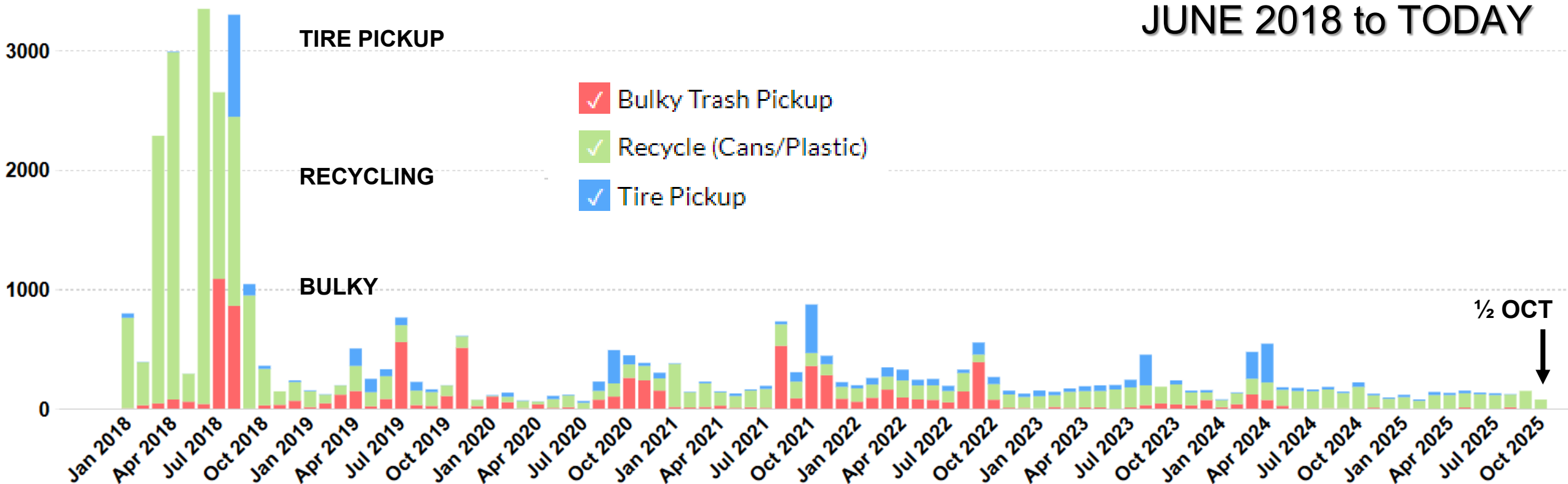
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CLEAN UP YEAR-TO-YEAR TIRES, RECYCLING & BULKY ITEM



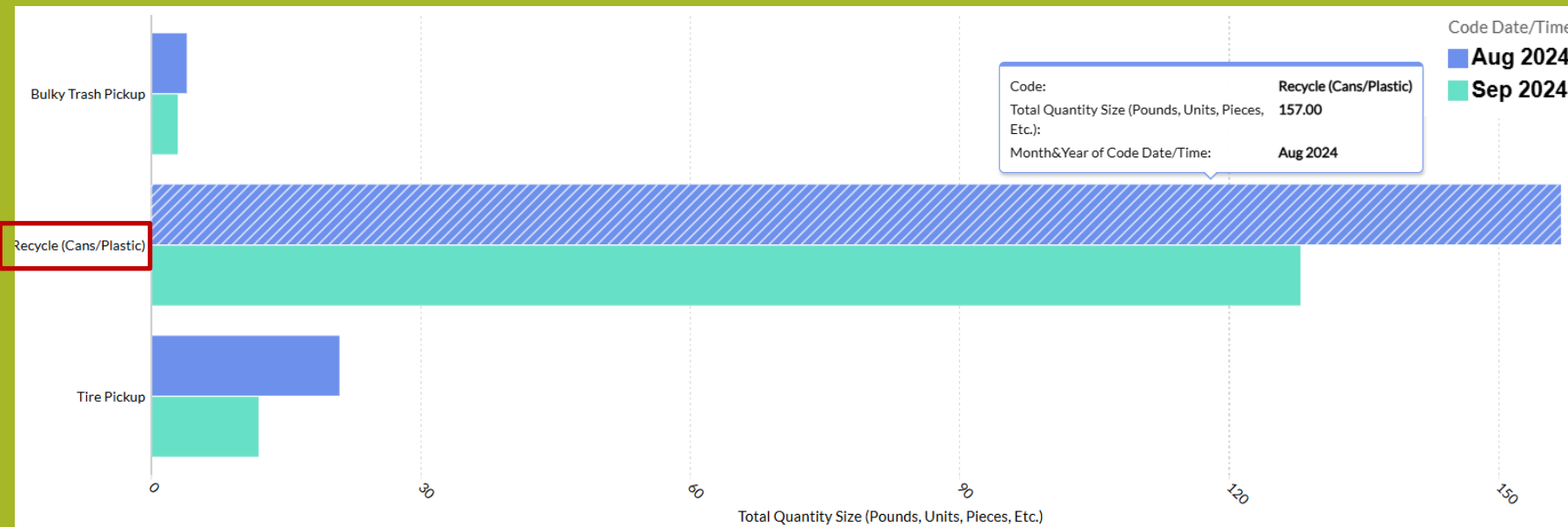
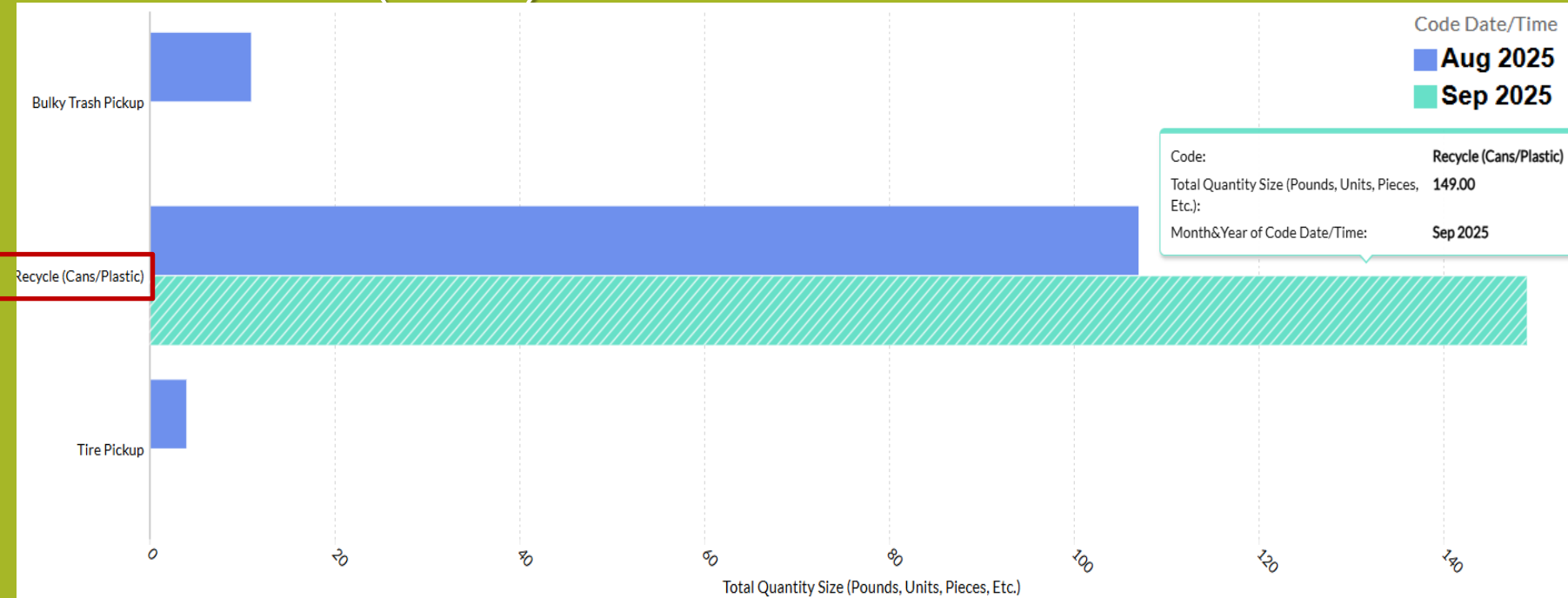
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TIRES, RECYCLING &
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BY QUANTITY

