

Meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") of
The Independence Avenue Community Improvement District
("District")

Date: January 15, 2025 Time: 3:00 pm

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 20, 2025

III. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Profit & Loss May - December

Balance Sheet as of December 31

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a Review the Budget Draft; vote to submit budget to city
- b Discuss Letter for Proposed Retail Alcohol Impact Area Plan
- c Discuss Bank Account and Electronic Payment Controls

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a Approve Document Retention Policy

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Closed Session- Legal Issue(s) may be discussed in closed session. Pursuant to the following subsections of Section 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, there may be a closed session to discuss:

- a. Legal matters, litigation, or privileged communications with attorneys, pursuant to subsection 1; b. Real estate, pursuant to subsection 2;
- c. Personnel, pursuant to subsection 3 and 13; and/or

COMMUNITY COMPASSION...



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE STRONG



YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

10/15/2025

→ INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

11/20/2025 ←

THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST 'INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE'



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

JANUARY 15, 2026

156 GUESTS (NOV 1 – DEC 31, 2025)

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- 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



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
- The Tamale Kitchen
- Passantino Bros. Funeral Home
- Back Door Pottery
- Titan Protection & Consulting
- Computer KC, LLC
- Strategic Workforce Develop

- 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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Kansas City, Missouri
(816) 241-9552
https://abbott-properties.com/
5020 St John Ave, Kansas City, Missouri 64124

Real Estate

POPULAR ADCO Litho Plate, Inc.

Kansas City, Missouri
(816) 241-2754
https://adcolitho.net
6043 E Truman Rd, Kansas City, MO 64126, USA

Services

POPULAR Advance Auto Parts

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

Automotive -1

POPULAR Aegis Home Services LLC

Shawnee
913.363.3323
https://www.aegishomeservices.com/
22052 West 66th Street ste 104, Shawnee, KS 66226, USA

Contractor -1

POPULAR Afghan Market

Kansas City, Missouri
(816) 216-1701
4422 St John Ave, Kansas City, MO 64123, USA
816.216.1701
ghanmarketkc@gmail.com

Grocery -1

HNE SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING NOV 20, 2024



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



ad ARNOLD DEVELOPMENT

Historic Northeast Lofts Groundbreaking Program

DEVELOPER
JONATHAN ARNOLD



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.**



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
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Pop up Artists:

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816-529-6335
webecome more@gmail.com



Phyllis Hernandez
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scadeart.kc | scadeartlinkc
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, 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 Rekdal
816-448-1531 | she.rekdal@gmail.com
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Multiple genres & techniques



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www.knightstoneproductions.weebly.com
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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
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
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
bobburbch@gmail.com
www.wildiers.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
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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.

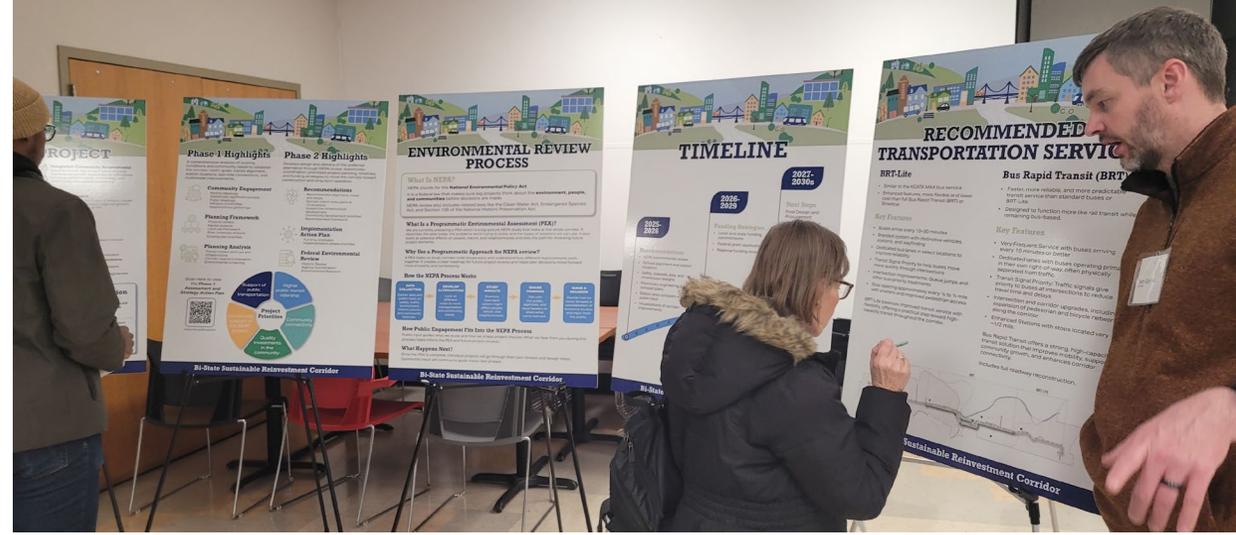
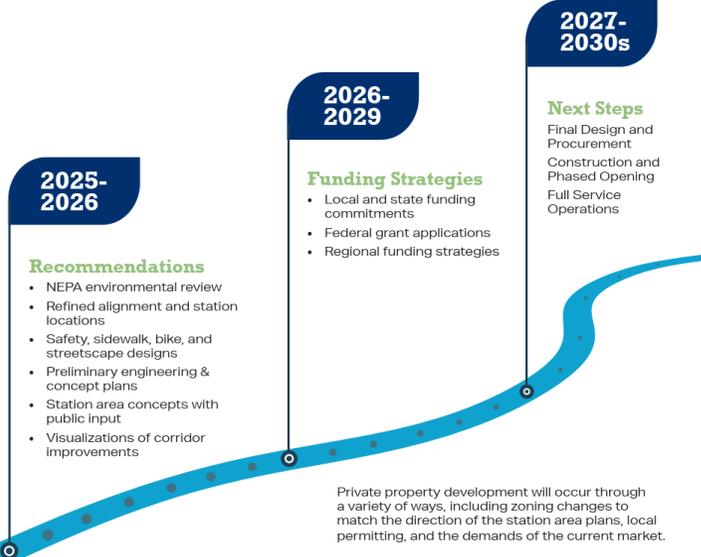


Mural by: Michael Schlerke

LOCATIONS

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

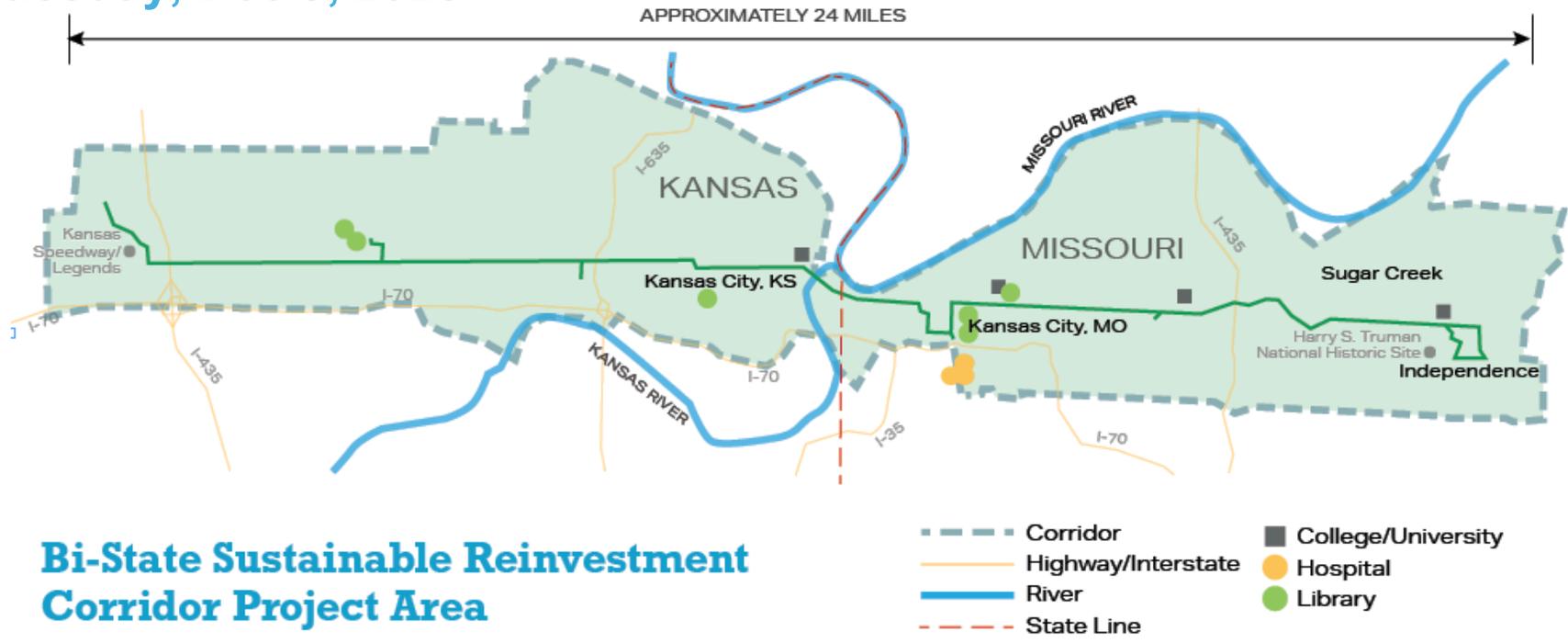




BI-STATE SUSTAINABLE REINVESTMENT CORRIDOR PROJECT MEETING

Public Viewing of Progress

Tuesday, Dec 9, 2025



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

Language: English - English

2025 RESIDENTS SURVEY

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

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.

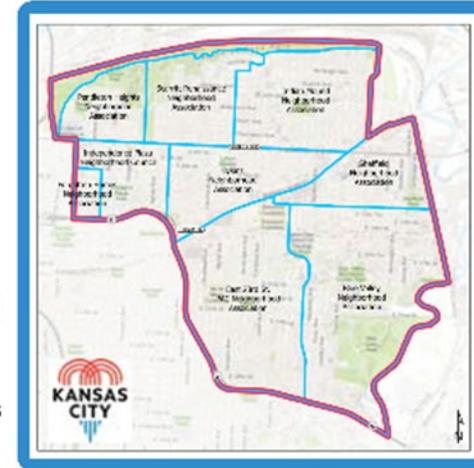
Thursday, December 11, 2025

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



Truman Plaza Area Plan OPEN HOUSE Final Plan

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.

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

GYSIES GENERALLY CLAIMED TO BE EGYPTIANS—HENCE THE NAME

“GYPSY.”

