

The Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

Date: February 18, 2026 Time: 3:00pm

Place: 2657 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, MO. Directors and all interested parties may also attend remotely. Please call 816-215-6813 to receive a link or to be added by telephone.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83085317222> Meeting ID: 830 8531 7222

1. Call to Order Chairman Jerry Potocnik
2. Board Minutes Secretary Andrea Witt
3. Financial Reports Treasurer Citali Rivera
 - P&L This Fiscal Year to Date
 - Profit & Loss - Budget vs Actual
 - Balance Sheet This Fiscal Year to Jan 31, 2026
4. Old Business
 1. KCU request for demo was moved forward to Planning and Development Commission to appear March 4 to request again.
 2. Return to Oct 15 Minutes to report: Andrea made the motion to approve the \$15,000 for NE News and Amanda seconded the motion. Ed abstained from voting.
5. Board Committee Reports <ask if we expect all reports>

Executive	Jerry Potocnik
	-reminder to gather 2026-2027 budget for April mtg
Resource Development	Bobbi Baker
Taste & Tour Committee	Sarah Cousineau
BB&B Committee	Sarah Cousineau and Rebecca Koop
Planning & Development	Bobbi Baker
Governmental Affairs	Mike Spady
Membership	Jerry Potocnik and Rol Diing
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	Bobbi Baker
6. Action Items
7. New Business
 - a Schedule a Date for Budget Committee Meeting to Meet
 - b Laura update on AIA
8. Adjournment

COMMUNITY COMPASSION...



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE STRONG



YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

→ NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

12/17/2025 ←
01/15/2026

THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST 'INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE'



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

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

107 GUESTS (DEC 1 – JAN 31, 2026)

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- 1) STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT 2025
- 2) CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP
- 3) RECENT EVENTS
- 4) HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE
- 5) INDEPENDENCE AVE CID & TITAN REPORTS
- 6) TITAN 'FOUR CORNERS'
- 7) THE NE NEWSPAPER'S "CID-CENTERFOLDS"
- 8) THE EGG EVENTS
- 9) 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

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STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT REBATE PROGRAM

2025 Total \$\$\$ Appropriated: **1 Project: \$3,750**
 Overall Program Dispersal: **33 Projects: \$180,852**
 Total Invested by Applicants: **\$1,194,011**
Average Dispersed Per Project: **\$5,480**
Average Per Project Savings: **15%**

BUSINESS: Spalitto's Pharmacy **DATE:** 1/21/2025
LOCATION: 3801 INDEPENDENCE, KCMO
PROJECT: powerwash & repair exterior stucco where needed, repaint

RECEIPTS	DATE	AMOUNT
Check #58651		\$2,500.00
Check #58698		\$5,000.00
CC		\$0.00
CC		\$0.00
		\$7,500.00
		/2
SIR program is 50% of cost up to \$5,000	TOTAL =	\$3,750.00
Reimbursement Amount:		\$3,750.00

2025 EXAMPLE OF AN SIR PROJECT



BEFORE



AFTER

LIST OF ALL SIR PROGRAM PROJECTS SINCE 2015

	Date	Address	Name	Contact	Project Amount	Approved Amount	Completed	Overall Disp
1	12/5/2015	2817 Independence	Bella Reality Group LLC	Sarina Hodges/Gayle Buri	\$41,975.00	\$5,000.00	12/8/2015	
1	10/6/2015	4605 Independence	J.Edward Kendrick DDS	J.Edward Kendrick	\$3,430.00	\$1,715.00	7/29/2015	
1	10/6/2015	3801 Independence	Spalitto's Pharmacy	Pete Spalitto	\$7,707.25	\$3,853.63	7/24/2015	
1	10/6/2015	2400 Independence	Scuola Vita Nuova	Nicole Goodman	\$11,929.00	\$5,000.00	10/5/2015	
1	11/11/2015	6000 Independence	CSL Plasma	Cole Kimple	\$5,105.00	\$2,552.50	11/4/2015	
1	11/11/2015	4231 Independence	Hoang Long Travel & Services	?	\$9,698.31	\$4,844.66	10/15/2015	
1	9/18/2015	4815 Independence	DBA Express Stop #2 (BP)	Remah Mussilet	\$8,500.00	\$4,250.00	12/30/2015	
1	6/2/2015	3430 Independence	El Paso Del Norte	Los Tres Hermanos Inc	\$12,265.00	\$3,775.00	11/9/2015	
8	2015 TOTAL				\$100,610.56	\$30,990.79		\$30,990.79
1	11/11/2015	3430 Independence	El Paso Del Norte Bakery	Michael Inquez	\$10,350.00	\$5,000.00	?/2016	
1	5/19/2015	2117 Independence	Passantino Bros. Funeral Home	Charlie Passantino	\$10,200.00	\$5,000.00	9/23/2016	
2	2016 TOTAL				\$20,550.00	\$10,000.00		\$40,990.79
	NO APPLICATIONS							
0	2017 TOTAL				\$0	\$0		\$40,990.79
	NO APPLICATIONS							
0	2018 TOTAL				\$0	\$0		\$40,990.79
1	3/27/2019	2400 Independence	Scuola Vita Nuova	Pittila	\$19,500.00	\$5,000.00	?/2019	
1	4/1/2019	5200 Independence	El Taco	John Caime	\$9,057.00	\$4,528.50	6/14/2019	
2	2019 TOTAL				\$28,557.00	\$9,528.50		\$50,519.29
1	10/15/2019	3401 Independence	Eleos Coffee	Dan Smith	\$3,813.26	\$1,906.63	7/5/2020	
1	11/6/2019	4845 Independence	Speedy Cleaners	Joyce Jones	\$4,024.58	\$2,012.29	4/6/2020	
2	2020 TOTAL				\$7,837.84	\$3,918.92		\$54,498.21
1	7/10/2021	2415 Independence	Sons of Columbus	John Conforti	\$6,391.00	\$3,195.50	9/15/2021	
1	9/14/2021	6126 Independence	El Torito III	Jon Mika	\$14,000.00	\$5,000.00	10/10/2021	
1	2/24/2021	2629 33 Independence	Shopping Center	Jack DeSamoni	\$4,940.00	\$2,470.00	5/25/2022	
1	8/19/2021	6200 Independence	Taqueria El Torito	Joe Mika	\$10,500.00	\$5,000.00	11/5/2021	
4	2021 TOTAL				\$35,831.00	\$15,629.50		\$70,067.71
	COVID ERA							
0	2022 TOTAL				\$0.00	\$0.00		\$70,067.71
1	9/23/2021	2117 Independence	Passantino's	Charlie Passantino	\$9,995.74	\$4,997.87	4/30/2022	
1	6/10/2022	2629 33 Independence	Shop Center	Jack DeSamoni	\$37,649.00	\$10,000.00	7/27/2022	
1	8/15/2022	2620 Independence	Fresh Market	Saled Zaben	\$38,000.00	\$5,000.00	9/10/2022	
3	2022 TOTAL				\$85,644.74	\$19,997.87		\$90,065.58
1	10/17/2022	544 Wabash Ave	NE Community Center	Kyla Pitts-Zevin	\$765.00	\$382.50	1/8/2023	
1	4/10/2023	6126 Independence	Taqueria El Torito	Leobardo Gonzales	\$8,500.00	\$2,500.00	7/26/2023	
1	4/10/2023	6200 Independence	Carneria El Torito 3	Leobardo Gonzales	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	7/26/2023	
1	4/14/2023	2317-25 Independence	Samoli Mall	Jack DeSimone	\$10,330.89	\$5,000.00	7/24/2023	
1	4/14/2023	2629 33 Independence	Strip Mall	Jack DeSimone	\$11,075.00	\$5,000.00	7/24/2023	
1	5/29/2023	2620 Independence	Fresh Market	Eddie Musillet	\$10,300.00	\$5,000.00	7/14/2023	
1	5/30/2023	3801 Independence	Spalitto's Pharmacy	Pete Spalitto	\$6,250.00	\$3,125.00	7/12/2023	
7	2023 TOTAL				\$57,220.89	\$23,507.50		\$113,573.08
1	3/20/2024	2629 33 Independence	Ted's Barber Shop	Ted	\$1,250.00	\$625.00	5/12/2024	
1	8/9/2023	5600 Independence	Cash America	Tracy Maple	\$8,360.00	\$4,180.00	9/28/2024	
1	1/22/2024	544 Wabash Ave	Northeast Community Center	Kyla Pitts-Zevin	\$7,567.50	\$3,299.15	10/2/2024	
1	11/20/2024	2635 Independence	Avenue Cafe	Jack DeSimone	\$3,835.00	\$1,917.50	11/20/2024	
4	2024 TOTAL				\$21,012.50	\$10,021.65		\$147,102.23
1	1/12/2025	3801 Independence	Spalitto's Pharmacy	Pete Spalitto	\$7,500.00	\$3,750.00	2/16/2025	
1	2025 TOTAL				\$7,500.00	\$3,750.00		\$180,852.23
33.00				Total Project Investment:	\$8,194,011.00			

HNE SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING DEC 19, 2025



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

- 1) Temporary alternative JAIL SPACE update.
- 2) The issues facing those “living on the streets.”
- 3) Lack of prosecutorial powers and wrap-around services.
- 4) Repeat Nuisance Offenders (RNO) problem.



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



COFFEE, CULTURE, & CONVERSATION



1935 ☺

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



"Elvis' birthplace" Tupelo, MS 2007" by Original uploader was Markkusan at en.wikipedia - Transferred from en.wikipedia. Licensed under Public Domain via Wikimedia Commons.

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 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.



1956 ☺

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



1958 to 1960

Served in the United States Army 1958 - 1960.



1957 ☺

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.

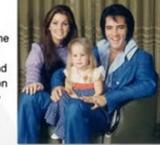
1959 ☺

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.



1969 ☺

Performs a 4-week, 57-show engagement at the International Hotel in Las Vegas, breaking attendance records. He becomes a regular on the Vegas scene until his death.



1973 ☺

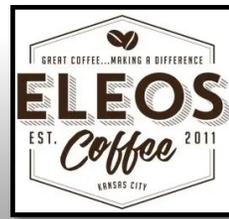
Priscilla and Elvis finalize their divorce on October 9th, although they remain close until his death.