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ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR

Incidents This Week

11 ½ WEEK

Incidents This Month

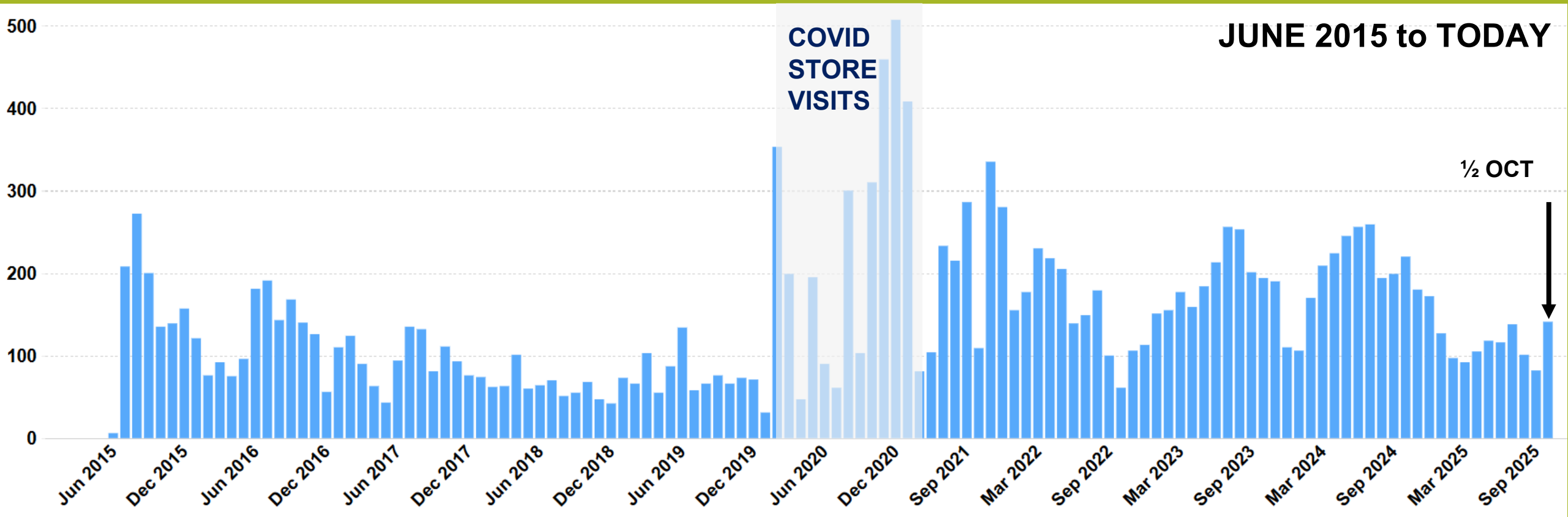
141 ½ MONTH

Incidents This Year

1117

Incidents All Time

