

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



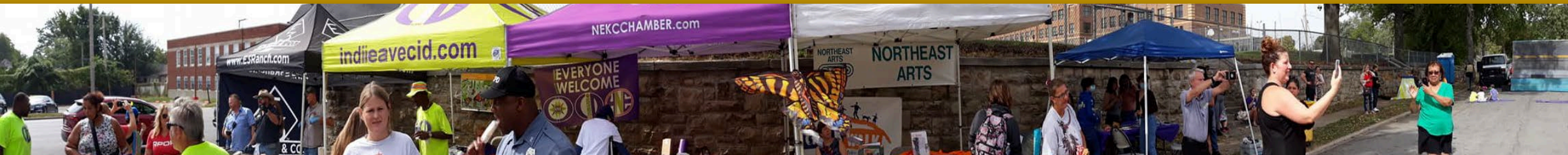


# YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

→ NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

10/15/2025  
11/20/2025 ←

## THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST 'INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE'



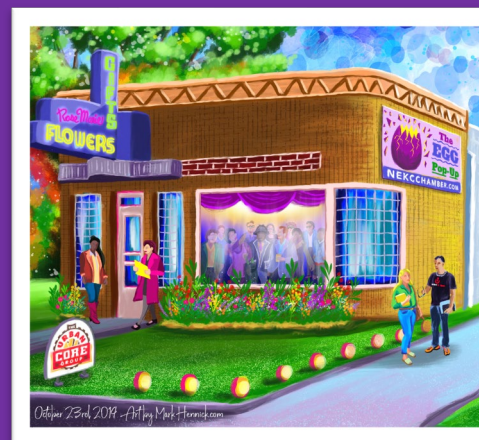
PRESENTED BY: BOBBI BAKER, NEKC CHAMBER PRESIDENT/CEO & IA CID MANAGER

### DECEMBER 17, 2025

#### A G E N D A

- 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 Indep Ave  
D & R Diversified  
Independence Blvd Christian Church  
AI – 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 Indep 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 Krehgiel 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




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Member Directory

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**Abbott Properties**  
Kansas City, Missouri  
(816) 241-5552  
<https://abbott-properties.com/>  
5020 St John Ave, Kansas City, Missouri 64124

Real Estate




**ADCO Litho Plate, Inc.**  
Kansas City, Missouri  
(816) 241-2754  
<https://adcolitho.net>  
6043 E Truman Rd, Kansas City, MO 64126, USA

Services




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

Automotive +1



**Aegis Home Services LLC**  
Shawnee  
913.363.3323  
<https://www.aegishomeservices.com/>  
22052 West 66th Street ste 104, Shawnee, KS 66226, USA

Contractor +1



**Afghan Market**  
Kansas City, Missouri  
(816) 216-1701  
4422 St John Ave, Kansas City, MO 64123, USA  
816.216.1701  
[afghanmarketkc@gmail.com](mailto:afghanmarketkc@gmail.com)

Grocery +1



# MEETING @ NEKC CHAMBER OFFICE

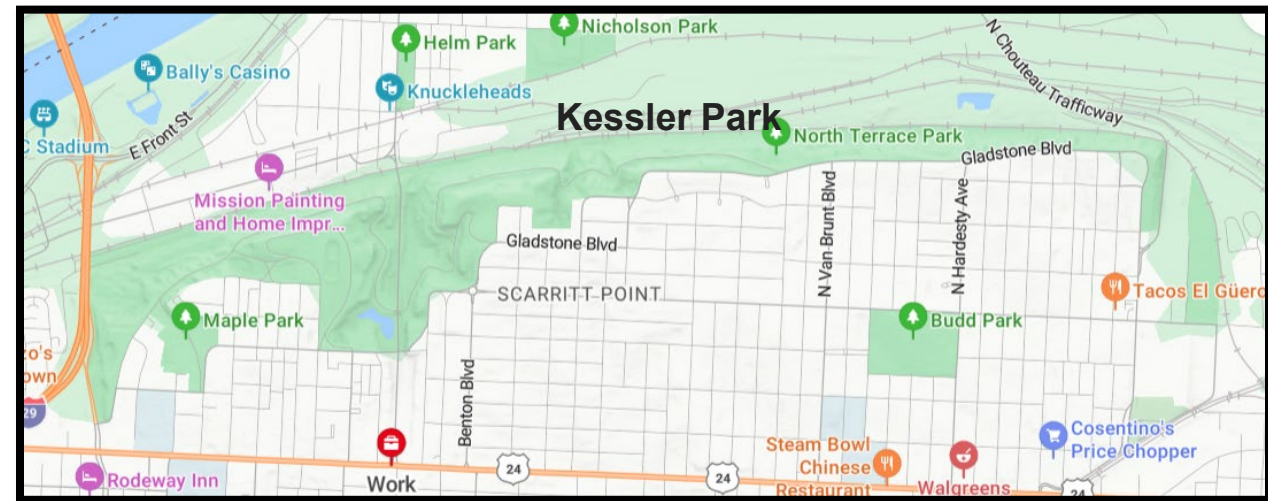
## Kessler Park Master Plan Implementation Group

**OCT 22, 2025      ATTENDEES: 18**

### Neighborhoods in Attendance

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

**Hoxie**  
COLLECTIVE LLC



## 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



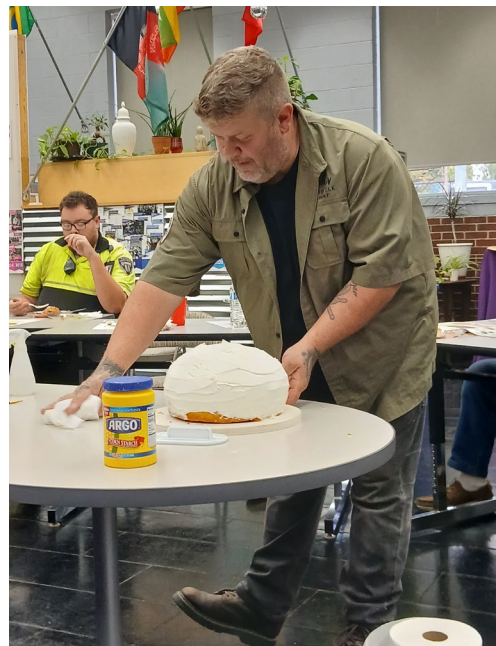
# **TASTY TOPIC TALK**

## **NEKC CHAMBER LUNCHEON**



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

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

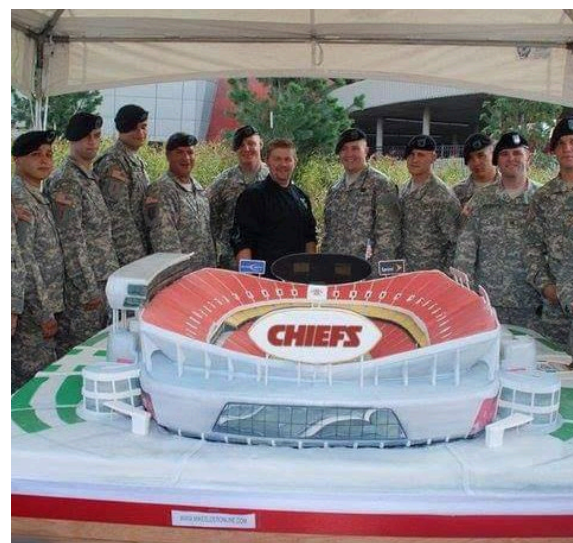






# Black Sheep Custom Cakes

REALLY RAD CAKES  
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## 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*





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**Using Historic Tax  
Credits to Save  
Structures**



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





# HISTORIC NORTH EAST DEVELOPMENT 2025

## HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



### Samuel U. Rodgers Healthy Living Campus

#### GUEST SPEAKERS

Daughters of Doctor  
Samuel U. Rodgers

Jim Nunnelly  
Rep Emanuel Cleaver  
Bobbi Baker  
Sean Hughs

NOV 11, 2025



Ribbon  
Cutting  
Ceremony

825 Euclid Ave





**Laura Ray Wagner**

Public 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

## MoDOT & NE NEIGHBORS I-29/35 Viaduct Alteration Meeting



### 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





## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Office Halloween Party



**October 31, 2025**

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



Cake by Black Sheep Cakes







2024 MURAL

## 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* ➔



Guests Won Pumpkin Prizes



THURSDAY, NOV 13, 2025

ATTENDEES: 6 + 4 STAFF



# 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.







**SATURDAY, NOV 29, 2025**

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

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







# HARDESTY LOFTS GROUNDBREAKING

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025



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**

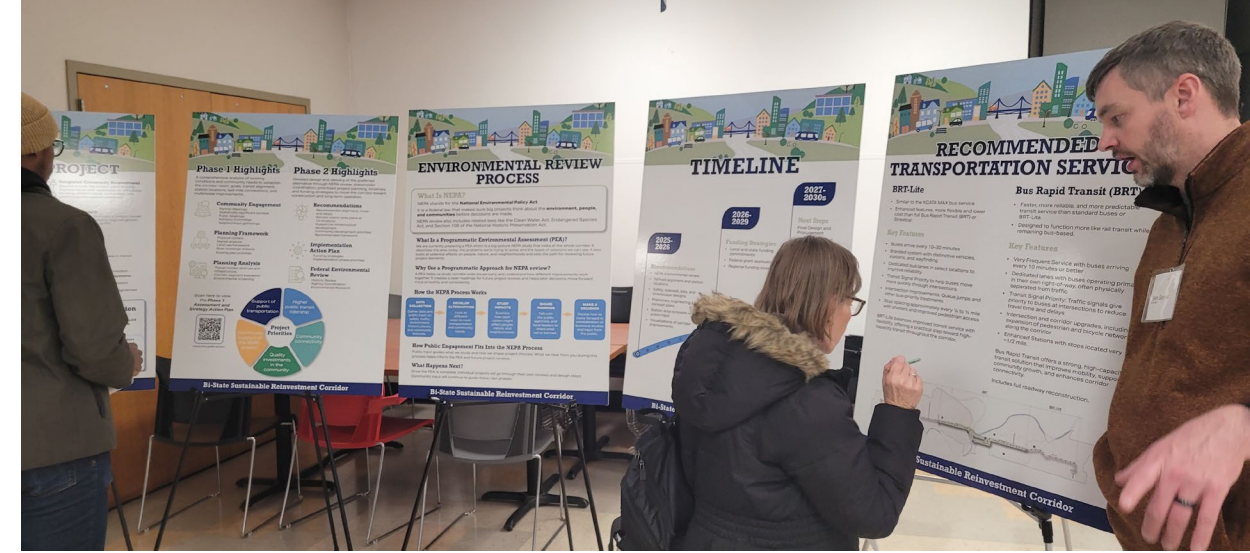
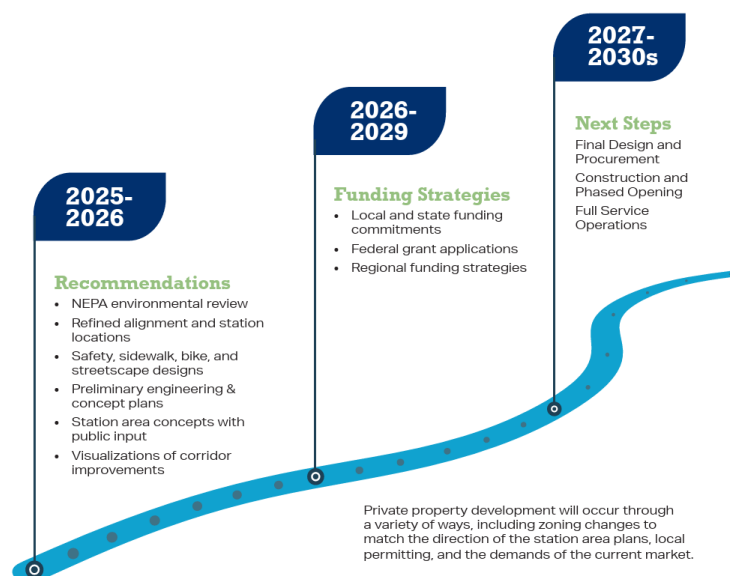
A building that once equipped soldiers for war  
now equips families for life.