1977 ☺

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

REFRESHMENTS BY



Guests Won: Peanut Butter & Bananas

THURSDAY, JAN 8, 2026

ATTENDEES: 6 + 4 STAFF



HNE SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING Jan 15, 2024



ATTENDEES: 10 IN-HOUSE + 4 ZOOM + 5 STAFF

- KCATA/Titan authority and trespass procedures and they have a program called *Adopt-a-Stop*.
- Town Hall on vacant building fires being scheduled
- Homelessness
- Repeat nuisance offenders (RNOs)
- Urban CID Alliance Updates
- Public safety and jail/detention center updates



TASTY, TOPIC, TALK

NEKC LUNCHEON



DATE: January 27, 2026
TOPIC: Website Marketing
ATTENDEES: 12 In-House + 6 Staff
GUEST SPEAKER: Monica Reynolds, Owner
Vox Pop Marketing

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LAS TRES PALMAS
TAQUERIA Y ABARROTES
Groceries Produce Mexican Food

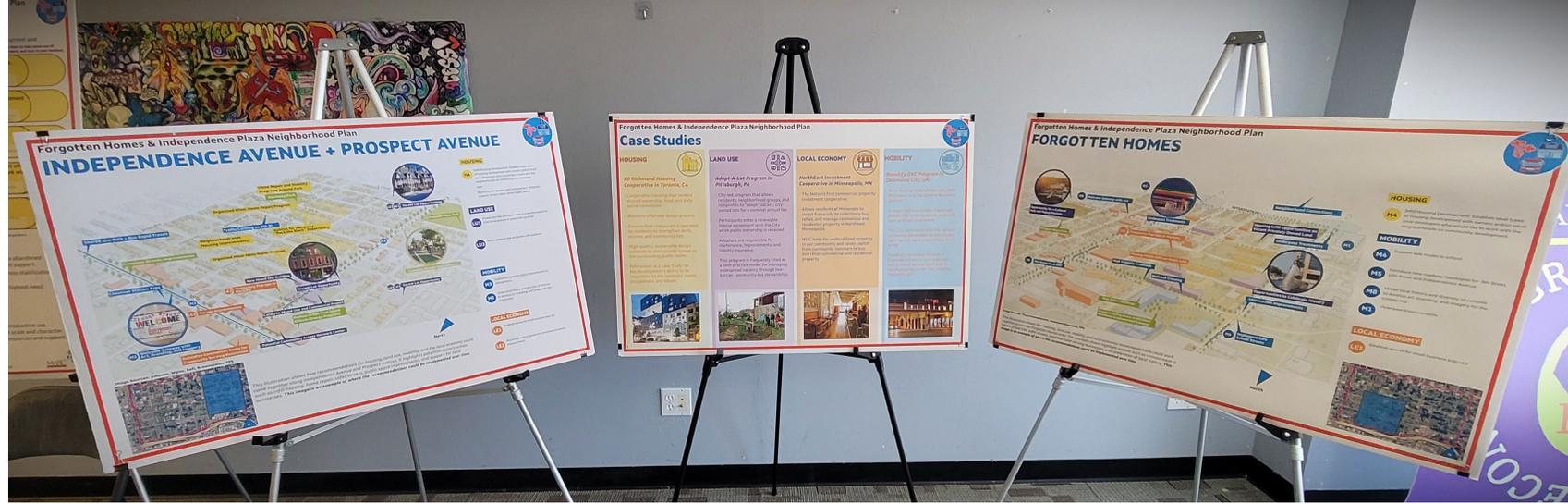


Thursday, Feb 10, 2025

@ The EGG Event Space



TRUMAN PLAZA AREA PLAN



PLANNING PROPOSALS - PUBLIC REVIEW



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"/>
05. Trails or trail connections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
06. Condition and appearance of homes & apartments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
07. Condition and appearance of businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

COFFEE, CULTURE, & CONVERSATION



MARTHA

**BUSINESS CARD DRAWING WINNERS
Accepting Floral Arrangement Gifts**

DATE: February 12, 2026

TOPIC: Valentine's Day

ATTENDEES: 9 In-House + 6 staff

GUEST SPEAKER: Martha Jasso, Owner
Love Expression's Gift Shop



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- REGALOS / GIFTS
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14th Annual Fat Tuesday!



3/17/2026

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FAT TUESDAY 2026

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Mardi Gras Raffle!

Green Ticket for Baskets **Gold Ticket for Finale Basket**

BASKET RAFFLE \$15 **FINALE BASKET RAFFLE** \$25
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3/17/2026

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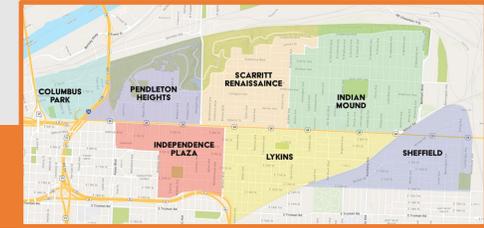


**COSTUME WINNERS
KING & QUEEN**

Crown Royal

EXPERIENCE HISTORIC NORTH EAST

HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD 2026



Woodlawn Elementary School to Be Demolished to Make Way for Construction of a New Educational Campus on the Existing Site

Kansas City's Northeast News
January 15 · 🌐

Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) envisions a new educational facility and campus to expand learning opportunities on the site of the current Woodland Elementary site. Funding for this \$68 million project was approved by voters during the April 2025 GO Bond election.



NORTHEASTNEWS.NET
School Demolition to Mark New Campus Construction, Expansion - Northeast News

👍👎🗨️ You and 46 others 35 comments 10 shares

Kansas City's Northeast News
January 1 · 🌐

New Life for a Vacant School — Opportunity or Concern? Askew School's Proposed Senior Housing Explained



NORTHEASTNEWS.NET
KCPS Approves Sale of Historic Askew School for Senior Housing Project - Northeast News

👍👎🗨️ You, Kent T Dicus, Jeff Zumsteg and 199 others 67 comments 39 shares

Kansas City Public School System Approves Sale of Closed Askew School for Proposal to Convert into Senior Citizen Housing

New Municipal Detention Center Proposal Moves Facility to Front Street in East Bottoms

Kansas City's Northeast News
January 21 · 🌐

Do You Feel Blindsided by Kansas City's Decision to Move the New Jail to Front Street?
<https://northeastnews.net/.../city-moves-detention.../>

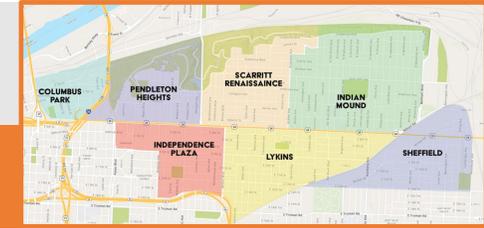


Map showing the proposed new location of a municipal detention center. City Councilman Crispin Rea and many Northeast residents have expressed concerns about the site's proximity to nearby charter schools.

👍👎🗨️ You and 84 others 101 comments 25 shares

EXPLORE HISTORIC NORTH EAST

HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD 2026



A Community Forum at Rev-Ed Office Invited Council Members to Address Parental Concerns Regarding Detention Center Site Proposed on Front Street

Kansas City's Northeast News
February 4 · 🌐

A permanent jail just 3,000 feet from a school—is the Front Street facility really a 'done deal'? A recent Community Forum addressed the detention facility ordinance process

<https://northeastnews.net/.../community-forum-addresses.../>



👍👎👤 79 52 comments 14 shares

Kansas City's Northeast News
February 18 at 10:33 AM · 🌐

Indian Mound Park is changing—have you seen the latest updates?

<https://northeastnews.net/.../trail-construction-to.../>



👍 Kansas City Parks and Recreation and 71 others 21 comments 8 shares

Indian Mound's Park Receives Upgrades Just in Time for Word Soccer 2026

The “Truck-Eating Bridge” at Independence Ave & Wilson Rd remains undefeated again so far in 2026

Kansas City's Northeast News
February 2 · 🌐



Kansas City Missouri Police Department · 🌐
February 2 · 🌐

Officers are at the Independence Avenue Bridge.... See more

👍👎👤 218 53 comments 90 shares

AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2026

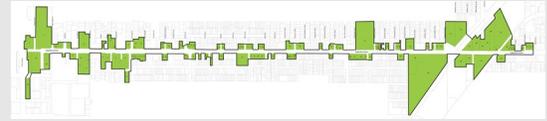


HAPPENING ON Independence AVE

CART SHOPPING ON THE AVE...



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025



HAPPENING ON Independence AVE

USAs MANAGING FALL FOILAGE



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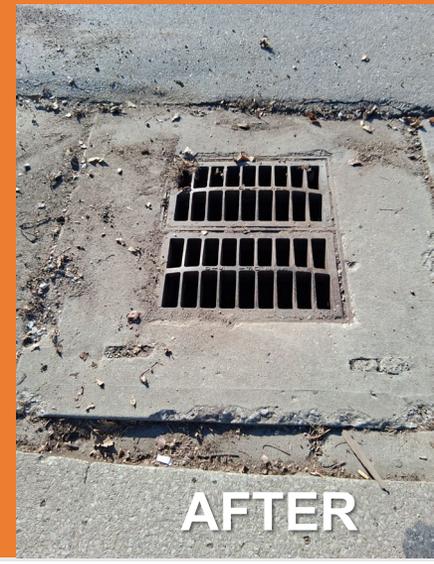
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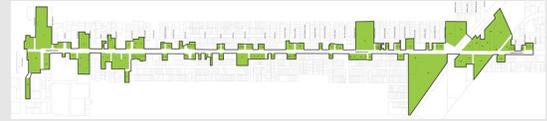


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AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025