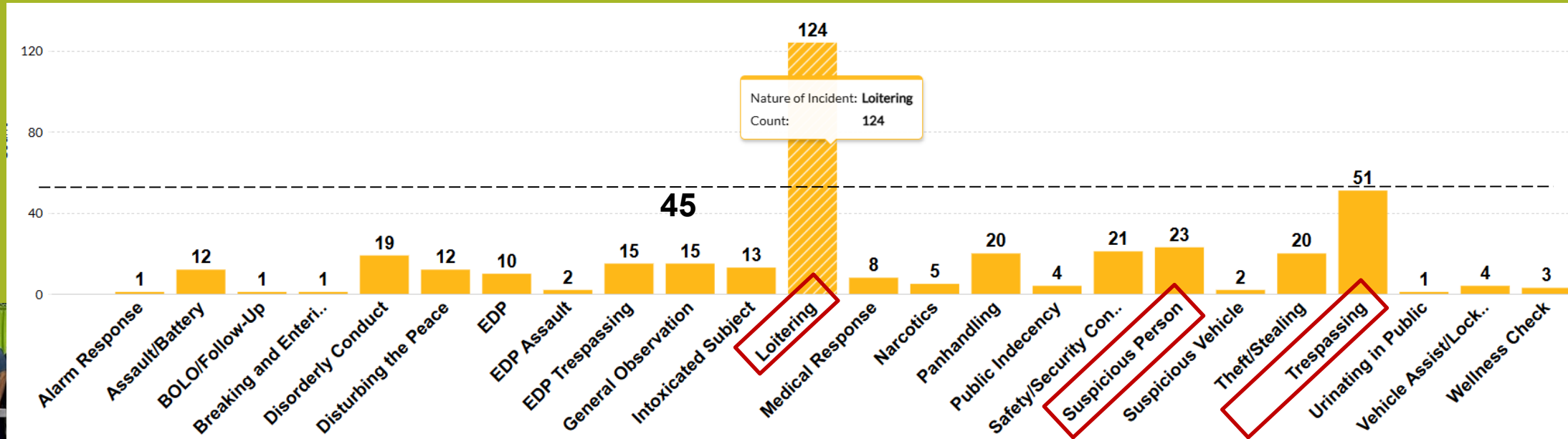
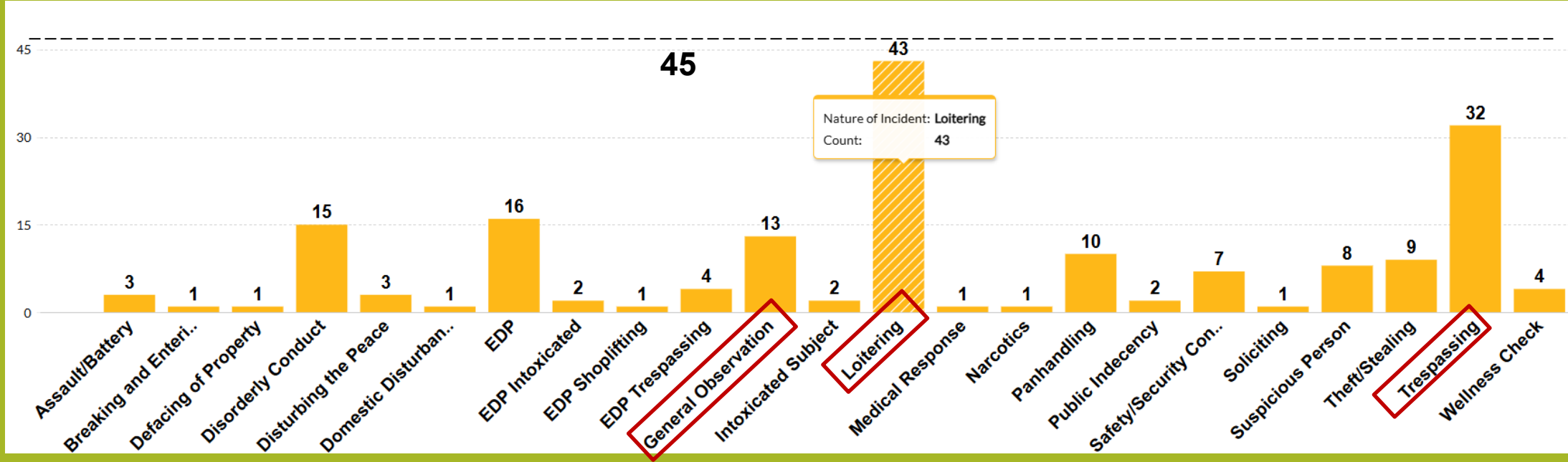
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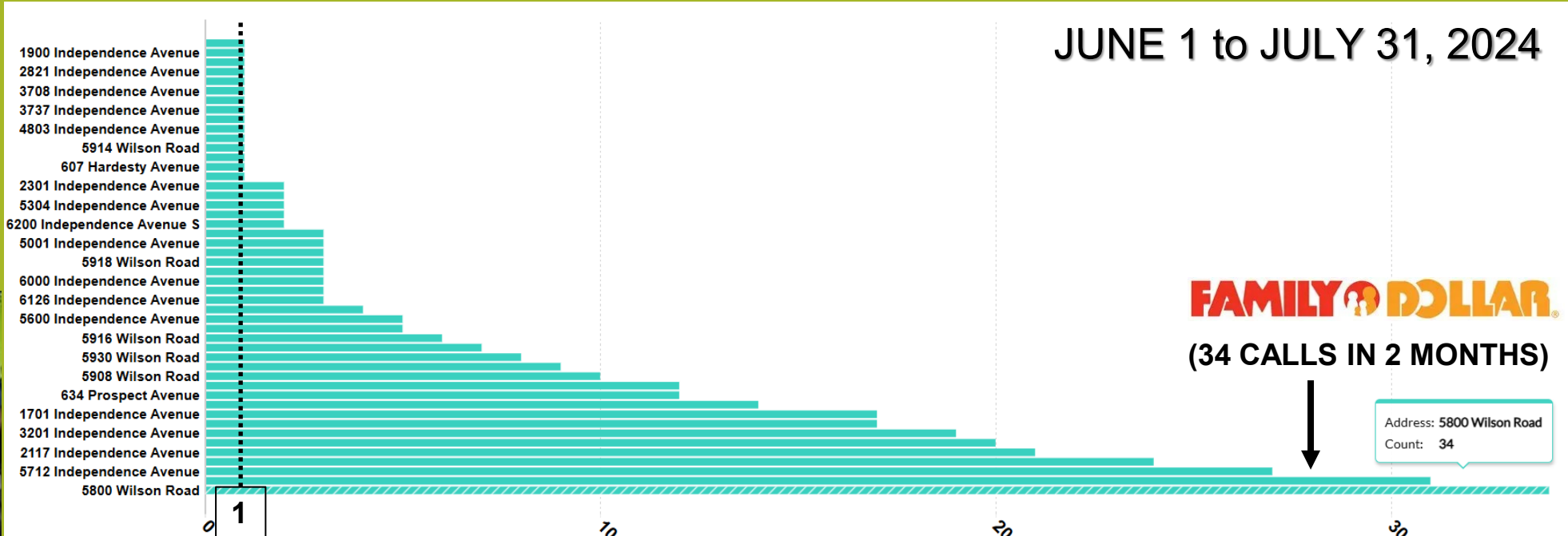
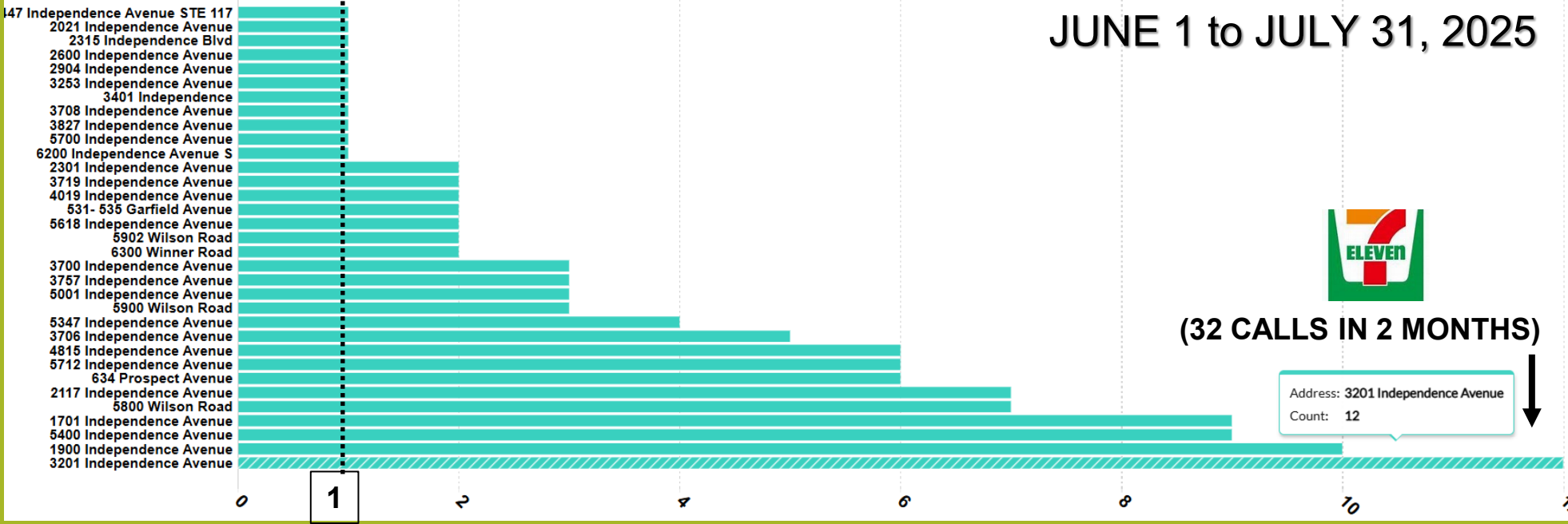
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2025 ACTIVITY BY ADDRESS 2024



