

AGENDA

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

Date: December 17th, 2025 Time: 3:00pm

Place: 2657 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, MO. 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

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 Nov 30, 2025

4. Old Business

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 | Mike |
| Membership | Jerry Potocnik |
| CID Reports | CID District Manager Bobbi Baker |
| 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 | Bryan Stalder |

Presentation- HNE Media Ask/Match

6. Action Items
7. New Business
- a. KCU Demo Project Discussion
8. Adjournment

COMMUNITY COMPASSION...



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE STRONG



YOUR LAST PRESENTATION
→ NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

10/15/2025 ←
11/20/2025

THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST 'INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE'



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

DECEMBER 17, 2025

AGENDA

- 1) CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP
- 2) RECENT EVENTS
- 3) HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE
- 4) INDEPENDENCE AVE CID & TITAN REPORTS
- 5) TITAN 'FOUR CORNERS'
- 6) THE NE NEWSPAPER'S "CID-CENTERFOLDS"
- 7) THE EGG EVENTS
- 8) UPCOMING EVENTS

156 GUESTS (OCT 1 - NOV 31, 2025)



The 'EGG' & NE News Office



NEKC Chamber, IA CID & HNE Office



2025 NEKC CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

Ambassador of Business Communications Report

TOTAL MEMBERS TO DATE: 117



KC's INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

JANUARY

NEW: 1

Nomad Develops

RENEW: 40

Las Tres Palmas

Legacy Tire Shop

Taco Express

Taqueria El Torito I

Taqueria El Torito III

Taqueria El Torito Restaurant

Spalitto's Pharmacy

Elviria's Cake

Yasmeen Café

San Antonio Market

La Jarochita Express

Al Rahman Mediterranean Market

Sharif Store

Baraka Market

Charrito's Plaza Restaurant

Love Expression

JH Beauty Supply

Cricket Wireless

Fresh Market / El Mercado Fresco

El Mercado Fresco

El Mercado Fresh – 5901 Independencia Ave

D & R Diversified

Independence Blvd Christian Church

Al – Hahal, LLC

Express Nails Salon

El Paso Del Norte

D' Angeles Beauty Salon

Taqueria Mexico II Restaurant

Dr. J. Edward Kendrick

Mika & Sons Inc.

Gringo Logo Market

Taqueria Mexico II Restaurant

Lit Smoke Shop

Show Me KC Schools

El Rey de las Baleadas

Top Notch Liquor

Hernandez Income Tax Service

Where There's A Wilt

FEBRUARY

NEW: 1

Makan LECET

RENEW: 9

Mogadisho Market

Total Wireless Independencia Ave

Total Wireless Saint John Ave

La Cubana Cuban Restaurant

Frutopia

Hector's Auto Repair

Premium Wireless

Balaane Business Center

Ebenezer Shop

MARCH

NEW: 1

University Health

RENEW: 17

Custom Truck One Source

Pho Bowl

Adco Litho Plate

The Salvation – Army

Liberty Tax

Sam Davis Agency

Kansas City University

Urban Hikes Kansas City

Kansas City Care Clinic

World Direct Link

Lina Nails

Opes Commercial Real Estate

Mark One Electric

Ralph C. Johnson & Company

The Don Bosco Centers

CSL Plasma

Holy Rosary Credit Union

APRIL

NEW: 3

Centerwell Senior Primary Care

Aisha Home Care, LLC

Avenue Eatery

RENEW: 14

Westlake Hardware

Warehouse One, INC

Northeast Community Center

Core Coffee

Jack DeSimone, RE Investor

Passantino Bros. Funeral Home

Back Door Pottery

Titan Protection & Consulting

Computer KC, LLC

Strategic Workforce Develop

The Tamale Kitchen

Draw North

Samuel Rodgers Health Center

NOVEMBER

NEW: 16

Summit Roofing

Healing House Kansas City

Art As Mentorship

Zondi Krehgjel Real Estate

United Way of Greater

KC's Goy Game

Mat Management

State Farm Insurance

The Growth Coach of KC South

Prime Chemical Solution

Gorge Poveda

Early Start

Brocato's Custom

Boulevard Realty

Job One

KC Girls Preparatory Academy

RENEW: 11

Central Bank of KC

Law Office Of Jerry Potocnik

Titan Protection & Consulting

Northeast Art

Gary Goebel, Realtor

Northeast Realty

Eleos Coffee

Northeast High School Alumni

Assoc

Eye Care Optical

Late Model Parts
Cosentino's Food Store

DECEMBER

NEW: 4

Hilaal Hilaal Market

Kalit317

KNEM Financial

HNE Pace KC

RENEWAL: 3

Family Dollar

McDonald's Restaurants

PH Coffee

NEKC CHAMBER WEBSITE

Members  News 



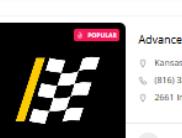
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Member Benefits
My Dashboard



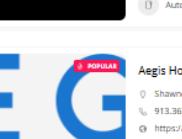
Abbott Properties
Since 1964
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Real Estate
Services



ADCO Litho Plate, Inc.
Kansas City, Missouri
(816) 241-2754
https://adcolitho.net
6043 Truman Rd, Kansas City, MO 64126, USA
Automotive +1



Advance Auto Parts
Kansas City, Missouri
(816) 326-2759
2661 Independence Ave, Kansas City, MO 64124, USA
Automotive +1



Aegis Home Services LLC
Shawnee
913.363.3232
https://aegishomeservices.com/
22052 West 66th Street Ste 104, Shawnee, KS 66226, USA
Contractor +1



Afghan Market
Kashan Market
4422 Saint John Ave
Kansas City, MO 64123
(816) 216-1701
4422 St John Ave, Kansas City, MO 64123, USA
Grocery +1

MEETING @ NEKC CHAMBER OFFICE

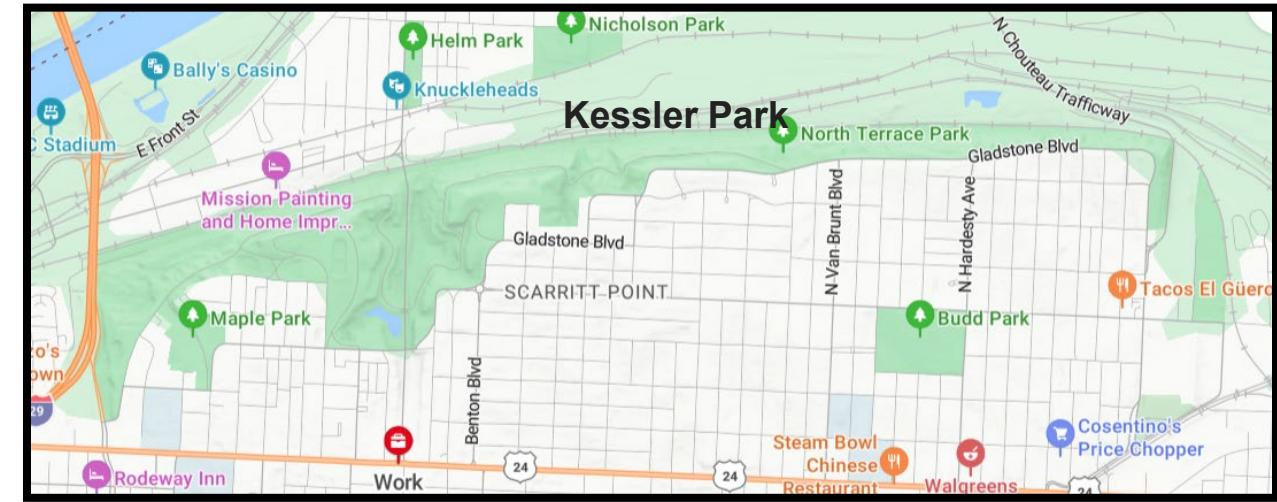
Kessler Park Master Plan Implementation Group

OCT 22, 2025

ATTENDEES: 18

Neighborhoods in Attendance

1) Indian Mound, 2) Scarritt Point & 3) Pendleton Hights



AGENDA

Kessler Park Conservancy (KPC)

Agenda for 10/22/25 KPC Meeting

1. Announcement of Board Roster and first official Kessler Park Conservancy (KPC) Board Meeting
 - o To be held in November; exact date to be determined at the end of this meeting
2. General Discussion with James and Anthony
 - o KC Parks and KPC Cooperative Agreement
 - o Grant Applications:
 - Any specific recommendation on best practices surrounding PIAC Grant applications
 - How to best coordinate with Parks on grant applications and discussions, whether public or private funding
 - Any recommendations for funding sources the KPC to be pursuing
 - o Collaboration with Parks on:
 - Maintenance issues
 - Capital improvements
 - How best to stay informed about planned improvements and projects for the Kessler Park system (e.g., Reservoir Drive updated with signage and barriers for one-way traffic)
3. Kessler Park Projects Update
4. Other Matters



**Tasty, Topic Talk NEKC
Chamber Luncheon**
October 28, 2025 11:45 am -1:00 pm
2657 Independence Ave KCMO 64124
**Topic: Cakes and ART by Mike
Elders, Live cake demonstration**

Mike Elder

Here in the Northeast Kansas City, you may have seen a mural on the NE corner of the "Truck Eating Bridge". He is more than a mural painter.

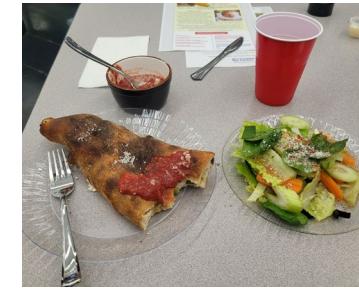
Mike Elder is a world renowned cake creator, three time world record holder, sixteen time TV chef, cake maker for the stars and now for you!

Mikes creations have been sought out by well-known public figures such as Gordon Ramsay, George Lucas, Elton John, Godsmack and Tech N9ne as well as NASCAR, INDYCAR, the NFL, and Major League



LAS TRES PALMAS
Groceries Produce Mexican Food

4201 E 9th St

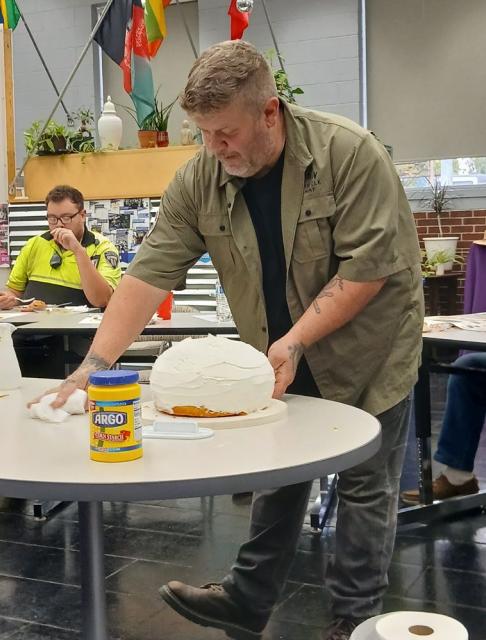


TASTY TOPIC TALK NEKC CHAMBER LUNCHEON



**TOPIC: MAKING CAKES
SPEAKER: MIKE ELDER**

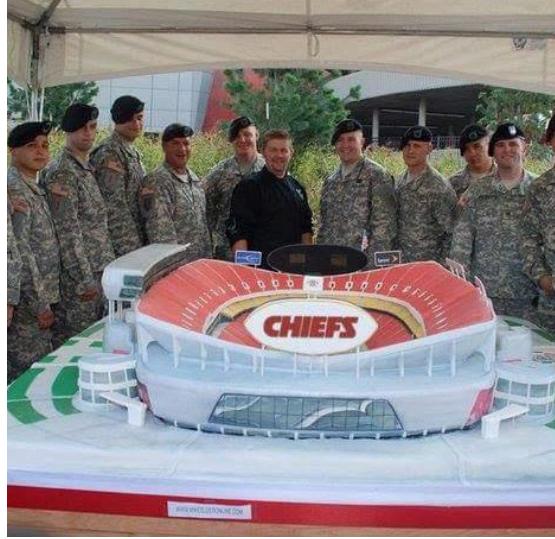
**OCT 28 ATTENDEES: 11 + 9 STAFF
CATERED BY: LAS TRES PALMAS**





Black Sheep Custom Cakes

REALLY RAD CAKES
816-682-1872



KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
Photos
Courtesy of Black Sheep Cakes

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In addition to being a globetrotting baker and featured at extraordinary events around the world, most recently he was awarded his second and third Guinness Records for a cake raceway and drivable cake car created and driven by Michael Andretti and built with help from his father Mario Andretti.

Mike brings world-class quality and skill to his specialty cakes and is now ready to create something amazing for your wedding day.