HAPPENING ON Independence AVE

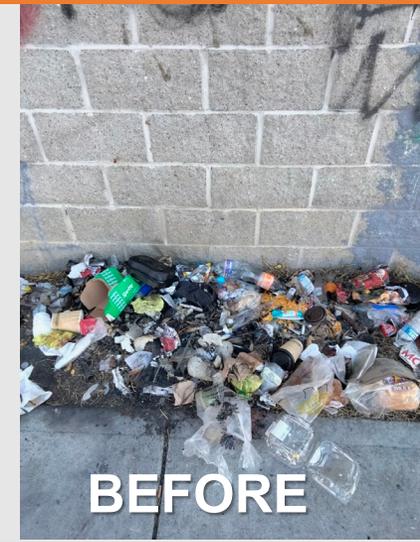
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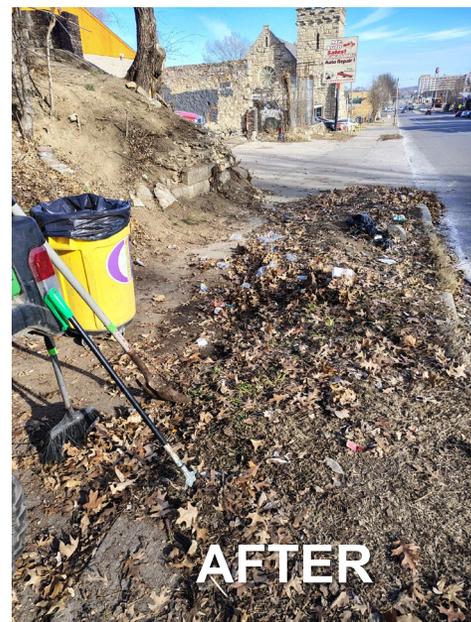
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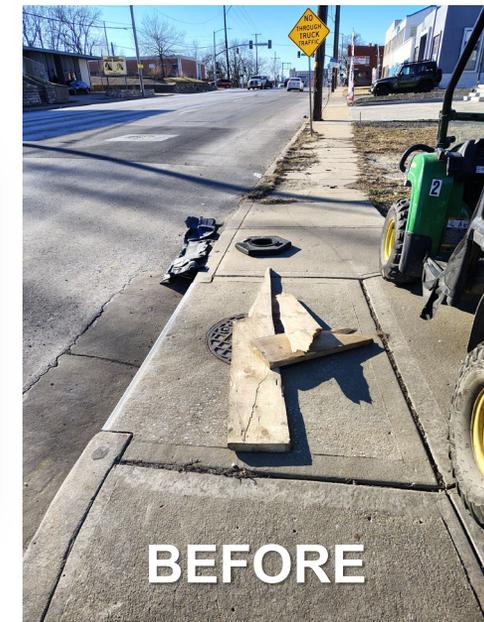
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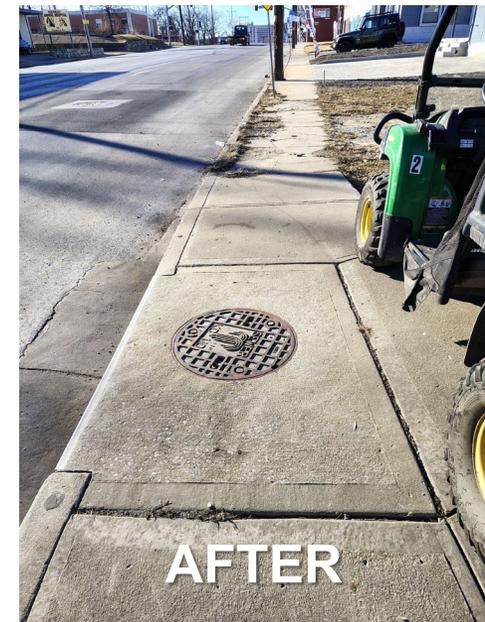
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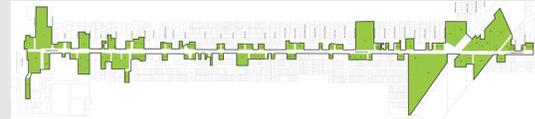


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AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025



HAPPENING ON

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REMOVING SNOW & ICE



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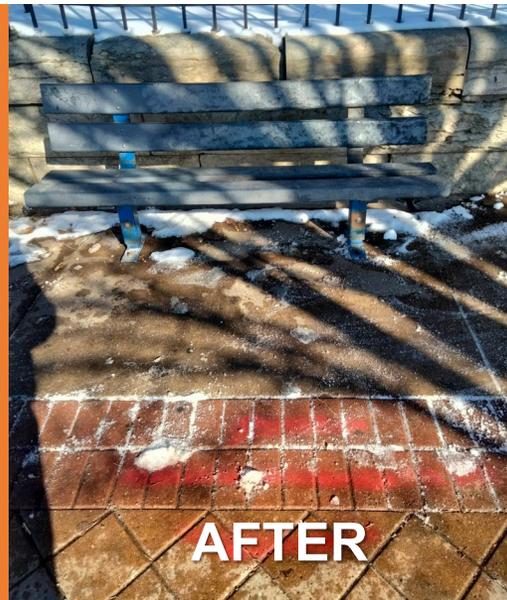
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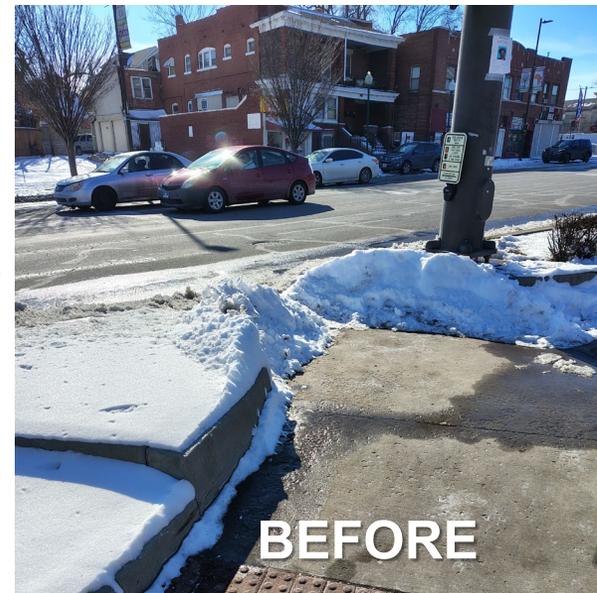


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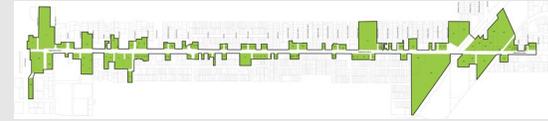


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AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2026



HAPPENING ON

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CLEANING UP MESSSES ALONG THE AVE



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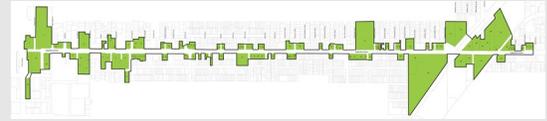


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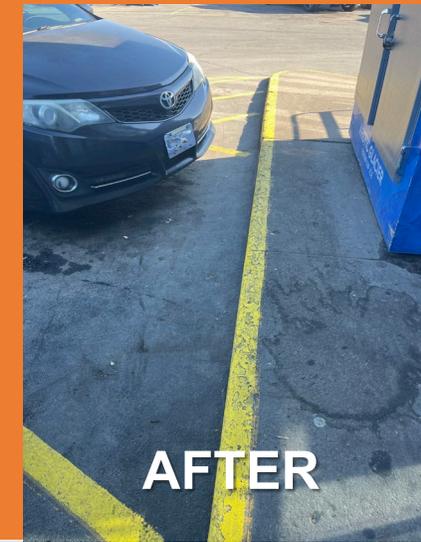
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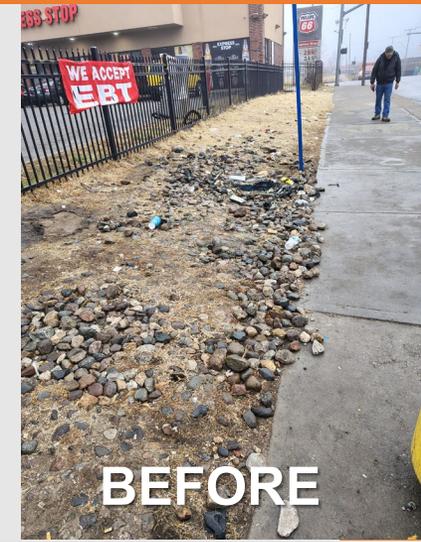
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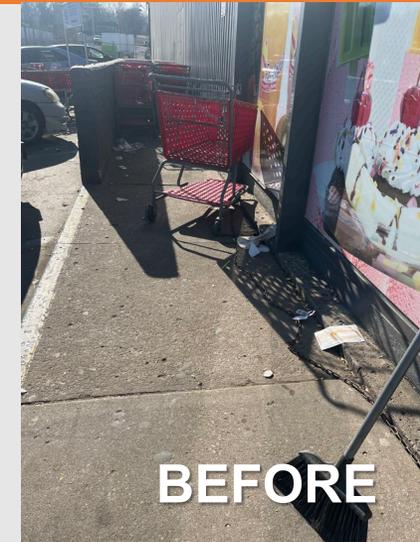
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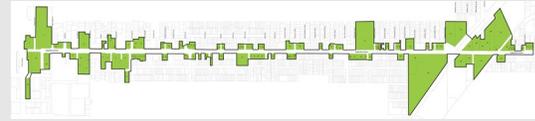


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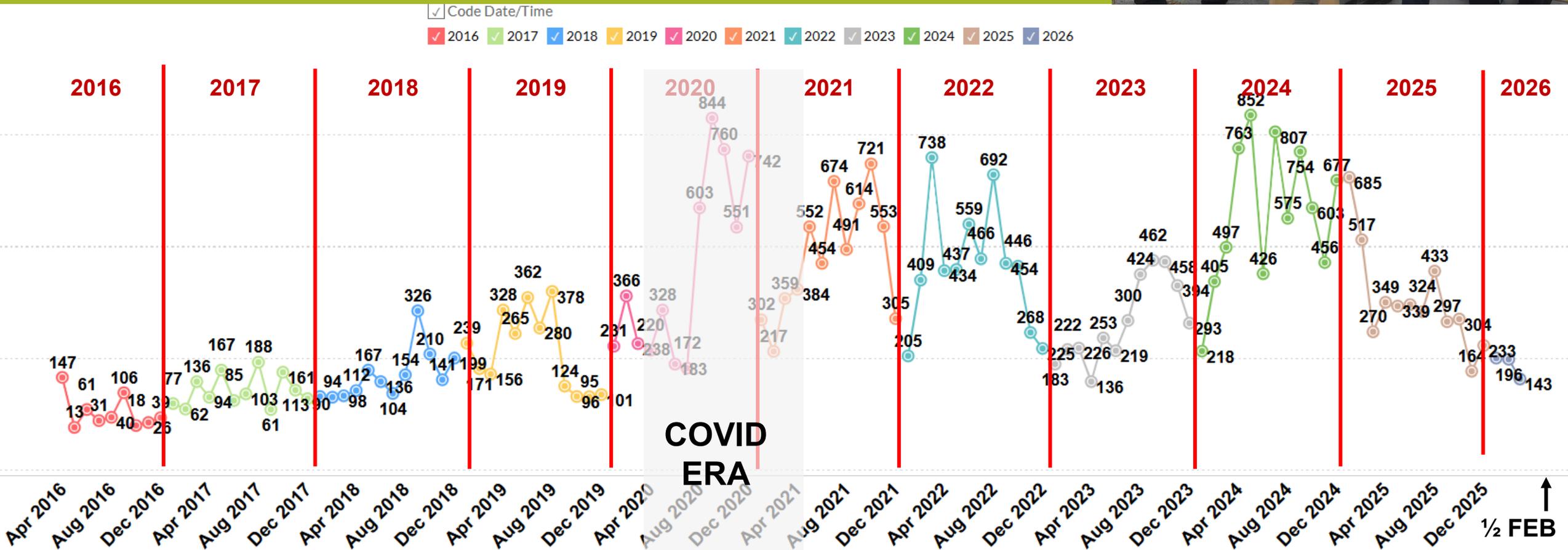
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ALL ACTIVITY (YEAR-TO-YEAR)