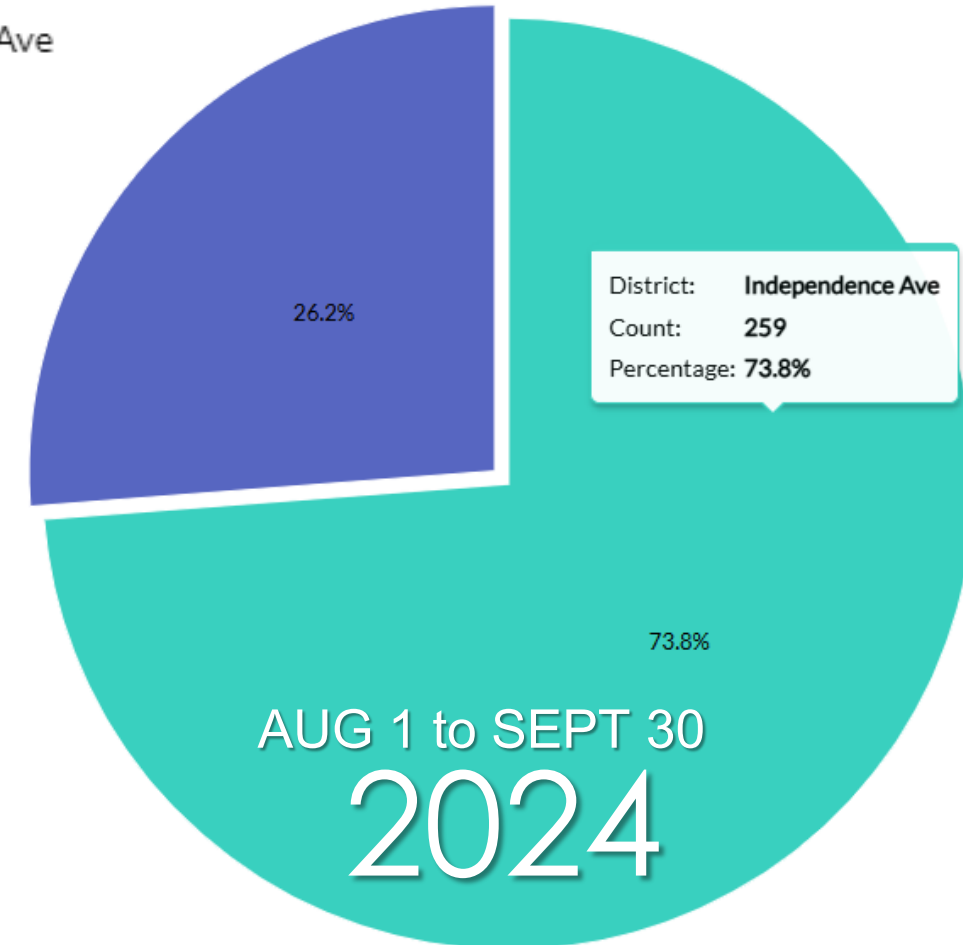
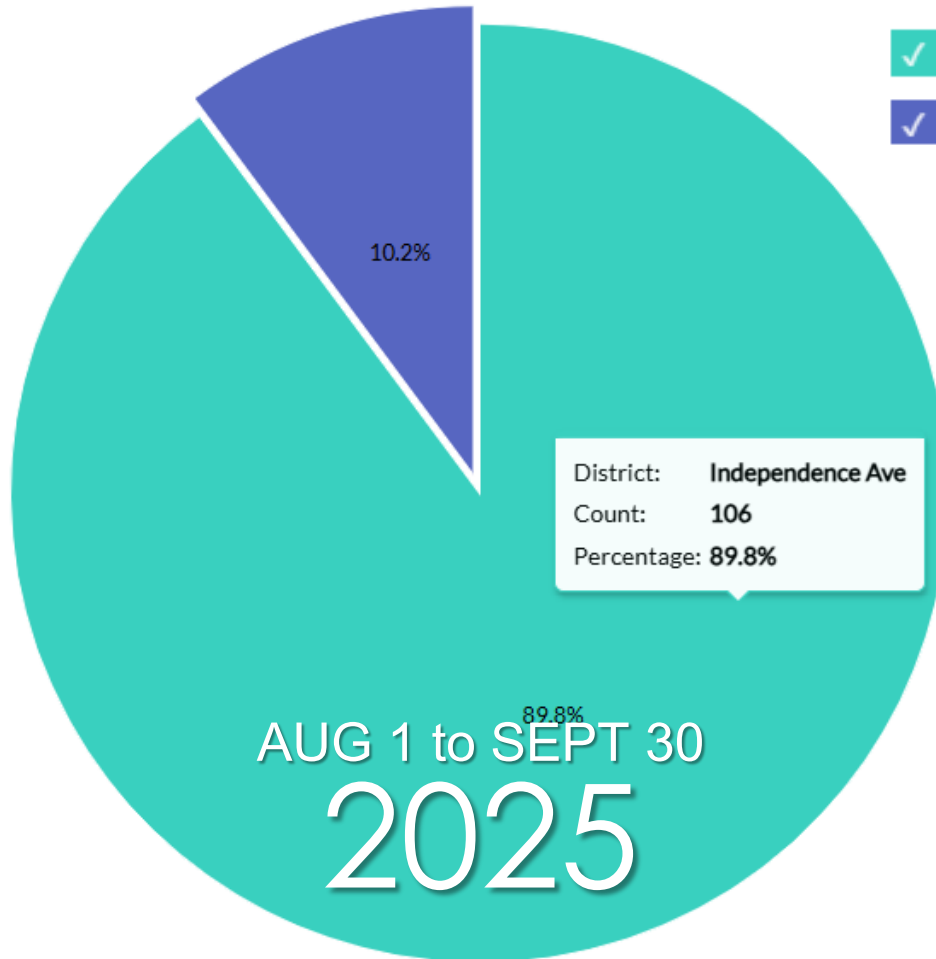
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