**DEVELOPER**  
**JONATHAN ARNOLD**



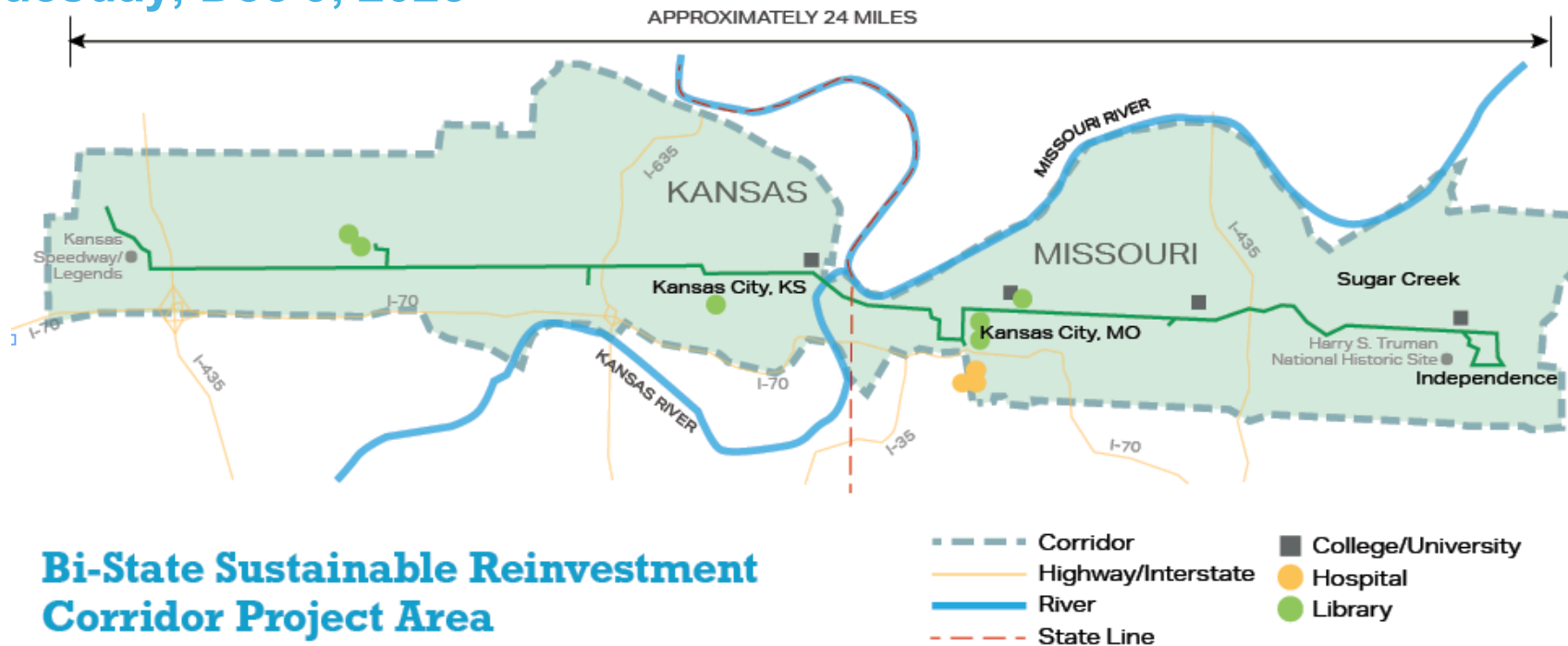




# BI-STATE SUSTAINABLE REINVESTMENT CORRIDOR PROJECT MEETING

Tuesday, Dec 9, 2025

Public Viewing of Progress



**Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor Project Area**





# 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**  
rebeccakoop@nekkchamber.com | nekkchamber.com  
816-231-3312 x100

Pop up Artists:

**Brian Mapes**  
816-529-6335  
webecome more@gmail.com

**Phyllis Hernandez**  
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@scadeart.kc | @saladearteinkc  
Owner of Sala de Arte

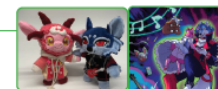
**Fal Beal**  
785-404-7400 | Fal4KC@gmail.com  
I am an artist of many kinds and civic activist. My specialty art is poured resin art, in 20 to 30 layers. Every layer takes a full day to complete. Other art forms include colored pencil, pencil, portraiture, calligraphy, card making, and much more! I am also leading a major community art project, come learn the exciting news and talk to her about custom holiday art for loved ones!

**Shella Rekdal**  
816-448-1531 | she.rekdal@gmail.com  
@XILAREKDAL  
Follow in the Heart of my Art.  
Multiple genres & techniques

**Kye Benjamin Stone**  
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www.kyeart.weebly.com  
www.knightstheatreproductions.weebly.com  
@kbstoneart | @kyestone  
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**  
alacema@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**  
Cherbunn Creations | 918-691-8252  
cherbunncreations@gmail.com  
@d\_tumblr | @Cherbunn  
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**  
3heronart@gmail.com | 360-774-0432  
@3heronart

The creation process is enlightening 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 Rosell - Owner**  
816-715-3201 | Eric@PH.coffee

**Bobby Burch**  
bobburburch@gmail.com  
www.wildlifers.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 land and wildlife conservation. His work supports the National Parks Conservation Association and encourages deeper connections with nature.



**Nicole Cavifield**  
nicole.cavifield@gmail.com  
www.theartistphotos.com  
@theartistphotos.com

Nicole Cavifield creates photography transferred onto painted canvases, antiques, and ceiling fans, featuring homegrown foods, vegetables, mushrooms, chickens, and rural farm scenes. Based in Kansas City, she freelances for Hallmark and works from her Penitentiary Heights studio while caring for rescued animals. Her work is included in the Nelson-Atkins Museum, the Wignat 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 ..... Back Door 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.



Mural by: Michael Schlerke

# 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**



[www.northeastnews.net](http://www.northeastnews.net)



# Thursday, Dec 11, 2025

## @ The EGG Event Space



2025 Truman Plaza Area Plan Community Survey

Language: English - English

## 2025 RESIDENTS SURVEY

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

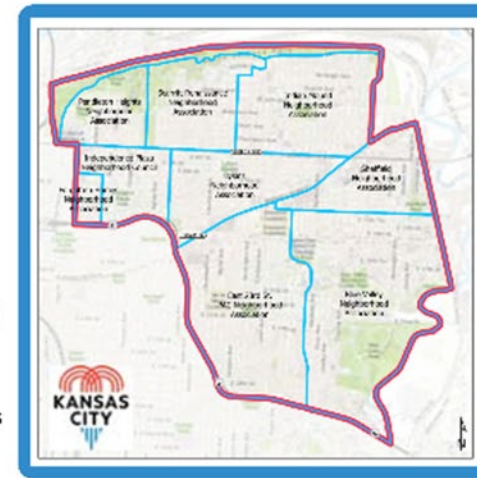
4:30–7:00 p.m. (open house – drop in anytime)

The EGG (2659 Independence Ave)

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

- 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)

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.

**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





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

19<sup>th</sup> District  
Mo State Rep  
WICK THOMAS



# CELEBRATORY TOAST 2025

## DEC 12, 2025, TOAST



FORTUNE TELLING  
Wendy Thompson



NICE



NAUGHTY







# 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



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816-221-7470

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

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# NEKC Chamber of Commerce & Independence Avenue CID



## 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

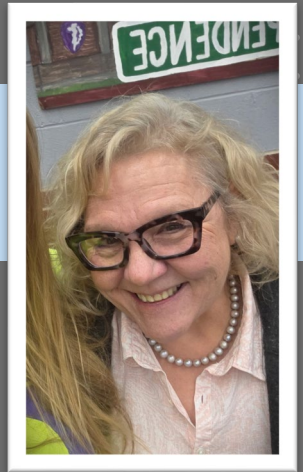
### AGENDA

- 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**

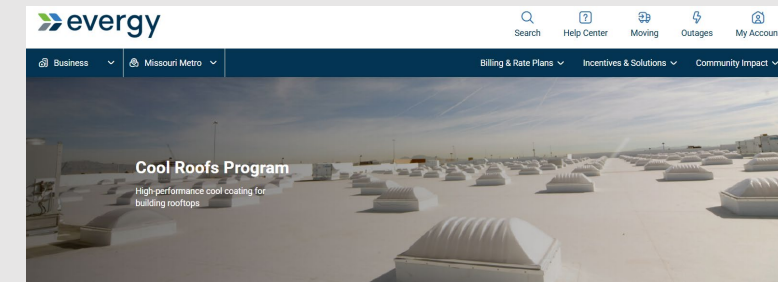
**Independence AVE**

**NEKC CHAMBER & IA CID SENT 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**

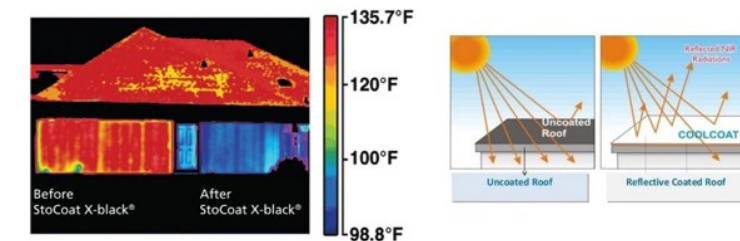
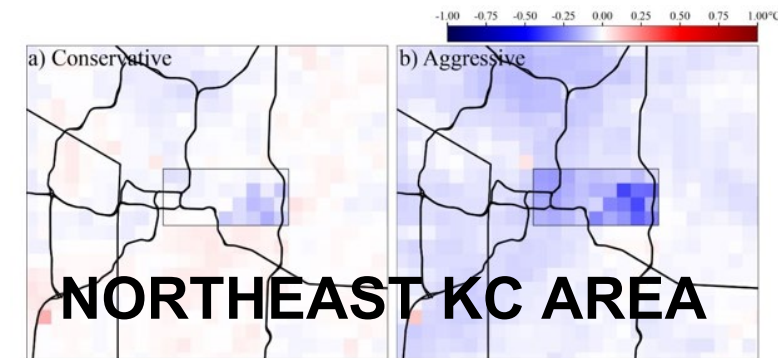