19th District
Mo State Rep
WICK THOMAS

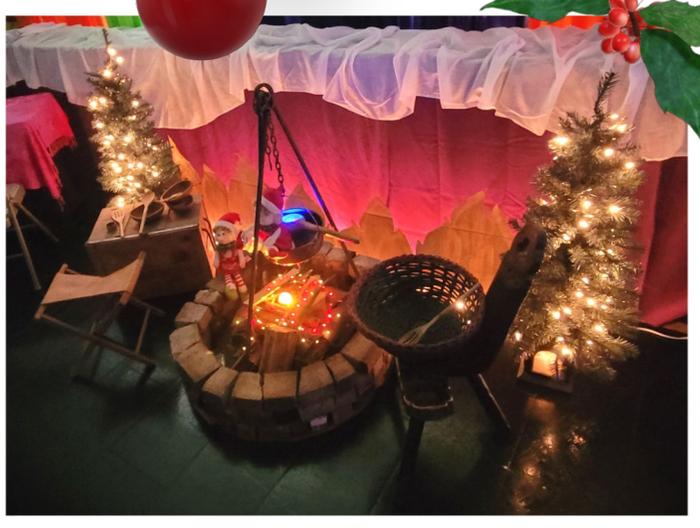


CELEBRATORY TOAST 2025

DEC 12, 2025, TOAST



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**



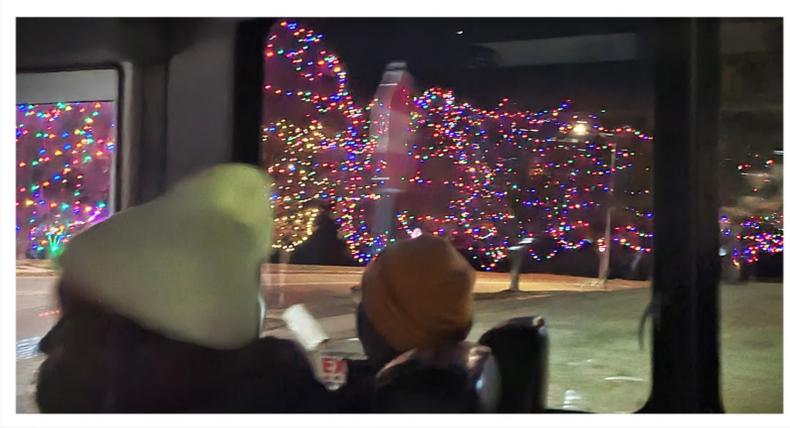
**KCMO MAYOR PRO TEM
Ryana Parks-Shaw**



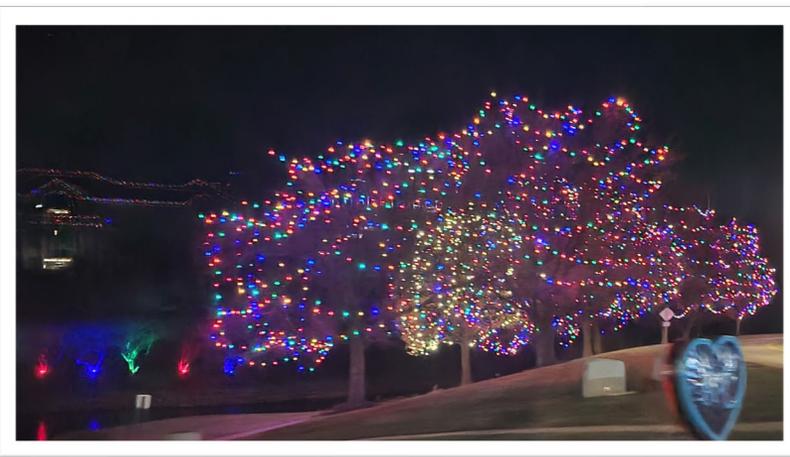


LA CID & Chamber
Holiday Dinner
December 15, 2025

The Peanut



FAMOUS WINGS



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The Peanut Downtown
418 W. 9th Street Kansas City, Missouri
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

BEST WINGS IN KC!



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

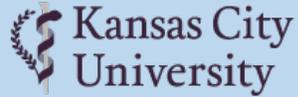
~ Wick Thomas, MO State House District 19

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.



COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



1935 ☉



Born Elvis Aaron Presley in Tupelo, Mississippi on January 8th.

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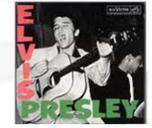
1953 ☉

Records "My Happiness" and "That's When Your Heartaches Begin," at the Sun Record Company in Memphis, Tennessee, for a fee of \$3.98. Elvis gives his first recording to his mother as a birthday gift.



1954 ☉

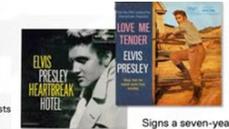
Sam Phillips, owner of Sun Records, teams Elvis I up with two local musicians. They record 5 songs and make regular live appearances throughout the south.



☉ 1955



Signs "Colonel" Tom Parker as a manager in a partnership that lasts until Elvis' death. RCA buys out Elvis' contract from Sun Records, which includes all previously recorded and released materials for a then record price of \$40,000.



Signs a seven-year movie contract with Paramount Pictures in April. Appears on numerous television shows, including The Milton Berle Show, and The Ed Sullivan Show. Stars in his first film, "Love Me Tender"; released in November.

☉ 1956

"Heartbreak Hotel" is released in January, becoming his first gold record. "Elvis Presley" is released in March, becoming his first gold album.

TOPIC: Celebrate the King of Rock-n-Roll's Birthday
FEATURED GUEST: Elvis Presley

1958 to 1960 ☉

Served in the United States Army 1958 - 1960.



1957 ☉ Buys GRACELAND mansion. Appears on The Ed Sullivan Show again, this time filmed from the waist up to avoid offending viewers with his pelvic gyrations. Drafted into the U.S. Army, but defers entry until March 24th, 1958 to finish production on the film "King Creole." Purchases the Graceland mansion in Memphis, Tennessee.

1959 ☉

Meets 14-year old Priscilla Beaulieu in Germany while serving in the U.S. Army. Four years later, Priscilla moves into Graceland and finishes her senior year of high school in Memphis.



☉ 1967

Weds Priscilla in a small ceremony at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas on May 1st and again at Graceland on May 29th, for family and friends.



☉ 1968

Lisa Marie is born on February 1st. "Elvis" concert special airs on television on December 3rd. The special is deemed a "comeback" for Elvis, as it helps revitalize his declining career.

☉ 1977

Dies from heart failure, at Graceland, on August 16th at the age of 42.



REFRESHMENTS BY



Cookies made by Rebecca Koop



Guests Won Peanut Butter & Bananas

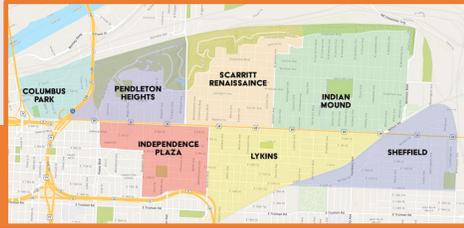
THURSDAY, JAN 8, 2026

ATTENDEES: 6 + 4 STAFF



EXPERIENCE HISTORIC NORTH EAST 2025

HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Passantino Bros. Funeral Home
 Burial & Cremation Services
 Family Owned Since 1930
 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 3:51PM · 🌐

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 1 comment 9 shares

Like Comment Share

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**

8 3 shares

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 3 shares

Independence Avenue Community Improvement District
 ★ Favorites · November 10 · 🌐

Fall is definitely showing out!! 🍁🍁🍁
 Our... See more

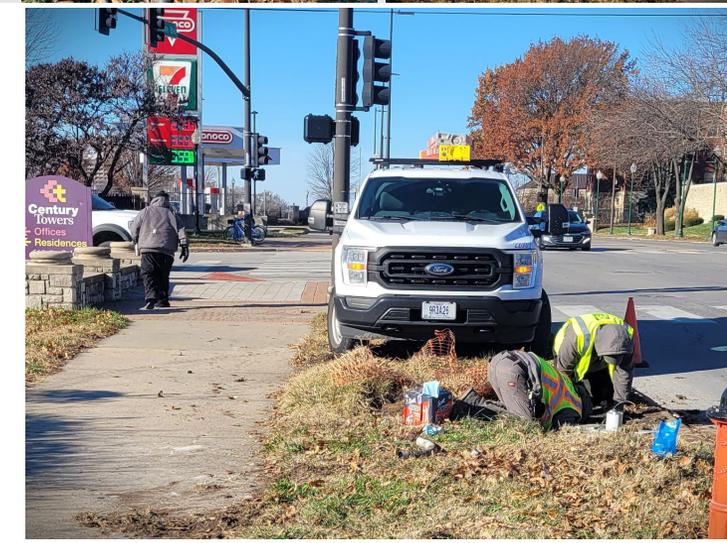
Leaf & Brush

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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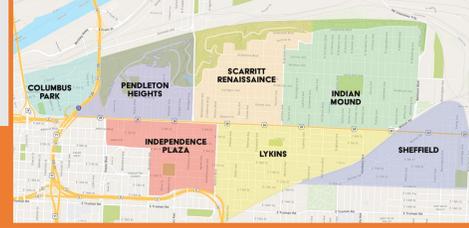
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KCMO PUBLIC WORKS
 Pedestrian Light Fixture Get Repairs Along The Avenue

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 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.

AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025



HAPPENING ON

Independence AVE



SAFELY COLLECTING USED NEEDLES



USAs RACKING UP FALL LEAVES



PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS



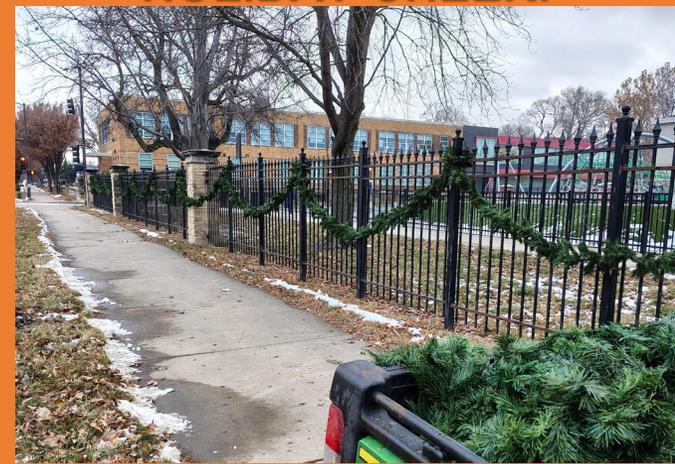
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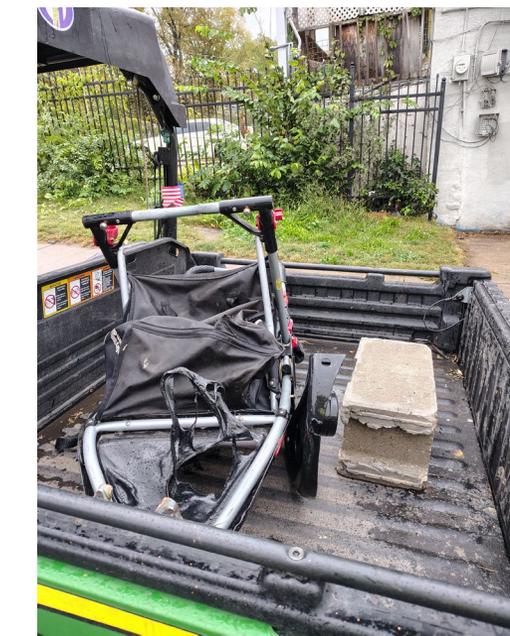
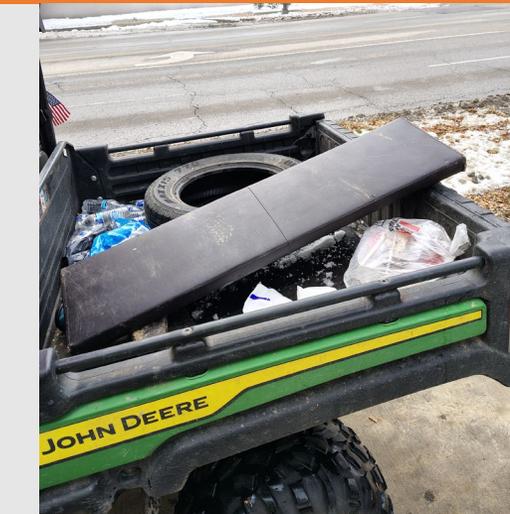
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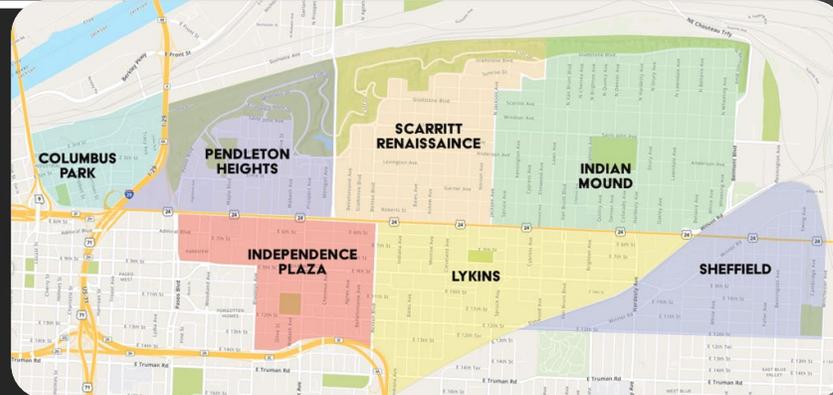
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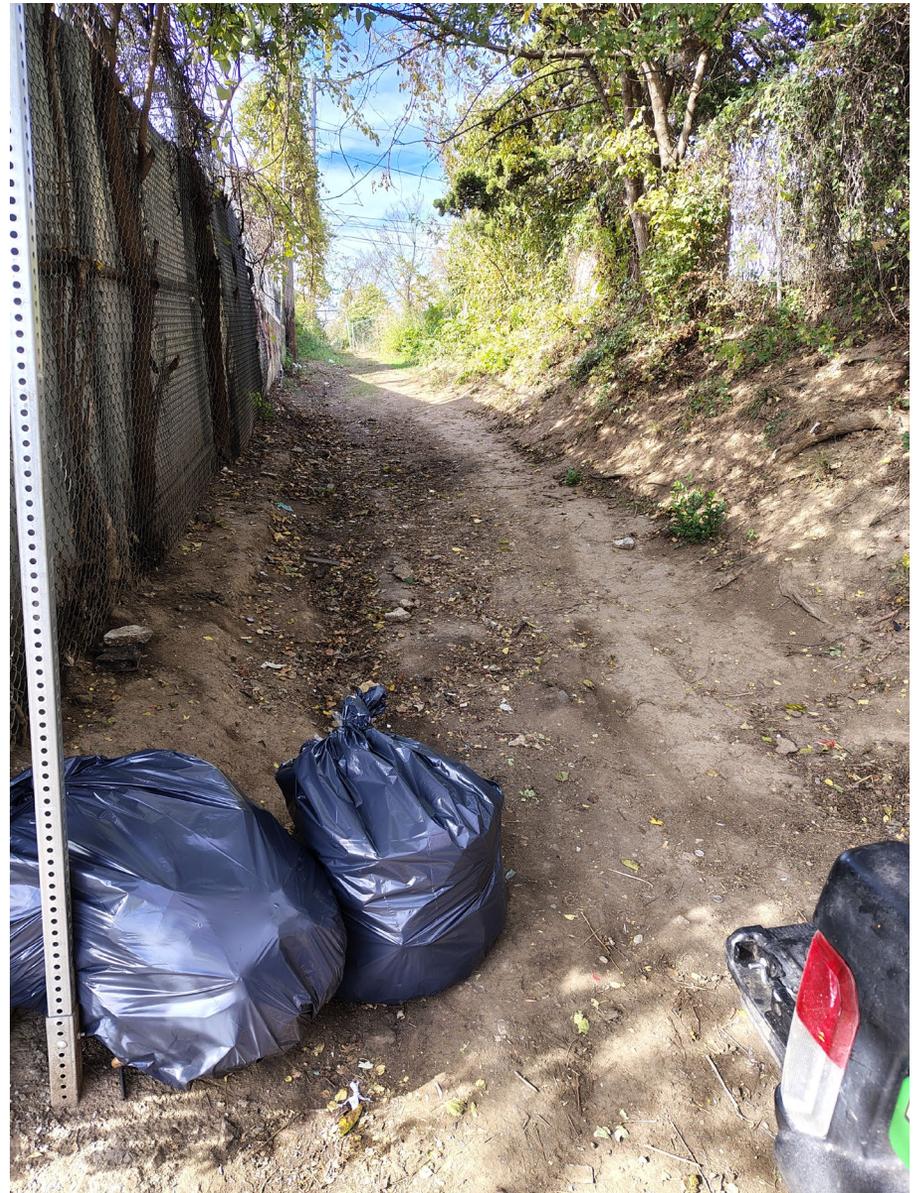




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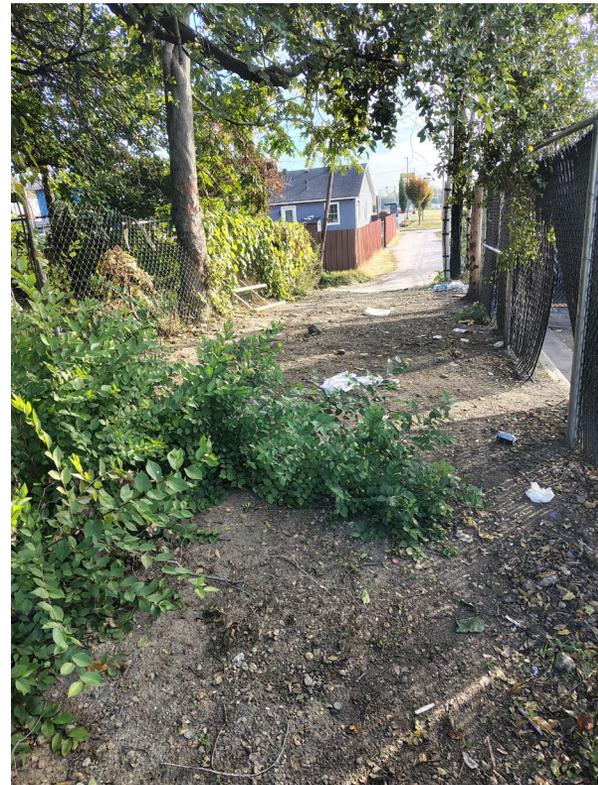


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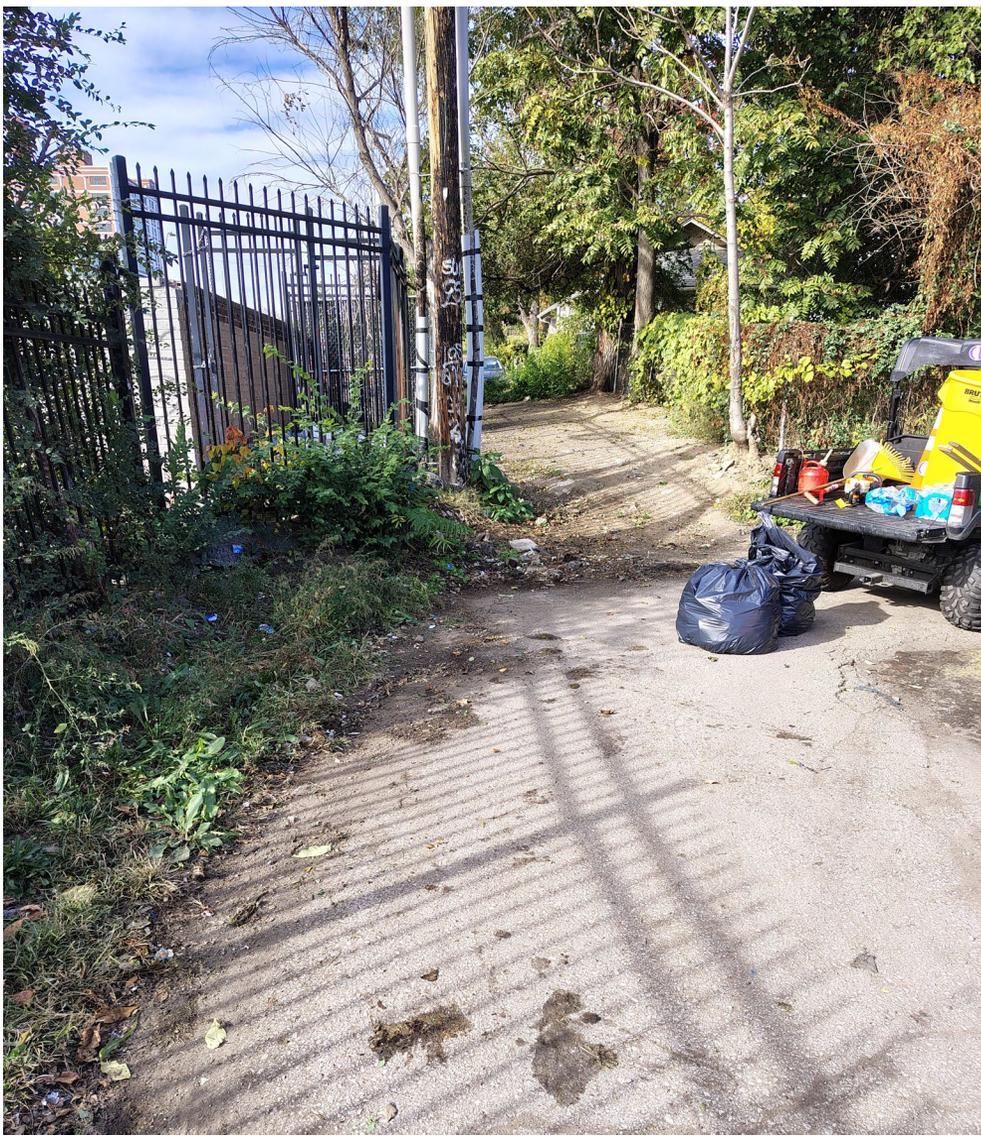