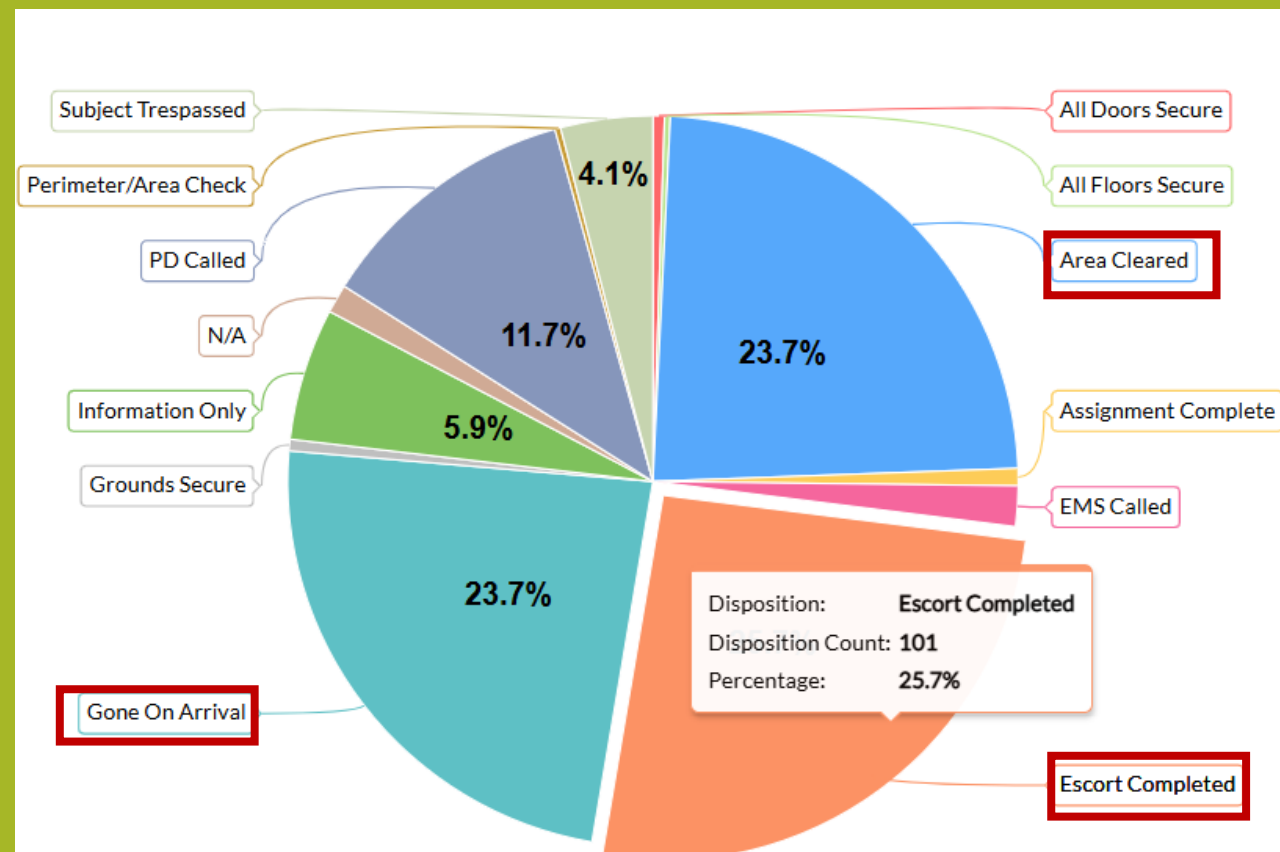
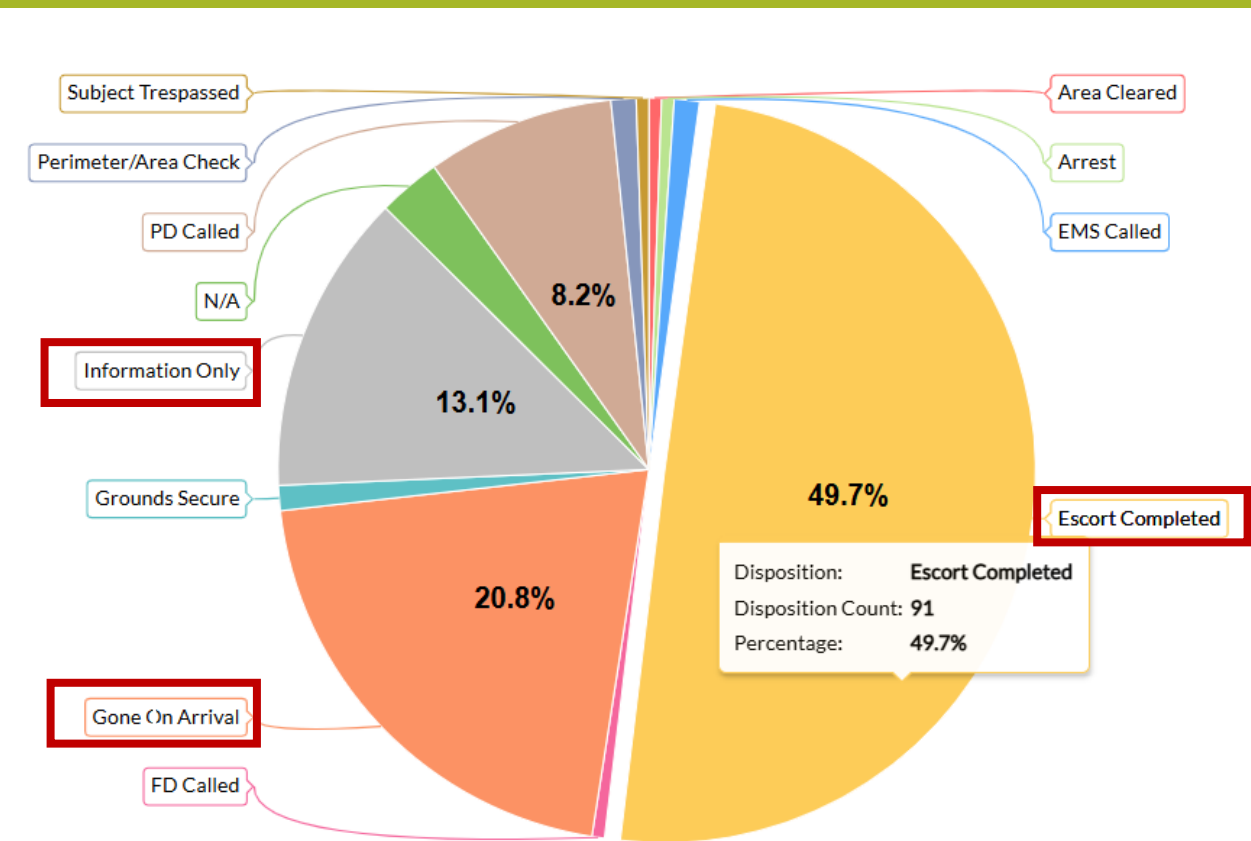
TITAN & KCPD
EFFORTS HAVE
REDUCED
REQUESTS TO
WILSON ROAD