AMERICAN CAKE AWARDS
finalist 2021



2200 Lexington Ave
(816) 715-3201
www.ph.coffee



Exact Architects

905 McGee St #125 KCMO

Using Historic Tax Credits to Save Structures



October 25, 2025
In Attendance:
IA CID Urban Planners
Lon Clark
Mike Spady



HISTORIC NORTHEAST DEVELOPMENT 2025

HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



Samuel U. Rodgers Healthy Living Campus



GUEST SPEAKERS

Daughters of Doctor
Samuel U. Rodgers

NOV 11, 2025

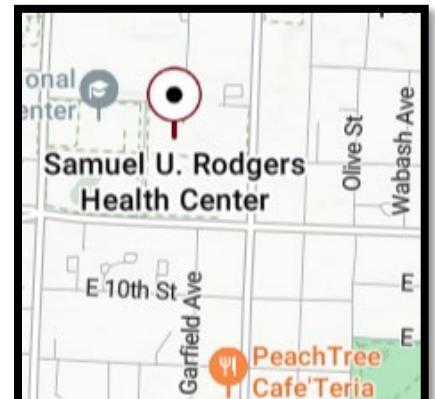
Jim Nunnelly
Rep Emanuel Cleaver
Bobbi Baker
Sean Hughs



Ribbon
Cutting
Ceremony



825 Euclid Ave



Laura Ray WagnerPublic Engagement and Communications Manager
Transportation Group**THURSDAY, OCT 30, 2025****ZOOM EVENT - NEKC CHAMBER OFFICE**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Project Overview – Thankam Mathew
 - Project Purpose and Need
3. Timeframe for Design and Construction – Chad Hall
 - Where we are in the process
4. Project Description and Scope
 - Preliminary Roadway – Stacey Lowe
 - Bridge Layout and RR Coordination – Chad Hall
 - Maintenance of Traffic – Chad Hall/Eric
 - Utility Coordination – Chad Charest
 - Grant Progress – Ben/Chad
 - Public Involvement Process – Thankam/Katie
5. Questions
6. Next Steps



TOPICS

- 1) **I-29/35 Viaduct Bridge Replacement**
- 2) **Bridge Reconstruction Phases Plan**
- 3) **Highway Widening Project Update**
- 4) **Project Neighborhood Impact Discussion**
- 5) **Pendleton Heights Infrastructure Access Discussion**
- 6) **North Loop I-70 Elimination Plan**
- 7) **Bridge Replacement Project Traffic Impact**

**Missouri
Department
of Transportation**



13th Annual Office Halloween Party



October 31, 2025

- NEKC Chamber
- Independence Ave CID
- Northeast News
- Titan (Avenue Angels)



Cake by Black Sheep Cakes





TRUCK-EATING BRIDGE

Independence Ave
&
Wilson Rd

Michelle Renn*
&
Merry Burleson

2025 HNE Mural Reveal

Indian Mound Neighborhood

Saturday, November 1, 2025

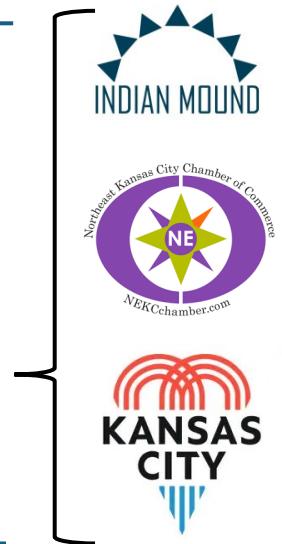
Attendees: 9 Neighbors

Artist: Michelle Renn

Mural: 'Eastern Wind'

Collaboration: Indian Mound
Neighborhood Association
&

NEKC Chamber of Commerce
Sponsored By: City of KCMO



COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



TOPIC: Meet The Northeast Newspaper
FEATURED GUESTS: 1) Contributor, *Bryan Stalder*; 2) Managing Editor, *Dorri Partain* ➔



THURSDAY, NOV 13, 2025

ATTENDEES: 6 + 4 STAFF



Guests Won Pumpkin Prizes



HNE-REX (Historic Northeast - Response Emergency Examples)

SATURDAY, NOV 15, 2025

TOPIC: 'Active Threat Awareness'

SPEAKER: Ryan McFarlin, Major of Field Operations

ATTENDEES: 3 Guests + 2 Avenue Angels + 2 Staff



PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

- Prevent
- Protect
- Mitigate
- Respond
- Recover



HNE SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING NOV 20, 2024



FORGOTTEN
HOMES
Neighborhood



ATTENDEES: 12 IN-HOUSE + 4 ZOOM + 3 STAFF

- 1) Updates on gaming regulations that recently passed KCMO City Council
- 2) Court system backup & no-show issues.
- 3) Repeat Nuisance Offenders (RNO) problem.





STORE DELIVERIES

01. Eben Ezer
03. Elegante
04. Metro T-Mobile
05. Boost Mobile
06. Convenience Grocery
07. Barber Shop
08. JH Beauty Supply
09. EJ Africa Market
10. Al Rahman Market
11. Juma Import
12. Sharif Store
13. Total Wireless
14. Jay's Grocery



SATURDAY, NOV 29, 2025

The NEKC Chamber delivers to some of its members annually balloons & advertisement signage - reminders to support local-small businesses!





HARDESTY LOFTS GROUNDBREAKING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

ad ARNOLD DEVELOPMENT

Historic Northeast Lofts Groundbreaking Program

Mayor Quinton Lucas

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Councilmember Melissa Robinson

3rd District

Councilmember Crispin Rea

4th District At-Large

Mario Vasquez

City Manager

Dave Cozad

EPA Region 7 Acting Deputy Regional Admin

Jonathan Arnold

Arnold Development Group

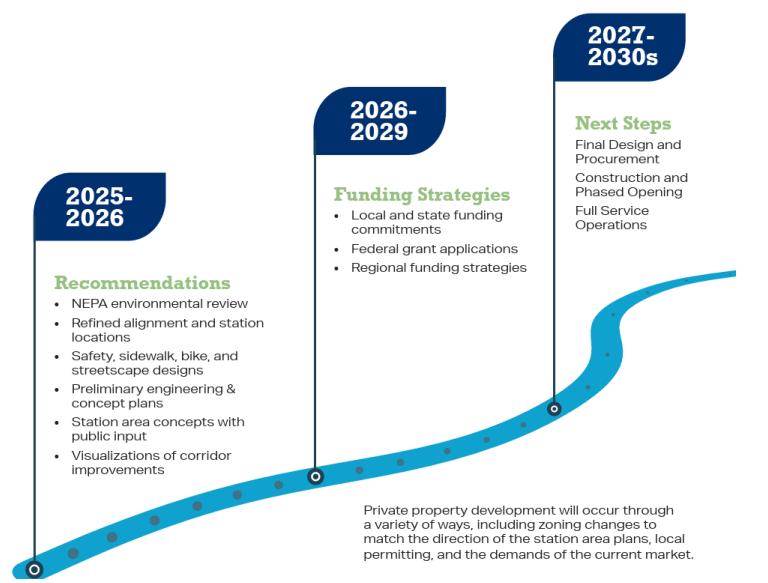
Mayor Quinton Lucas

Closing & Invitations to Groundbreaking

Photo Opportunity

A building that once equipped soldiers for war
now equips families for life.





BI-STATE SUSTAINABLE REINVESTMENT CORRIDOR PROJECT MEETING

Tuesday, Dec 9, 2025



Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor Project Area

Public Viewing of Progress



OPEN STUDIO TOUR NORTHEAST ARTS KC SAT & SUN, DEC 7 & 8



Sponsored by Northeast Arts KC

1 The EGG (Economic Growth Gallery) and Event Space

2659 Independence Ave
Kansas City, MO 64124

Rebecca Koop - Events Director

rebecca@nkcchamber.com | nkcchamber.com
816-231-3312 x100

Popup Artists:

Brian Mapes
816-529-6335
webbecome more@gmail.com

Phyllis Hernandez
816-382-8305 | phylls.hernandez.kc@gmail.com
@saladearte.kc | @saladearte.kc
Owner of Sala de Arte

Fal Beal
785-404-7404 | Fal4KC@gmail.com
I am an artist of many kinds and civic activist. My specialty art is poured resin art, in 20 to 30 layers. Every layer takes a full day to complete. Other art forms include colored pencil, pencil, portraits, calligraphy, card making, and much more! I am also leading a major community art project, come learn the exciting news and talk to her about custom holiday art for loved ones!

Sheila Rekdd
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Follow the Heart of my Art.
Multiple genres & techniques

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kye Benjamin Stone is a NE Kansas City artist whose work draws on Renaissance to Impressionist masters. He holds an MFA from the Art Institute of Chicago and a degree from the University of Washington. Now an Adjunct Professor at Rockhurst University, he has also painted two local murals at 3500 Independence Ave and the Budd Park Pool House.

Margarita Friedman, MFA
dilcema@gmail.com | 718-877-3003
That's My Drawing Project | Portrait Artist. In oil, encaustic, acrylics. Margarita Friedman is a lifelong entrepreneur and educator. She studied and taught at NYU. In her words: "My work is about cathartic introspection and social portraiture. I work in oils and encaustics."

Castor Ferlazzo
cherburn Creations | 918-691-8252
cherburncreations@gmail.com
@ d_tumblr @cherburn
I'm a character designer and plush maker whose work is centered around creating anthropomorphic characters and bringing them to life as handmade plush dolls! I will be selling plush keychains and palm-sized bean dolls, as well as have plush samples on display for potential commission clients.



2 Core Coffee & Eatery

546 Olive Ave
Kansas City, MO 64124
Saturdays 7am - 4pm & Sundays 8am - 2pm

Deana Bellamaganya - Owner
816-287-5027 | deanacorecoffee@gmail.com



Marti Dodge

starmart@gmail.com | 360-774-0432
@starmart

The creation process is enlivening for me; watching movement unfold as I work a piece of metal brings continual amazement at the magical effects of light and shadow upon textured steel and copper - the same as when I am out studying Nature herself.



3 PH Coffee

2200 Lexington Ave
Kansas City, MO 64124
Saturdays 7am - 6pm & Sundays 8am - 6pm

Eric Roselli - Owner
816-715-3201 | Eric@PH.coffee



Bobby Burch

bobbypburch@gmail.com
@ www.wildlens.com
@ bobbyburchphotography

Bobby Burch is a Kansas City-based wildlife and nature photographer with 15+ years of exploring and photographing the backcountry of the West and Rocky Mountains. His multi-day treks and pre-dawn hikes shape his approach, rooted in curiosity and respect for the land. A former news and sports photojournalist, he now focuses on public lands and wildlife conservation. His work supports the National Parks Conservation Association and encourages deeper connections with nature.



Nicole Cawfield

nicole.cawfield@gmail.com
@ www.thefartistsphotos.com
@ thefartistsphotos.com

Nicole Cawfield creates photography transferred onto painted canvases, antiques, and ceiling tiles, featuring homegrown fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, chickens, and rural farm scenes. Based in Kansas City, she freelances for Hallmark and works from her Pendleton Heights studio while caring for rescued animals. Her work is included in the Nelson-Atkins Museum, the Wignall Museum, and various private and corporate collections.



NORTHEAST ARTS KC

OPEN Studio Tour

December 6 & 7, 2025

Saturday 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday 12 pm NOON - 4 pm



Welcome to our 4th Northeast Arts KC OPEN Studio Tour

We are offering a free self-guided tour of 21+ artists represented.

2 Coffee shops Core Coffee & Eatery
PH Coffee

1 Gallery The EGG

1 Artist studio Backdoor Pottery

Come and meet the Northeast Area Artists at their Creative and Showing spaces.

We are offering a Free self-guided tour of up to 4 locations... details inside!

Pick up a map at the EGG (Economic Growth Gallery)
Our first location on the map.

Maps also offered on our web site.

Locations are within a 10 minute drive or less.
Some you can walk to. Look for the yard signs!

This tour is offered 2 days. Saturday 10 am - 4 pm and Sunday Noon- 12pm to 4 pm. Some locations like (Core Coffee) may have special shortened hours posted.



LOCATIONS

1. The EGG (event space)
2. Backdoor Pottery
3. PH Coffee Shop
4. Core Coffee & Eatery



COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



TOPIC: What's Happening...

WHERE: The EGG Event Space

GUEST SPEAKER: Bryan Stalder, Northeast News Contributor



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

ATTENDEES: 5 + 5 STAFF



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Thursday, Dec 11, 2025 @ The EGG Event Space



2025 Truman Plaza Area Plan Community Survey

2025 RESIDENTS SURVEY

Language: English - English ▾

Neighborhood Conditions and Priorities

Q1
Neighborhood Conditions Today and Priorities for Tomorrow. For each item listed below, please indicate if you're satisfied with it today.

| | Yes | No | Don't Know | No answer |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 01. Street conditions | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| 02. Sidewalks and crosswalks | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| 03. Street lighting | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| 04. Connectivity of streets | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

Q2
Neighborhood Services and Amenities. For each item listed below, please indicate if you're satisfied with it today.

| | Yes | No | Don't Know | No answer |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 01. Grocery stores | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| 02. Daily shopping needs | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |



Planning for the Future. Shaped by You.

Truman Plaza Area Plan Newsletter | November 2025

SEE THE FINAL PLAN!

