

AGENDA

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

Date: Thursday, January 16 2025 Time: 3:00 pm

Place: 2657 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, MO. The meeting will be held on site with social distancing measures in place; 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
- III. FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - Balance Sheet
 - P & L YTD
- IV. ACTION/RESOLUTION ITEMS
 - May 2025 to April 2026 Budget
 - Nomination for new Director
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - District Manager's Report
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - Capital Improvements
 - ADA Bathroom Upgrades
 - Security Fence Upgrade
 - Scheduled Equipment Replacement
- VII. 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
- d. Sealed bids or proposals, pursuant to subsection 12.

COMMUNITY COMPASSION



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE STRONG



YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

12/18/2024

→ INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

11/21/2024 ←

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE



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

JANUARY 16, 2024

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- STOREFRONT REBATE PROGRAM (SIR)
 - RECENT EVENTS
 - HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE
 - INDEPENDENCE AVE CID & TITAN REPORTS
 - TITAN 'FOUR CORNERS'
 - THE NE NEWSPAPER'S "CID-CENTERFOLDS"
 - THE EGG EVENTS
 - UPCOMING EVENTS

The 'EGG' & NE News Office



NEKC Chamber, IA CID & HNE Office



CID Storefront Rebate Program

Amount Disbursed To-Date Since Program Began in 2015 on 32 Projects: **\$147,102.23**

2024 DISTRIBUTION: **\$10,021.50**

AVE BUSINESS INVESTMENT TO DATE: **\$415,000.42**



PROGRAM CRITERIA FOR DISCUSSION

1. Non-sales tax collection (service businesses)
2. 501c3 (non-for-profit)
3. Collecting sales tax (retailer)
4. Owner operated vs tenant occupied
5. Establish timeline for asphalt repaving
6. Clarify visibility from Independence Ave

	Date	Address	Name	Contact	Project Amount	Approved Amount	Completed	Overall Dispersed
1	12/5/2015	2817 Independence	Bella Realty Group LLC	Sarina Hodges/Gayle Buri	\$ 41,976.00	\$ 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 Musallet	\$ 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	7/2016	
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	7/2019	
1	4/1/2019	5200 Independence	El Taco	John Cairne	\$ 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		\$ 54,438.21
1	7/10/2021	2415 Independence	Sons of Columbus	John Conforti	\$ 6,391.00	\$ 3,159.50	9/15/2021	
1	9/14/2021	6126 Independence	El Torito III	Joe 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				\$ -	\$ -		\$ 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	Saied 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	2629-31 Independence	Strip Mall	Jack DeSimone	\$ 11,075.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/24/2023	
1	5/29/2023	2620 Independence	Fresh Market	Eddie Musallet	\$ 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				\$ 78,233.39	\$ 10,021.65		\$ 147,102.23
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1	1/22/2024	544 Wabash Ave	Northeast Community Center	Kyla Pitts-Zevin	\$7,567.50	\$ 3,299.15	10/2/2024	TO DATE
1	11/20/2024	2635 Independence	Avenue Cafe	Jack DeSimone	\$3,835.00	\$ 1,917.50	11/20/2024	TOTAL
4	2024 TOTAL				\$ 78,233.39	\$ 10,021.65		\$ 147,102.23

THANKSGIVING LUNCH

NOVEMBER 27, 2024

- ~ NEKC Chamber
- ~ Independence Ave
- ~ CID Titan Protection
- ~ Northeast News



History of Thanksgiving

a timeline

1621



The First Thanksgiving

Pilgrims and Native Americans celebrated a harvest feast (known as the first "Thanksgiving") in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

1630

New England Thanksgiving

Settlers observed the first Thanksgiving of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in New England on July 8, 1630.

1789

Give Thanks

President George Washington declared November 26, 1789, as a national day of "thanksgiving and prayer."

1777

Chilly T-Day

While in route to Valley Forge, George Washington and his army stopped in freezing weather to observe the first Thanksgiving of the new United States of America.

1863

Federal Holiday

President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving an official federal holiday.

1876

College Football

The first intercollegiate football championship was held on Thanksgiving Day.



1924

First Parade

Macy's held its first Thanksgiving Day parade.

1934

National Football

The first National Football League game held on Thanksgiving Day was between the Detroit Lions who faced the Chicago Bears at the University of Detroit Stadium.