**\*\*Upgrade Your Building's Roof with High-Performance Cool Coating — at No Cost!\*\***



## **PROPERTIES PARTICIPATING ALONG THE AVENUE**

1. Liberty Tax Office: 3414 Independence Ave
2. Awesome Remodeling: 3220 Independence Ave
3. El Mercado Fresca #1: 5117 Independence Ave
4. El Mercado Fresca #2: 5919 Independence Ave
5. El Mercado Fresca #3: 2620 Independence Ave
6. KC Cares: 4601–4605 Independence Ave
7. San Antonio's Market: 2904 Independence Ave
8. Baccala: Gentleman's Club: 4702 Independence Ave







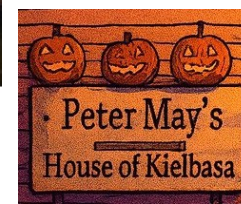
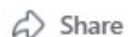


What a party! Thank you for celebrating 30 Years of **Northeast Arts KC** last night at **St. John Community Gardens**. A great time was had, with wonderful weather, and not to mention wonderful people. Entertainment was awesome. Thanks go to Mary Lou Jacoby ,Warehouse One, for sponsoring that entertainment! Thank you **State Representative Wick Thomas** for a special presentation commemorating 30 years. Other sponsors include Cosentinis 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!



 You, Clay Jarratt, Margarita B Friedman and 25 others

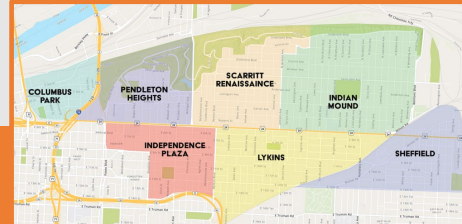
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# EXPERIENCE HISTORIC NORTH EAST 2025

## HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



### Passantino Bros. Funeral Home

Burial & Cremation Services  
Family Owned Since 1930  
[www.passantinobros.com](http://www.passantinobros.com)

## THANK YOU FOR LUNCH

**Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce**  
★ Favorites · December 16 at 4:28 PM · 🌐



**Former Mayor Kay Barnes**  
Tours of Independence Avenue & Alleys



**Independence Avenue Community Improvement District**  
★ Favorites · December 16 at 3:51 PM · 🌐

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

**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

26 Likes · 1 comment · 9 shares

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**  
★ Favorites · December 2 at 1:12 PM · 🌐

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. **Boost post**

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# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025



## HAPPENING ON

Independence AVE

Independence Avenue Community Improvement District

★ Favorites · September 22 · 🌐



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



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Kansas City Parks and Recreation and 5 others

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Independence Avenue Community Improvement District

★ Favorites · November 10 · 🌐



Fall is definitely showing out!! 🍁🍁🍁

Our... See more

Leaf & Brush			
Fall 2025 - Round 2 Curbside Set-Out Dates			
YOUR TRASH DAY	SOUTH	NORTH	CENTRAL
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 17	DECEMBER 1	DECEMBER 15
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 18	DECEMBER 2	DECEMBER 16
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 19	DECEMBER 3	DECEMBER 17



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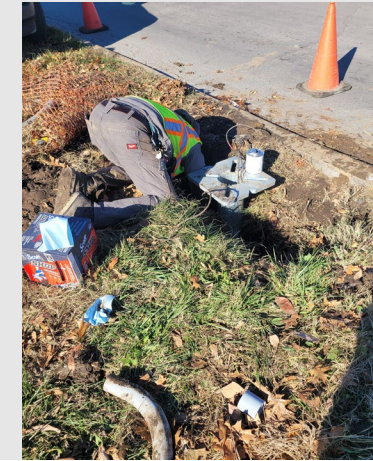
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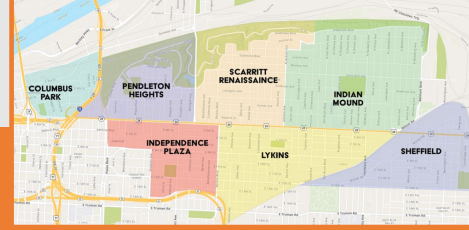


**KCMO PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Pedestrian Light Fixture Get**  
**Repairs Along The Avenue**



# EXPLORE THE AVENUE 2025

## IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



### 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 6323 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 Tapping 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.



# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

 **HAPPENING ON** Independence AVE



**SAFELY COLLECTING  
USED NEEDLES**



**PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS** ▶



**USAs RACKING  
UP FALL LEAVES**





# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

 **HAPPENING ON** Independence AVE



**CLEARING  
SNOW  
FOR  
PEDESTRIANS  
&  
STORE FRONTS**

**USAs SPREADING  
HOLIDAY CHEER!**



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**





# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

 HAPPENING ON Independence AVE

CLEANING UP MESSSES 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

# FALL REPORT

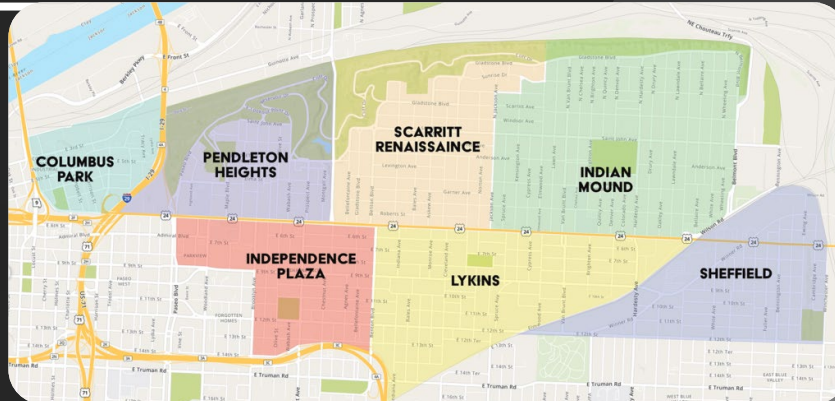


## 17 HNE ALLEYWAYS

MANAGED BY:  
NEKC CHAMBER

IMPLEMENTED BY:  
INDEPENDENCE AVE CID

PARTNERED WITH:  
CITY OF KCMO





**BEFORE**



**AFTER**





**#2 NOV 4, 2025**

**Lawndale - Topping**



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**





**BEFORE**



**AFTER**





**#4 NOV 6, 2025**

**Askew to Bales**



**BEFORE**



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**#6 NOV 6, 2025**

**Askew to Bales**



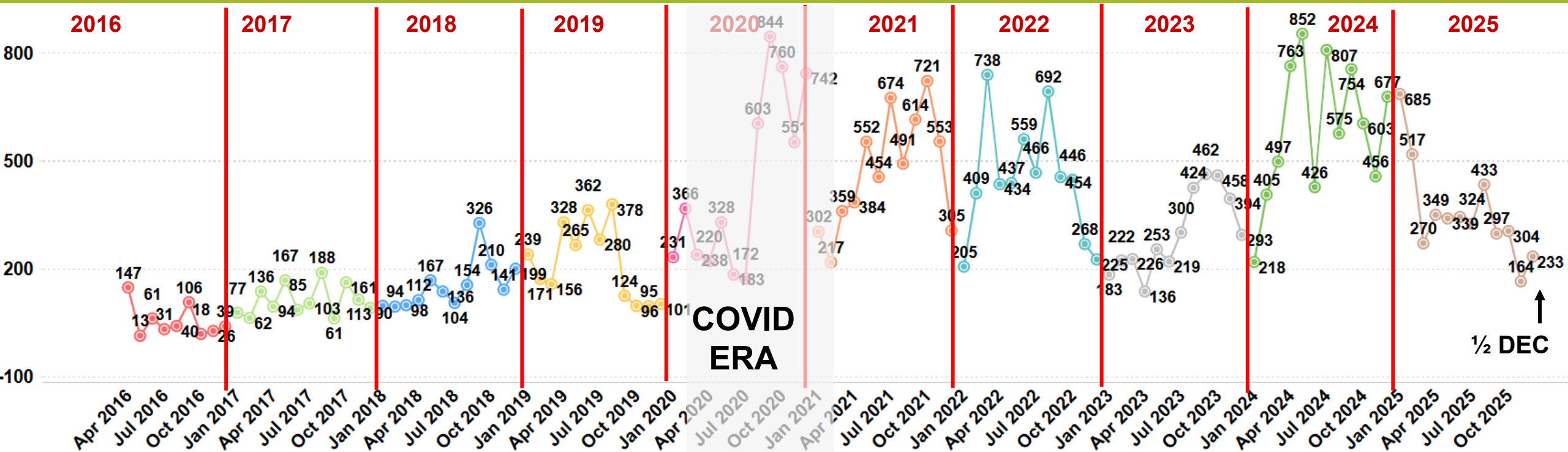
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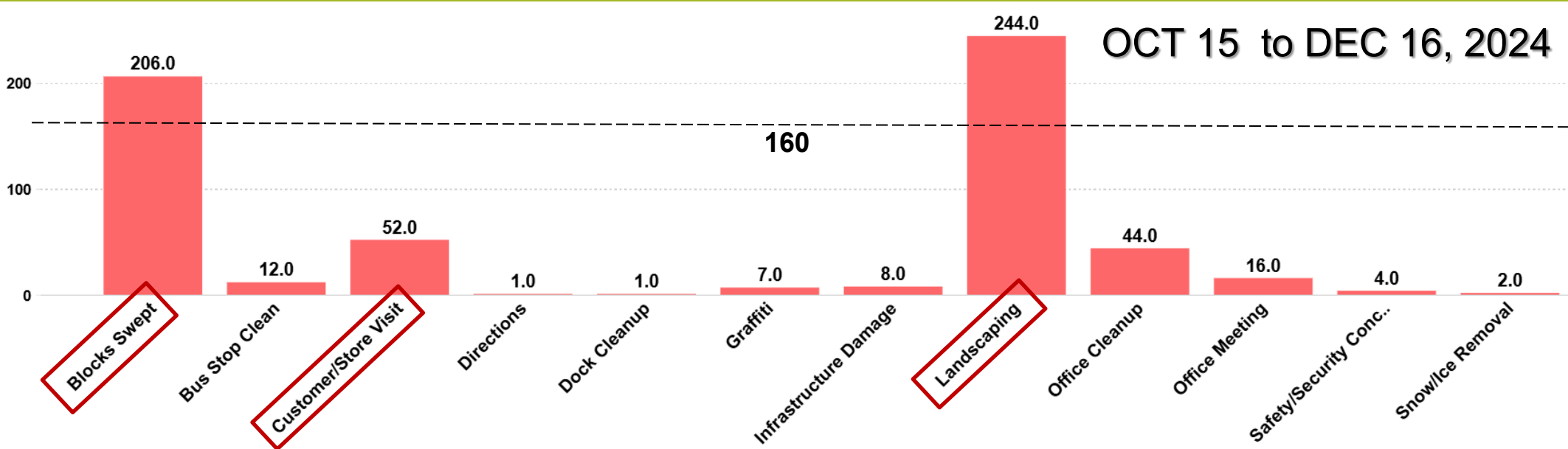
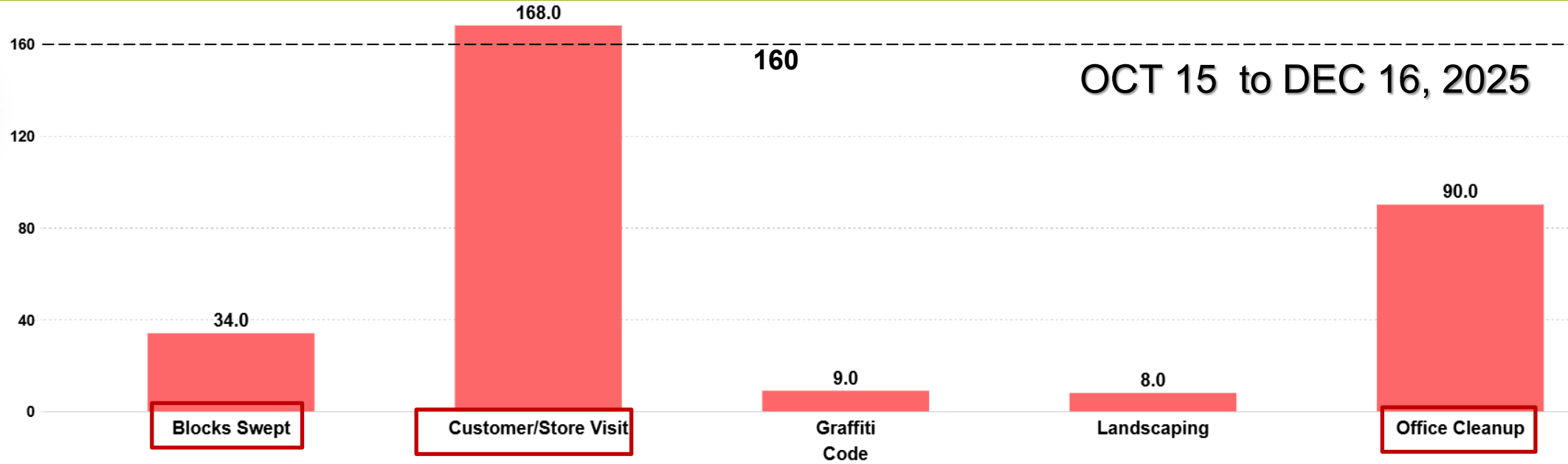
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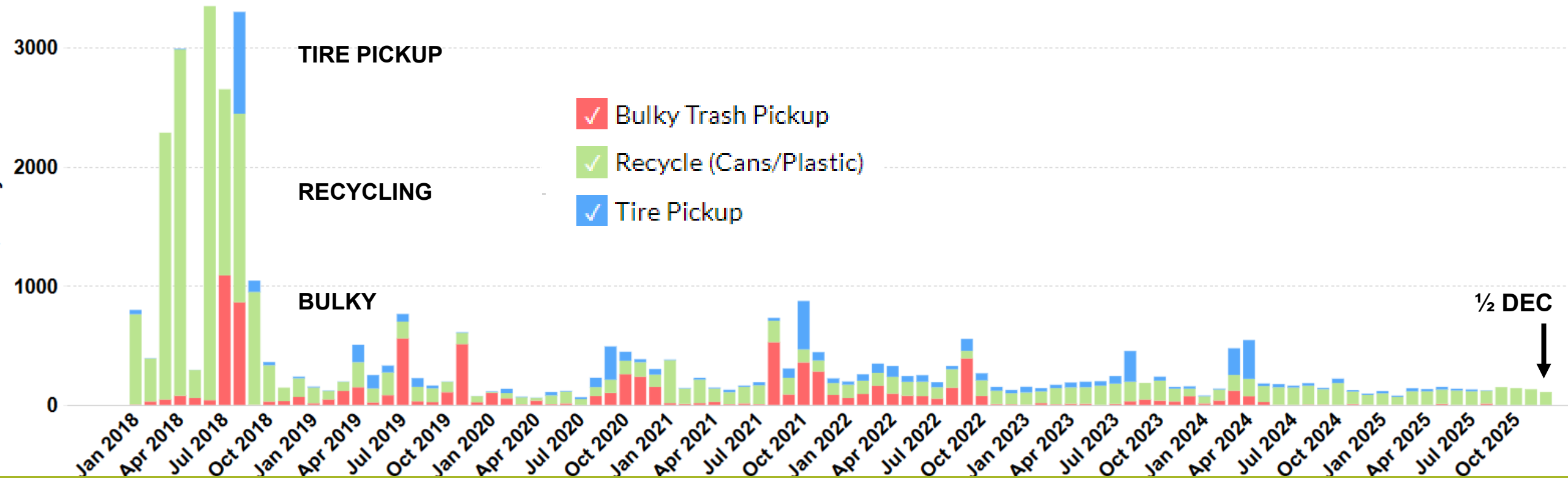




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## TIRES, RECYCLING & BULKY ITEM CLEAN UP YEAR-TO-YEAR (JUNE 2018 to TODAY)





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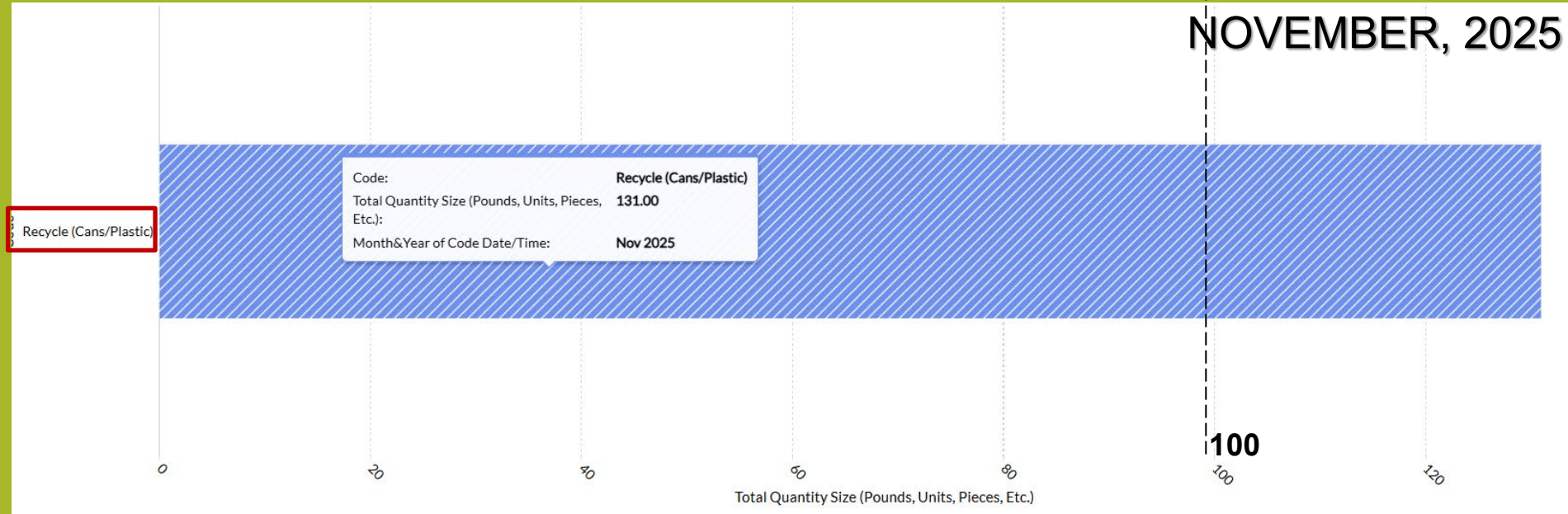


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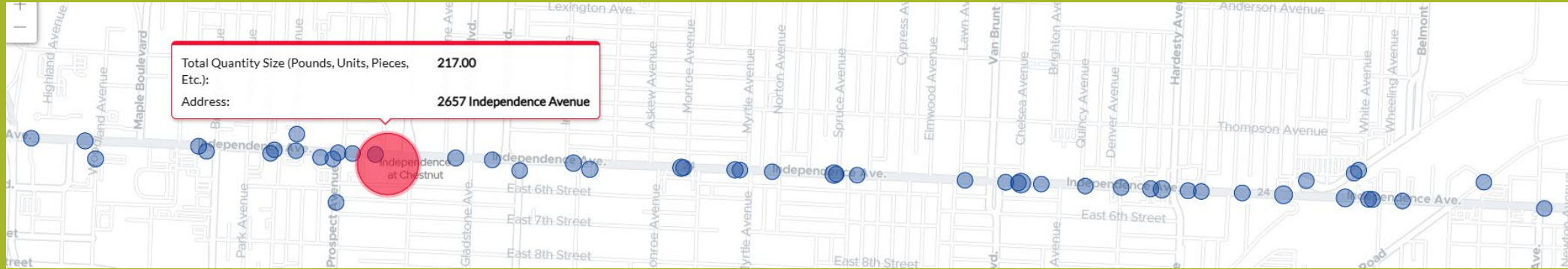