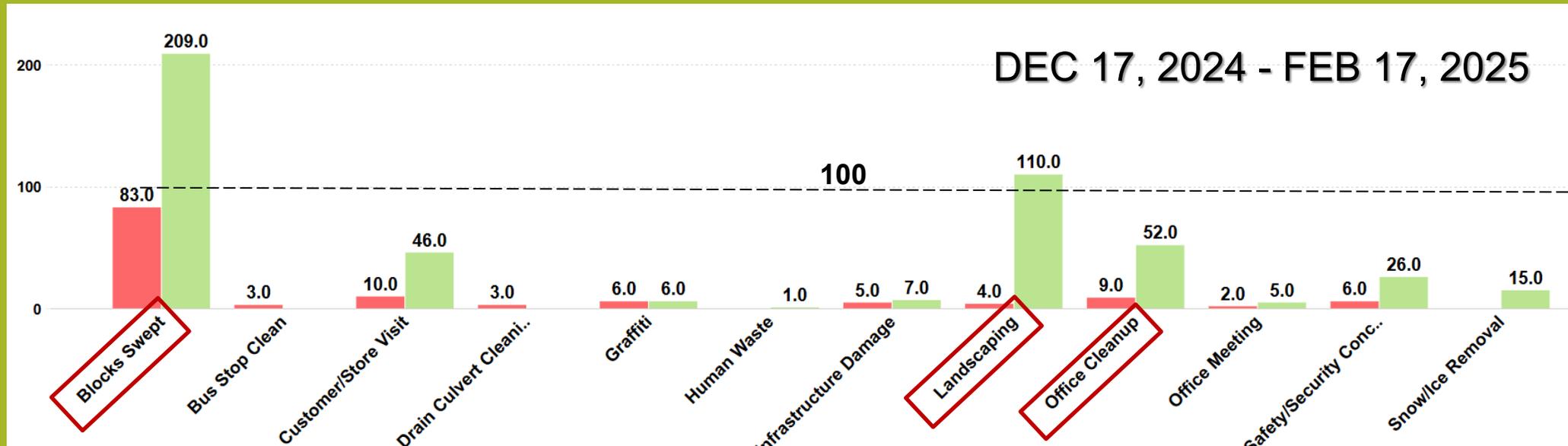
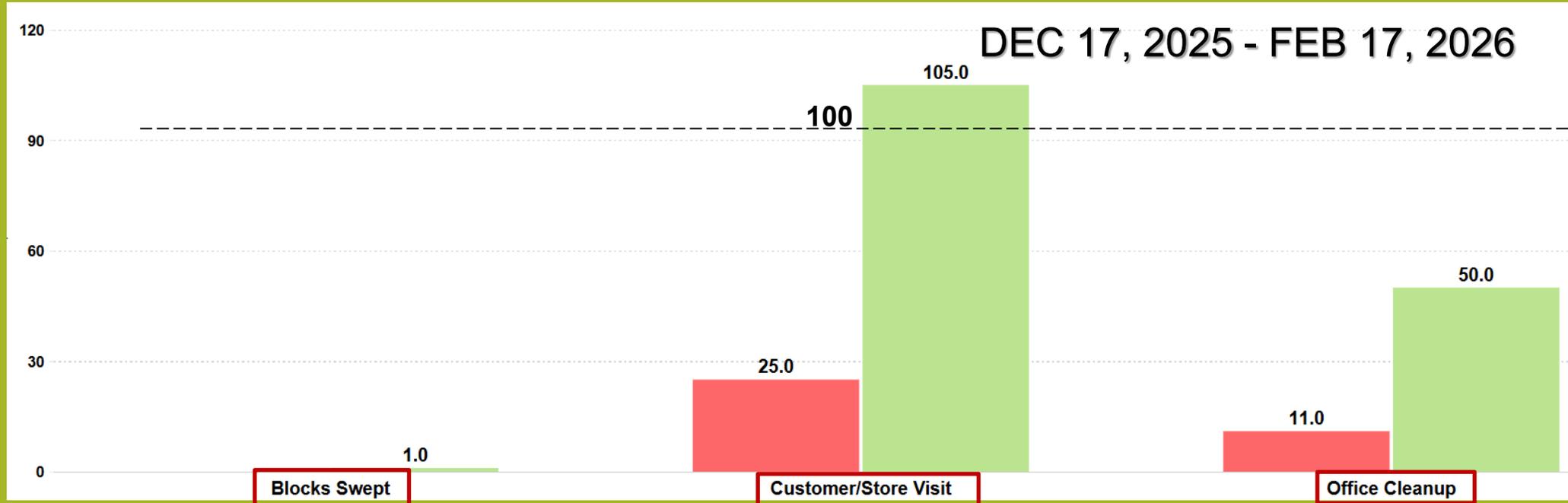
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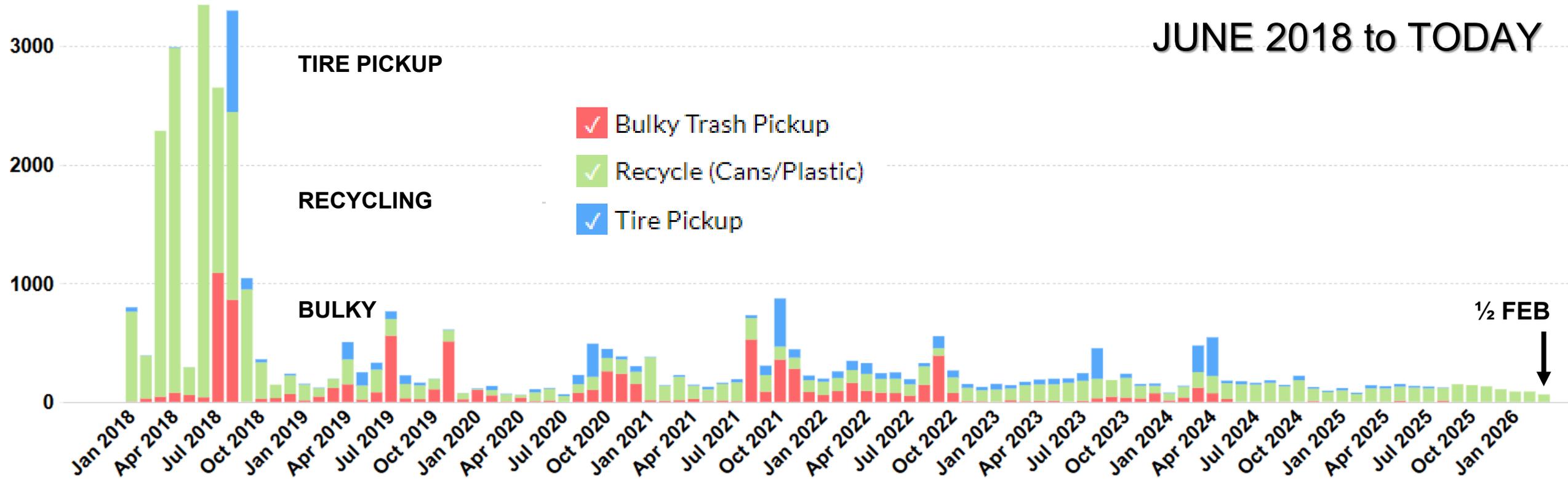