Truman Plaza Area Plan OPEN HOUSE Final Plan

Thursday, December 11, 2025

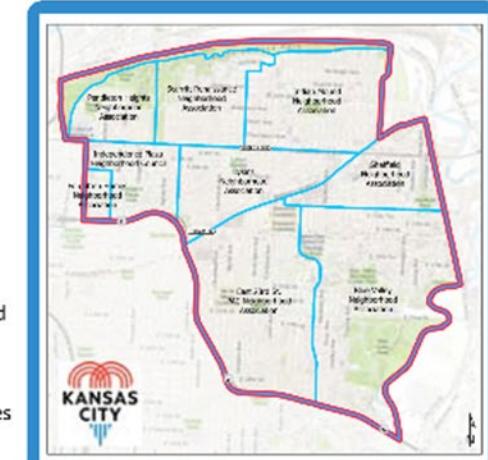
4:30-7:00 p.m. (open house - drop in anytime)

The EGG (2659 Independence Ave)

At the open
house, you can:
/ En la casa
abierta, podrá:

- Review the draft final recommendations / Revisar las recomendaciones finales del borrador
- Talk with City staff and Advisory Committee members / Hablar con el personal de la Ciudad y miembros del Comité Asesor
- Share any final questions or comments / Compartir tus preguntas o comentarios finales

Over the past year, residents, businesses, and community partners have helped shape a new vision for the Truman Plaza Area Plan, a guide for future decisions about land use, housing, transportation, parks, and services in this part of the city. The City is now sharing the draft final plan and inviting final input before it moves toward adoption.



Truman Plaza Area Plan OPEN HOUSE Final Plan

Thursday, December 11, 2025

4:30-7:00 p.m. (open house - Pasa cuando puedas)

The EGG (2659 Independence Ave)

See You There! /
Nos Vemos Allí!

Want to get more information? Talk to your neighborhood leaders or contact the city planning department:

Luke.Ranker@kcmo.org | Lauren.Young@kcmo.org | Jonathan.Feverston@kcmo.org

Durante el último año, residentes, negocios y socios comunitarios han ayudado a crear una nueva visión para el Plan del Área de Truman Plaza, una guía para futuras decisiones sobre uso de suelo, vivienda, transporte, parques y servicios en esta parte de la ciudad. La Ciudad ahora presenta el borrador del plan final e invita a compartir comentarios finales antes de que avance hacia su adopción.

GYPSIES GENERALLY CLAIMED TO
BE EGYPTIANS—HENCE THE NAME
“GYPSY.”

**19th District
Mo State Rep
WICK THOMAS**



CELEBRATORY TOAST 2025

DEC 12, 2025, TOAST

УДАЯ ИНВІДДІОН ТО СЕЛЕВЯДТЕ

GYPSY STYLE ATTIRE PREFERRED



NICE



NAUGHTY



FORTUNE TELLING
Wendy Thompson



CELEBRATORY TOAST 2025

PARTY
LIKE
GYPSIES



GYPSIE JUBILATION

DECEMBER 12, 2025

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES



CELEBRATING SUCCESSES OF 2025

DEC 12, 2025, TOAST



30 YEARS DEDICATION
NEKC CHAMBER
Rebecca Koop



DEDICATED SERVICE
Chairman, NEKC Chamber
Chairman, Independence Ave CID



KCMO MAYOR PRO TEM
Ryana Parks-Shaw



IA CID & Chamber
Holiday Dinner

December 15, 2025

The Peanut



FAMOUS WINGS

www.peanutkc.com

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The Peanut on Main
5000 Main Kansas City, Missouri
816-753-9499

The Peanut in Lee's Summit
219 S.E. Main Street
816-524-9966

The Peanut on Santa Fe
7938 Santa Fe Drive Overland Park, Kansas
913-499-8565

The Peanut on 127th
12663 Metcalf Avenue Overland Park, Kansas
913-491-0288

BEST WINGS IN KC!





STATE LEGISLATORS MEET & GREET

December 16, 2025

Missouri State Representative Attendees

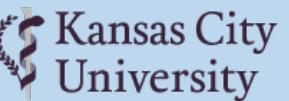
- ~ Joe Nicola, MO State Senate District 11
- ~ Wick Thomas, MO State House District 19

AGENDA

- 1) Review of 2025 Session/Bills Introduced
- 2) Goals for 2026 Legislative Session
- 3) NEKC Chamber Overview & Priorities
- 4) CID Overview & Priorities



HNE SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING DEC 19, 2024



ATTENDEES: 16 IN-HOUSE + 4 ZOOM + 4 STAFF

- 1) Temporary alternative JAIL SPACE update.
- 2) Response of surrounding city's accepting KC's arrested individuals.
- 3) Court system backup & no-show issues.
- 4) Repeat Nuisance Offenders (RNO) problem.

GUEST SPEAKER: Tamme Baker spoke to the reality of her daughter's plight with addiction & houselessness.



AVENUE ENHANCEMENT 2025

 **HAPPENING ON**

Independence AVE

FREE PROGRAM



Every Urban Heat Island



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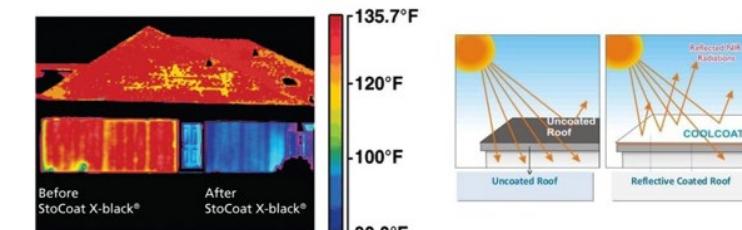
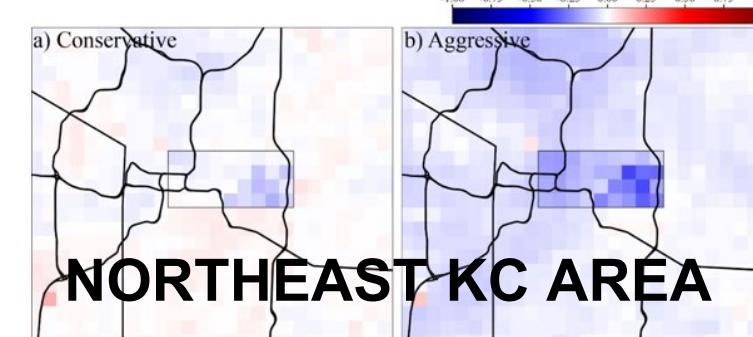


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Northeast Arts KC is with Rebecca Koop and 4 others.
October 26 at 6:45 PM ·

OCT 26, 2025



What a party! Thank you for celebrating 30 Years of [Northeast Arts KC](#) last night at [St. John Community Gardens](#). A great time was had, with wonderful weather, and not to mention wonderful people. Entertainment was awesome. Thanks go to Mary Lou Jacoby, Warehouse One, for sponsoring that entertainment! Thank you [State Representative Wick Thomas](#) for a special presentation commemorating 30 years. Other sponsors include Cosentinos Price Chopper, [PH Coffee](#), Adco printing, [Urban Produce Push KC](#), [Peter May House of Kielbasa](#), [Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce](#) & [Independence Avenue Community Improvement District](#). Northeast Arts KC thanks you!



20 You, Clay Jarratt, Margarita B Friedman and 25 others

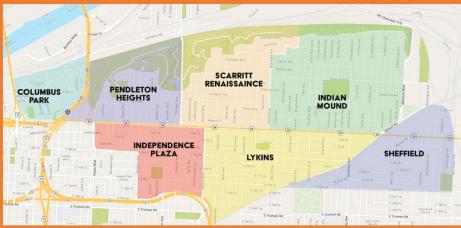


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Former Mayor Kay Barnes
Tours of Independence Avenue & Alleys



Kansas City's Northeast News
January 2 at 11:24 AM ·

Want to Improve Your English or Prepare for Citizenship? New Free Classes Are Starting at the North-East Library



NORTHEASTNEWS.NET
Classes Offered for Multiple Levels of English Language Learning - Northeast News

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Starting Tuesday, Jan. 13, the North-East branch of the KC Public Library will offer a variety of classes for English learners, from basic vocabulary and pronunciation to preparing for the American Citizenship test.

Independence Avenue Community Improvement District
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We want to extend our sincerest gratitude to our Indie Ave CID Chairman, Charlie Passantino of Passantino Bros Funeral Home, for providing lunch during our workforce development meeting today!

Our Urban Street Ambassador Team enjoyed all sorts of delicious items from the [Price Rite Market & Deli KC - "The Little Store"](#)



Boost this post to get more reach for Independence Avenue Community Improvement District.

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What a beautiful day for a tour of Independence Avenue!! ... See more

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Its the first day of fall, and that means new blooms along the avenue!!!!... See more



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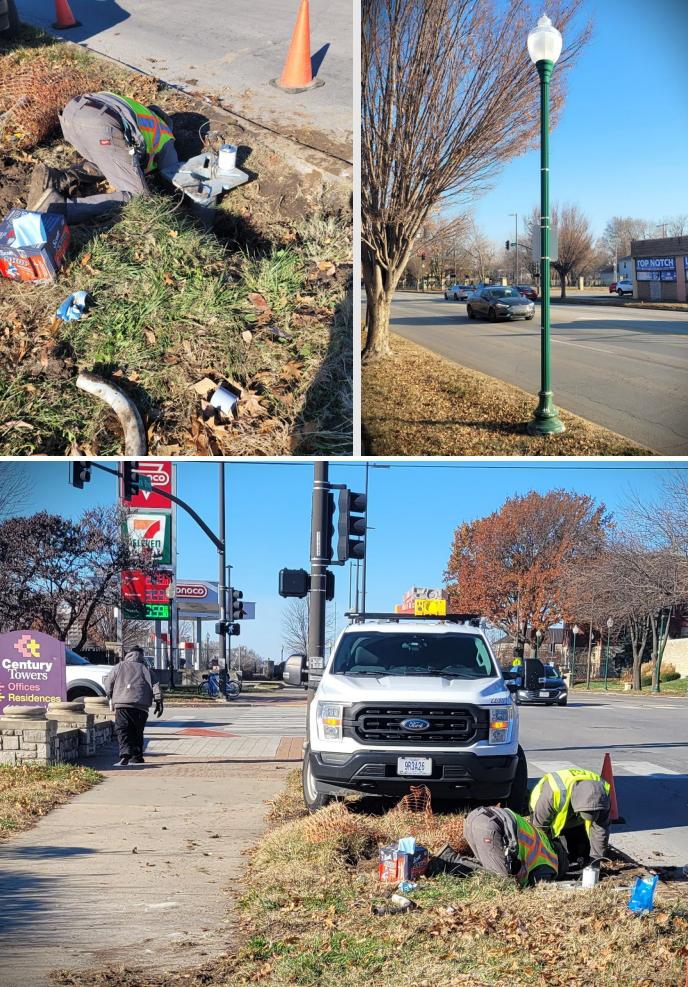
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Hardee's on Independence Avenue to Close After Decades in the Neighborhood

admin • Community, Features, Food and Drink, News, News Lead December 19, 2025



Bryan Stalder
Contributor

The Hardee's restaurant at 6523 Independence Ave. will serve its final customers on Friday, Dec. 19, 2025, marking the end of an era for a longtime fixture in Kansas City's Historic Northeast.

The closure follows a wave of Hardee's shutdowns across the region that began in 2023, when multiple Kansas City-area locations closed as franchise operators struggled with rising food and labor costs, declining foot traffic, and mounting operational pressures. While many area restaurants went dark during that period, the Independence Avenue location remained open, becoming one of the last Hardee's still serving customers in Kansas City, Missouri.

KCPS Approves Sale of Historic Askew School for Senior Housing Project

admin • News December 31, 2025



Bryan Stalder
Contributor

The former Askew School building at 2630 Topping Ave. could soon take on a new life as affordable senior housing following action by the Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) Board of Directors.

On Dec. 17, the KCPS board approved a sales contract for the Askew School site with Parker Communities, LLC, part of a joint development team with Petra LLC. The proposal calls for the adaptive reuse of the historic school building into a senior-oriented affordable housing development, preserving the structure while addressing a growing housing need in the surrounding Northeast community.

According to KCPS documents, the project would include 59 residential units, made up of studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom apartments. The development team plans to apply for a 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) allocation in March 2026. If awarded, the developers would then seek historic tax credits in the summer of 2026, with an anticipated closing on the property sale in October 2026.

Ryogoku Soccer Academy: Kansas City's Youth-Fueled Team Making Waves in National Semi-Pro League

admin • Community, News, Sports December 24, 2025



Bryan Stalder
Contributor

When most people think of semi-professional soccer, they picture seasoned adult players grinding out games in regional leagues. But at Ryogoku Soccer Academy, 606 Gladstone Blvd., the story looks very different. This fall, the academy fielded a United Premier Soccer League (UPSL) roster where 80 percent of players are age 16 or younger—making them by far the youngest team in the entire league.

Based in Kansas City, Ryogoku competed in the UPSL's Fall season, a platform founded in 2011 that now stands as the largest pro-development league in North America. Positioned at the fourth tier of the U.S. Soccer pyramid, the UPSL serves as a bridge between youth academies and the professional game.