1947



Presidential Pardon

President Harry Truman "pardoned" a turkey the day before it was scheduled to be served up as the main course at the White House Thanksgiving dinner. Modern presidents today have carried on the tradition.

1941



Set a Date

President Roosevelt established the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.



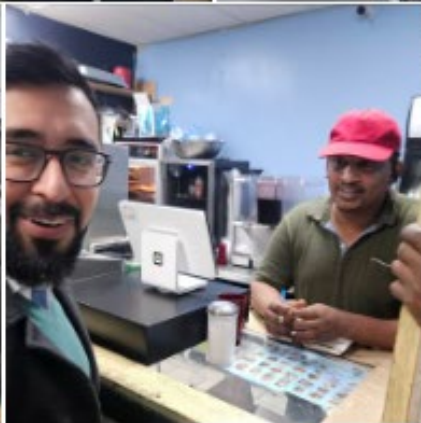
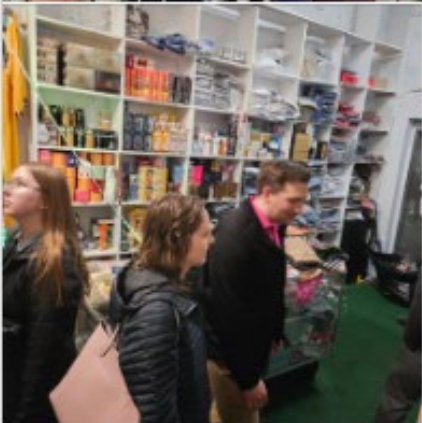
Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

Published by Laura Birdsong

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ATTENDEES: 26 INCLUDING STAFF



Independence Avenue Community Improvement District

4 days ago

Today our hard-working team took a timeout to enjoy lunch during the CASH MOB at Soma Cafe!! Another 25 people introduced to the great food and shops in Histori... See more

4TH DISTRICT SMALL BUSINESS

**CASH
MOB**



FLASH SALES TO SUPPORT AND BOOST LOCAL BUSINESSES

Noon - 1:00 PM

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Soma Cafe

2323 Independence Ave, KCMO 64124

Cash Mobs are a great way to support local businesses in our community. Join Councilman Crispin Rea and the Northeast Chamber of Commerce for lunch as we support small businesses.

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

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Councilman Crispin Rea &

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SAFETY & SECURITY MEETINGS

NOV 21, 2024

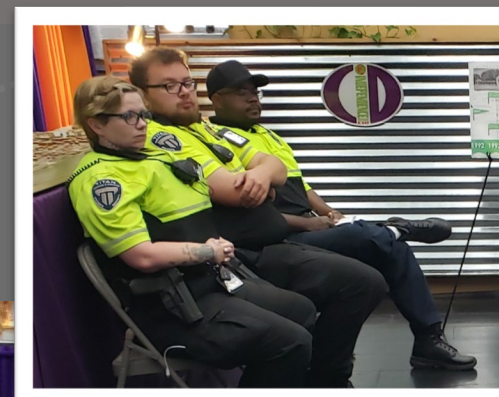
DEC 19, 2024

GENERAL TOPICS

- 1) Temporary alternative JAIL SPACE update and response of surrounding city's accepting KC's arrested individuals.
- 2) Court system backup & no-show issues.
- 3) Repeat Nuisance Offenders (RNO) problem.
- 4) Low barrier shelter, Hope Faith organization, and the KCMO City Council decisions.

GENERAL ATTENDEES

2 KCPD Officers & 1 CIO Officer
1 City Prosecutor
6 Business Reps & Residents
3 TITAN Angels & 3 Officers
4 Office Staff
2 Mattie Rhodes Reps
1 Public Library (NE location)





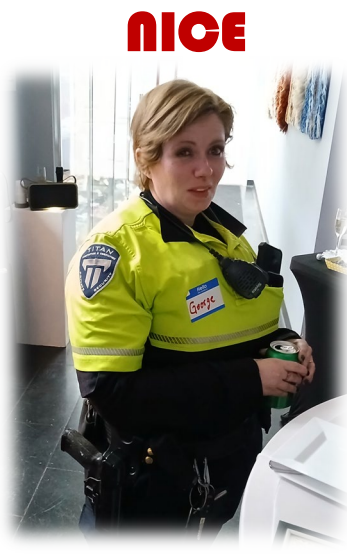
19th District MO State Reps
Out-Going & In-Coming
Ingrid Burnett & Wick Thomas
(Clay Jarrett)