TITAN REPORT OVERALL ACTIVITY



AUG 1 – SEPT 30
2025 2024



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID



SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER



10-10-2025 VICTORIA THRIFT



9-26-2025 GRINGO LOCO



10-3-2025 SHARIF'S STORE



9-12-2025 Metro PC



8-15-2025 KC Wings & Tacos



9-11-2025 Phillip 66 (5712 Indep)



9-17-2025 Ebenezer Shop

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Just Around the Corner: Sharif Store



A family business bringing global style – and local heart – to Independence Avenue.”

Just around the corner on Independence Avenue, Sharif Store has become a neighborhood staple – a place where culture, craftsmanship, and community come together under one roof.

Owners Agil Leel and his wife have been part of the Northeast business community for more than 20 years. Before opening their current storefront at “2607 Independence Avenue” in 2015, the family ran their business for over a decade on Lexington Avenue. The move, they said, was about more than just finding a bigger space – it was about continuing to grow alongside the neighborhood they love.

“Family means everything to us,” Leel’s wife shared. “It’s special working with [my] family and kids.” True to that sentiment, the couple and their children manage the business together. The name “Sharif” itself is a family name, a reminder that everything about the store – from the products to the people – is rooted in connection.

Sharif Store began with flowers and perfumes, but has expanded to offer a wide variety of African and Middle Eastern home décor, including furniture, wall art, rugs, lighting, and kitchenware. Most of the items are imported from Turkey and Dubai, giving the store a distinct, worldly character that reflects the diversity of the community it serves.

“We get to see a lot of people from different countries,” Leel’s wife said. “Whatever customers ask for, we bring for them.”

Whether you’re redecorating, looking for a special gift, or just exploring what’s new along the Avenue, Sharif Store is worth a stop. Inside, you’ll find treasures designed to enhance any home – and a family eager to help you find exactly what you’re looking for.

Sharif Store is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at 2607 Independence Avenue.

Learn more online at refugek.org/goods.html.



FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL



Last week’s Independence Avenue Community Improvement District 4-Corners Community Call was at Victoria Thrift located at 3829 Independence Ave.

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

TBD Independence Ave.



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

For more information, visit www.nekkchamber.com

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Business Owner Offers Community One Stop Shop Along Independence Avenue



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9-17-2025

Independence Avenue Market Offers Halal Products “Just Around The Corner”



Al Rahman Mediterranean Market – located at 2536 Independence Ave. – is a halal food business that caters to the growing demand for halal products in the community. The market offers a wide variety of halal meats, seafood, and fresh produce, all sourced from reputable suppliers.



Since November 2020, Bar Ali and his wife have owned Al Rahman Mediterranean Market – offering a variety of products and goods to Independence Avenue and the surrounding community. The market is a one-stop shop for all your halal needs, from fresh meats to fresh produce.

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9-10-2025

Express Stop Manager Builds on History, Fosters Community Connections



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8-27-2025

Gringo Loco is “Just Around the Corner”

Located prominently in the heart of the Historic Northeast, Gringo Loco at 3829 Independence Avenue has grown into much more than a grocery store. It’s a neighborhood hub where families can find everything from fresh produce and meats to custom cakes and Central American brands.