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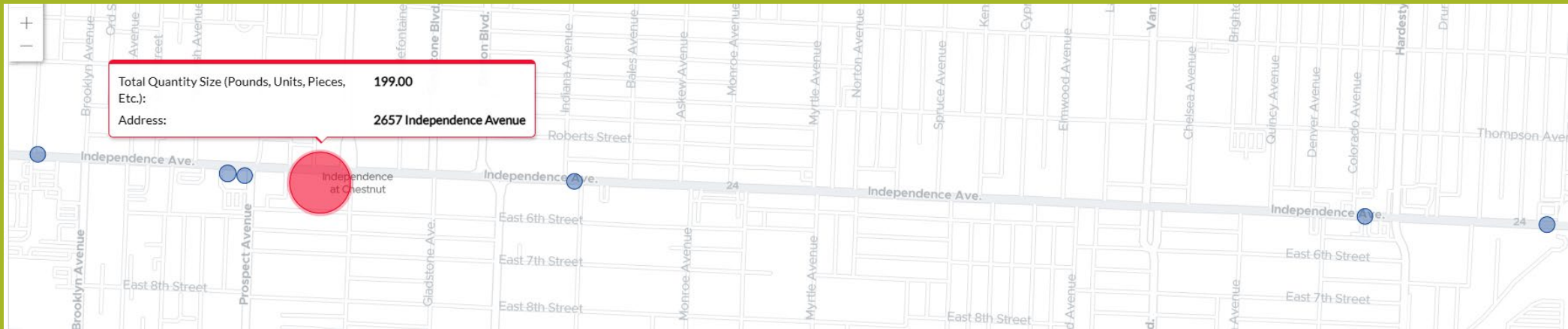
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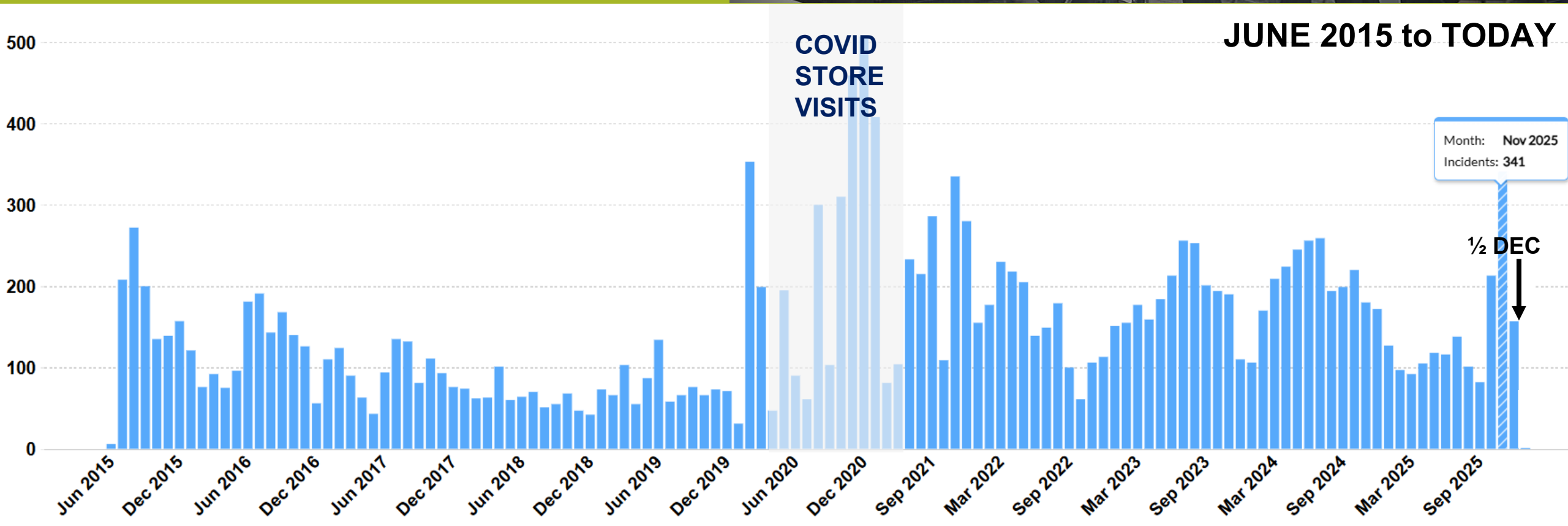




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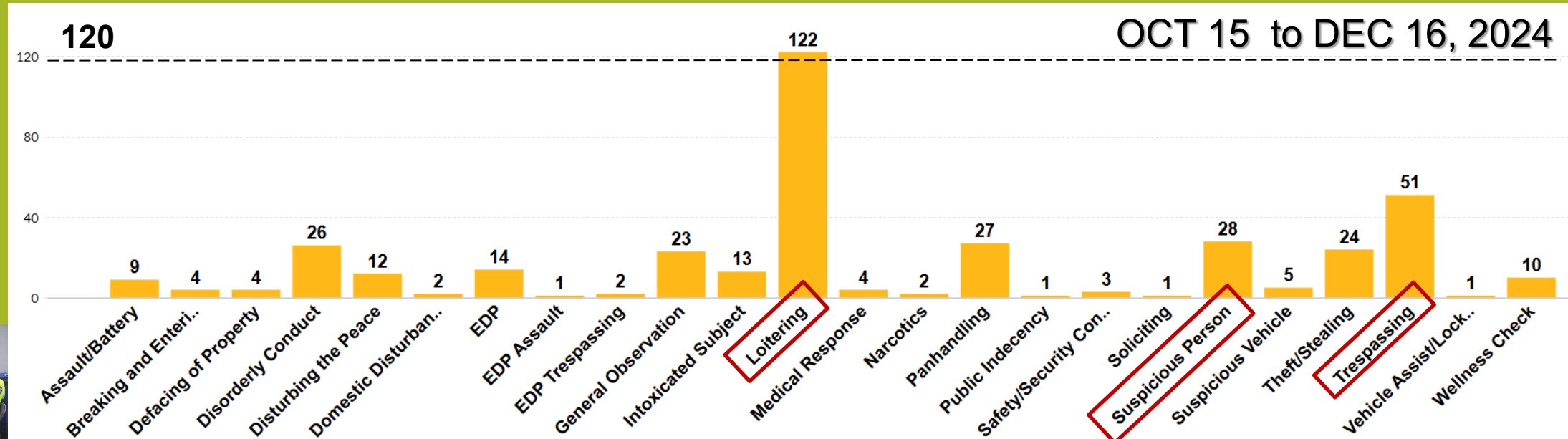
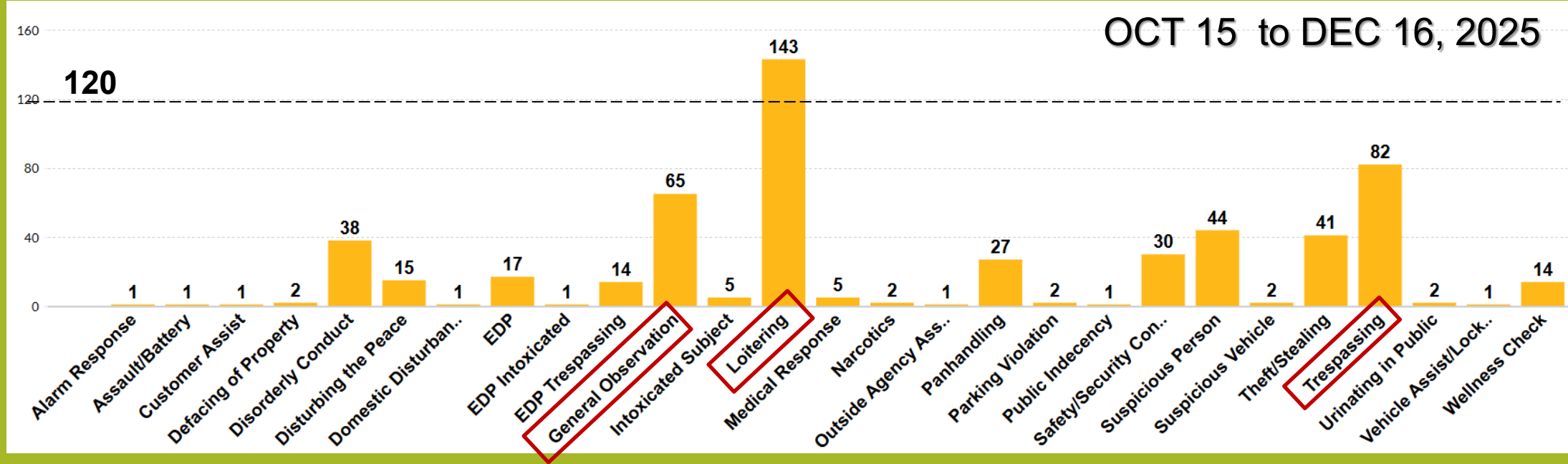