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CLEAN UP YEAR-TO-YEAR

TIRES, RECYCLING & BULKY ITEM



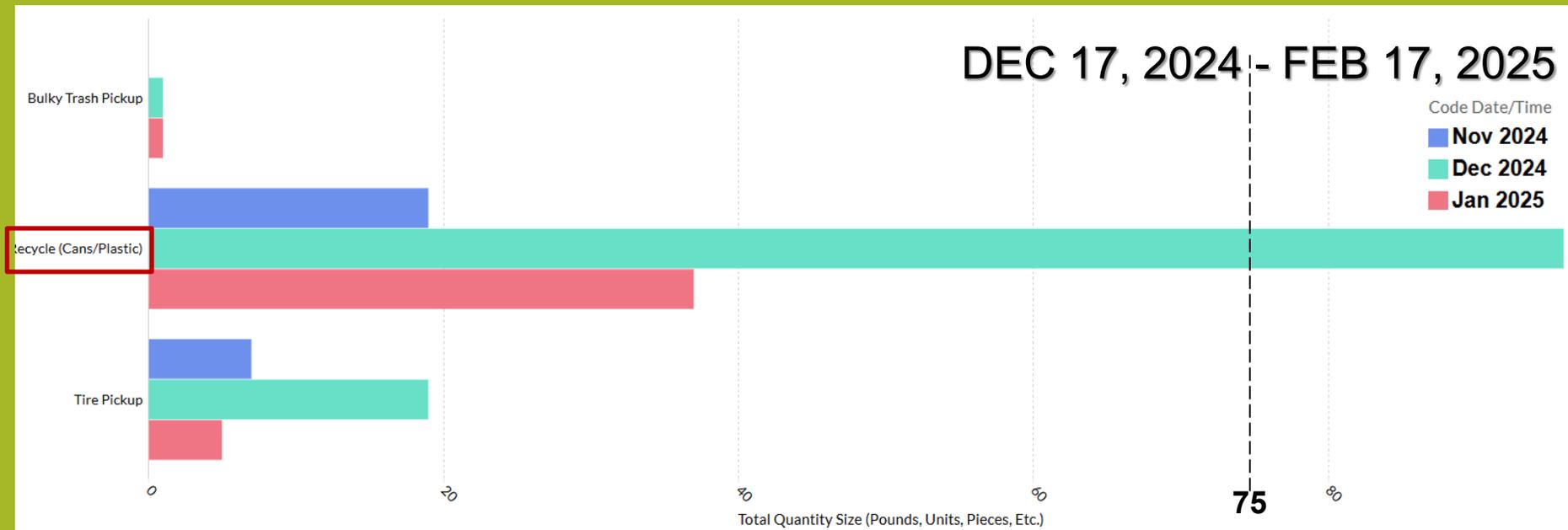
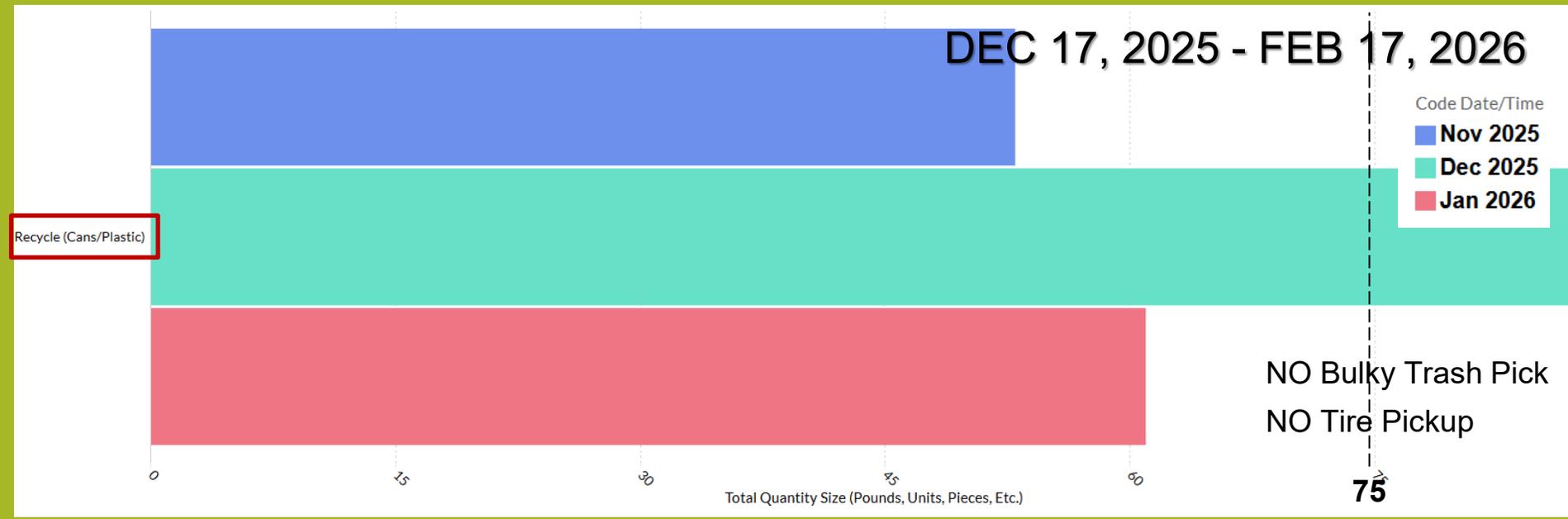
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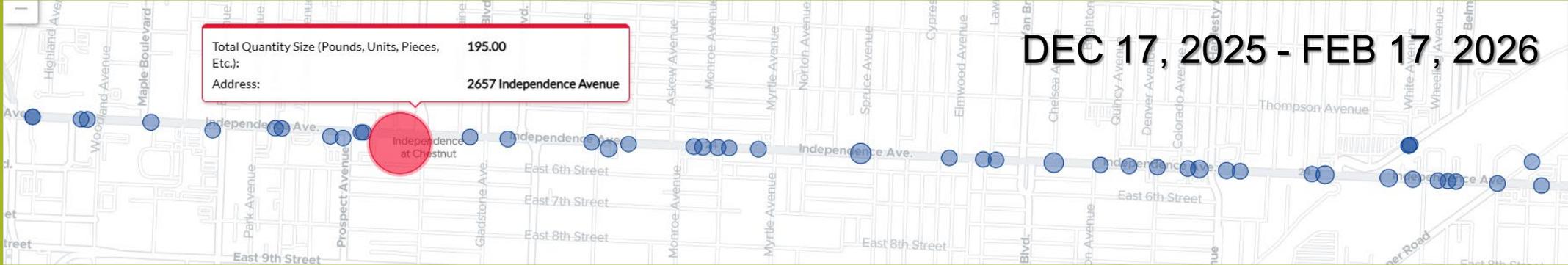
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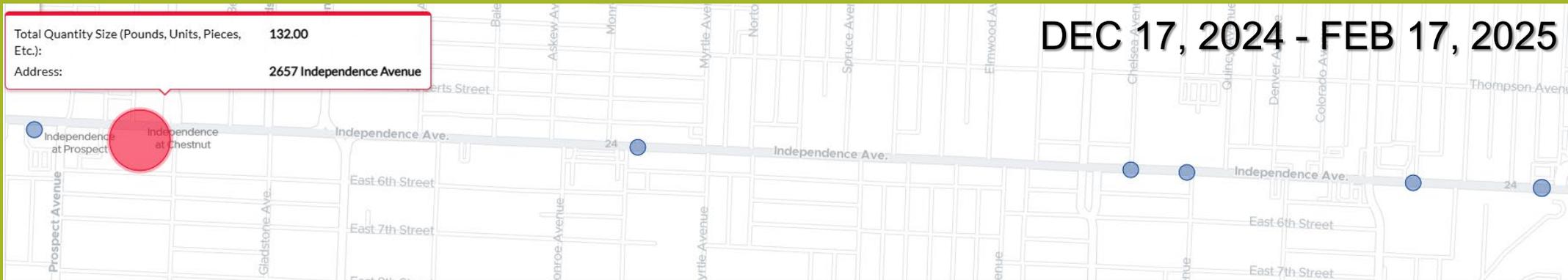


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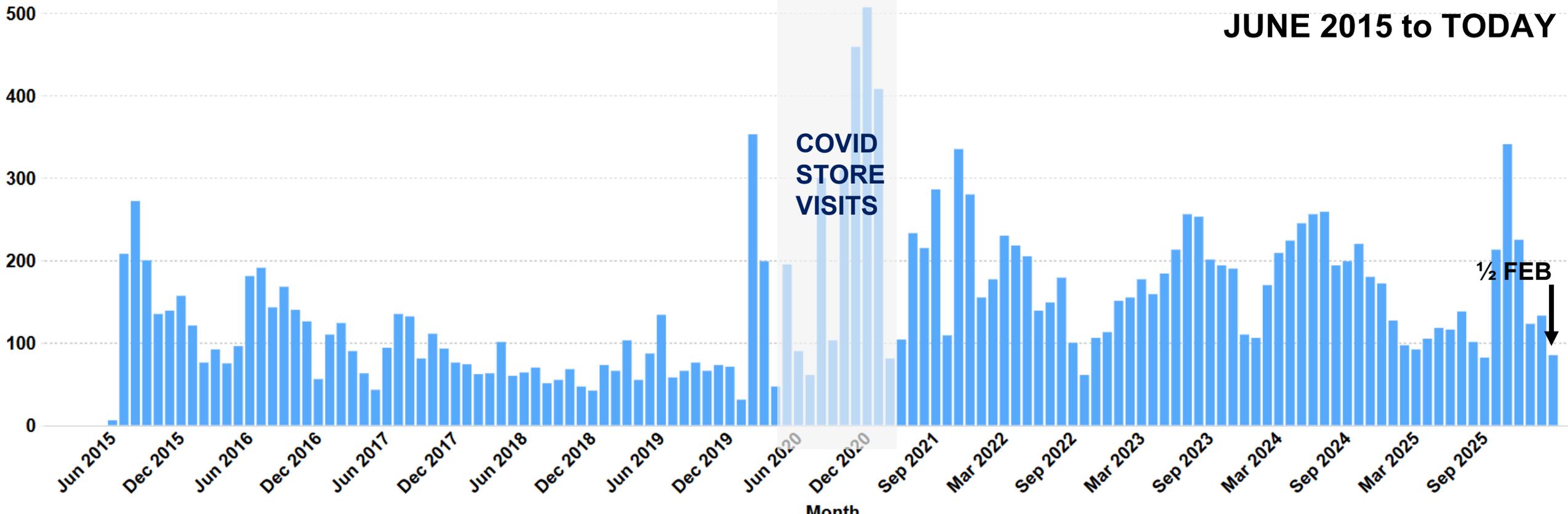
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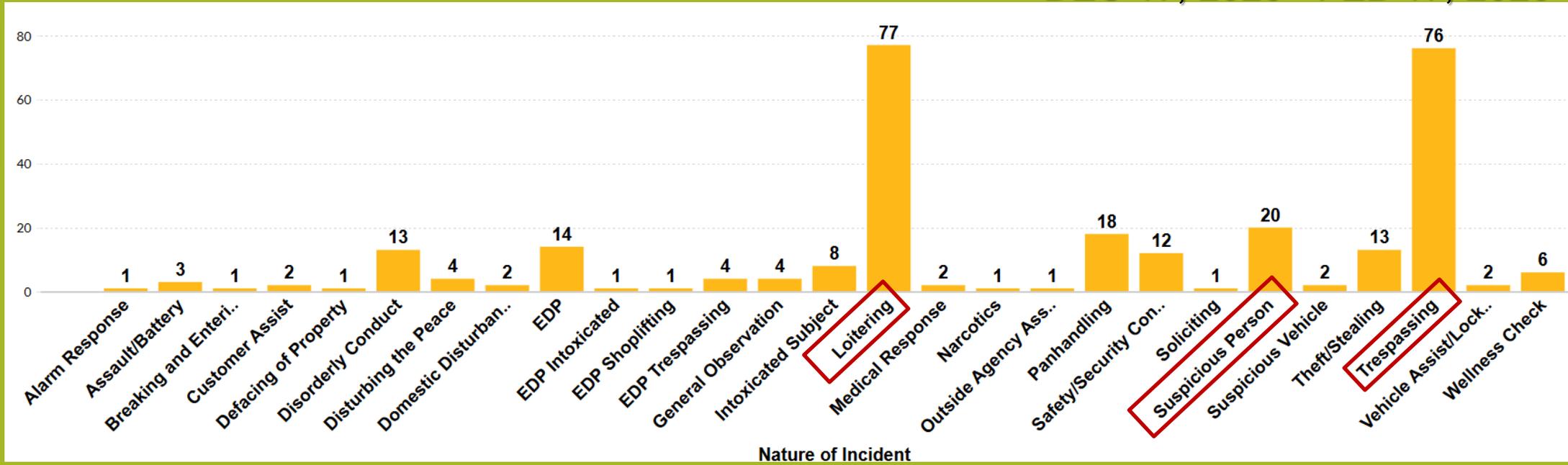
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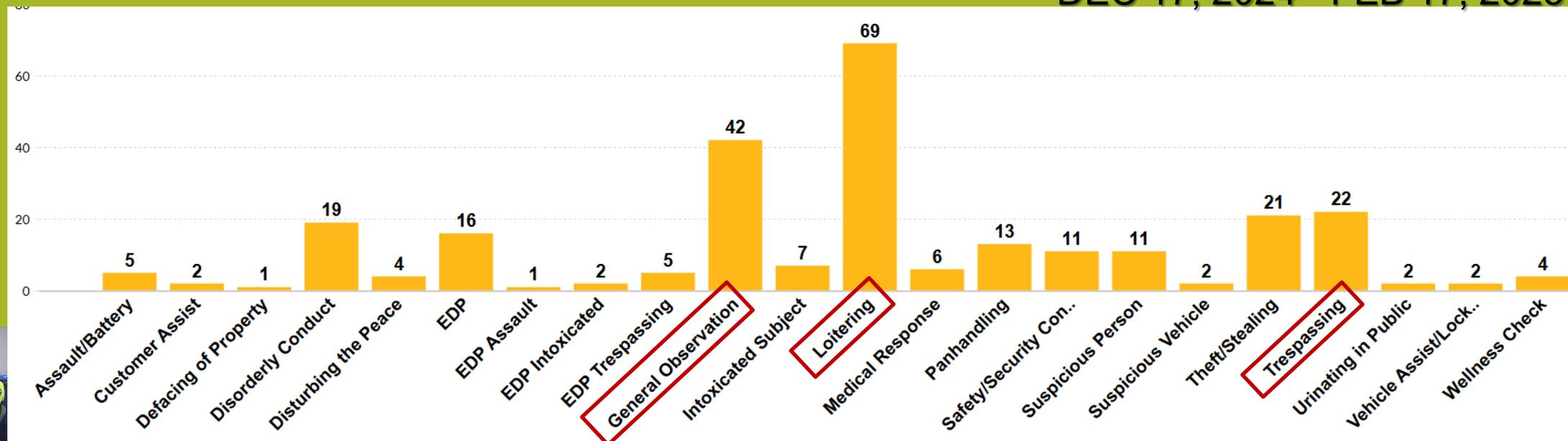