CELEBRATORY TOAST 2024

1970s FONDUE FUN THROWBACK



DEC 13, 2024 TOAST



NICE



NAUGHTY



CELEBRATORY TOAST 2024



1970s FONDUE FUN THROWBACK

DECEMBER 13

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES OF 2024



CELEBRATING STAFF SUCCESSES OF 2024



MOST NEKO CHAMBER MEMBERSHIPS EVER



10 YEARS OF SERVICE



6 YEARS OF SERVICE



LIFE-SAVING HERO



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25 YEARS OF SERVICE



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

WINTER ACTIVITIES ON THE AVENUE



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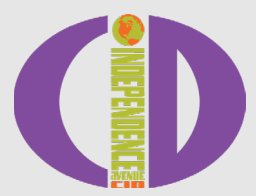
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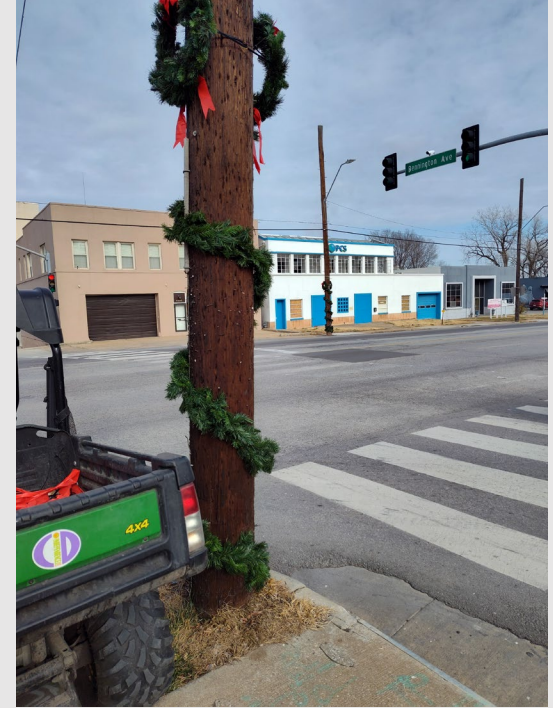


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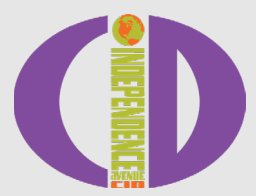


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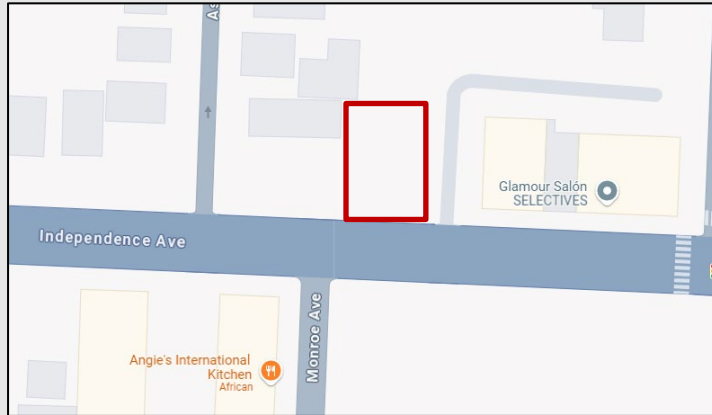


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INDEPENDENCE AVE & ASKEW PARKING LOT

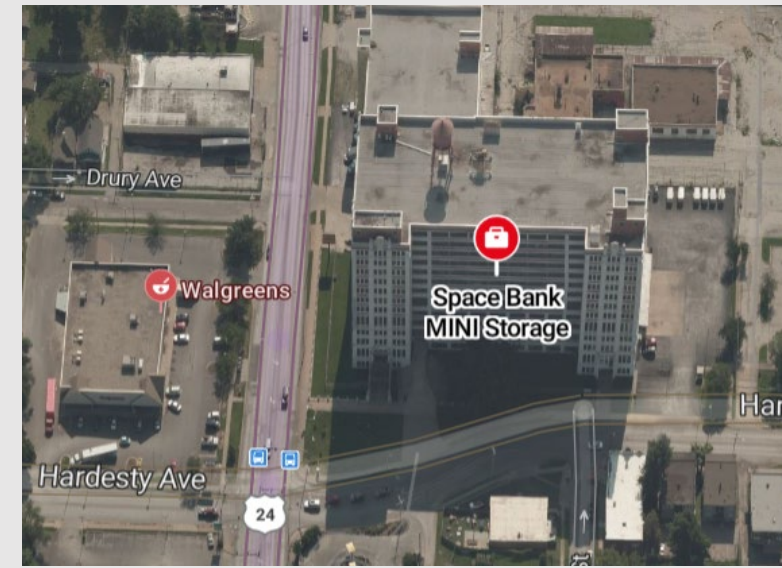
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AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

WINTER ACTIVITIES ON THE AVENUE



TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT FROM 'SPACE-BANK' TO CID OFFICE





AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

WINTER ACTIVITIES IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



FIRE, FIRE, FIRE...