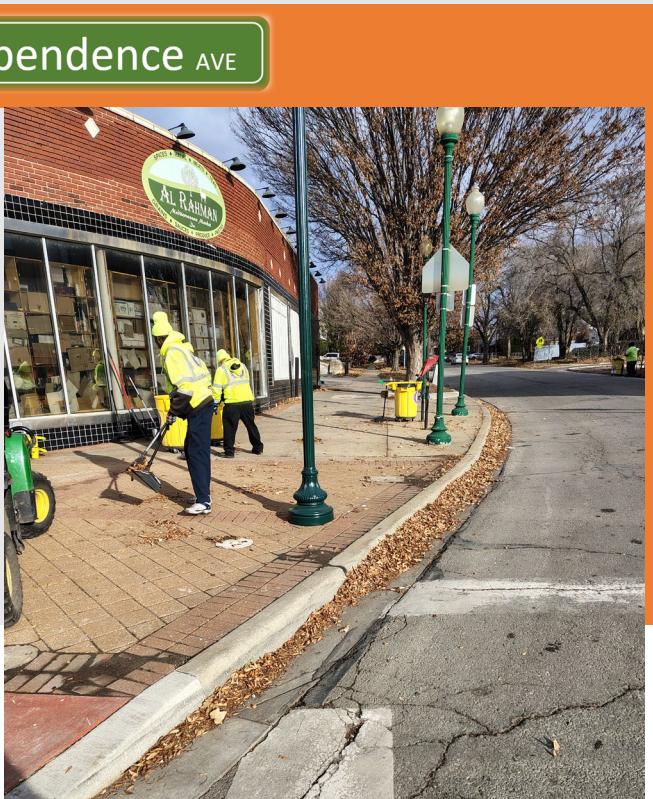
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SAFELY COLLECTING
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PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS ►



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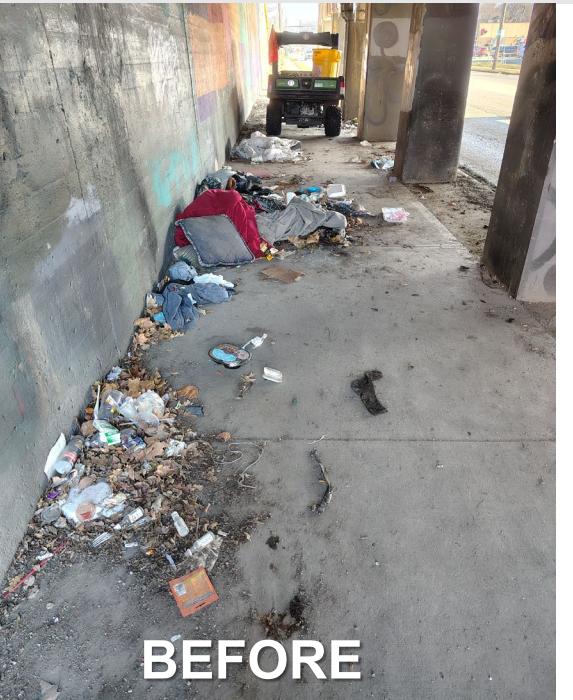
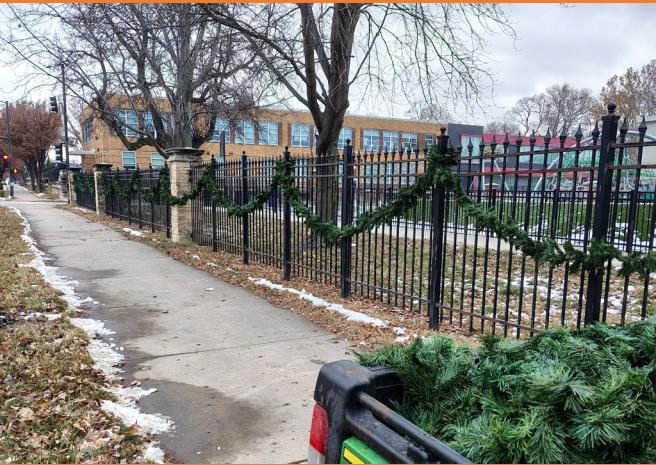
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**CLEARING
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FOR
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&
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CLEANING UP MESSES LEFT ON THE AVE



From Clay to Seed: How Rebecca Koop of Northeast Kansas City Grew a Garden of Fruit Trees

<https://www.givinggrove.org/blog-reference/from-clay-to-seed>



THE **GIVING GROVE**

FALL 2025 – ‘FROM CLAY TO SEED’

REBECCA’S GARDEN & POTTERY



Independence Avenue CID Alleys

6 ALLEYWAY CLEANUPS: NOV – DEC 2025

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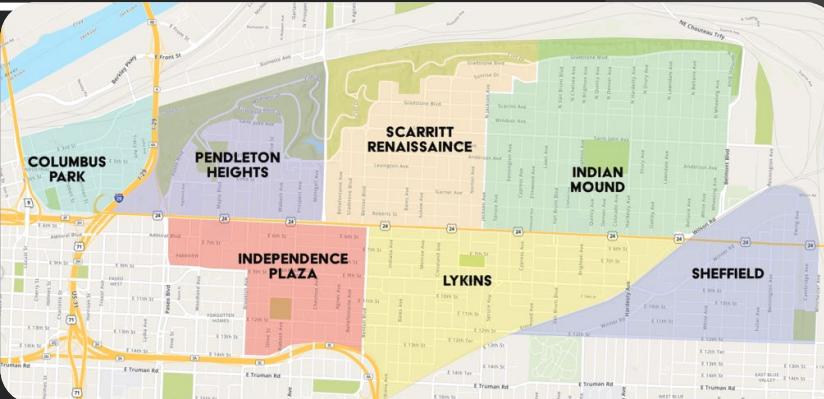
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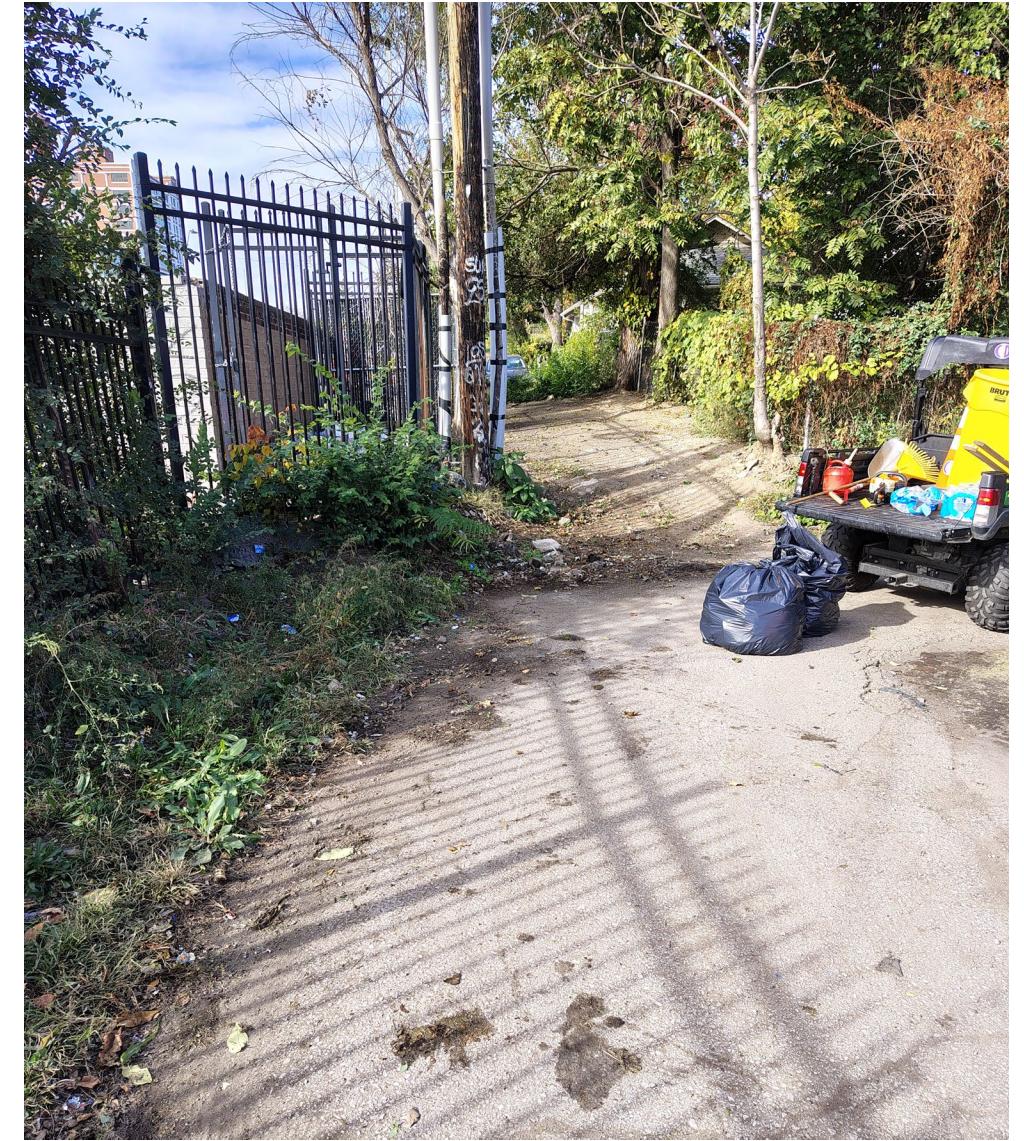
Lawndale - Topping



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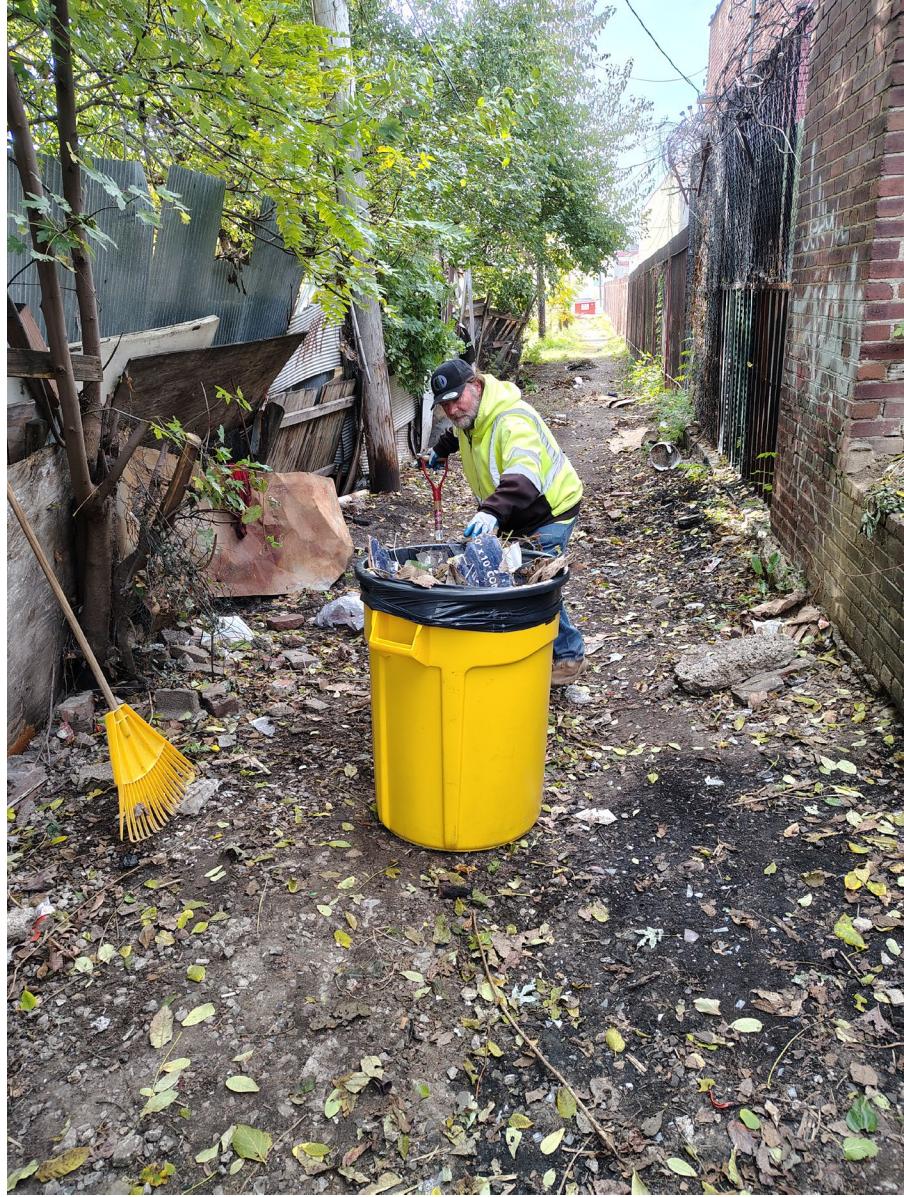