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INCIDENT COUNT



DEC 17, 2024 - FEB 17, 2025



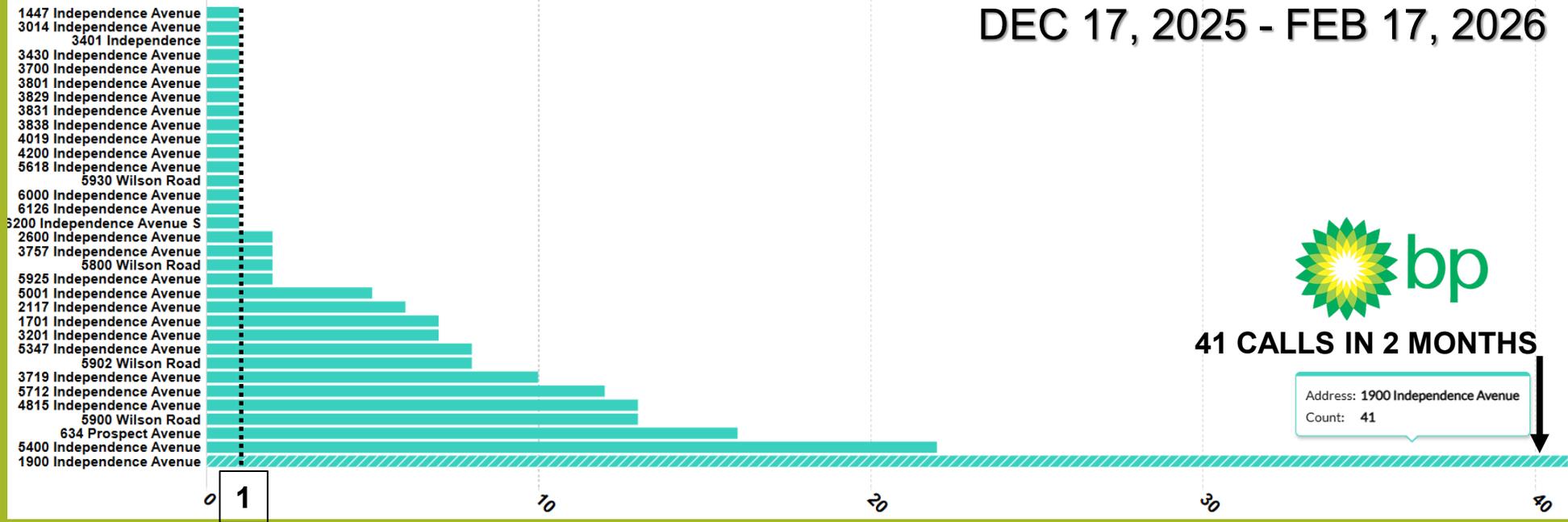
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ACTIVITY BY ADDRESS

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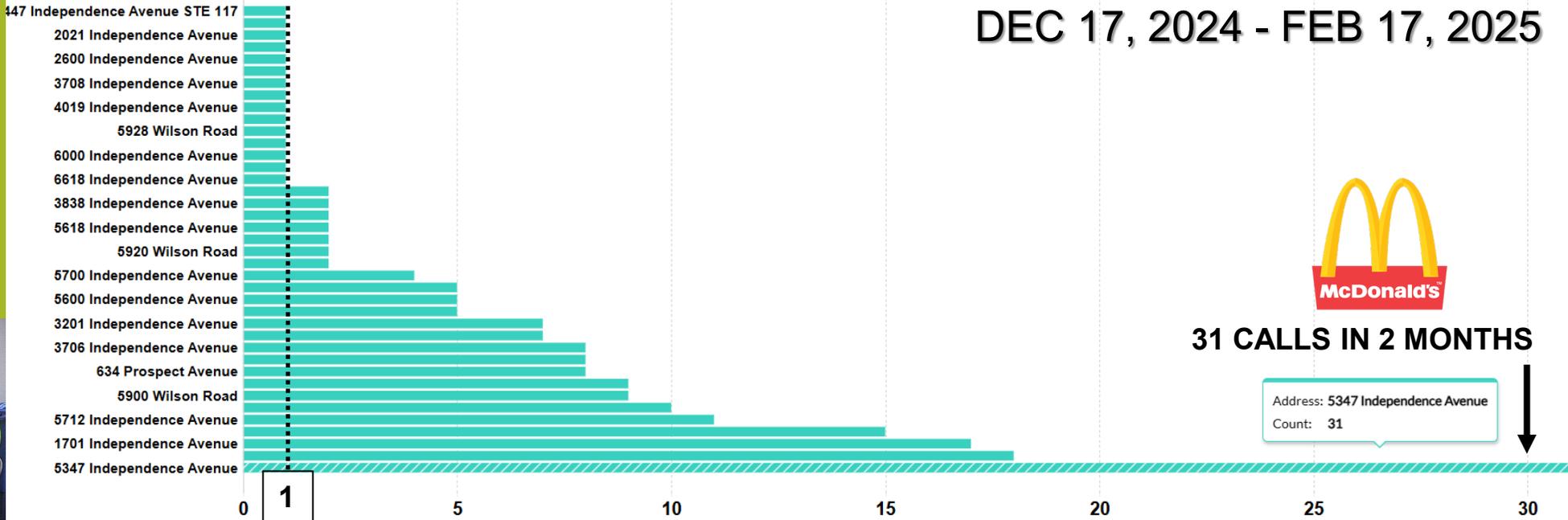