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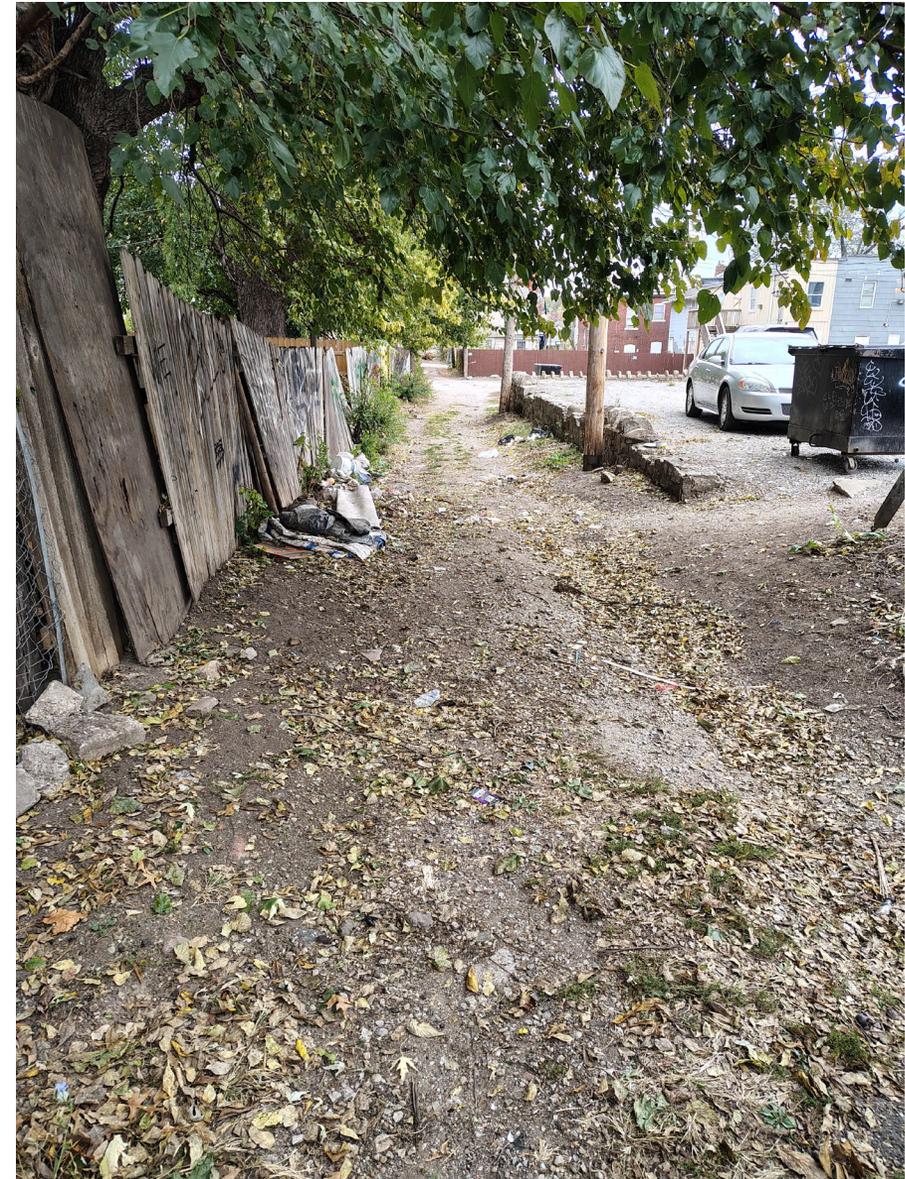




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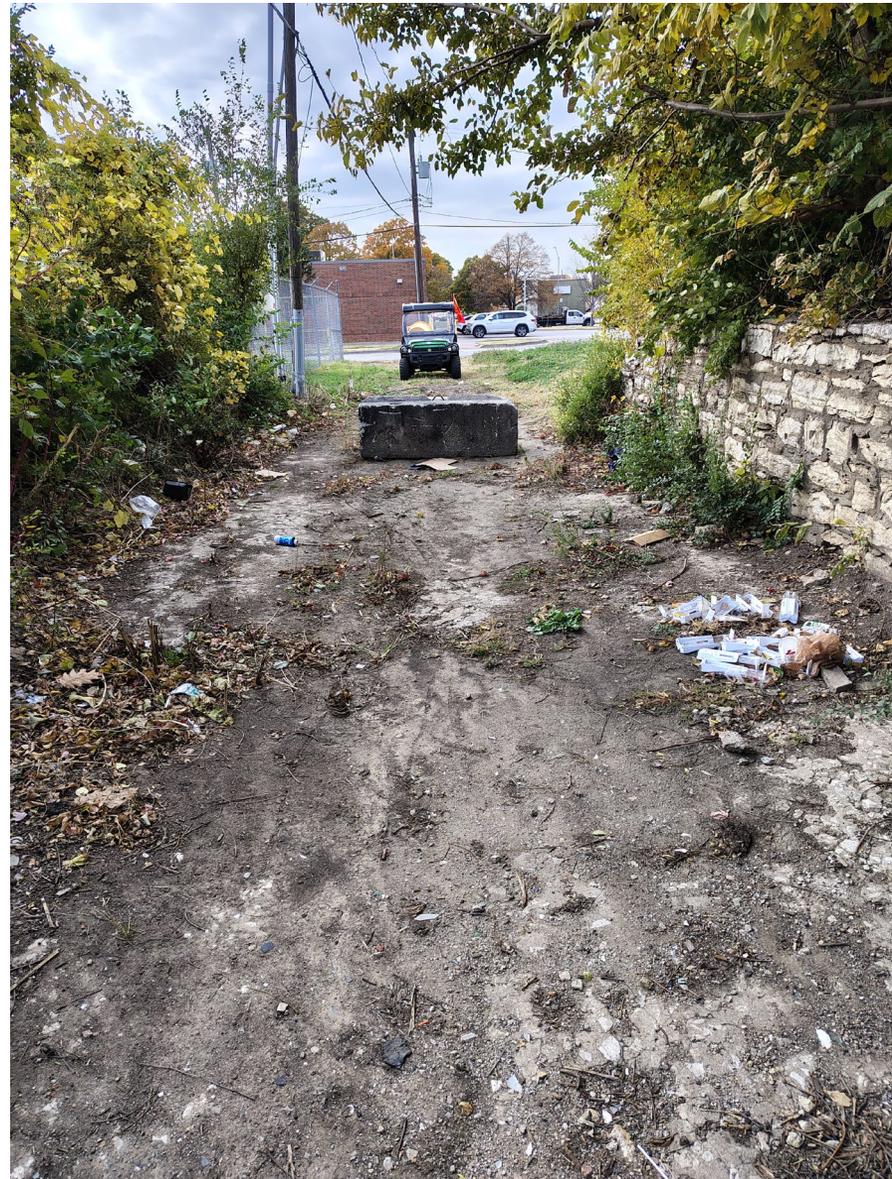


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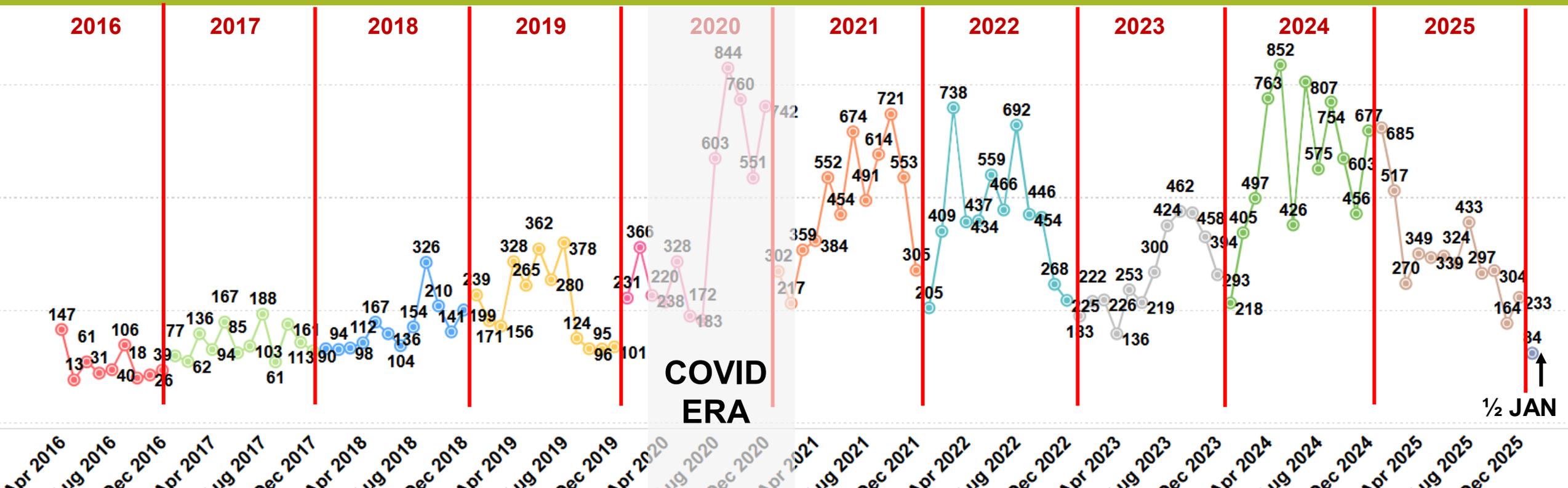
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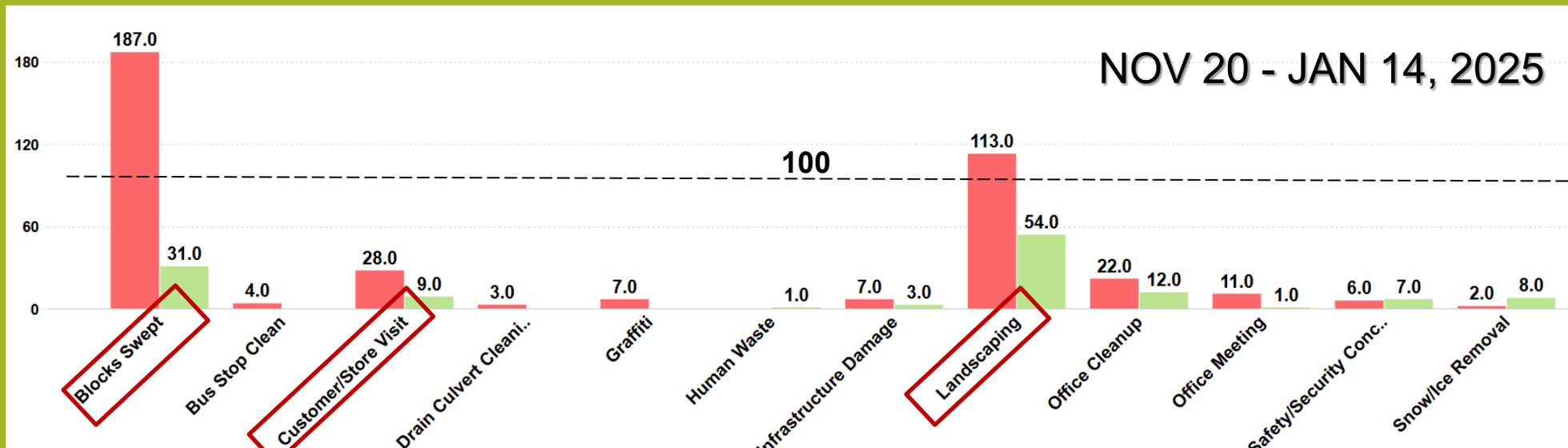
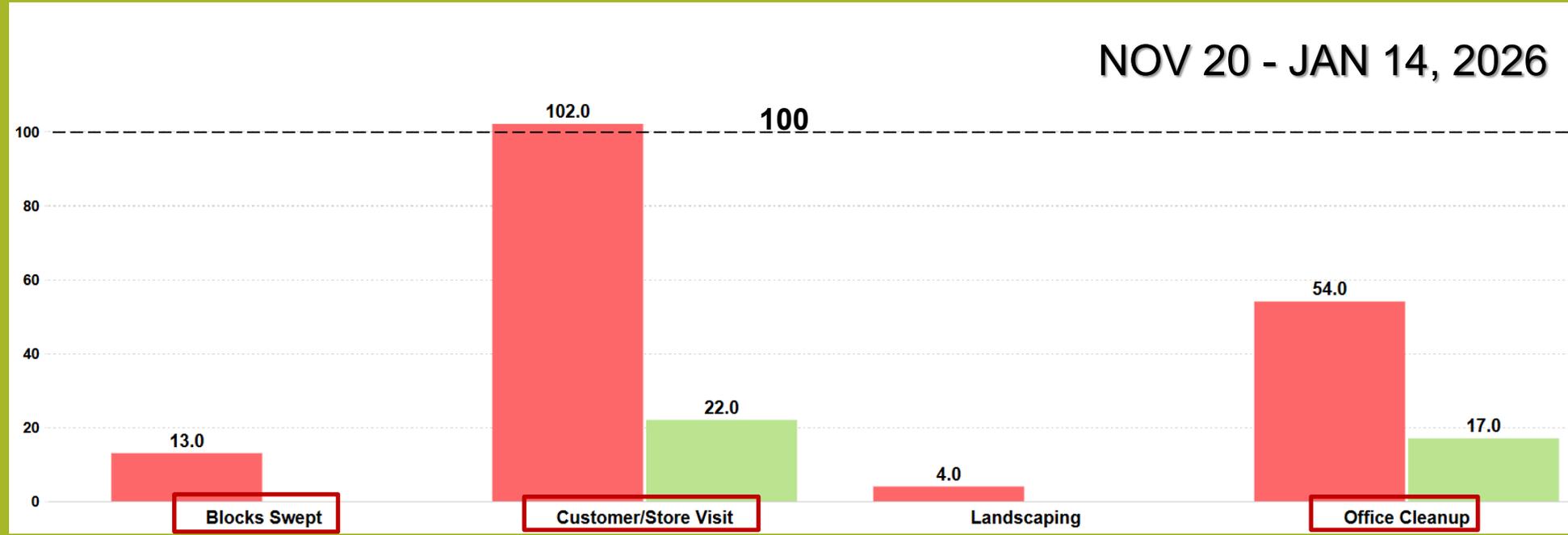
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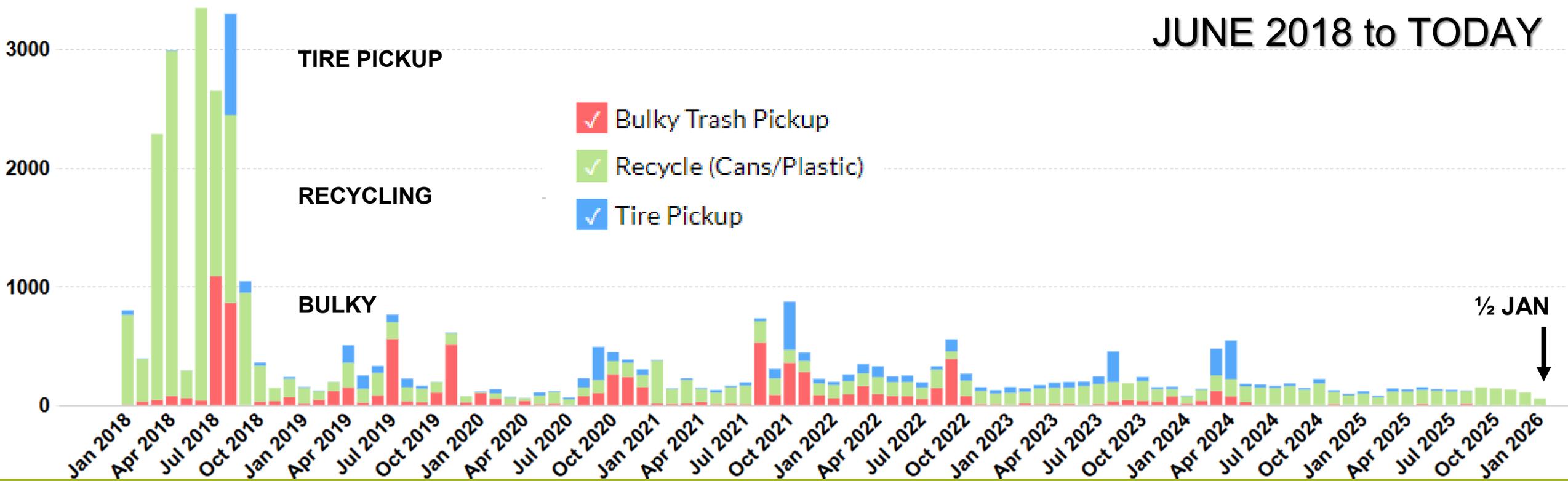