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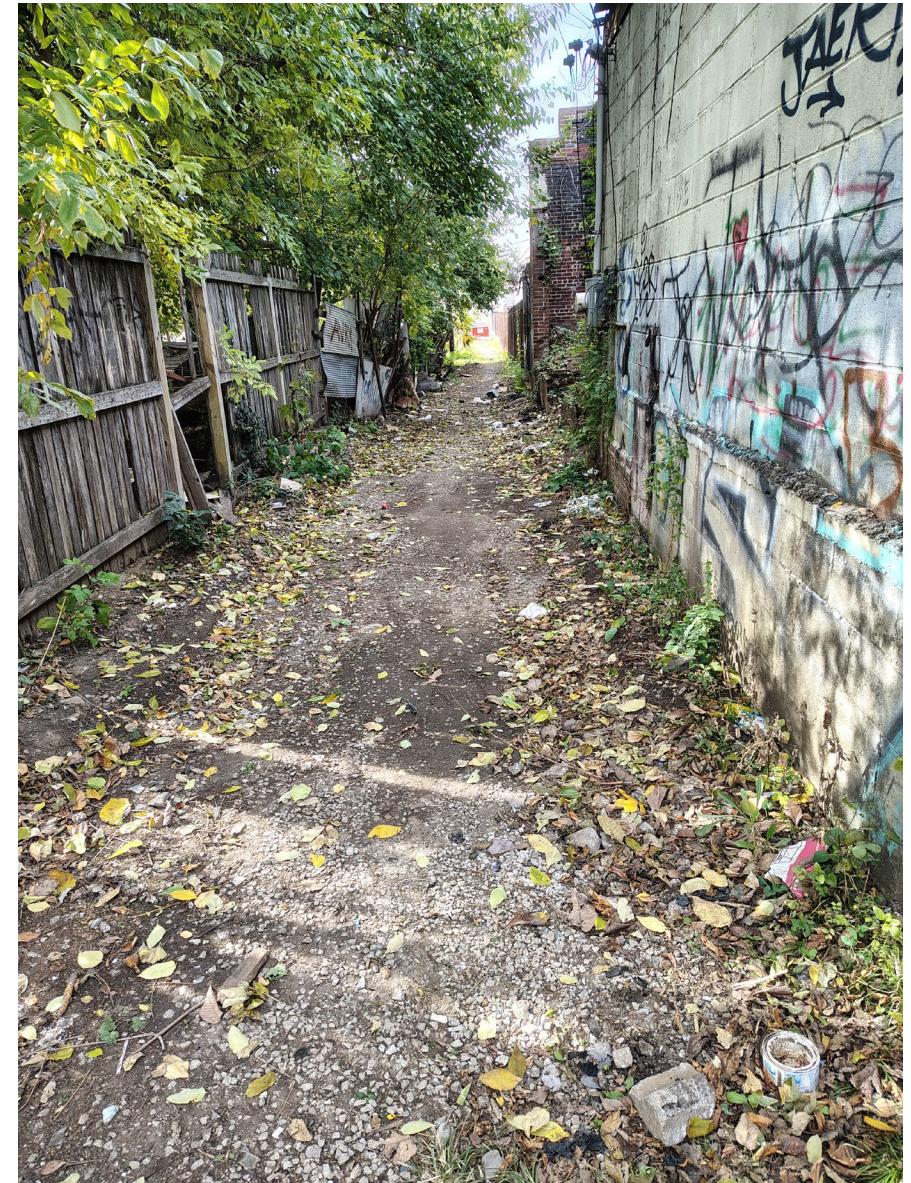
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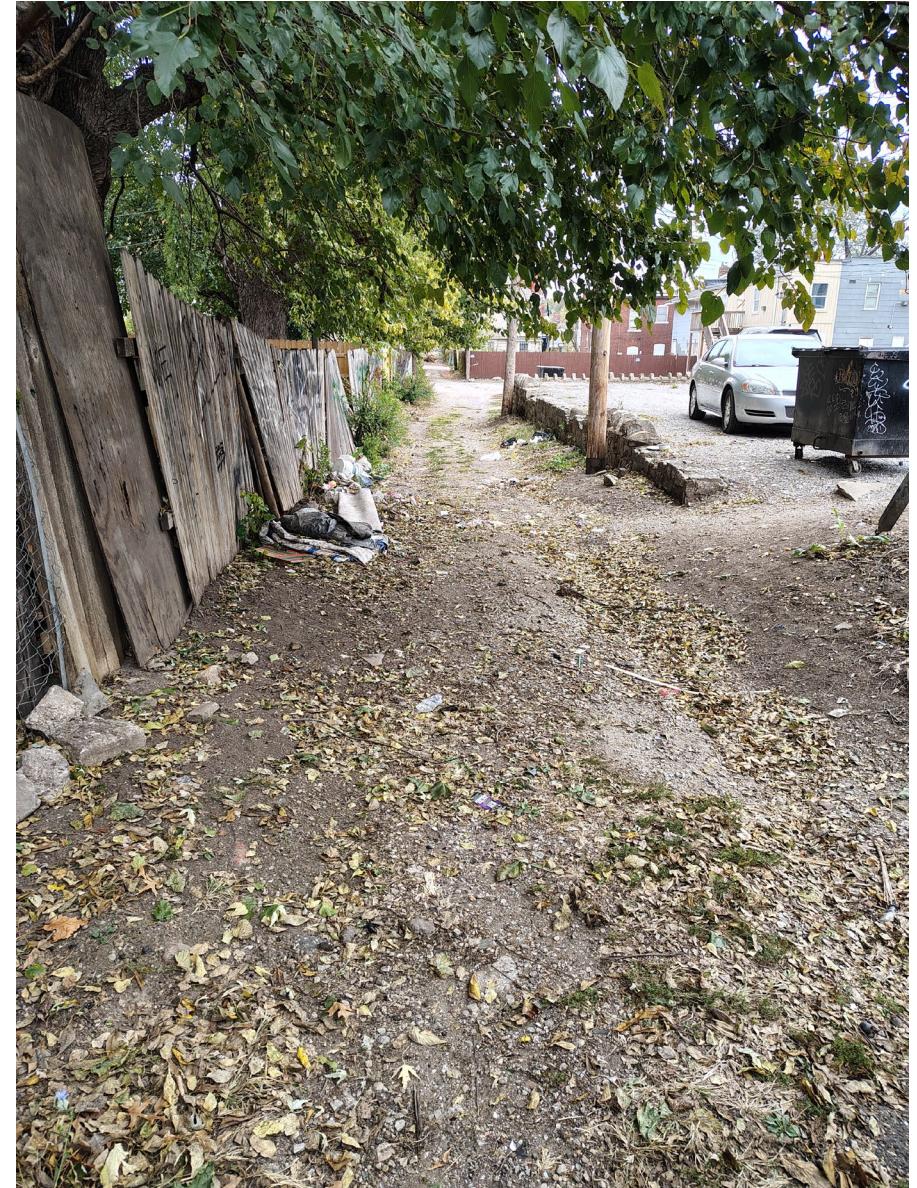
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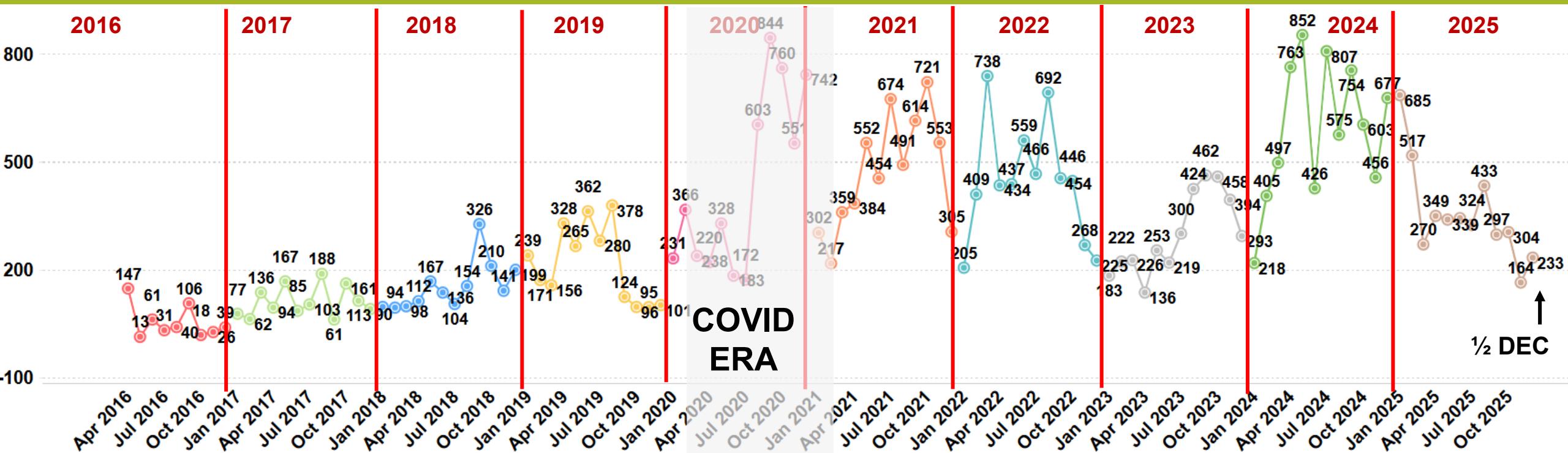
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ALL ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR



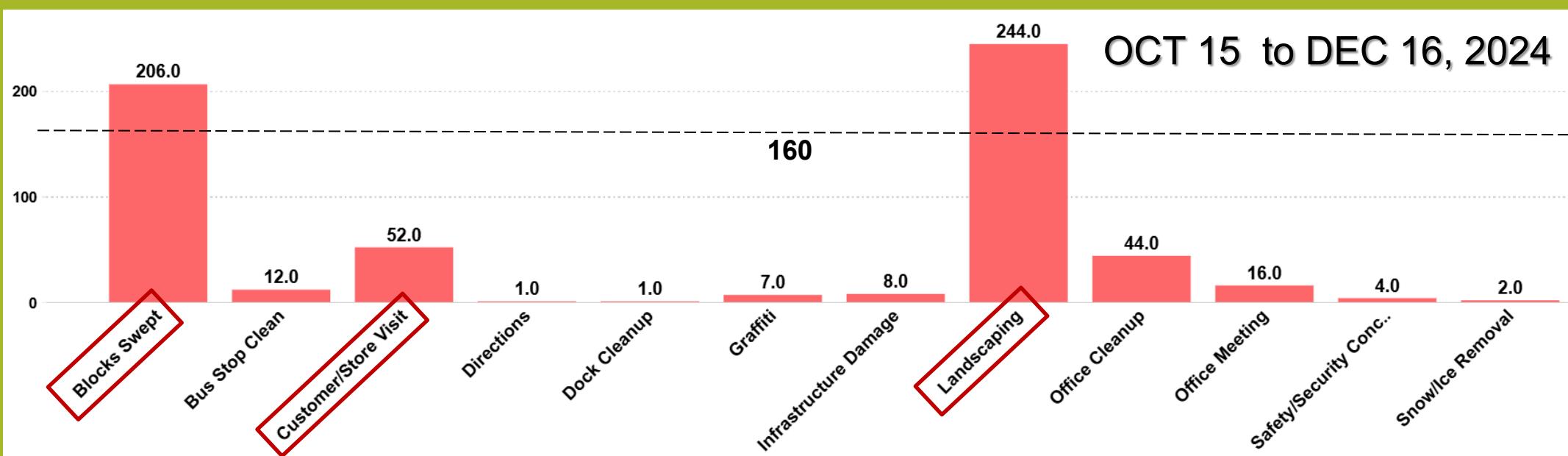
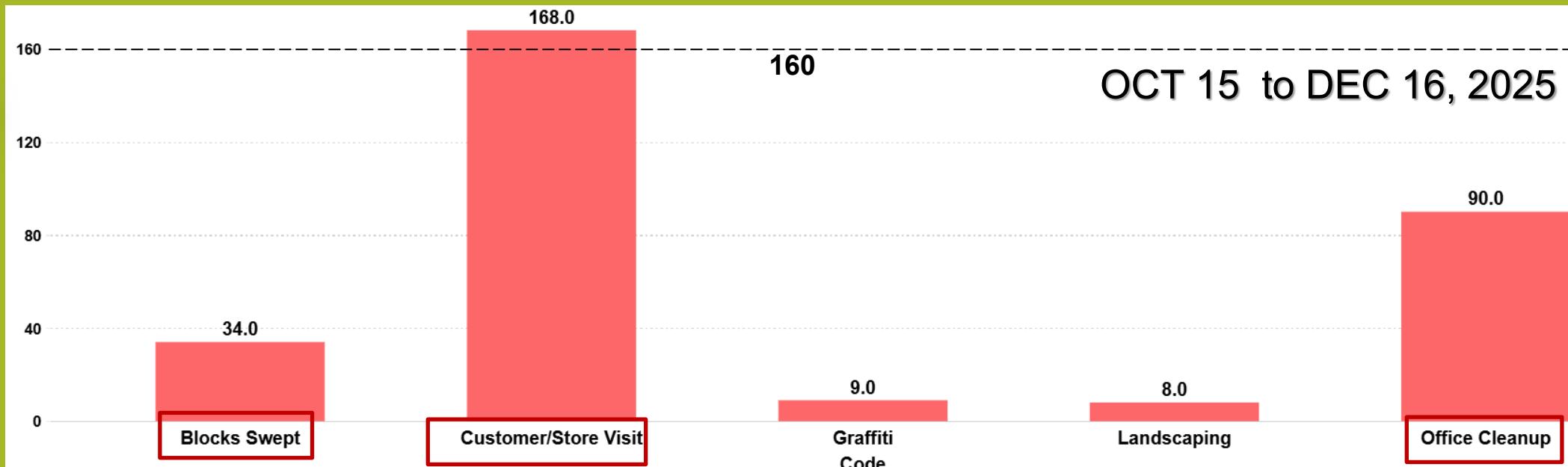
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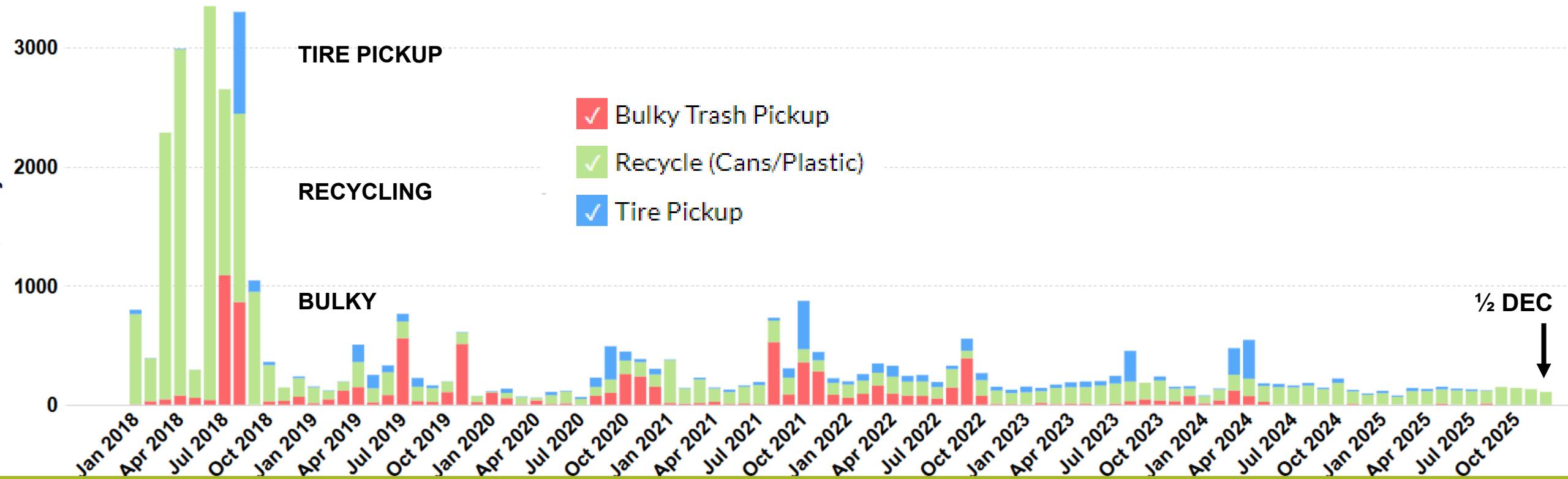