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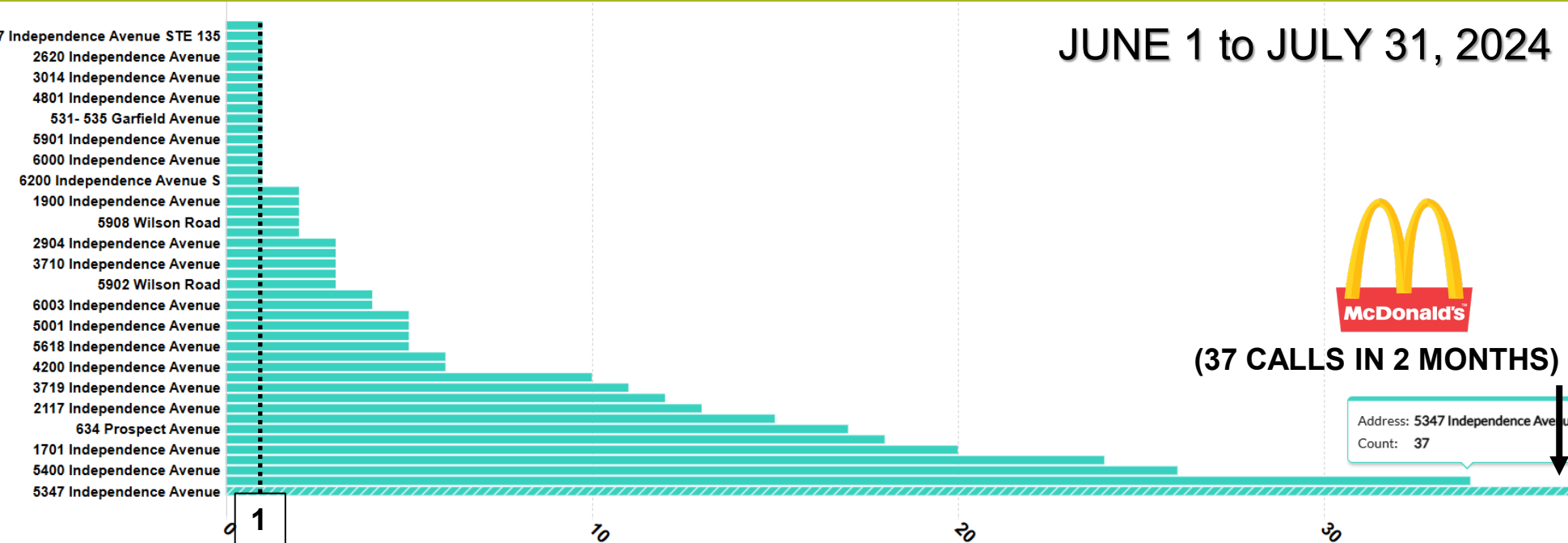
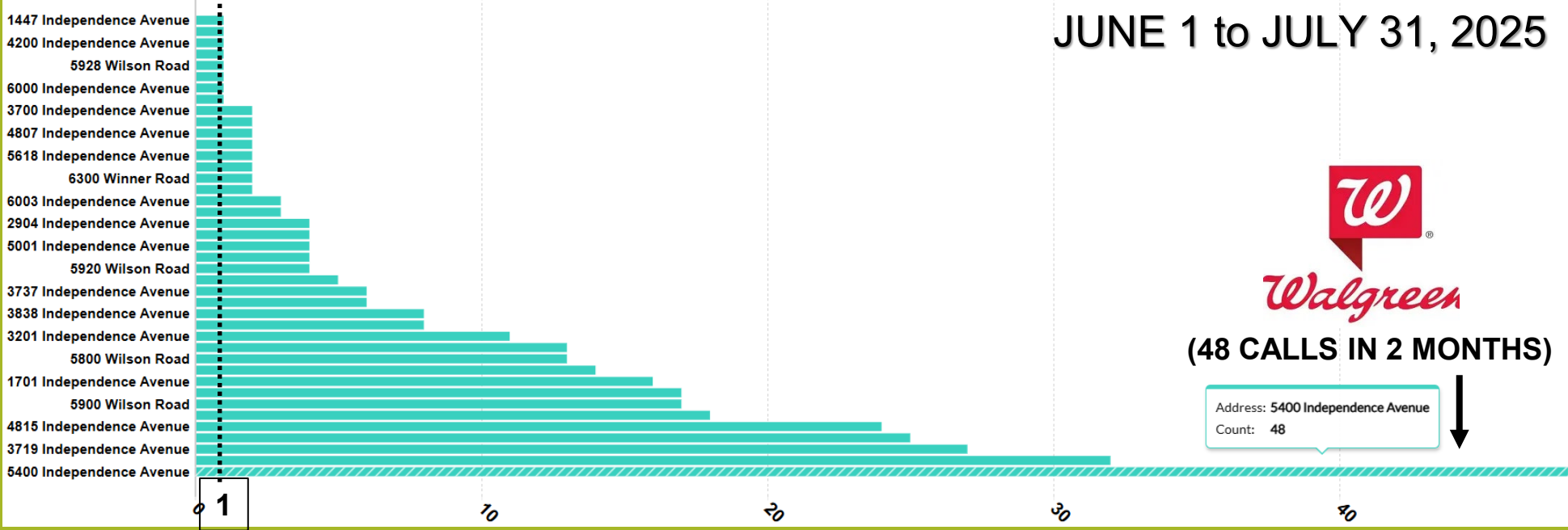




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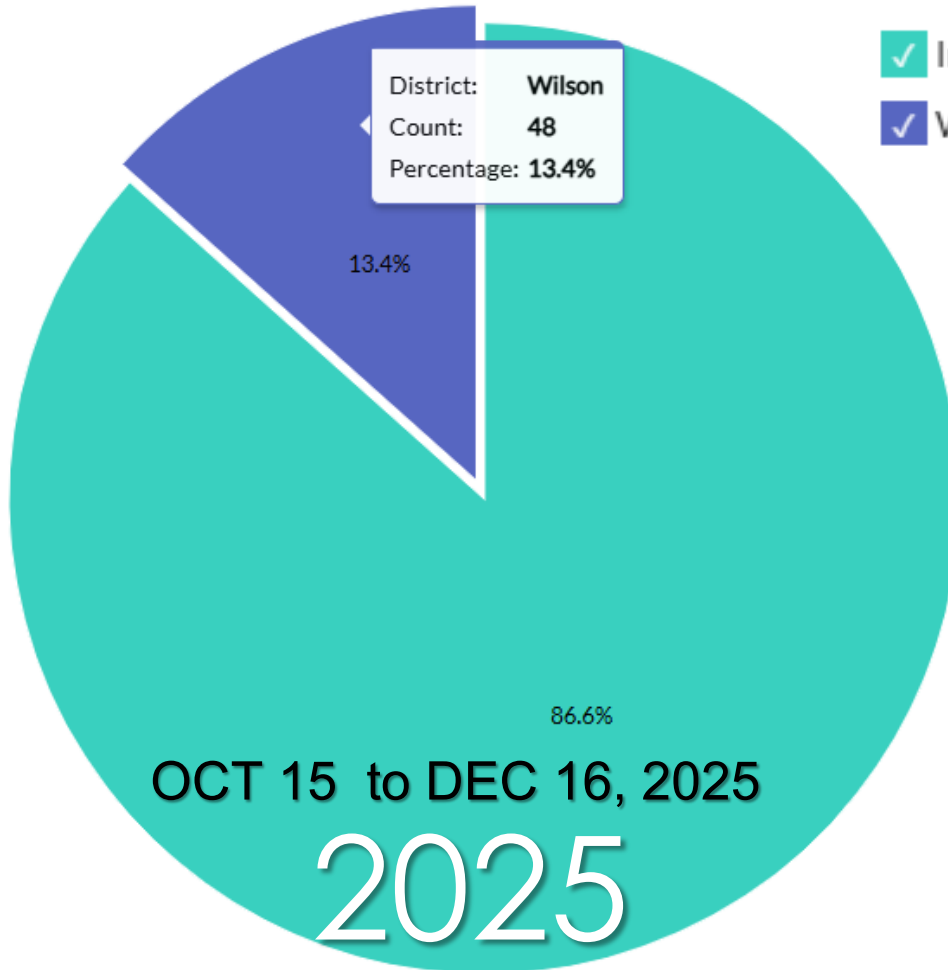




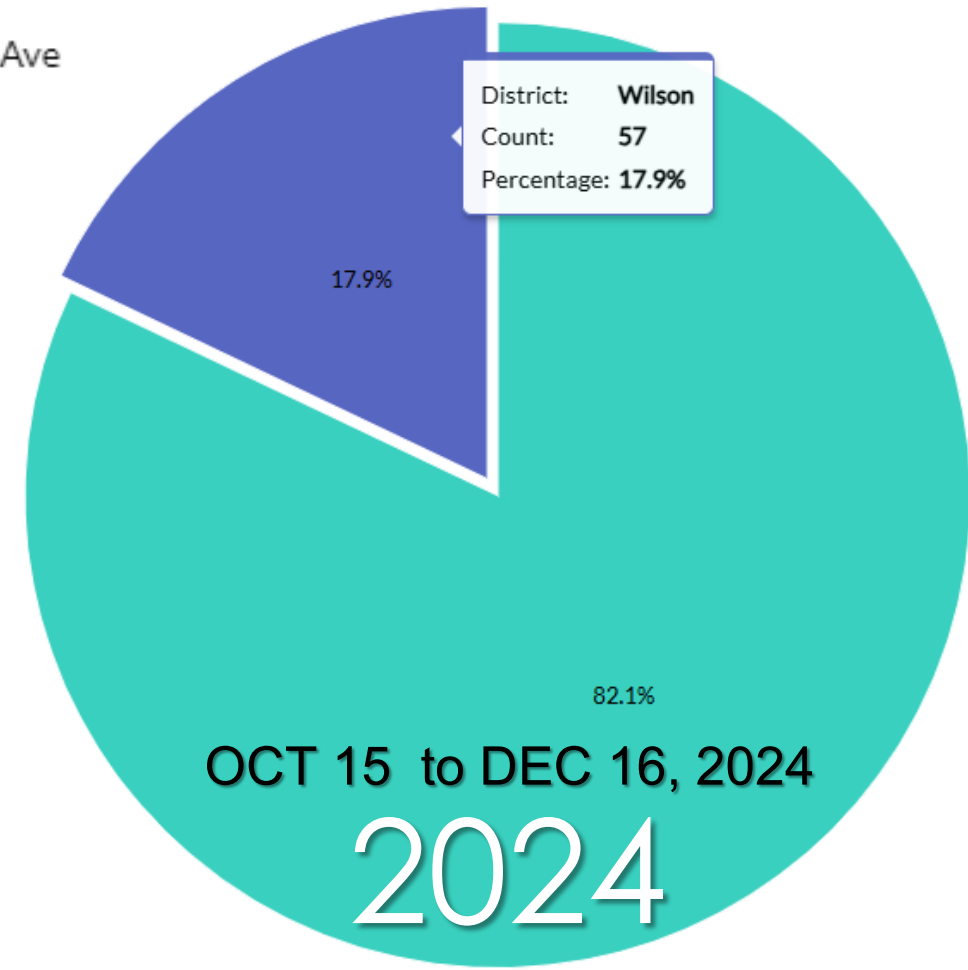
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## WILSON RD VERSES INDEPENDENCE AVE 4.5% DROP