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41 CALLS IN 2 MONTHS

Address: 1900 Independence Avenue
Count: 41



DEC 17, 2024 - FEB 17, 2025



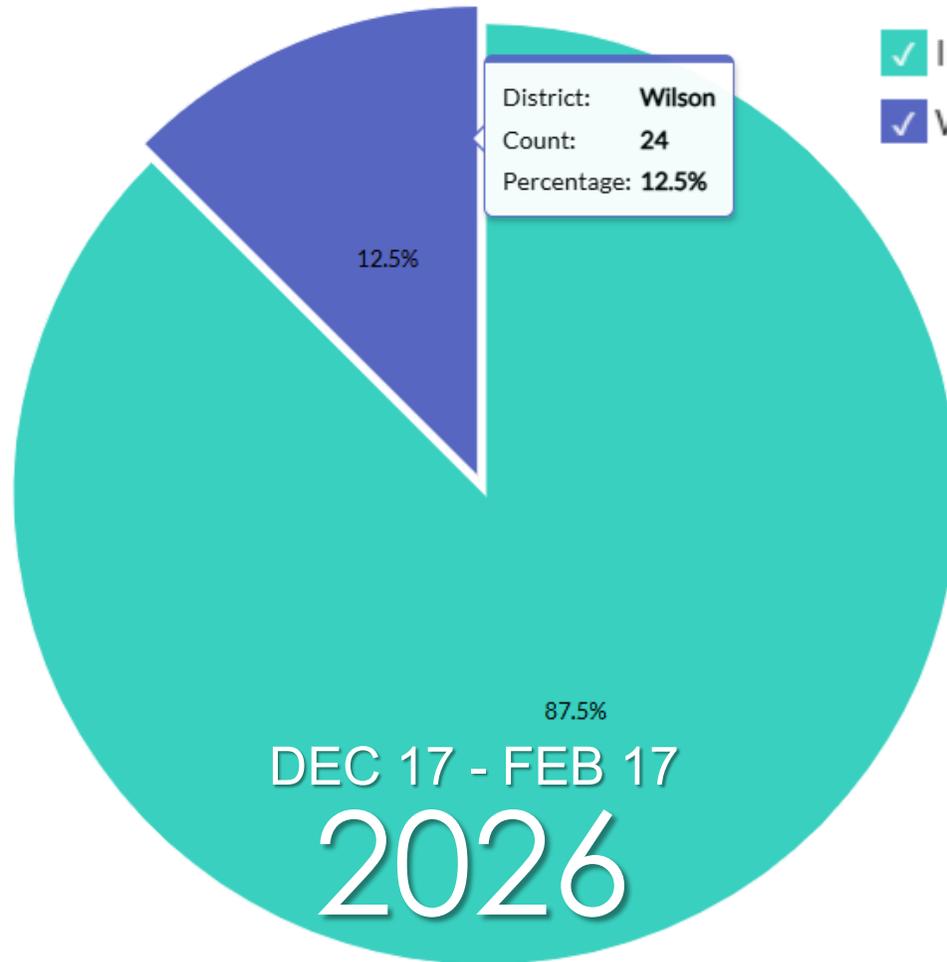
31 CALLS IN 2 MONTHS

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Count: 31

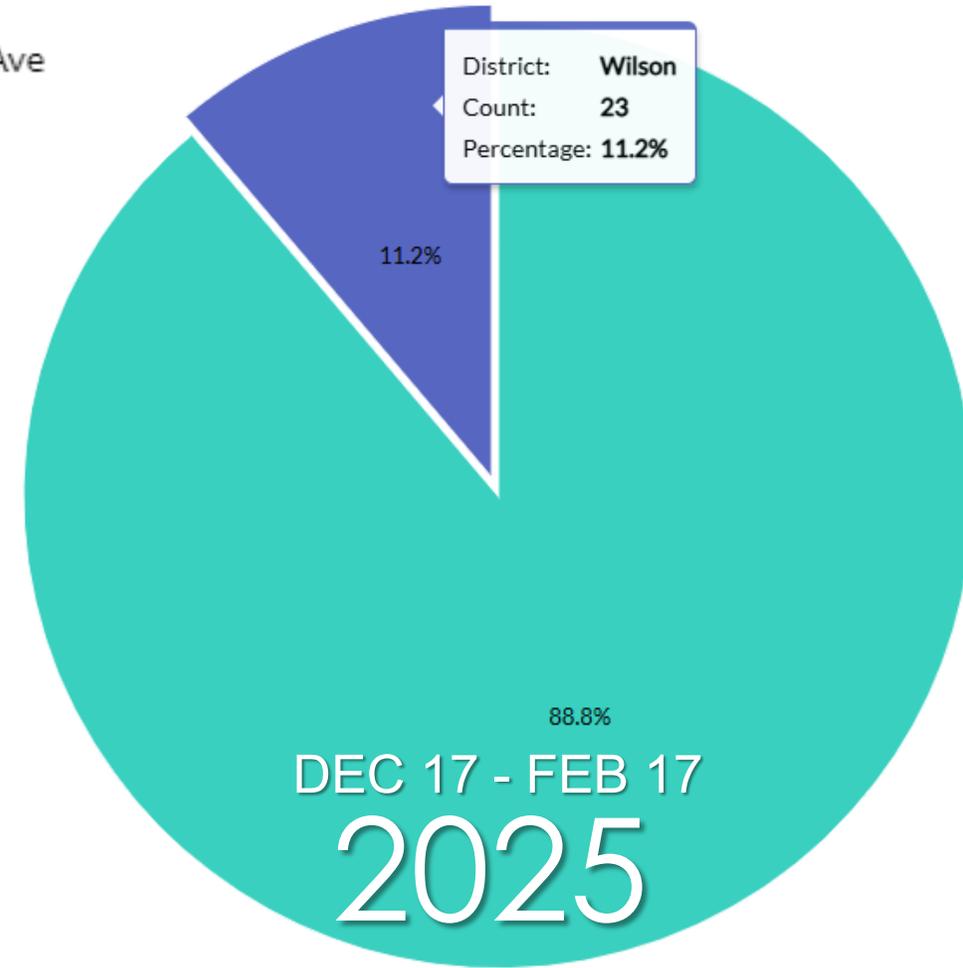
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WILSON RD VERSES INDEPENDENCE AVE



- ✓ Independence Ave
- ✓ Wilson



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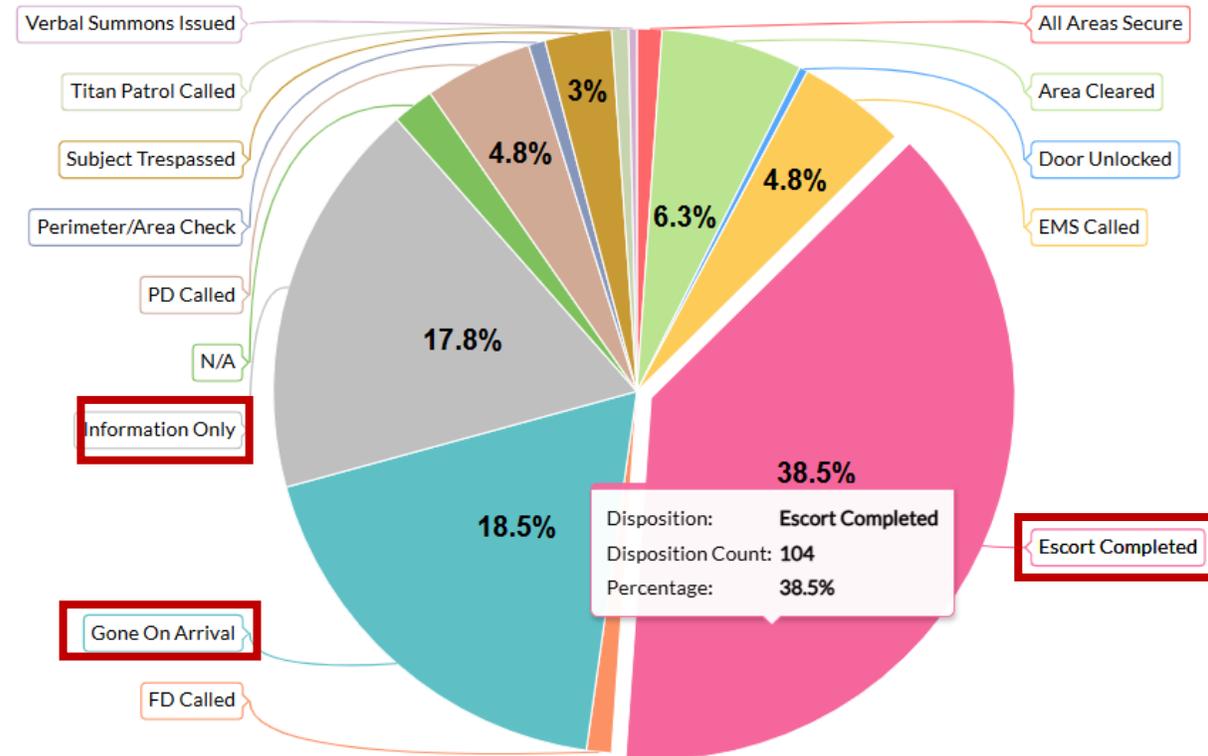
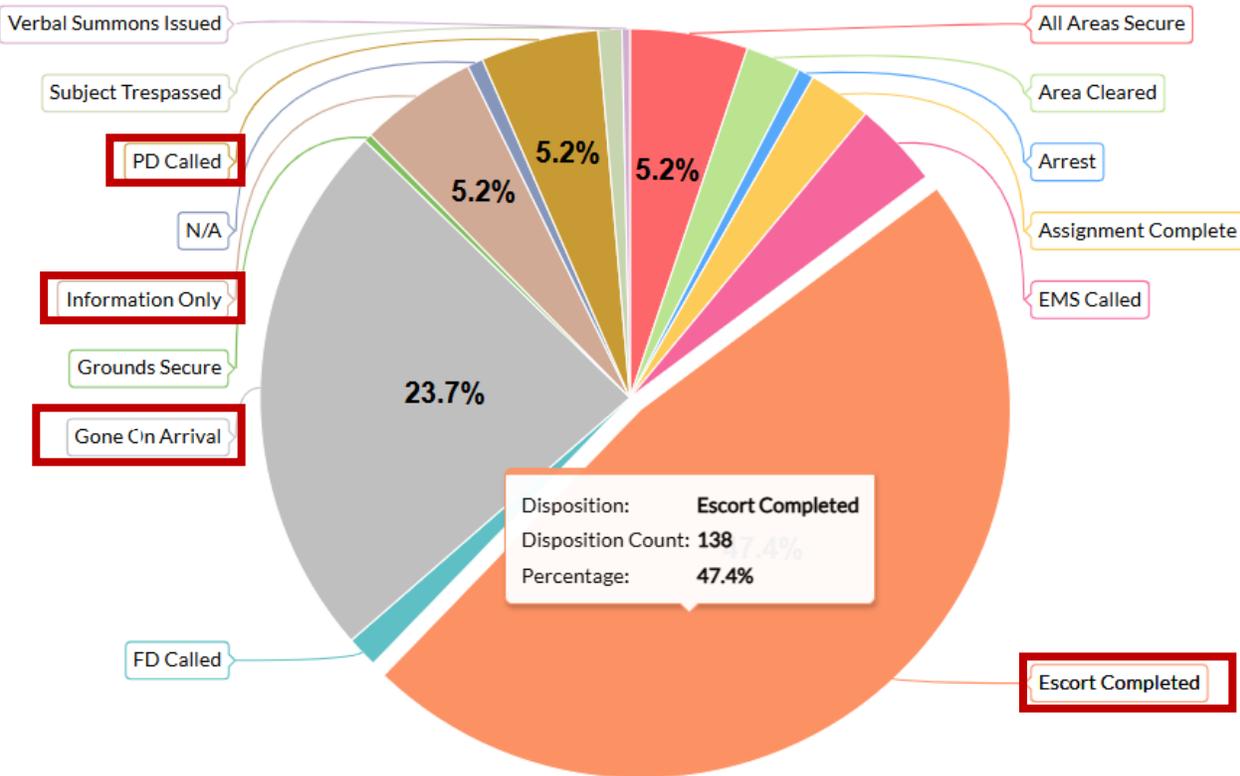


OVERALL ACTIVITY

DEC 17 – FEB 17

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INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

FOUR CORNERS
COMMUNITY CALL



JAN & FEB 2026



1-2-2026 Yasmeen Cafe



1-9-2026 Pho Bowl



1-23-2026 Acapulco Comida



2-6-2026 Love Expressions



2-13-2026 99c Bargain Market



1-16-2026 Taqueria Mix-T-Co



1-30-2026 Catracha Mex

SHOPS "JUST AROUND-THE-CORNER"

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Valentine's Day is just around the corner, landing this year on Saturday, February 14, and local merchants along Independence Avenue are ready to help you find the perfect way to say "I love you."