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CLEAN UP YEAR-TO-YEAR

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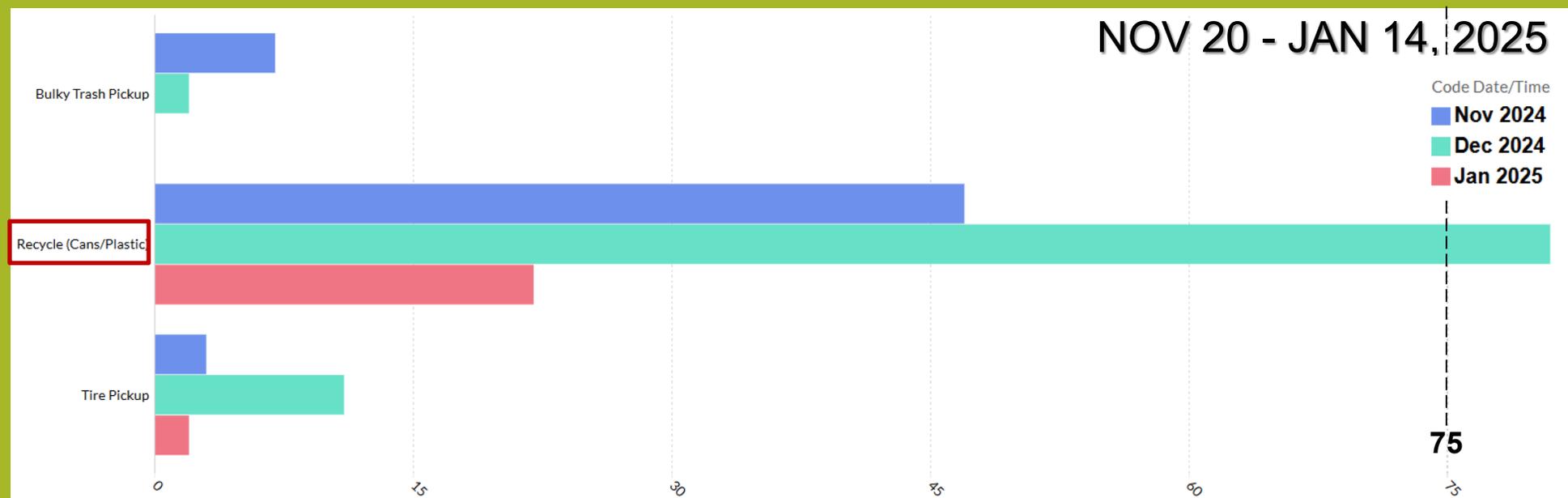
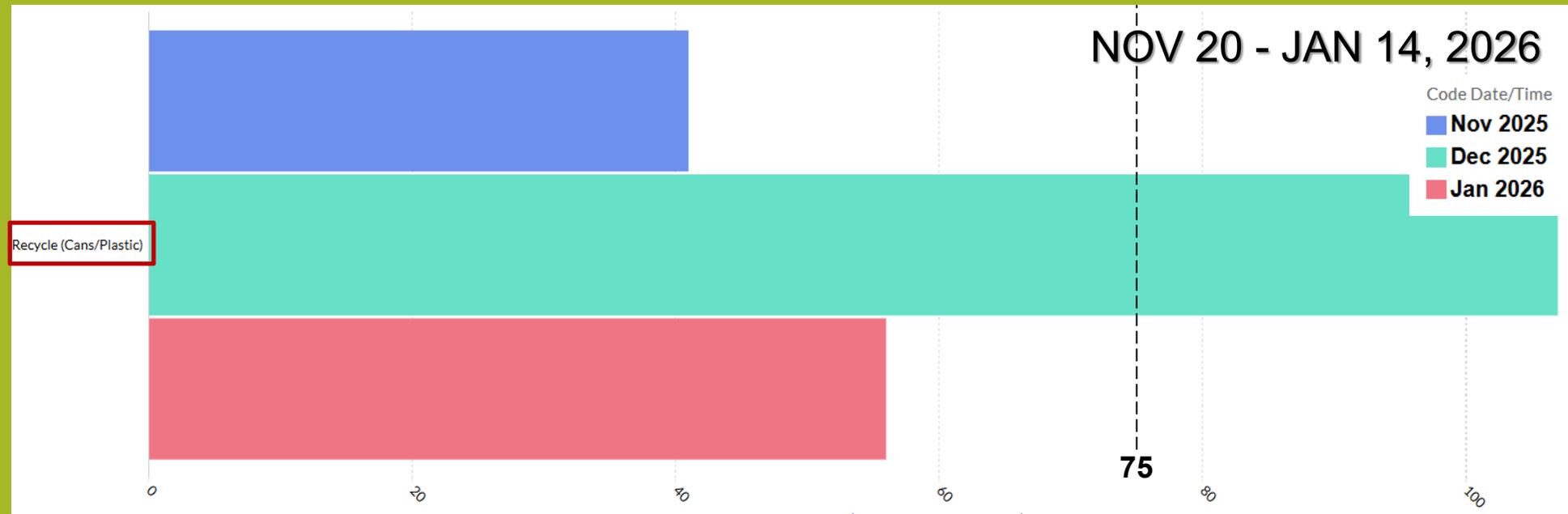
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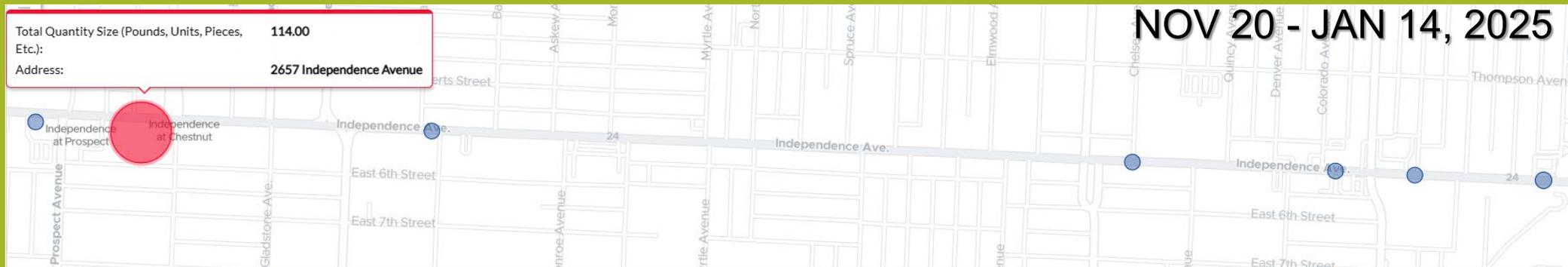