Kansas City's Northeast News
January 3 at 9:35 AM · 📍

BREAKING (UPDATED) — Unhoused Encampment Fire Requires Multi-Truck Attention, Friday Morning

Just before 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3, several Kansas City Fire Department (KCFD) trucks were called to Independence Avenue near Order Express (3827 Independence Ave) and Gringo Loco (3825 Independence Ave) on a reported residential fire.

Upon further investigation, firefighters and Titan Security located the fire within the backside of Gringo Loco — a Northeast small business variety m... [See more](#)



9 comments 32 shares

HAROLD'S HAMBURGERS CLOSE 1958 - 2025

Kansas City's Northeast News
December 31, 2024 at 1:11 PM · 📍

Customers filled the parking lot and lobby of Harold's Drive-In Restaurant (1337 Admiral Blvd) on its final day in business. Due to the influx, the eatery stopped taking orders at 1:00. This restaurant has operated as Harold's since 1958 with various owners.



38 comments 49 shares

CLOSING FOR REDEVELOPMENT

Kansas City's Northeast News
1h · 📍

🏠 On Dec. 19, an application for a Kansas City Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), which was submitted by Arnold Development Group for its acquired property — Hardesty Self-Storage at 5505 Independence Ave. — went before the City Council of Kansas City for its unanimous approval.

Arnold Development Group — a local real estate development agency dedicated toward creating sustainable, walkable communities, according to its website — headed by founder Jonathan Arnold, acqui... [See more](#)

Kansas City Environmental Improvement Program Awards Future Historic Northeast Lofts Over \$7 Million Grant

NEWS
BUSINESS

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Arnold Development Group submitted an RLF request for this property, which was adopted for a resolution in March 2024 by the Kansas City Brownfields Commission to aid in completion of phase one for its project of what will become "Historic Northeast Lofts" in early 2028 — weather permitting — at this location ...

Julia Williams has this story at Northeastnews.net



3 shares



NON-MUNICIPAL FUNDING AND SERVICES CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN

THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
AND
INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into this first day of 2018 by and between KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, a constitutionally established corporation of the State of Missouri, through its CITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, hereinafter referred to as "CITY", and the INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR", of two parts: PART I. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND PART II. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

WITH the understanding of seventeen (17) alleys abutting Independence Avenue to the north and south of the Independence Plaza Park at approximately Brooklyn and Independence Avenue/Boulevard, and other public rights-of-way as may be designated by mutual agreement of the parties.

Contract with Kansas City, MO

17 ALLEYWAYS

MANAGED BY:
NEKC CHAMBER

IMPLEMENTED BY:
INDEPENDENCE AVE CID



Independence Avenue CID Alleys

2 CLEANUPS: NOV 21 – JAN 16, 2025

WINTER



Alley Cleanup Activities – Nov 21, 2024 – 3,700LBS

1) Flora to Highland - South of Avenue | 6 USA | 24 Hrs Labor | 2) Askew to Bales – North of Avenue



The images on the left are of the alley located between Flora and Highland Avenues, south of Independence Avenue and east of the Aldi store. The images on the right are of the alley located between Bales and Askew Avenues, north of Independence Avenue.



The Aldi cleanup involved removing a sizeable homeless camp. The Bales-Askew cleanup involved removing trash left by transients moving through the alley to points elsewhere.