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TIRES, RECYCLING & BULKY ITEM CLEAN UP YEAR-TO-YEAR

(JUNE 2018 to TODAY)



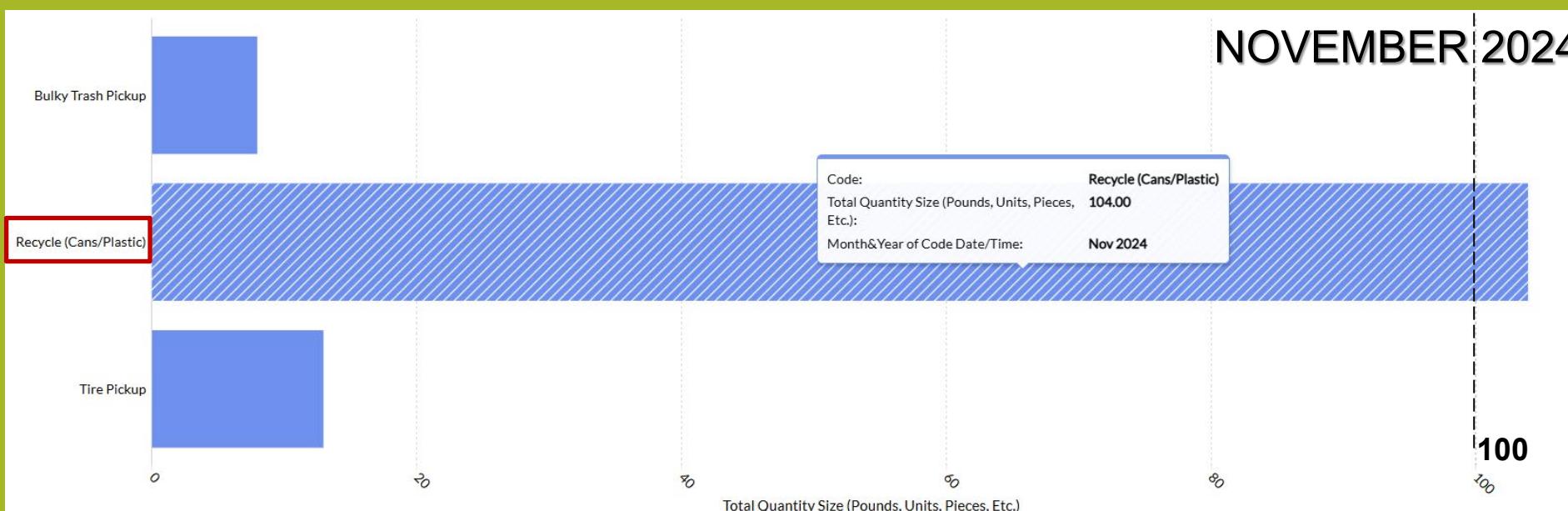
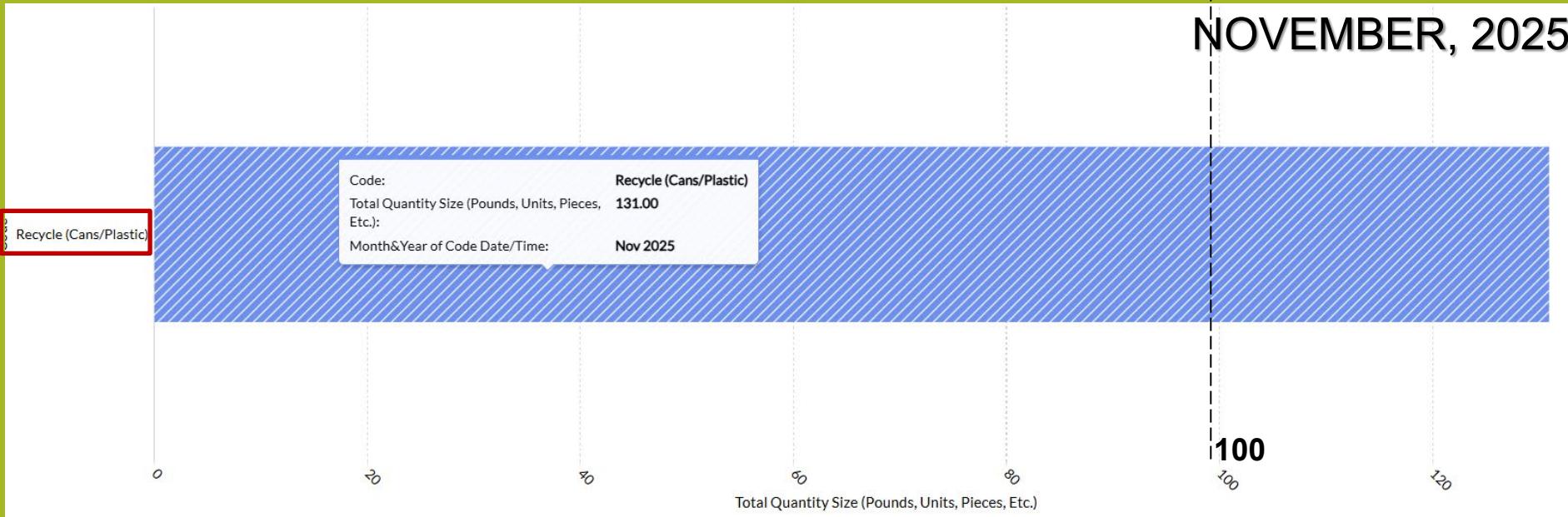
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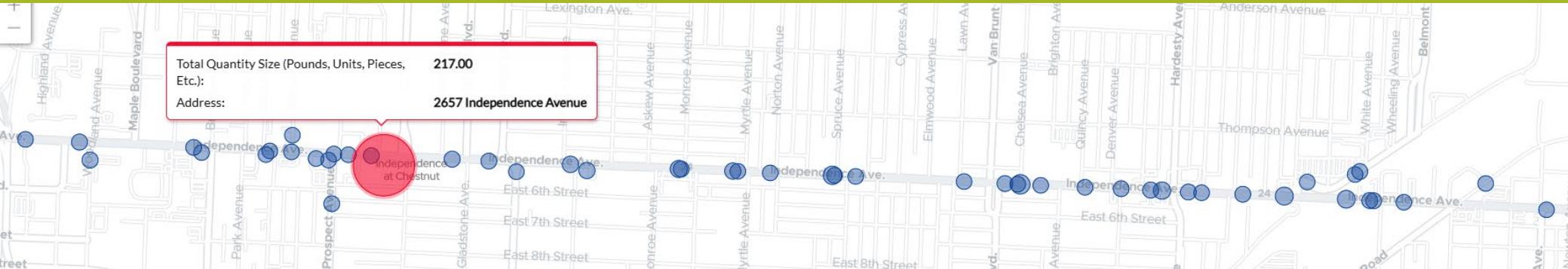
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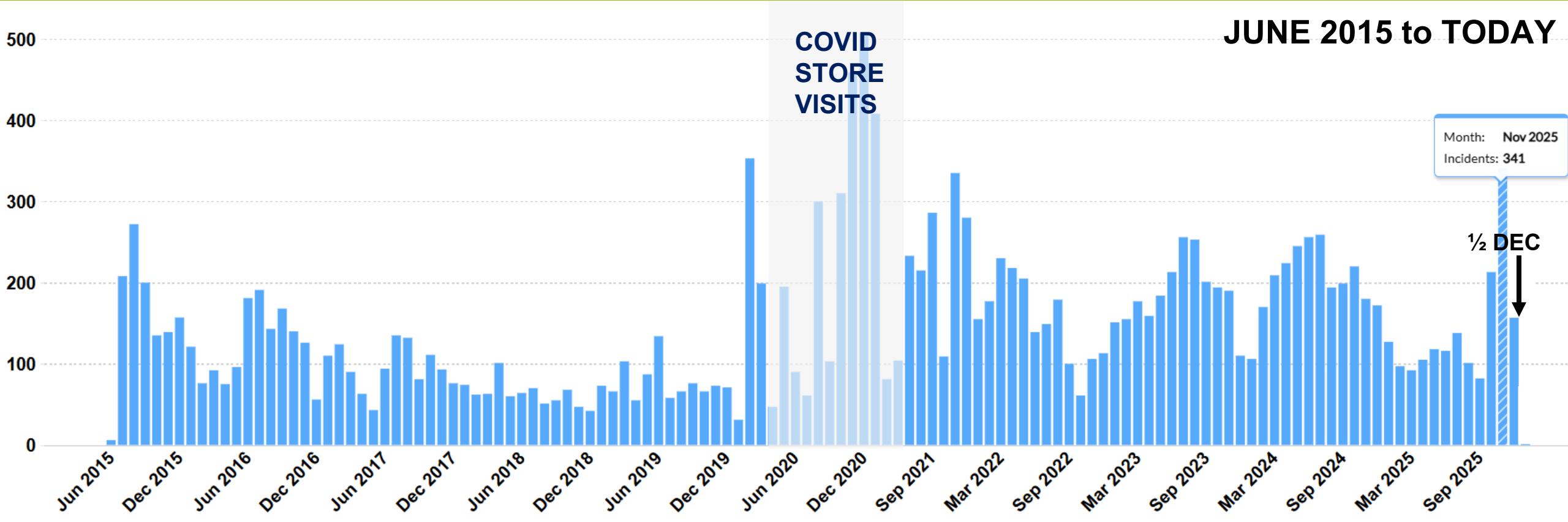