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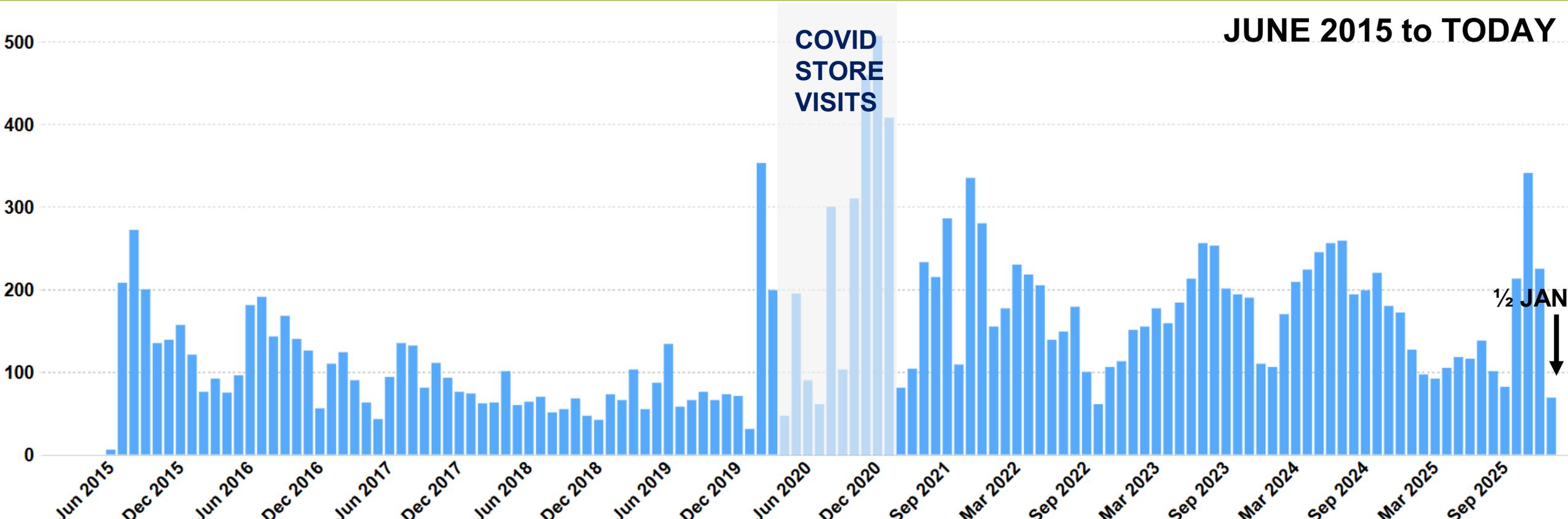
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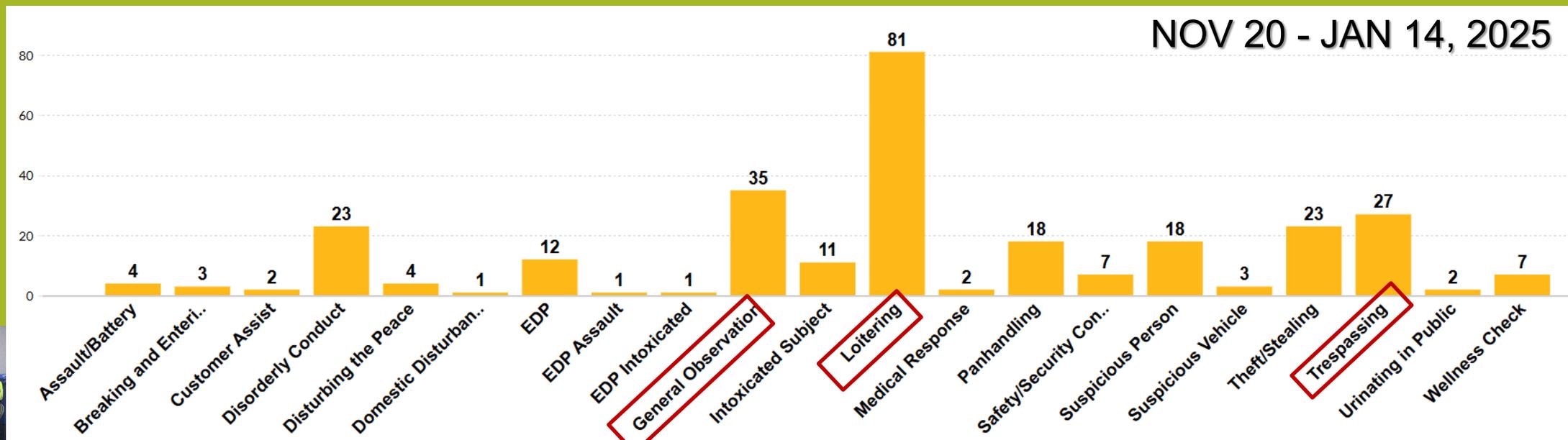
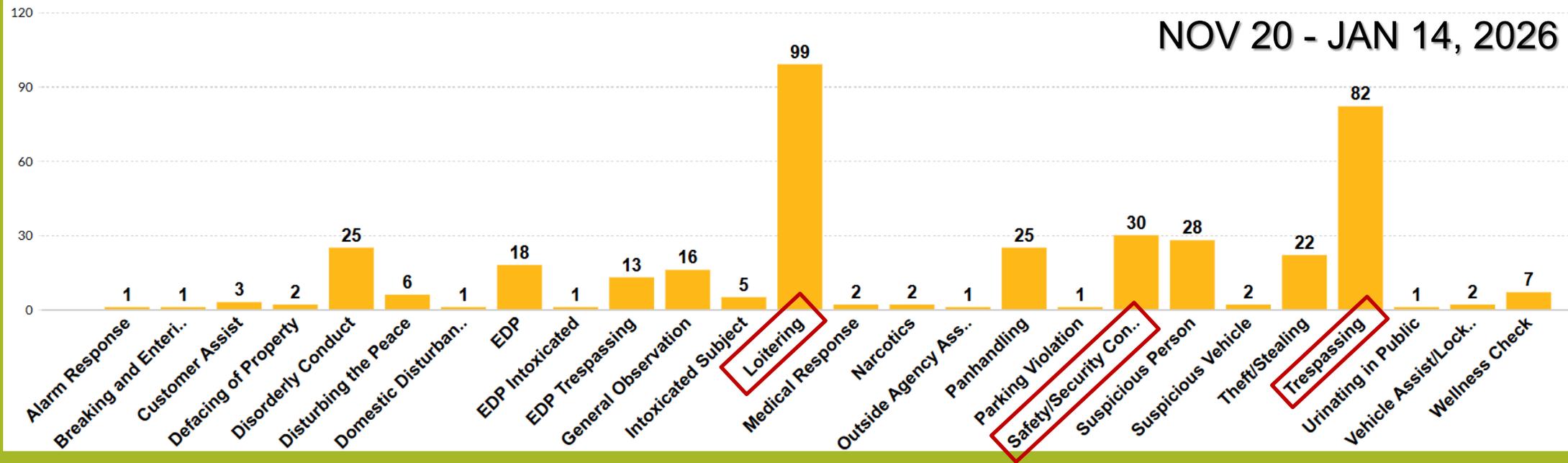
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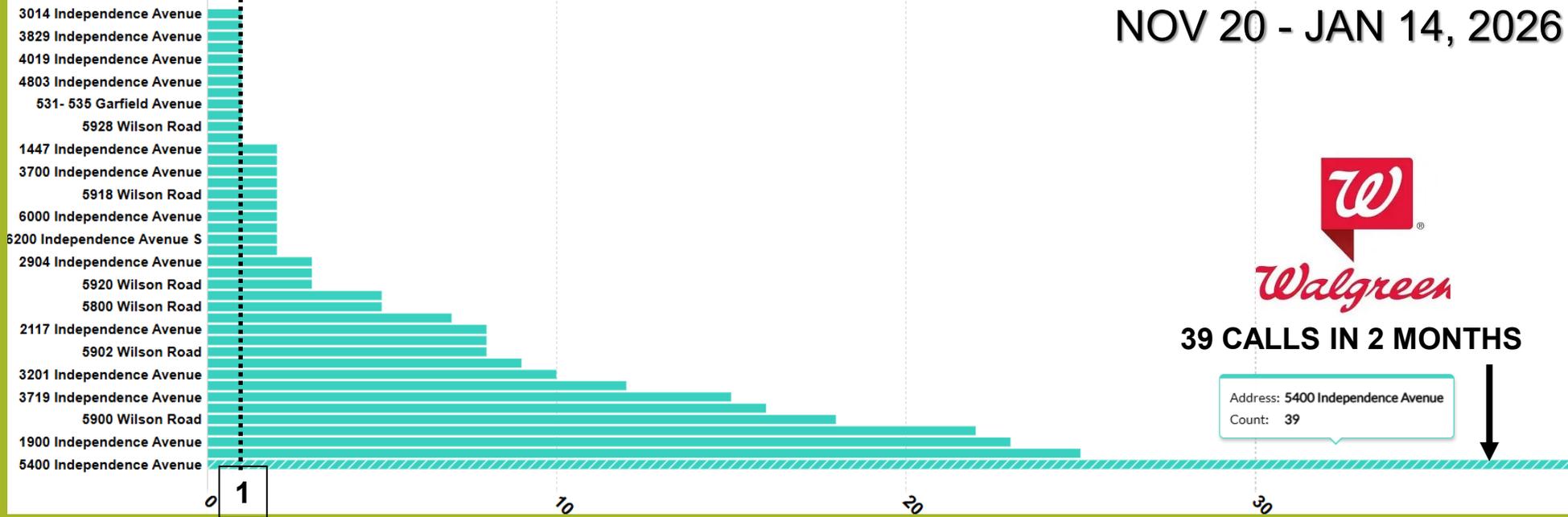
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ACTIVITY BY ADDRESS

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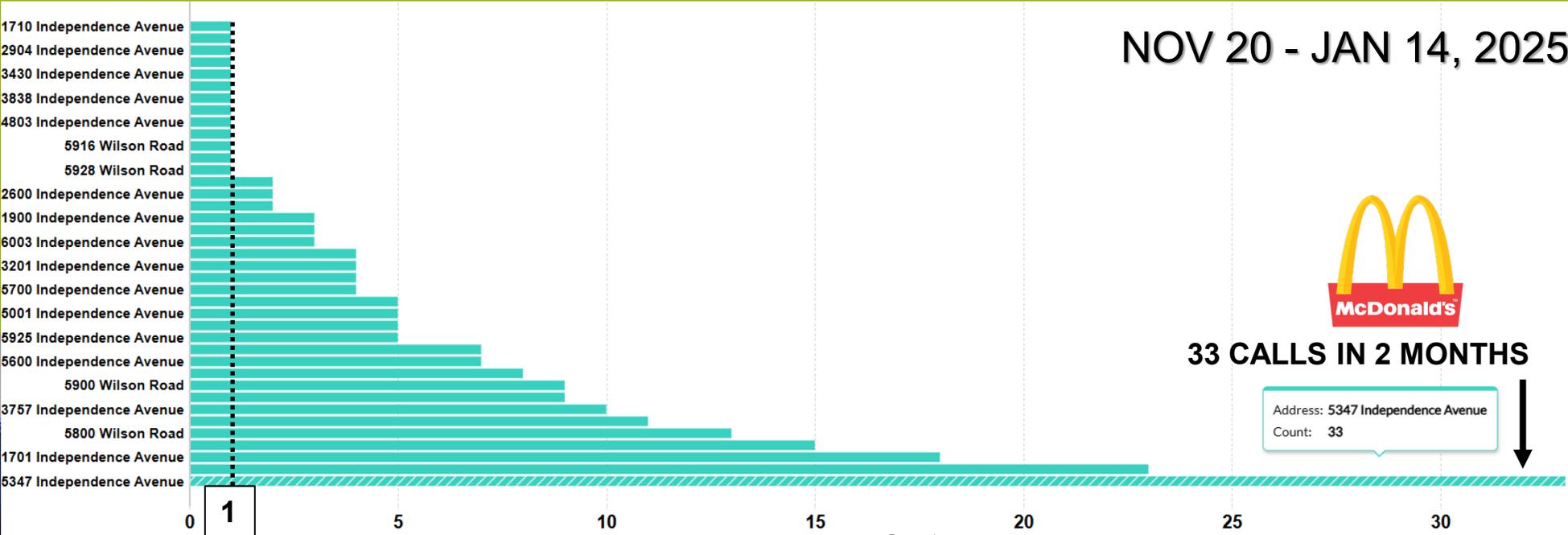
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Walgreen