✓ Independence Ave  
✓ Wilson





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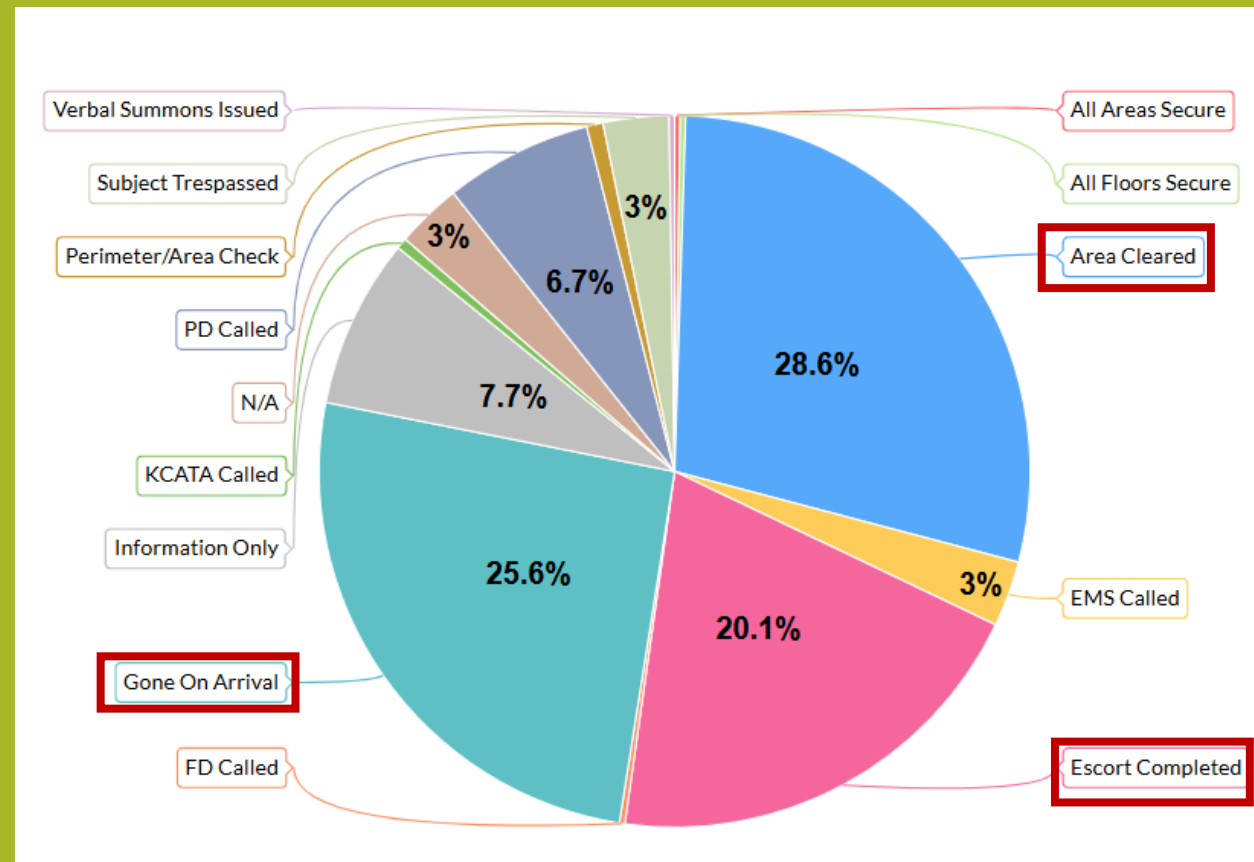
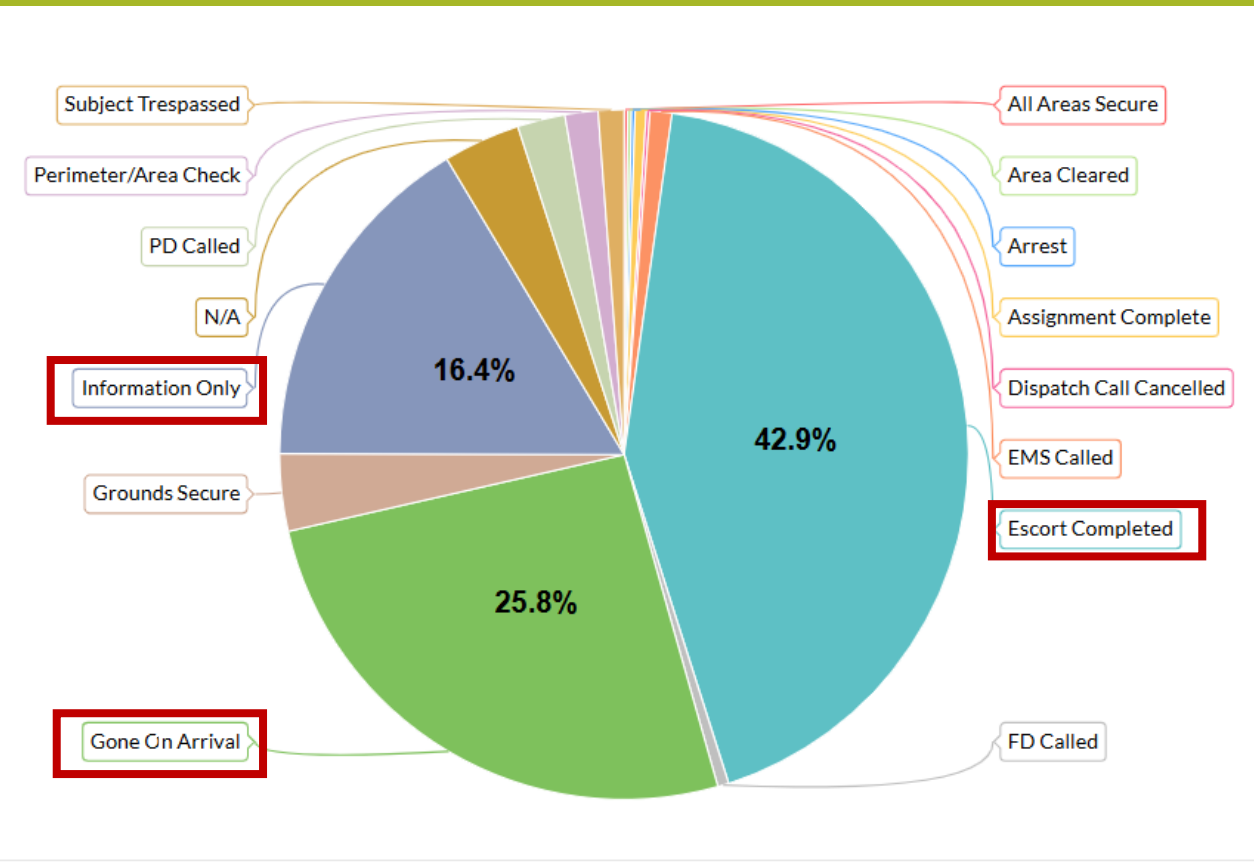


## OVERALL ACTIVITY

OCT 15 to DEC 16

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# INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

FOUR CORNERS  
COMMUNITY CALL



OCT, NOV & DEC 2025



11-28-2025 Seven-Eleven



12-12-2025 KCFD Station 23



12-5-2025 El Paso Del Norte



10-24-2025 Mercado Fresco (5901 Ind)



11-14-2025 Ted's Barbar Shop



11-7-2025 Family Dollar (3719 Ind)



10-30-2025 Spalitto's Pharmacy



# SHOPS "JUST AROUND THE CORNER"

## EXPLORE • DISCOVER • EXPERIENCE

### Tamales are Just Around The Corner on Independence Avenue

For many families across Latin America, tamales are more than a meal—they're a holiday ritual. The process of preparing masa, spreading fillings, wrapping each bundle in husks, and steaming them to perfection is an act of community, memory, and celebration. Here in Northeast Kansas City, tamales remain a beloved tradition, and the Independence Avenue corridor is one of the best places in the metro to order them fresh for the holidays.



**San Antonio Market**  
2904 Independence Ave  
(816) 214-5929

San Antonio Market keeps tamales in steady supply and is known for its quick, no-fuss ordering process. Customers can place orders in person or by phone, and the shop welcomes everything from small take-home orders to large holiday pickups with no minimum required. A longtime neighborhood staple, San Antonio Market sees its biggest rush during the Christmas season, when regulars count on it as a reliable stop for fresh, ready-to-go tamales.



**El Paso Del Norte**  
3430 Independence Ave  
(816) 920-7009

El Paso Del Norte is a beloved neighborhood stop known for its fresh, handmade tamales and its warm, family-run atmosphere. Their offerings shift with the season, so customers often call or drop in to see what's available and to reserve tamales ahead of the holidays. Flexible with both small and large orders, El Paso Del Norte has become a go-to destination for families looking to keep long-standing holiday traditions alive along the Avenue.



**Elvira's Bakery**  
3838 Independence Ave  
(816) 231-5524

Elvira's Bakery is one of the corridor's longest-running culinary anchors, known for its steady year-round tamale production and its reputation for consistency. The shop offers both cooked and uncooked tamales, making it a favorite for families who want a hot meal now or a freezer-ready batch for later. Elvira's stands out for its flexible ordering options: customers can walk in, call ahead, or place orders through DoorDash and Grubhub for added convenience. For holiday pickups, the bakery recommends calling at least a day in advance and paying ahead to ensure your order is ready when you arrive. There's no limit on quantity, which makes it a reliable choice for everything from weekday dinners to large family celebrations.

### FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL



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

Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District 4-Corner Community Call was at El Paso Del Norte located at 3430 Independence Ave. KCFD Firehouse Independence Ave & Van Brunt Blvd

Whether you're keeping a family tradition alive, introducing tamales to your holiday table for the first time, or simply craving the comfort of warm masa and savory fillings, Independence Avenue has you covered. Each of these neighborhood businesses offers something special, and all are ready to help make your celebrations a little more delicious.



This information is provided for you through the Independence Avenue CID (Community Improvement District) Northeast Kansas City Chamber Of Commerce, and the Northeast News. For more information, visit [www.nekkchamber.com](http://www.nekkchamber.com)

## CURRENT ISSUE 12-16-2025

## EXPLORE • DISCOVER • EXPERIENCE

### Shopping Small, Strengthening Home: Independence Avenue Highlights #ShopSmall Saturday

Shoppers from across Northeast Kansas City stepped into the heart of the corridor on Independence Avenue for #ShopSmall Saturday. The event celebrated the vibrant mix of businesses, culture, and community that makes the Avenue a unique place to shop. From family-owned boutiques to established local retailers, the day was a testament to the strength of the local economy.

Independence Avenue is home to a diverse mix of businesses, from family-owned boutiques to established local retailers. The day was a testament to the strength of the local economy.

**FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL**

Join us this Friday at 3PM for our 4 Corners Community Call. We'll discuss the latest news and upcoming events in the neighborhood.