ALL ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR

Reports This Week

149

½ WEEK

Reports This Month

417

½ MONTH

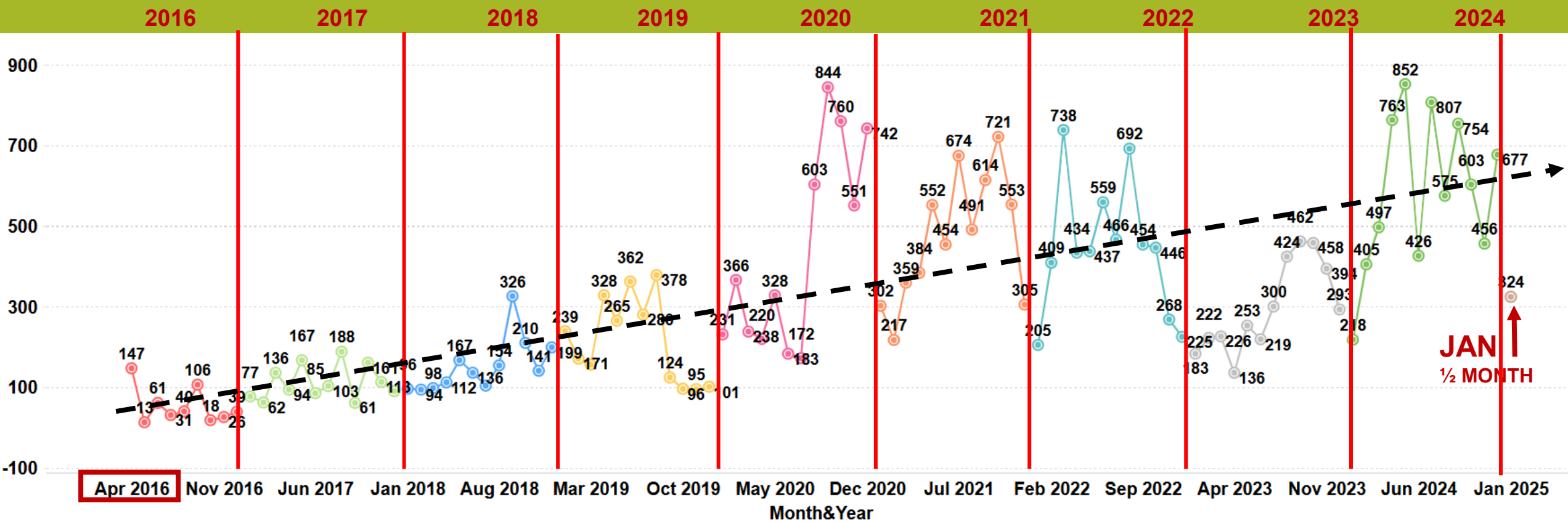
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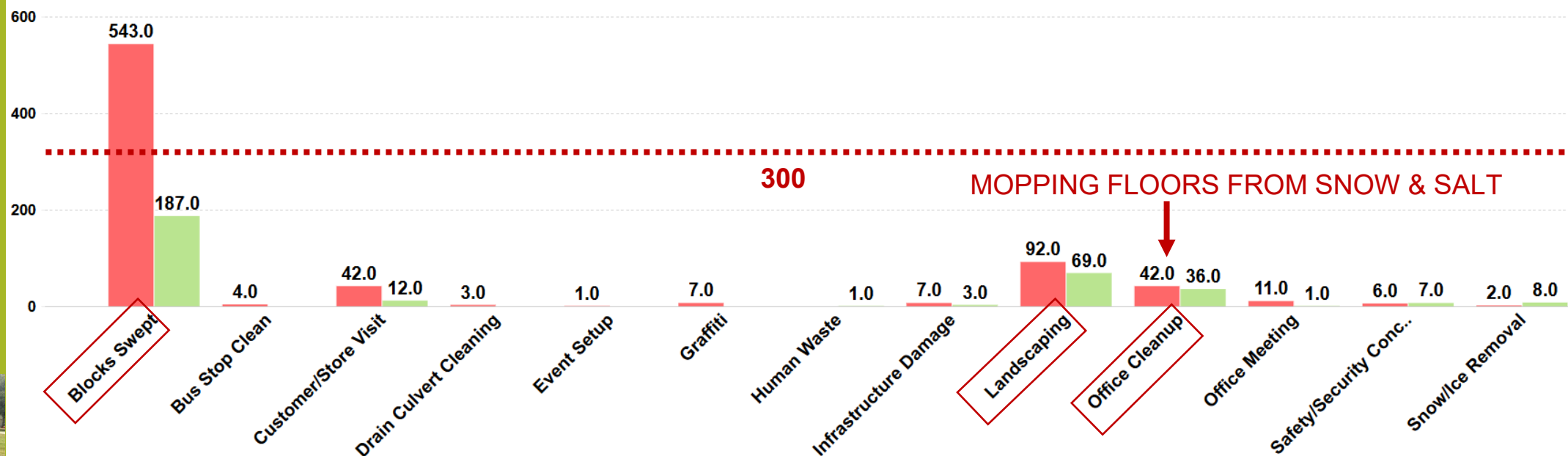
Reports All Time (Since April 2016)