39 CALLS IN 2 MONTHS

Address: 5400 Independence Avenue
Count: 39



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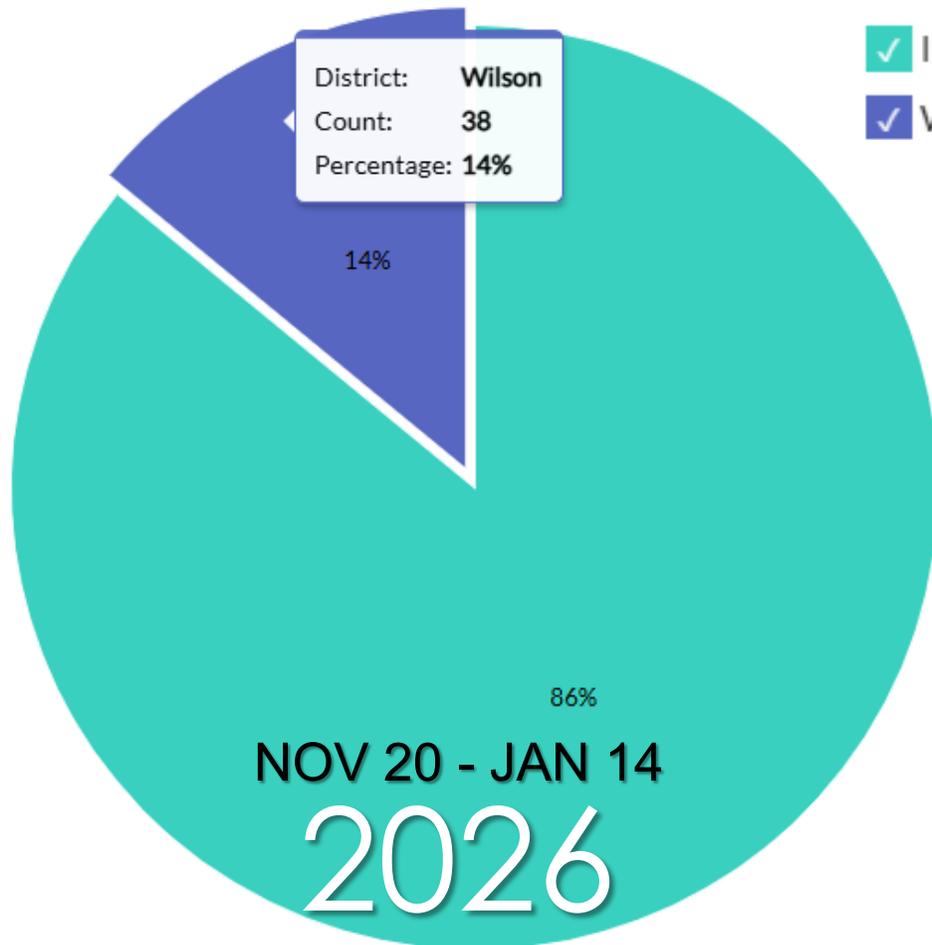
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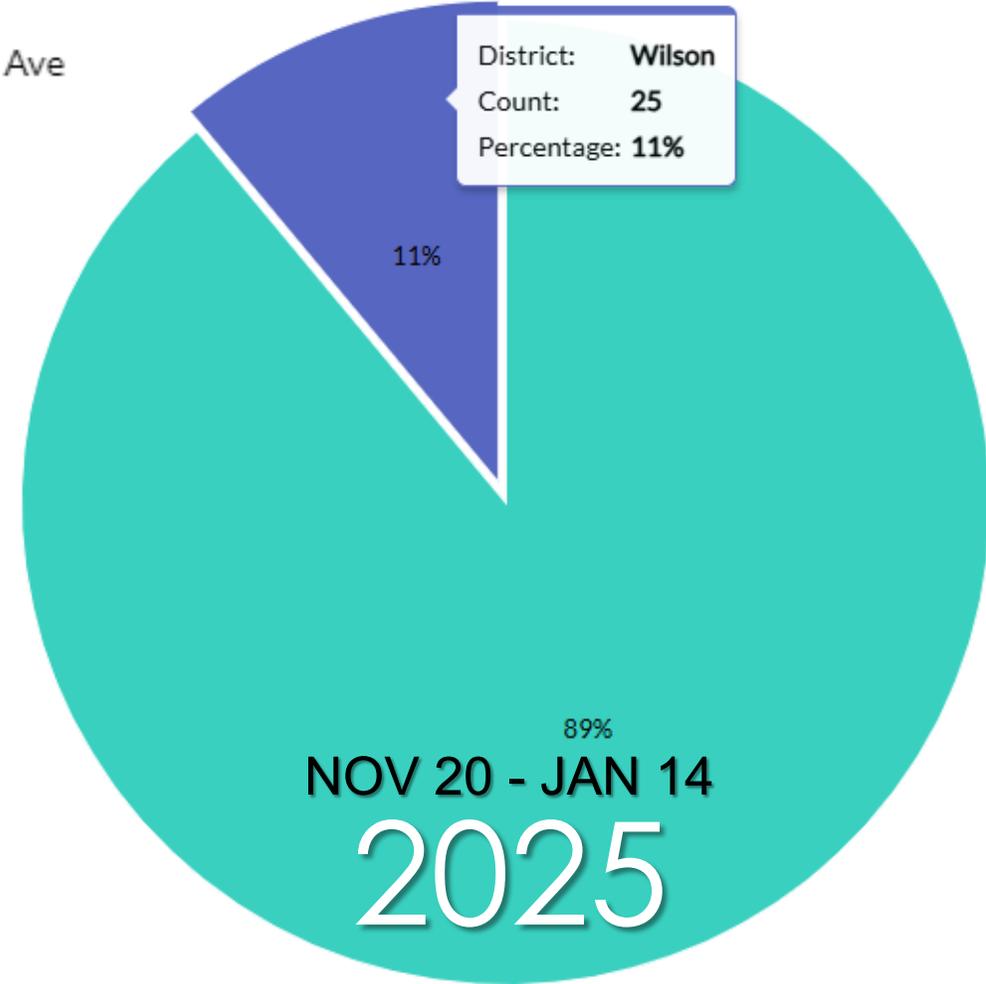
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- ✓ Independence Ave
- ✓ Wilson



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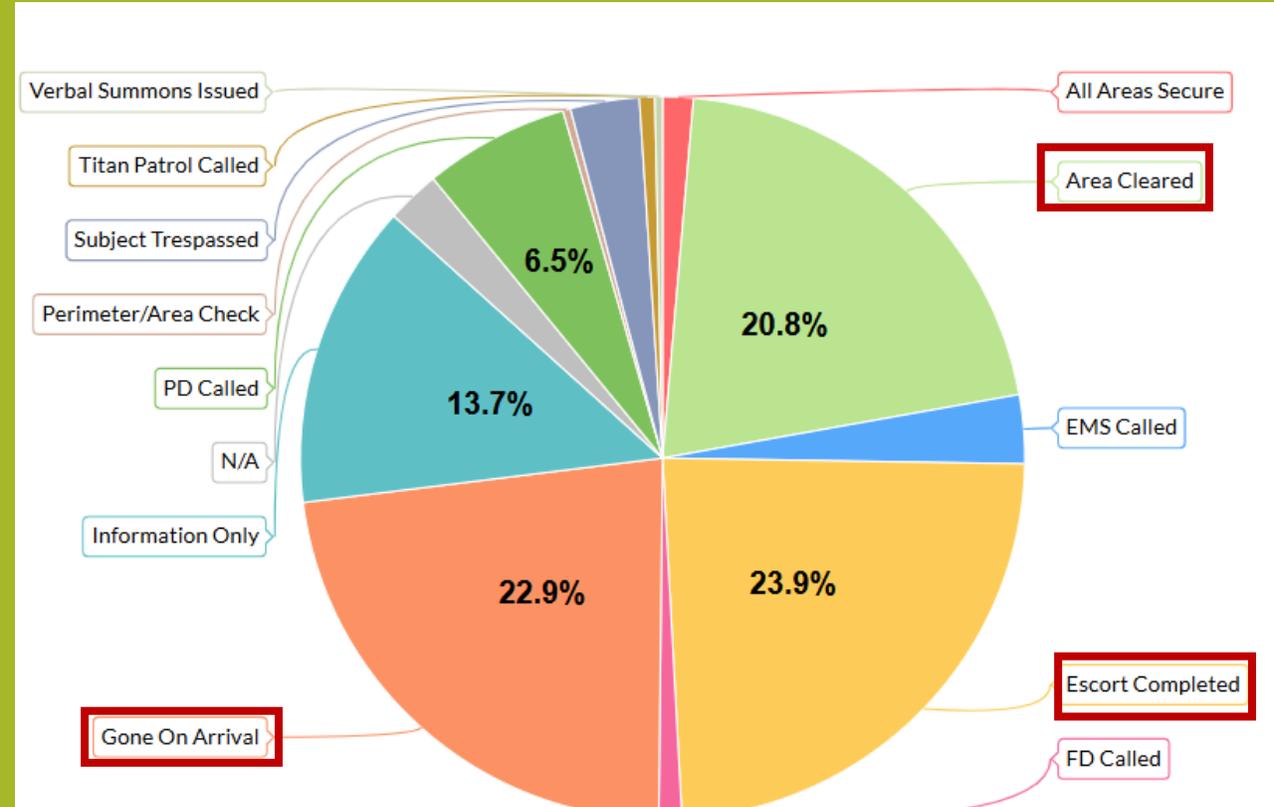
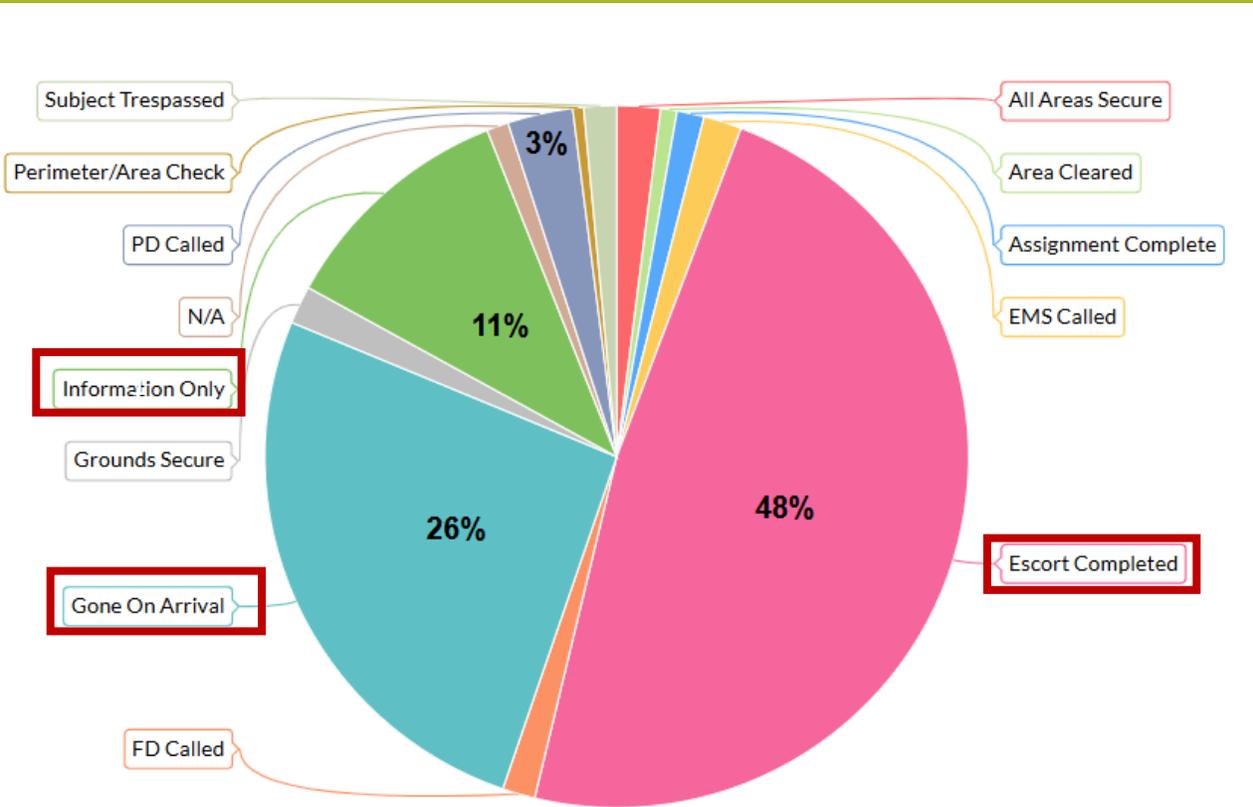