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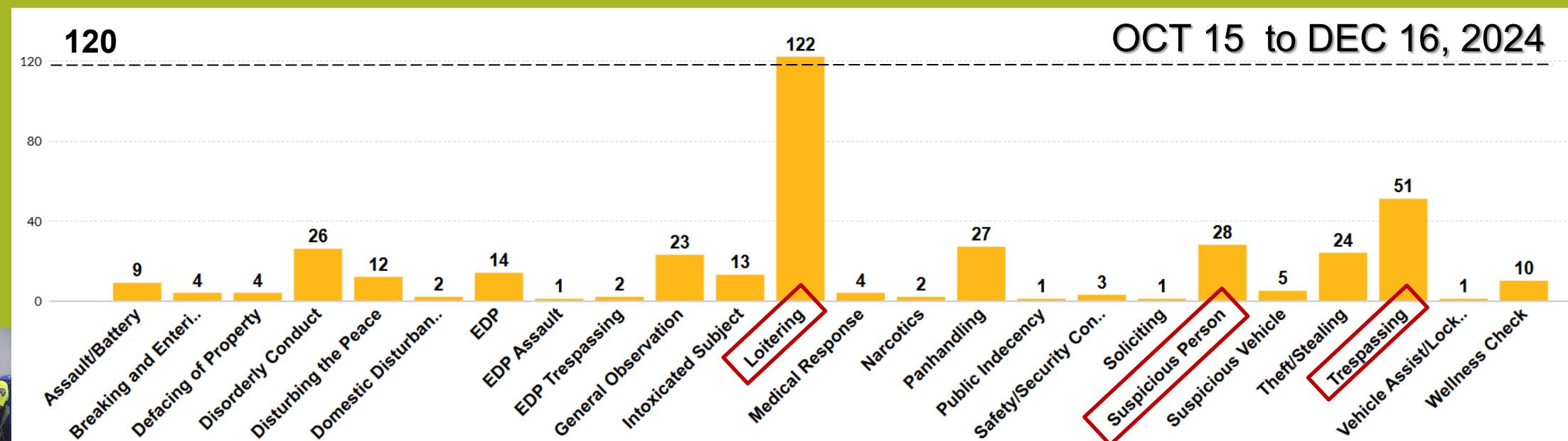
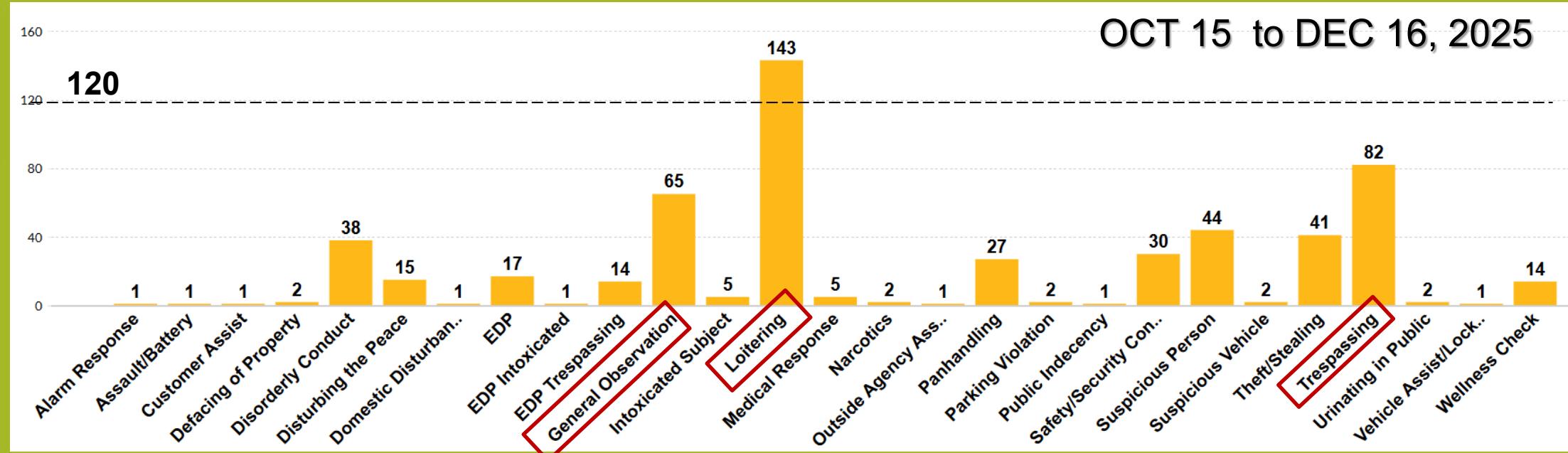
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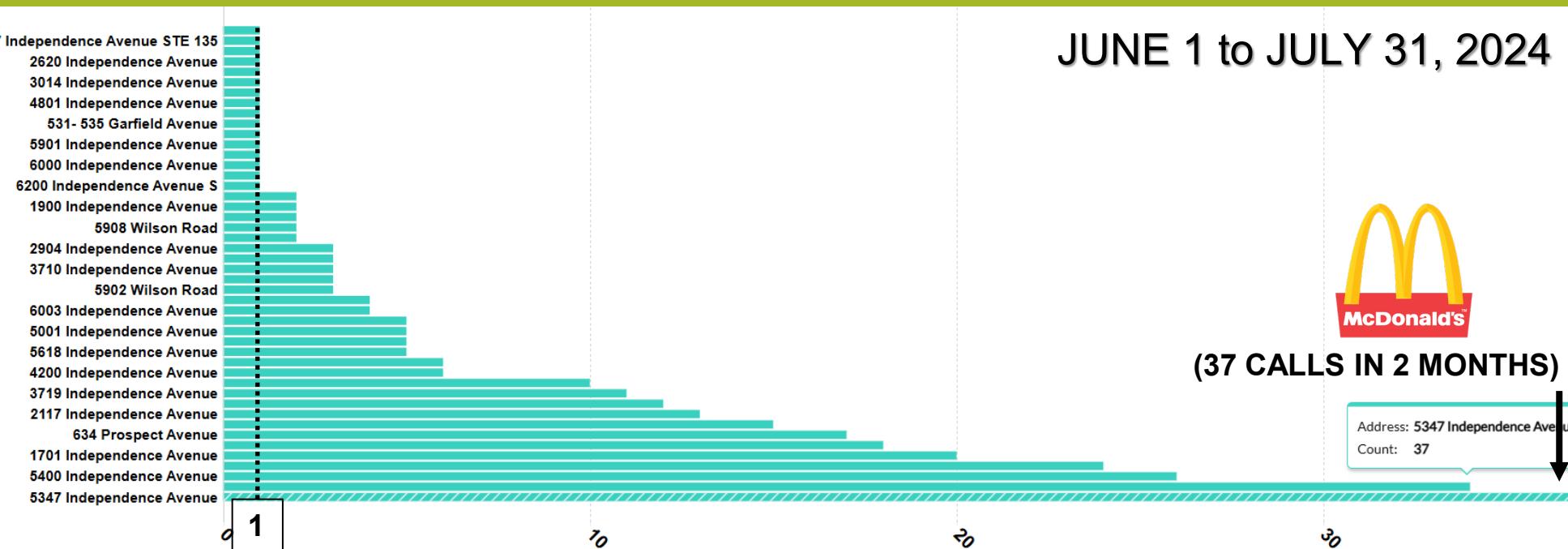
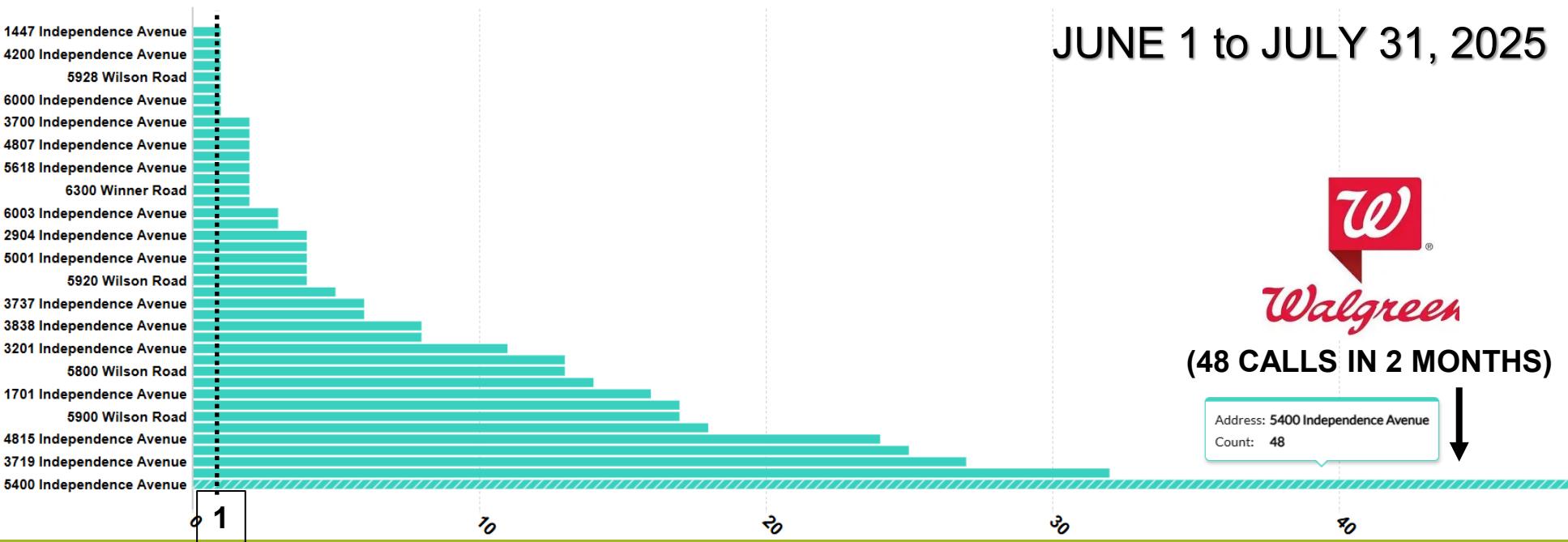
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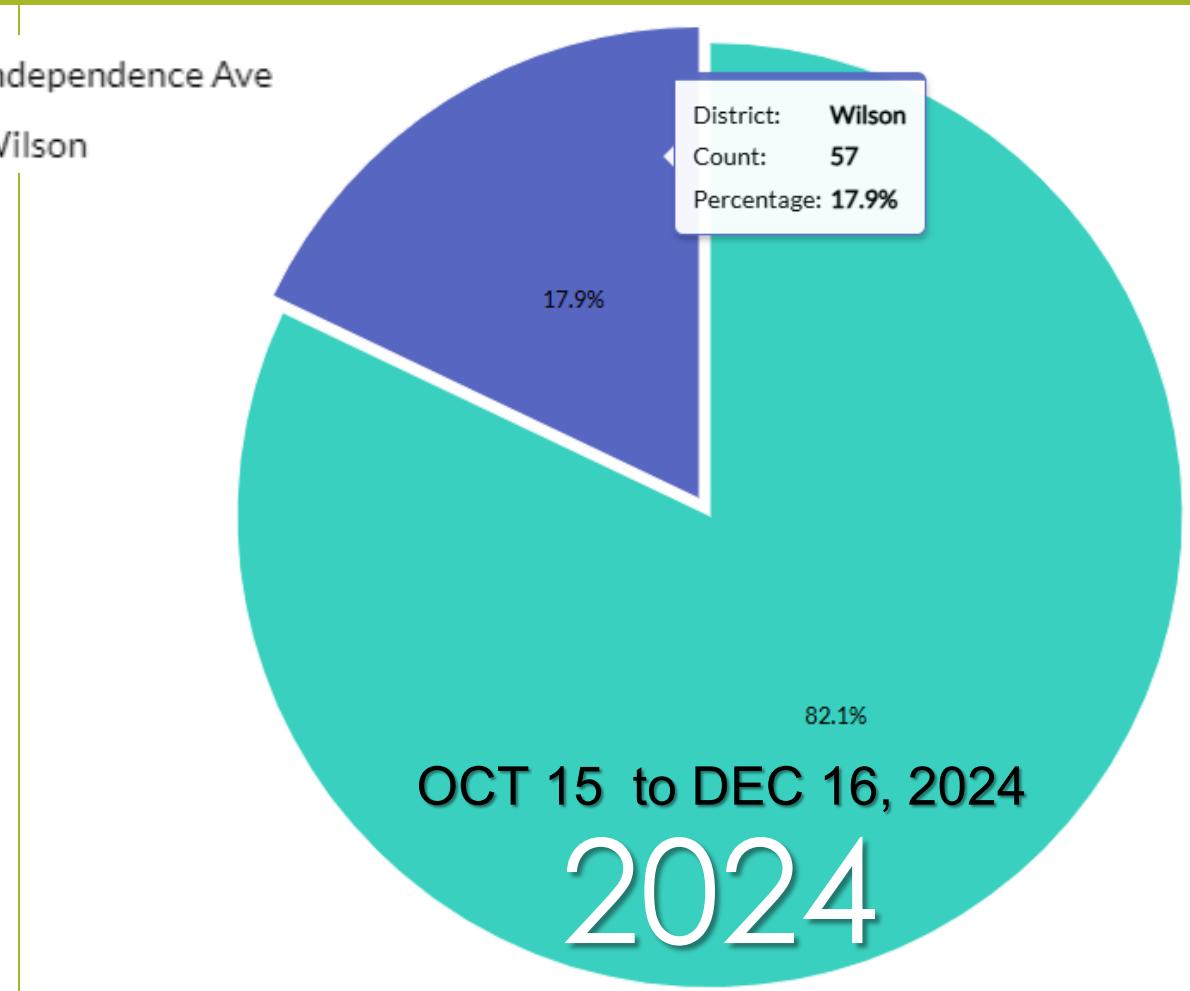
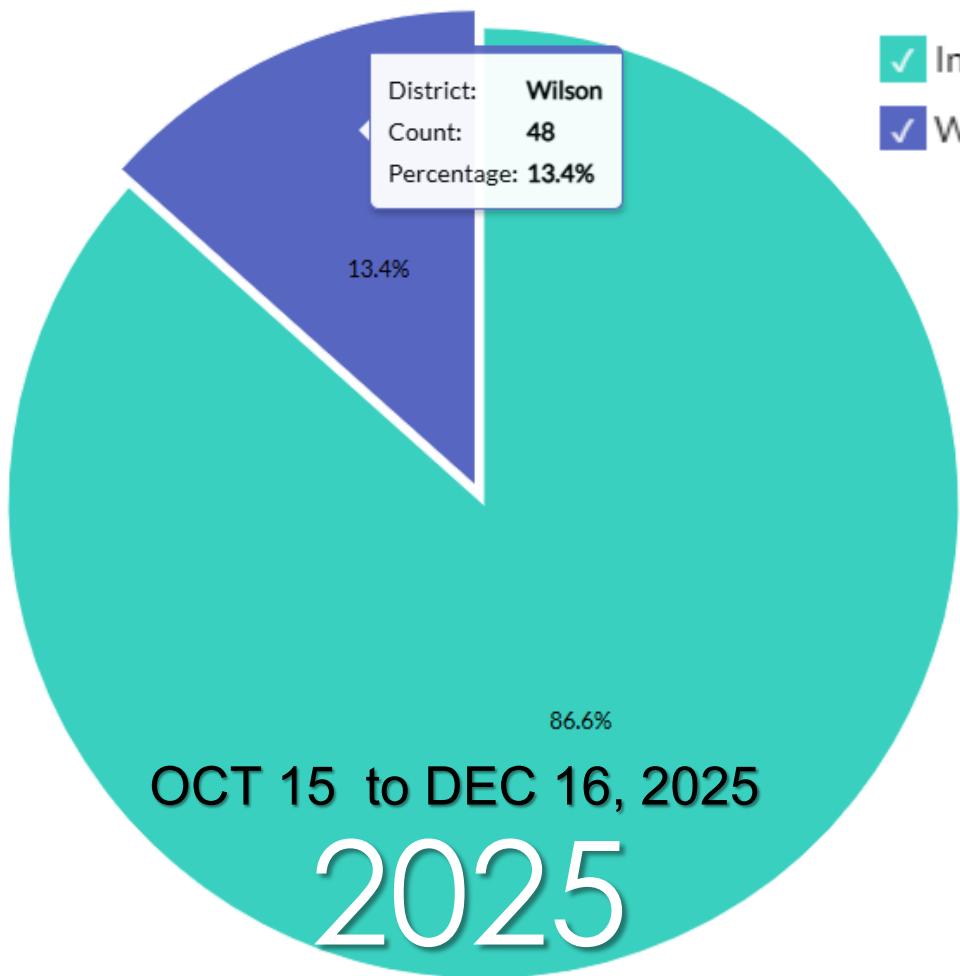