Elvira's Cakes
3838 Independence Ave. & Myrtle

If your Valentine has a sweet tooth, Elvira's Cakes is pulling out all the stops this year. Along with their regular lineup of cakes and savory treats, Elvira's will be offering a festive selection of Valentine's Day specialties. Expect beautifully arranged pan dulce bouquets dipped in rich chocolate, rose-bears, specialty chocolate boxes, chocolate-covered strawberries, and heart-shaped Jell-O molds—all with a Valentine's theme. These popular items will be available leading up to and on Valentine's Day, but special orders should be placed early to avoid missing out.

For ordering details, call 816-231-3524.

Love Expressions Florist & Gifts
4618 Independence Ave. & Lawn

When it comes to Valentine's Day, Love Expressions is a go-to destination. Known for handmade arrangements and thoughtful gifts, this neighborhood florist specializes in turning feelings into flowers. Owner Martha and her team will be offering a wide selection of Valentine's Day-themed gifts, including plush items and custom floral arrangements starting around \$30. From show-stopping bouquets to budget-friendly everyday arrangements, Love Expressions can help you design something truly special for your loved one. The shop is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and advance ordering is strongly encouraged as Valentine's Day approaches. Delivery is also available through DoorDash.

To place an order or ask about custom designs, call 816-813-0781.

More Valentine's Day Shopping Options

In addition to shopping local favorites, readers can also find Valentine's Day gifts and essentials at several nearby retailers, including Aldi, Walgreens, Cosentino's Price Chopper, and Family Dollar. These stores will be stocked with greeting cards, candy, flowers, and last-minute gift ideas for shoppers on the go.

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-Corners Community Call was at Love Expressions located at 4618 Independence Ave

Bargain Market
5304 Independence Ave

Whether you're planning ahead or shopping closer to the big day, the small businesses in the International Marketplace and the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District have plenty of heartfelt, creative, and delicious gift options—no roadside tents required.



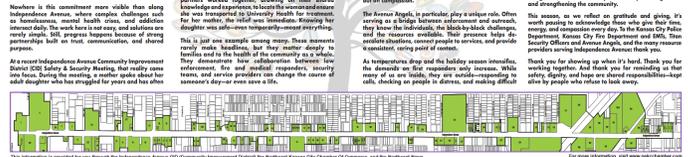
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Standing Watch When It Matters Most: A Thank You to Our First Responders

As the holiday season is upon us, it's a time to reflect on the many ways our first responders serve our community. From firefighters to police officers, these brave individuals are always on the front lines, ensuring our safety and well-being. We want to take a moment to express our gratitude for their dedication and service. Their hard work and sacrifice are what make our neighborhoods safe and vibrant. We are so lucky to have them as part of our community.



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Pho Bowl – A Neighborhood Favorite for Vietnamese Comfort Food

Pho Bowl is a neighborhood favorite for Vietnamese comfort food. Located on the western edge of Independence Avenue's culinary corridor at 1447 Independence Blvd, Pho Bowl has become a go-to destination for lovers of authentic Vietnamese cuisine. Known for its rich pho broth, fresh ingredients, generous portions and friendly service, Pho Bowl offers a warm and satisfying dining experience that keeps locals coming back again and again.



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A NEW TASTE OF HONDURAS & MEXICO IN NORTHEAST

The opening of Caticha Mex Comida Hondureña y Mexicana at 2803 Wilson Ave last November marks a 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 4802 Independence Ave, combining their expertise in Northeast.



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Local Cuisine is Just Around The Corner

As Kansas City Restaurant Week returns January 18-20, 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 shines a spotlight on restaurants across the city with special price-fixe 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.



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A New Spot for Mexican Flavor on Independence Avenue

Kansas City's Independence Avenue International Marketplace continues to showcase the city's rich and diverse culinary culture with the arrival of Quetzal, a new restaurant serving up Mexican favorites at 3616 Independence Ave in Northeast.



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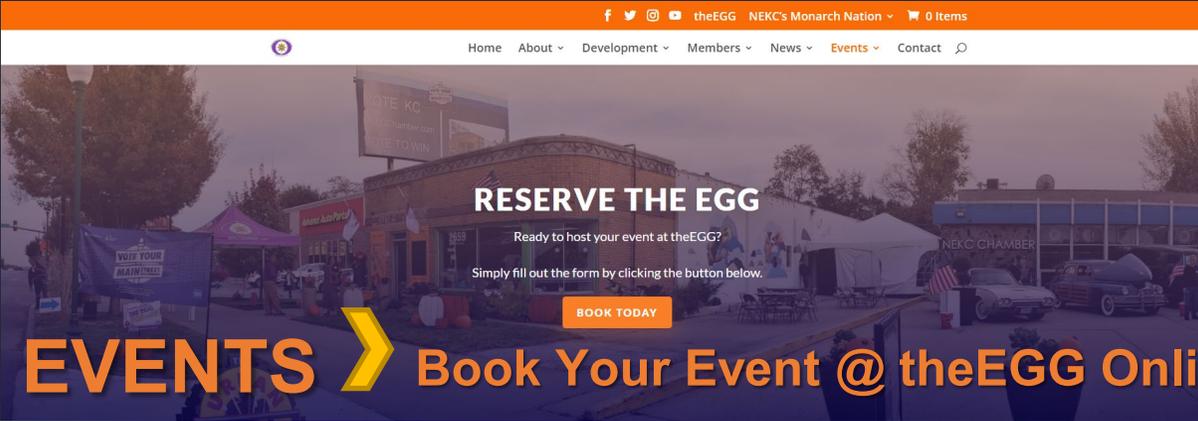
12-24-2025

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1-30-2026

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



The EGG EVENTS > Book Your Event @ theEGG Online > www.NEKCchamber.com

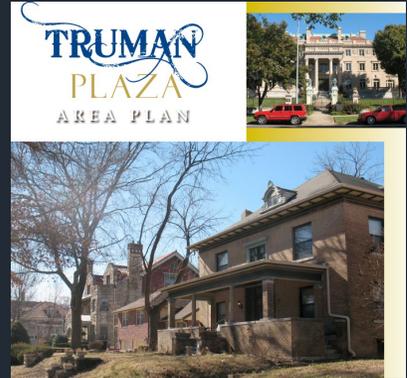
NOVEMBER 13, 2025
DECEMBER 11, 2025:
COFFEE, CUTLURE & CONVERSATION

MARCH 6, 2025:
BRIAN MAPES Color/Draw at theEGG
SATURDAY, 10:00am – 2:00pm

FEBRUARY 10, 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,



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 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CID)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES



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Rebecca Koop



Laura Birdsong



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Mike Spady



Lon Clark

**NEKC CHAMBER CEO
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&
INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

- 1 Northeast 'STRIVIN' COMBAT Board
- 2 Kansas City Chamber Public Safety Coalition
- 3 KC 'VISION ZERO' Advisory
- 4 HNE Houseless Coalition
- 5 Small Developers of KC
- 6 HNE Events Board
- 7 KC CID Alliance
- 8 HNE Media Board
- 9 Central Bank of KC's Advisory Board: New Market Tax Credits
- 10 Hasna Sal Public Art Foundation Board
- 11 Award: 'Carol Coe' Community Defender

- 1 KC SourceLink Liaison
- 2 Welcome KC Committee
- 3 KC Refugee & Immigrant Services & Empowerment Board
- 4 The EGG (*Economic Growth Gallery*) Planner
- 5 Northeast KC Arts Board
- 6 Historic Northeast (HNE) Events Board
- 7 Northeast Arts KC Board
- 8 Award: 2024 Downtown Council's Urban Heroes

- 1 NEKC Safety & Security Committee
- 2 Award: Community Champion 816
- 3 Certified Harm Reduction Specialist
- 4 Historic Northeast (HNE) Community Engagement Liaison
- 5 KCMO Houseless Summit Ambassador
- 6 National Coalition for the Homeless: Civil Rights Organizing Committee
- 7 Founder/CEO Beyond The Wall
- 8 KC CID Alliance

- 1 Aweil East Community Association Inc - USA former Chairman
- 2 NEKC Chamber Liaison for the Historic Northeast Area Businesses
- 3 Social Media Campaigner
- 4 World Ambassador Liaison

- 1 Kessler Park Conservancy Committee
- 2 MARC Bi-State Sustainable Corridor Advisory Board
- 3 MARC Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Update Committee
- 5 Urban Core Group Advisory Council
- 6 NEKC Safety & Security Committee
- 7 KC CID Alliance
- 8 CID Government Affairs Committee

- 1 NEKC Safety & Security Committee
- 2 Independence Avenue Storefront Improvement Rebate Advisory Board
- 3 The Paseo Gateway & Choice Neighborhood Initiative Liaison
- 4 Information Technology Liaison

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

2657 INDEPENDENCE BLVD, KCMO



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UPCOMING EVENTS



COFFEE CULTURE & CONVERSATION

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

Transit Mobility and the
Upcoming Soccer Match



TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, FEB 24, 2026

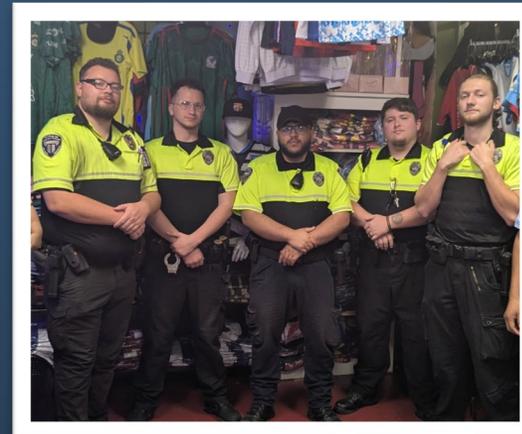
Youth Soccer League Panel



SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

THURSDAY, FEB 19, 2026

The latest on crime prevention



BEADS, BEANS & BOOZE

TUESDAY, FEB 17, 2026

J Reiger's East Bottoms