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## 12-4-2025

## EXPLORE • DISCOVER • EXPERIENCE

### Last minute items for your Thanksgiving Dinner are Just Around The Corner!

Forget everything for Thanksgiving! Baked a pig? Roasted a turkey? Or even a turkey? Don't panic—everything you need for last-minute fixes, forgotten ingredients, missing tools, or an easy meal is just around the corner. Visit us for a full inventory of items and restaurants across the city before and on Thanksgiving Day to help you avoid a holiday crisis.

**Forgotten Ingredients**

Common items people realize they're missing mid-cook:

- Eggs
- Butter
- Milk
- Oil
- Flour
- Sugar
- Salt
- Pepper
- Garlic
- Onions
- Carrots
- Celery
- Potatoes
- Beans
- Pasta
- Rice
- Quinoa
- Lentils
- Nuts
- Seeds
- Grains
- Legumes
- Vegetables
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- Spices
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- Baking powder
- Baking soda
- Baking yeast
- Baking oil
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**Missing Cooking Tools**

One or more essential tools that go missing:

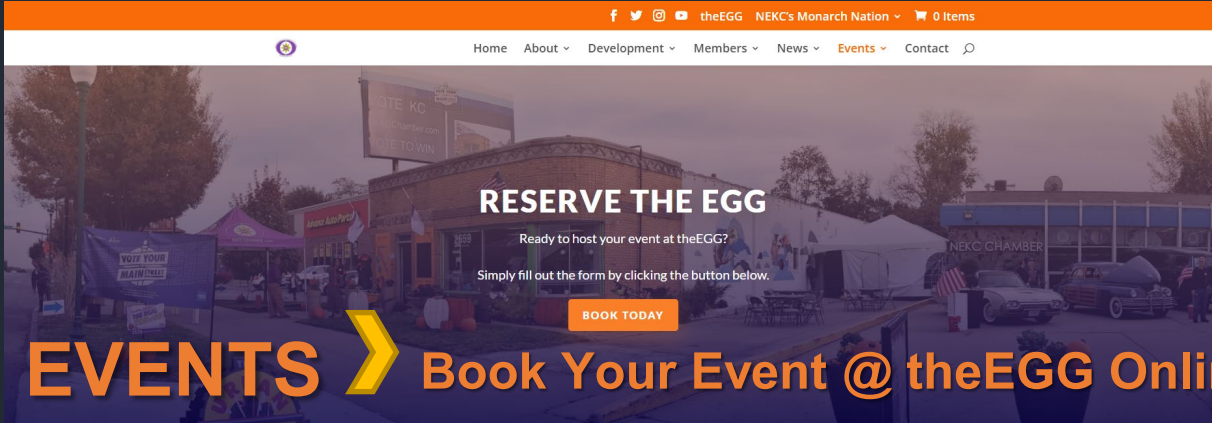
- Meat thermometer
- Basting brush
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## Fees:

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

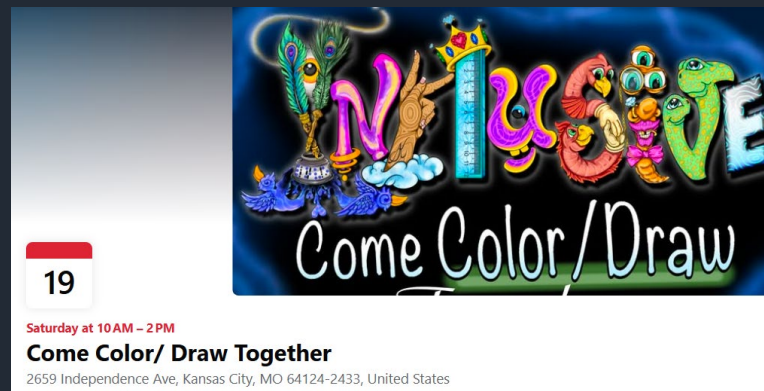
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**NOVEMBER 13, 2025,  
DECEMBER 11, 2025:  
COFFEE, CUTLURE &  
CONVERSATION**



**JUNE 28, JULY 19, AUGUST 9,  
2025:  
BRIAN MAPES Color/Draw at  
theEGG  
SATURDAY, 10:00am – 2:00pm**



**DECEMBER 11, 2025:  
PREVIEW TRUMAN PLAZA  
PLAN UPDATE**





AVAILABLE SPACE ON...

Independence AVE



2601 INDEPENDENCE



2435 INDEPENDENCE



2635 INDEPENDENCE



2815 INDEPENDENCE



3066 INDEPENDENCE



3220 INDEPENDENCE



# AVAILABLE SPACE ON... Independence AVE



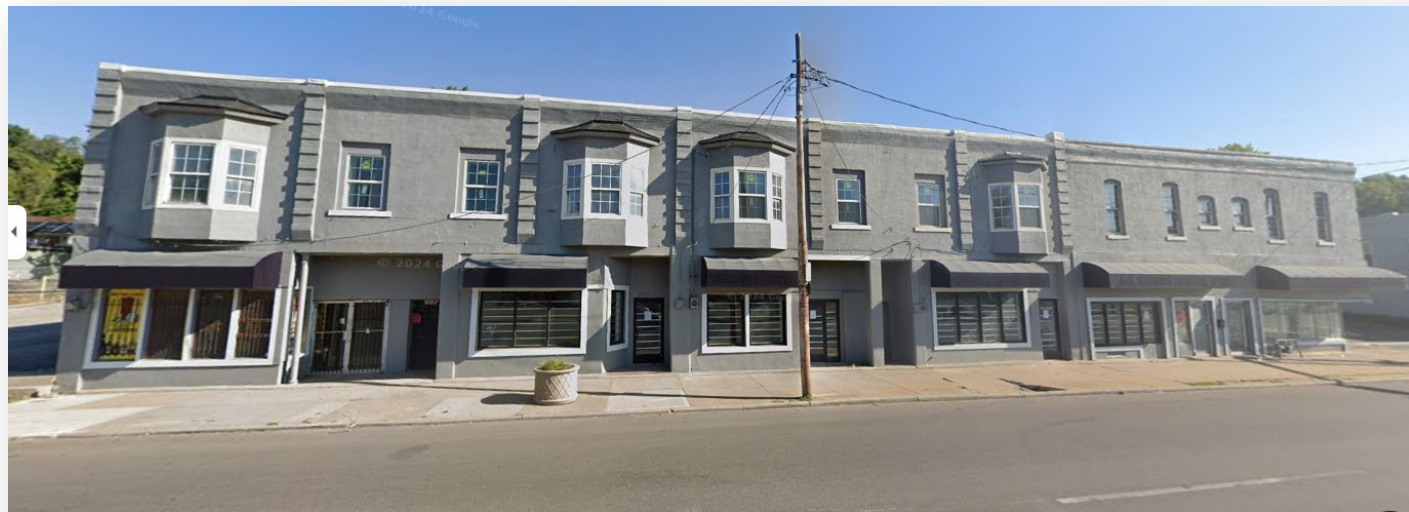
**3245 INDEPENDENCE**



**3500 INDEPENDENCE**



**2425 INDEPENDENCE**



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



**3708 & 10 INDEPENDENCE**



# 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



## NORTHEAST KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



**BOBBI BAKER-HUGHES**  
*President/CEO*  
Manager IA CID



**JERRY POTOCNIK**  
*Chairman of the Board*  
Owner, Law Office of Jerry Potocnik



**GARY L. GOEBEL**  
*Vice Chairman*  
Realtor & Certified Property Manager



**(TALLI) CITLALI RIVERA**  
*Treasurer*  
Loan Officer, Central Bank of the Midwest



**MANNY ABARCA IV**  
*Secretary*  
Jackson County, Mo Legislature



**SARAH COUSINEAU**  
Promotions, Central Bank of KC



**ANDREA WILT**  
Advisor, Premier Financial



**DR ED KENDRICK**  
Owner, DDS and Associates



**BECKY GRIPP**  
Owner, The Tamali Kitchen



**ANN RUNDQUIST**  
Children's Memorial Lutheran Church



**RICO ALMARAZ**  
Owner, Awesome Remodel & Construction



**AMANDA HOCKMAN**  
Manager, Express Stop



**CHRIS ROSS**  
Manager, Custom Truck & Equipment



**JIM LAWLESS**  
Realtor, Northeast Realty



## INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



**BOBBI BAKER-HUGHES**  
*CID District Manager*  
NEKC Chamber of Commerce



**CHARLIE PASSANTINO**  
*Chairperson*  
Passantino Bros Funeral Home



**ANTHONY SPALITTO**  
*Secretary*  
Spalitto Pharmacy, LLC



**STEVE GILES**  
*Treasurer*  
President, Central Bank of KC



**MATHEW HAASE**  
*At Large*  
KCU Director of Strategic Relations



**RICK CARROLL**  
*At Large*  
Cosentino's Price Chopper



**JOE MIKA**  
*Sargent of Arms*  
Mika Enterprises, Inc.



## HISTORIC NORTHEAST MEDIA



**BOBBI BAKER-HUGHES**  
*President/CEO*  
NEKC Chamber of Commerce



**ELLEN SCHWALLER-GOEBEL**  
*Treasurer*  
Accountant



**MANNY ABARCA IV**  
*Secretary*  
Jackson County, Mo Legislature



## HISTORIC NORTHEAST EVENTS



**BOBBI BAKER-HUGHES**  
*President/CEO*  
NEKC Chamber of Commerce



**REBECCA KOOP**  
*Vice President*  
Business & Community Events Director



**JONH HENDERSON**  
*Treasurer*  
Missouri Lake Living Vacations, LLC



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## COFFEE CULTURE & CONVERSATION

**THURSDAY, JAN 8, 2026**

Celebrate "The King"

## TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026**

Get Business Growth Advice

## SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

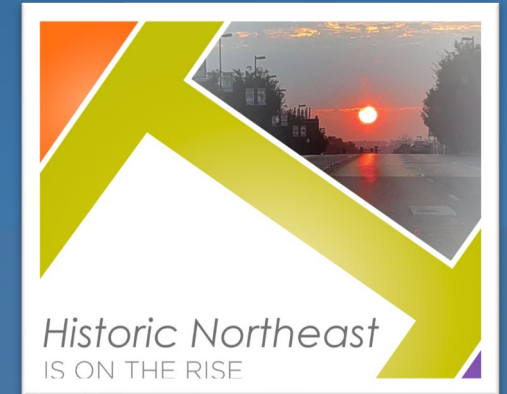
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025**

The latest on crime prevention

**HNE-REX: SAFETY & SECURITY INFO**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026**

TBD



## BEADS, BEANS & BOOZE

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

J Reiger's East Bottoms