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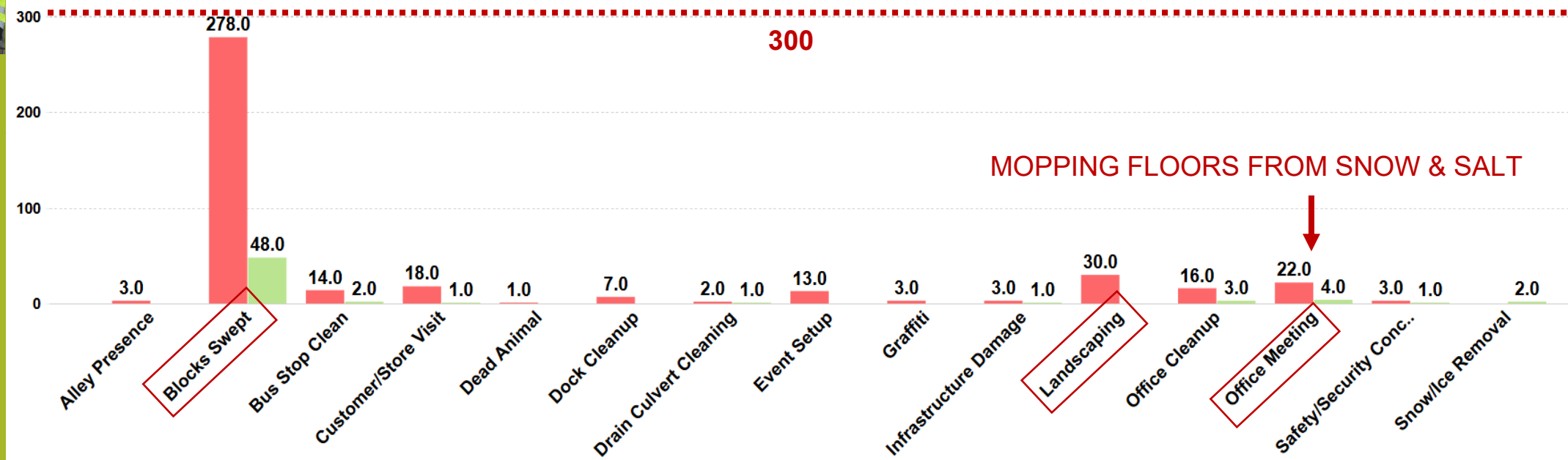
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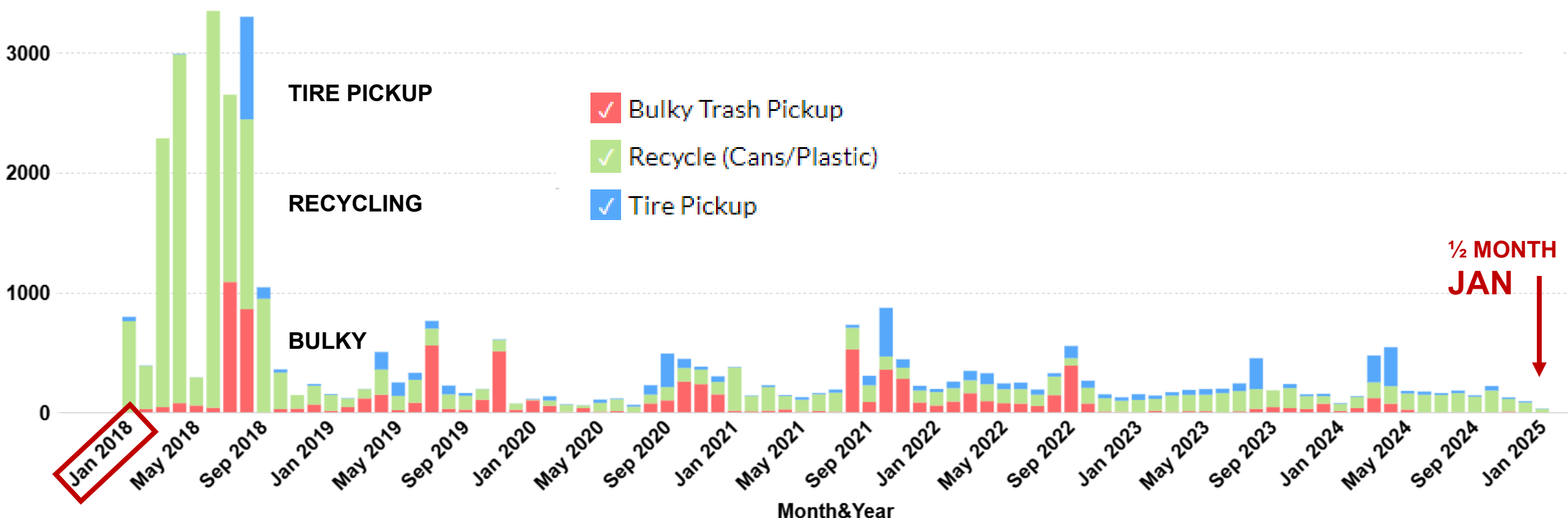