Owner Alex Hays opened the store with his wife, Cindy, more than a decade ago with the vision of creating a market that reflected the diverse tastes of the community. Over the years, Gringo Loco has become a neighborhood hub where families can find everything from fresh produce and meats to custom cakes and Central American brands.



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10-8-2025

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IS SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15



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Viking Outreach Program

Viking Victory Sports

Web Site Northeastvikings.org

& Many other Alumni Sponsored programs at Northeast

THERE'S A NEW VIKING IN TOWN!

By Theresa Macosman '74

The NEHS Alumni Association (NEHSAA) is excited to share some great news: we've recently donated funds for a brand-new Viking mascot costume! We all know how important a mascot is when it comes to school spirit and bringing students together. They're not just there for entertainment; they really serve as amazing ambassadors of unity, inclusivity, and pride. A mascot helps create wonderful memories and a true sense of belonging within our school community.

Picture this: a lively school mascot representing the heartbeat of our school spirit! They bring energy and excitement to sports games, pep rallies, and all sorts of events. Mascots really add life to our school's identity and play a huge part in building a strong community. Plus, they inspire us to get more involved in school activities!

But wait, there's more! Our Viking mascot will also be a fantastic asset for the Alumni Association's fundraising efforts. By joining us at various events, the mascot can connect with participants, take fun photos, and help create a truly unforgettable atmosphere. This is especially great for reaching out to younger audiences, which aligns perfectly with the goals of our NEHS Alumni Association Board members.

Have you experienced the thrill of a Northeast sports game lately? You might be surprised at the joy that awaits when you gather with friends or old classmates to cheer on the team. Class reunions can bring back fond memories while creating new ones, especially when a Friday evening game is part of the reunion festivities.

Come welcome the newest addition to Northeast High School—the Viking mascot!



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The Purple & White Lives On!



NE Alumni Association Joins NE Chamber of Commerce

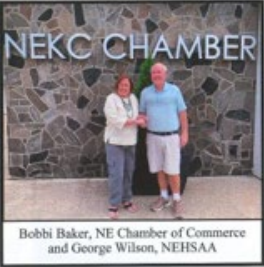
By George Wilson '75

Yes! Northeast Kansas City has a Chamber of Commerce and our Alumni Association is one of their newest members.

What Is a Chamber of Commerce?

A chamber of commerce is an organization established to support and promote the interests of businesses within a specific community, region, or industry. Essentially, it's a network of local entrepreneurs, small business owners, large companies, schools and even non-profits working together to improve the business environment.

Most chambers of commerce operate as non-profit entities and offer a variety of resources aimed at strengthening local economies. From connecting businesses with potential clients to advocating for pro-business policies, chambers provide a platform for economic growth. Whether you're running a boutique, a tech startup, or an alumni association, the chamber of commerce serves as a resource hub and a community voice for your business.



Bobbi Baker, NE Chamber of Commerce and George Wilson, NEHSAA

Why Does a Chamber of Commerce Exist?

- Chambers of commerce date back as early as the 16th century, but their role remains as relevant today as it was back then. They aim to:
- Support Business Growth:** Chambers provide services like training, marketing opportunities, and networking events to help businesses succeed.
- Strengthen Communities:** Local businesses are pillars of the community, and chambers work to bring those businesses together to create a vibrant local economy.
- Advocate for Business Interests:** Acting as a unified voice, chambers often lobby local governments on policies and regulations that impact business operations.

Why Would our Alumni Association Join?

- A New Ally:** Both organizations share goals like making Northeast Kansas City more viable to live in and do business in. Can you imagine a viable neighborhood anywhere without a great high school? The Kansas City School Board has tried not once, but twice to close Northeast High. Our Alumni stood strong and fought the closure each time ... and we won. Having an ally like the Chamber of Commerce at our side will help keep Northeast viable well into the future.
- Student Resources:** Education and training are common for both organizations. Local businesses need future workers and Northeast High is full of future workers. Businesses provide opportunities for Northeast students to get practical on-the-job training making them a valuable resource post-graduation. Many also offer internships and training programs that also equip our students for future employment with enhanced skills and experience.
- Fits Our Mission & Vision:** Our Alumni Association is built on the principles of supporting our students, teachers, school programs and the neighborhood. Our Chamber of Commerce cares about our community. Lowering crime rates, improving infrastructure like streets and sidewalks and beautifying the neighborhood. All of which makes Northeast Neighborhoods more desirable for home buyers and families who want that neighborhood school. It's really nice to have this new ally in bettering our school environment and the future of Northeast High.

The Purple & White Lives On!

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NE Robotics Team Shows Area Schools It's Not Mr. Bul!

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He teaches at Northeast and leads a fairly new and remarkably talented Robotics Team. Little Northeast competed across the area last season and brought home several awards facing many huge suburban schools with better equipment and superior funding. Please help our team compete this year.