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INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

FOUR CORNERS
COMMUNITY CALL



NOV, DEC & JAN 2025/6



11-28-2025 Seven-Eleven



12-14-2025 KCFD Station 23



12-7-2025 El Paso Del Norte



12-26-2025 Casanova's Hair Shop



11-14-2025 Ted's Barbar Shop



12-1-2025 Seven Eleven @ Benton



10-30-2025 Spalitto's Pharmacy

SHOPS "JUST-AROUND-THE-CORNER"

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A NEW TASTE OF HONDURAS & MEXICO IN NORTHEAST

The opening of Catracha Mex Comida Hondureña y Mexicana at 5930 Wilson Ave last November was an exciting new addition to the vibrant Independence Avenue Corridor. The name of the restaurant reflects its roots: the restaurant is owned by a Mexican-Honduran couple bringing both culinary traditions together under one roof. The Wilson Rd location follows their original spot at 4807 Independence Ave, continuing their expansion in Northeast.

Owner Feliciano Ariza and his wife bring more than 20 years of kitchen experience to the business. What began as weekend food sales from their home grew into a food trailer, then a brick-and-mortar restaurant on Independence Avenue, and now a second, larger location that opened about three months ago.

The new space offers more room inside and out, making it a comfortable option for family meals, group gatherings, and community events. The menu blends Honduran staples with Mexican favorites, with best-selling dishes including chicken with plantain chips, baleadas, broths, and quesabirrias — a combination the owners say is unique in Kansas City. Honduran dishes tend to be less spicy, relying instead on seasoning, preparation, and fried elements for flavor.

Regulars often praise the fresh food, welcoming service, and generous portions, helping establish Catracha Mex as a neighborhood favorite. The owners invite the community to stop by, try something new, and experience food they say is cooked with care and love. With its expanded space and deep local roots, Catracha Mex adds another flavorful destination to Northeast's growing food landscape.



FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District 4-Corners Community Call was at **Pho Bowl** located at 1447 Independence Ave.

JOIN US THIS FRIDAY AT 3PM FOR OUR 4 CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL
Taqueria Mix-T-Co, 3616 Independence Ave.



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Tamales are Just Around The Corner on Independence Avenue

For many families across Latin America, tamales are more than a one-day-a-year holiday dish. The process of preparing tamales, spreading dough, wrapping each tamale in husks, and steaming them to perfection is an act of community, memory, and celebration. Here in Northeast Kansas City, Independence Avenue is one of the best places in the metro to order them fresh for the holidays.

San Antonio Market
2525 Santa Fe Blvd
816-734-9292

LUPIZA COMPANY
1113 W. 12th St
816-732-7035

El Paso Del Norte is a beloved neighborhood stop known for its fresh, handmade tamales and its warm, family-oriented atmosphere. Their delicious tamales with various fillings are a staple for many families, and the shop welcomes everyone to enjoy them. El Paso Del Norte tamales are made with love and care, and the shop is a great place to find them. El Paso Del Norte tamales are made with love and care, and the shop is a great place to find them.

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FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

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8078 Babcock Independence Ave

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.



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12-16-2025

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Standing Watch When It Matters Most: A Thank You to Our First Responders

Along Independence Avenue and throughout Kansas City, the reputation for this city's safety and security, OFC, and the Kansas City Police Department, for their role in the community. The Kansas City Police Department, for their role in the community. The Kansas City Police Department, for their role in the community.

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

JOIN US THIS FRIDAY AT 3PM FOR OUR 4 CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL
5177 Independence Ave

As a recent Independence Avenue Community Improvement District (CID) Safety & Security Meeting, that really came to life. During the meeting, a mother spoke about her adult daughter who has struggled for years and has often



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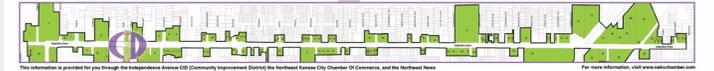
Shopping Small, Strengthening Home: Independence Avenue Highlights #ShopSmall Saturday

Shoppers from across Northeast Kansas City stepped into the vibrant atmosphere of Independence Avenue for the annual #ShopSmall Saturday. The day was filled with a variety of shops, from local boutiques to family-owned businesses. The day was a success, with many shoppers reporting a sense of community and support for local businesses.

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

JOIN US THIS FRIDAY AT 3PM FOR OUR 4 CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL
3410 Independence Ave

Whether shoppers were looking for coffee, office supplies, or simply a place to spend their money, Independence Avenue offered something for everyone. The day was a success, with many shoppers reporting a sense of community and support for local businesses.



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12-4-2025

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Local Cuisine is Just Around The Corner

As Kansas City Restaurant Week returns January 9-18, 2026, it offers a reminder that some of the metro's most memorable meals don't require a long drive or a special occasion. While KC Restaurant Week offers a spotlight on restaurants across the city with special price menus that support local charities, Northeast Kansas City is already home to an impressive lineup of affordable, flavorful dining options—especially along the Independence Avenue corridor.

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

JOIN US THIS FRIDAY AT 3PM FOR OUR 4 CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL
1447 Independence Ave

Consider stopping by neighborhood shops like Youness Cafe, Pho Bowl, San Antonio Market, El Paso Del Norte, Elvira's Bakery, Charon's, Taqueria Mexico, Taqueria El Torito, Caro Coffee, Ellos Coffeehouse, Pappas, Taco Express, and KC Wings and Saus. Whether you're planning a Restaurant Week outing or simply looking to stay close to home on budget, these local spots deliver quality, culture, and connection.



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1-6-2026

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Just Around The Corner: El Mercado Fresco

El Mercado Fresco is a vibrant, family-owned business that has become a neighborhood staple. The store offers a wide variety of fresh produce, meats, and seafood, all sourced from local vendors. The store is a great place to find fresh ingredients for your family, and the staff is always ready to help you find what you need.

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

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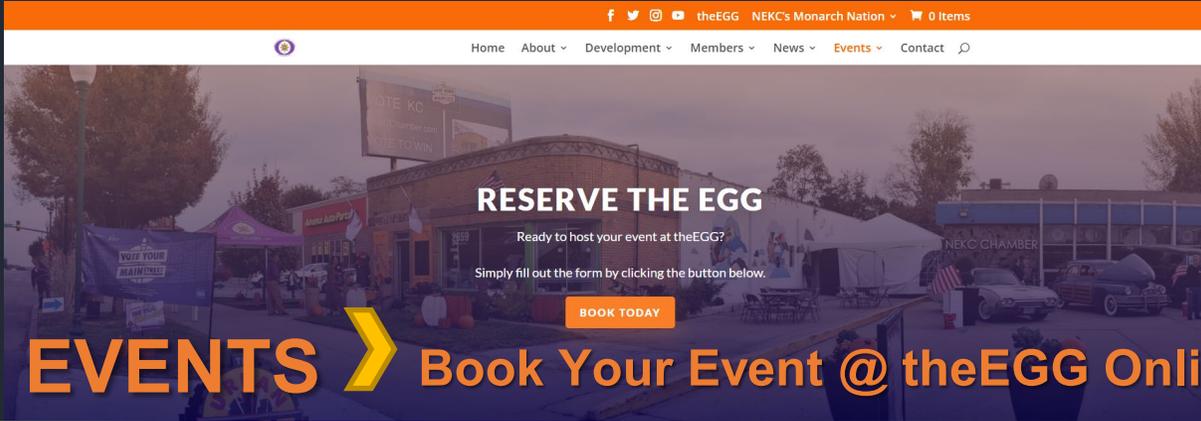


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11-30-2025

Fees:

Weekend Rate per day: 8am to 10pm \$200
 Evening Rate: 6pm to 10pm \$75
 Daily Rate; morning: 8am to 12pm \$50
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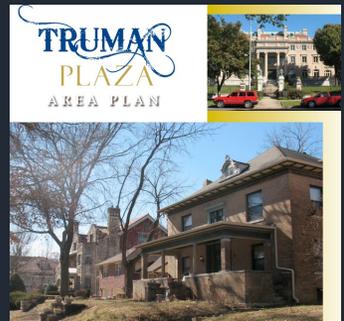
NOVEMBER 13, 2025
DECEMBER 11, 2025:
COFFEE, CULTURE & CONVERSATION

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



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 Saturday at 10AM – 2PM
Come Color/ Draw Together
 2659 Independence Ave, Kansas City, MO 64124-2433, United States



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Independence AVE



2601 INDEPENDENCE



2435 INDEPENDENCE



2635 INDEPENDENCE



2815 INDEPENDENCE



3066 INDEPENDENCE



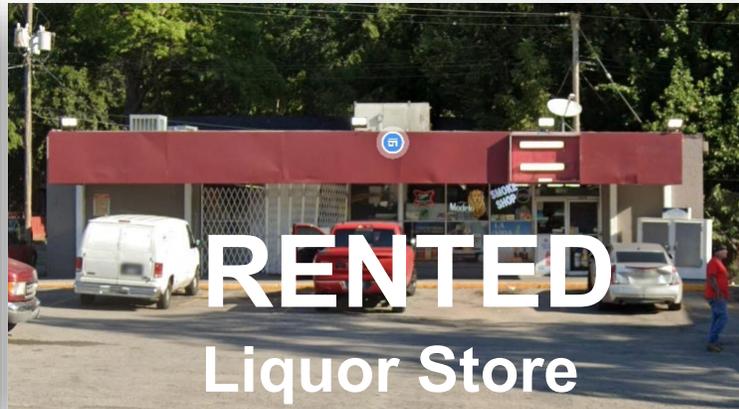
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AVAILABLE SPACE ON...

Independence AVE



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3500 INDEPENDENCE



2425 INDEPENDENCE



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



3708 & 10 INDEPENDENCE

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES



BOBBI BAKER

**CHAMBER CEO
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- 1 Northeast Strivin' COMBAT**
- 2 KC Chamber Public Safety Coalition**
- 3 KC 'Vison 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

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&
AMBASSADOR
MANAGER**

- 1 Safety & Security Committee**
- 2 Recipient: Community Champion 816 Award**
- 3 Certified Harm Reduction Specialist**
- 4 HNE Community Engagement Liaison**
- 5 KCMO Houseless Summit Ambassador**
- 6 National Coalition for the Homeless: Civil Rights/Organizing Committee**



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**AMBASSADOR
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
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INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

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

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

2657 INDEPENDENCE BLVD, KCMO



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Business & Community Events Director



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Treasurer
Missouri Lake Living Vacations, LLC

UPCOMING EVENTS



COFFEE CULTURE & CONVERSATION

THURSDAY, FEB 12, 2026

Meet Your Neighbors

TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

Get Business Growth Advice

SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

The latest on crime prevention

BEADS, BEANS & BOOZE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

J Reiger's East Bottoms