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WILSON RD VERSES INDEPENDENCE AVE

4.5% DROP



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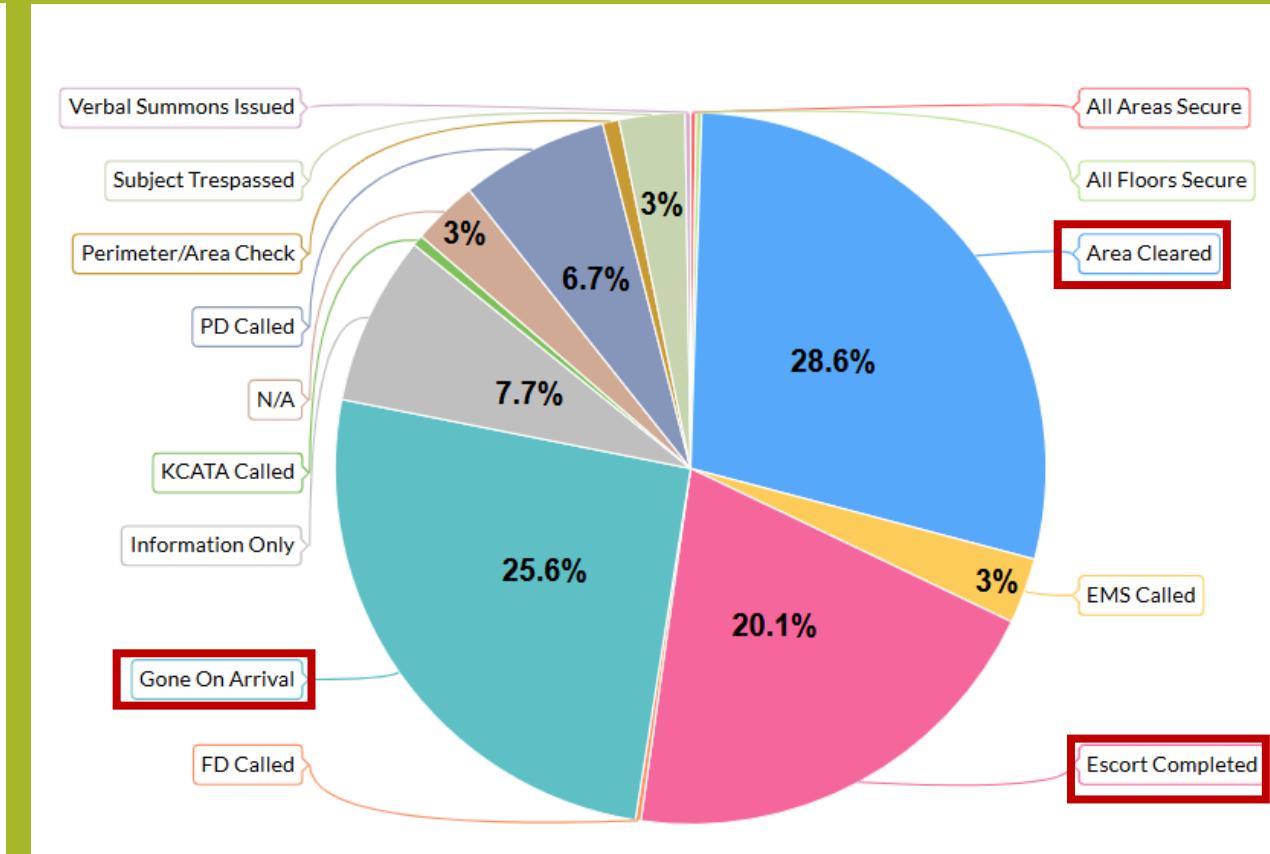
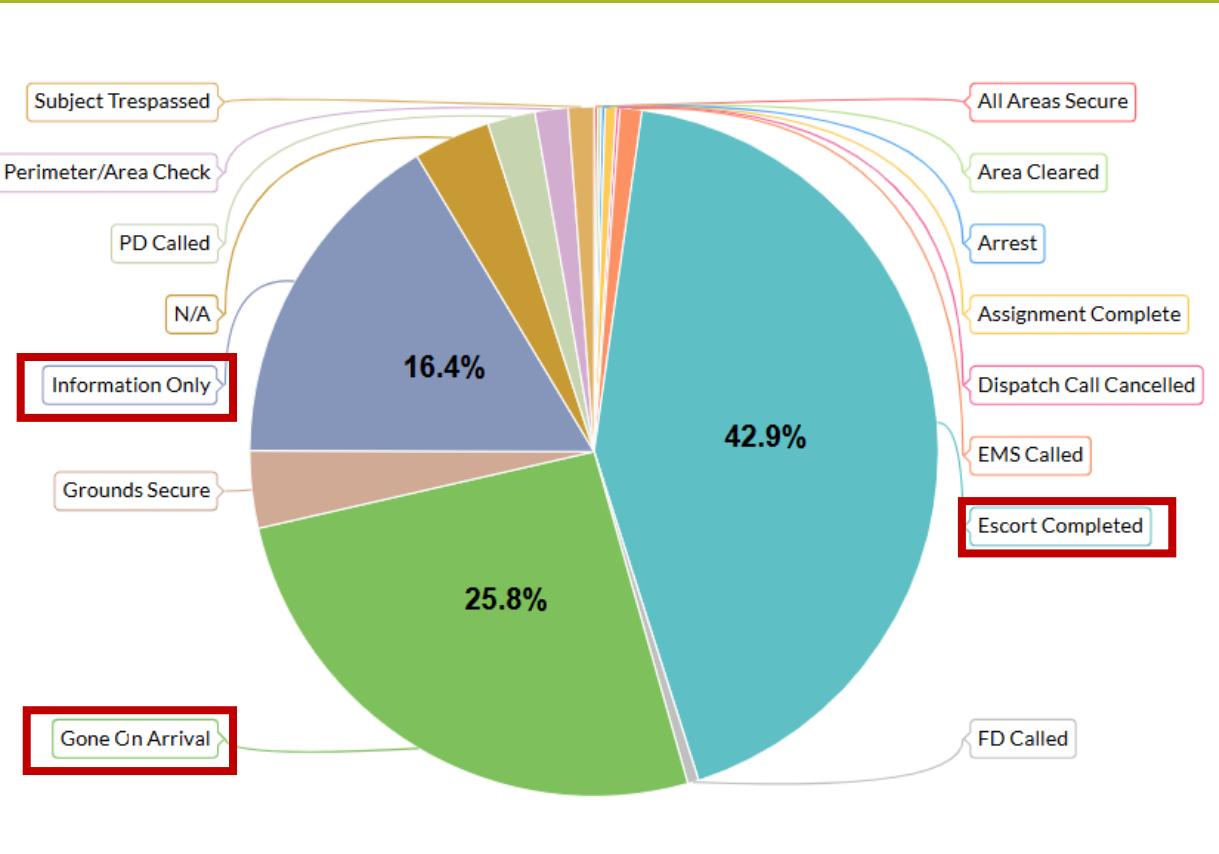


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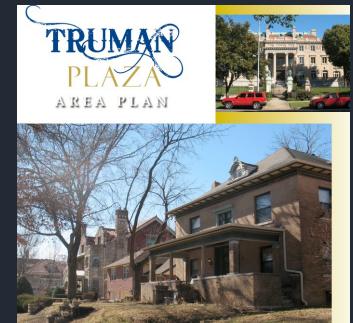
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BRIAN MAPES Color/Draw at
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DECEMBER 11, 2025:
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PLAN UPDATE



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Independence AVE



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2435 INDEPENDENCE



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3066 INDEPENDENCE



3220 INDEPENDENCE

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3245 INDEPENDENCE



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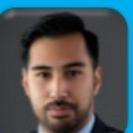
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THURSDAY, JAN 8, 2026

Celebrate "The King"



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TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

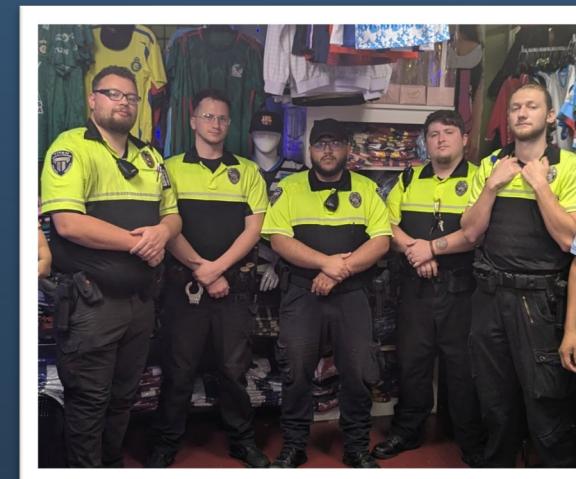
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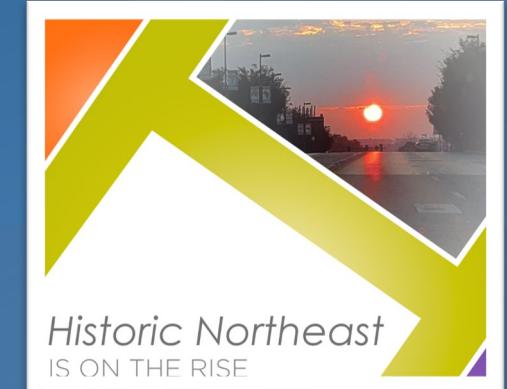
SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025

The latest on crime prevention



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