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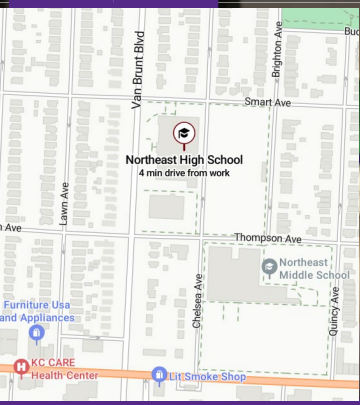
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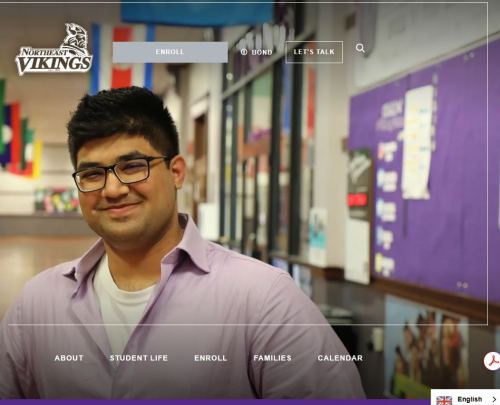
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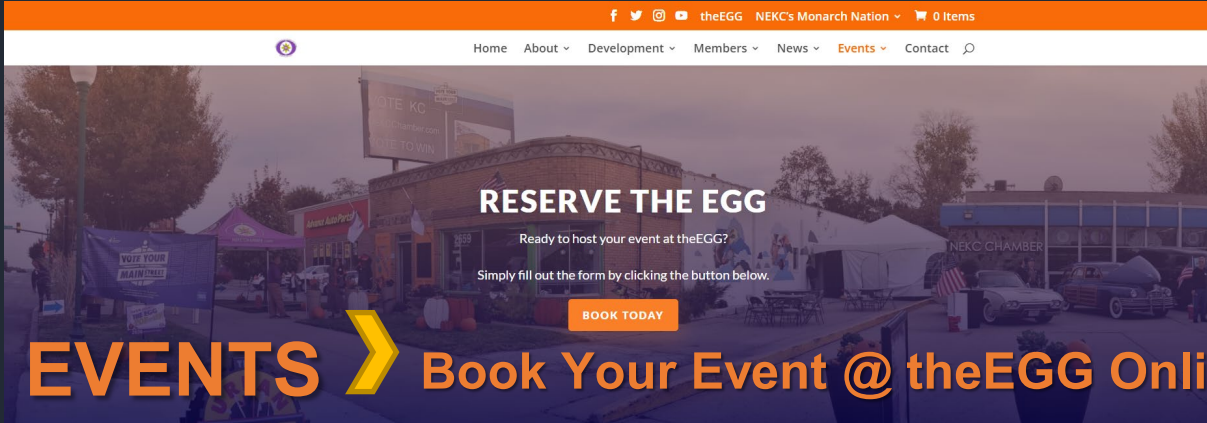
CALENDAR

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

The EGG EVENTS

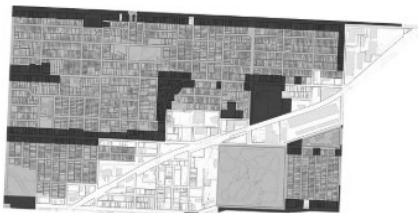
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AUGUST 17, 2025: HOXLEY COLLECTIVE, CANVASING TRAINING



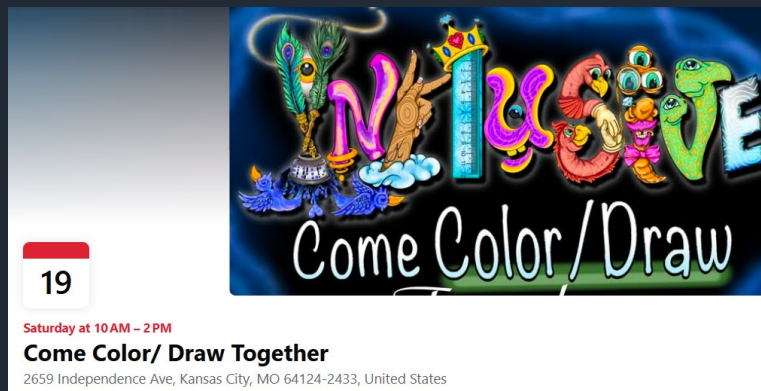
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IMPROVEMENT PLAN
COMMUNITY



LYKINS NEIGHBORHOOD
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN
COMMUNITY

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

KCFRINGE

KC FRINGE FESTIVAL 2025

Performances July 17-27

Visual Art July 06-26

Film July 18-20

AVAILABLE SPACE ON... Independence AVE



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3220 INDEPENDENCE

AVAILABLE SPACE ON... Independence AVE



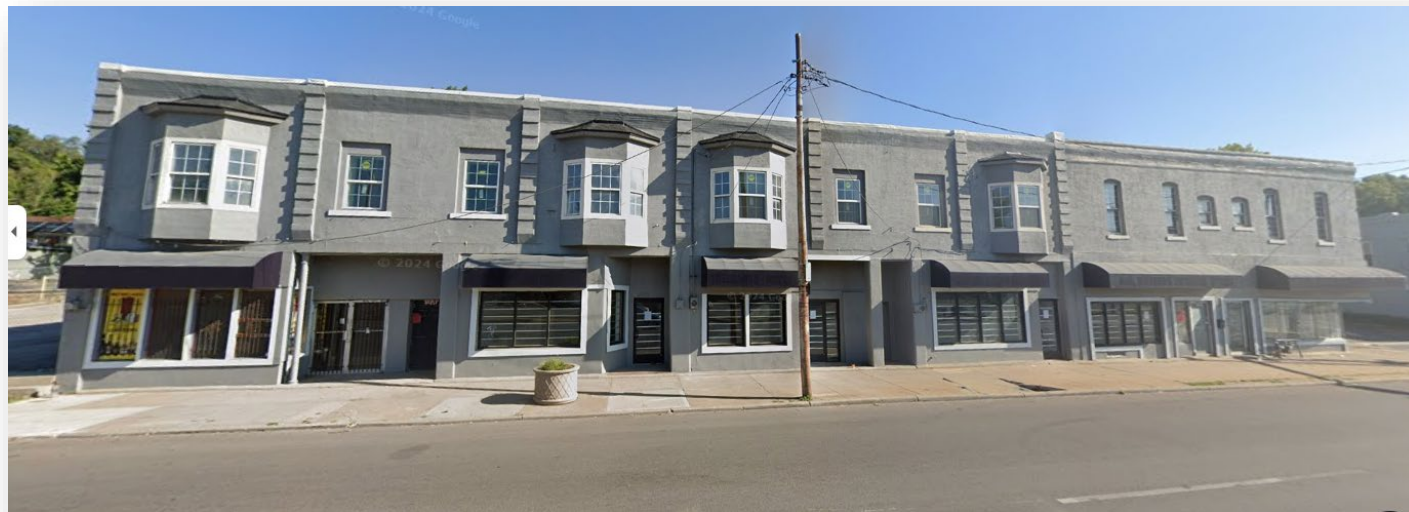
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3500 INDEPENDENCE



2425 INDEPENDENCE



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



3708 & 10 INDEPENDENCE

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



LAURA BIRDSONG

**RESOURCE
&
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



ROL DIING

**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



LON CLARK

**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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Missouri Lake Living Vacations, LLC

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COFFEE CULTURE & CONVERSATION

THUR, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

NEKC Chamber Office

TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCH

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

Meet Famous Cake Maker

SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

The latest on crime prevention

HNE INDIAN MOUND MURAL REVEAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

Food & Drink Provided



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