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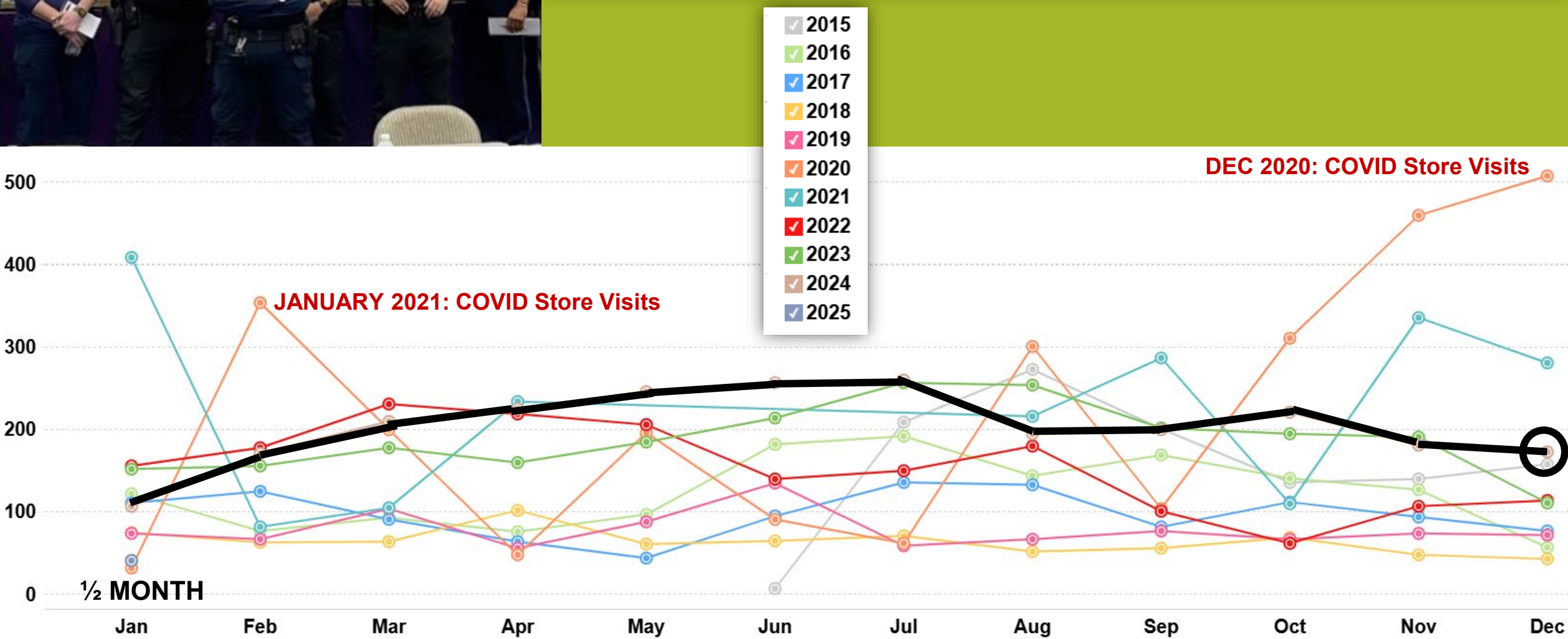
CLEAN UP... BY THE NUMBERS (JAN 2018 – TODAY)





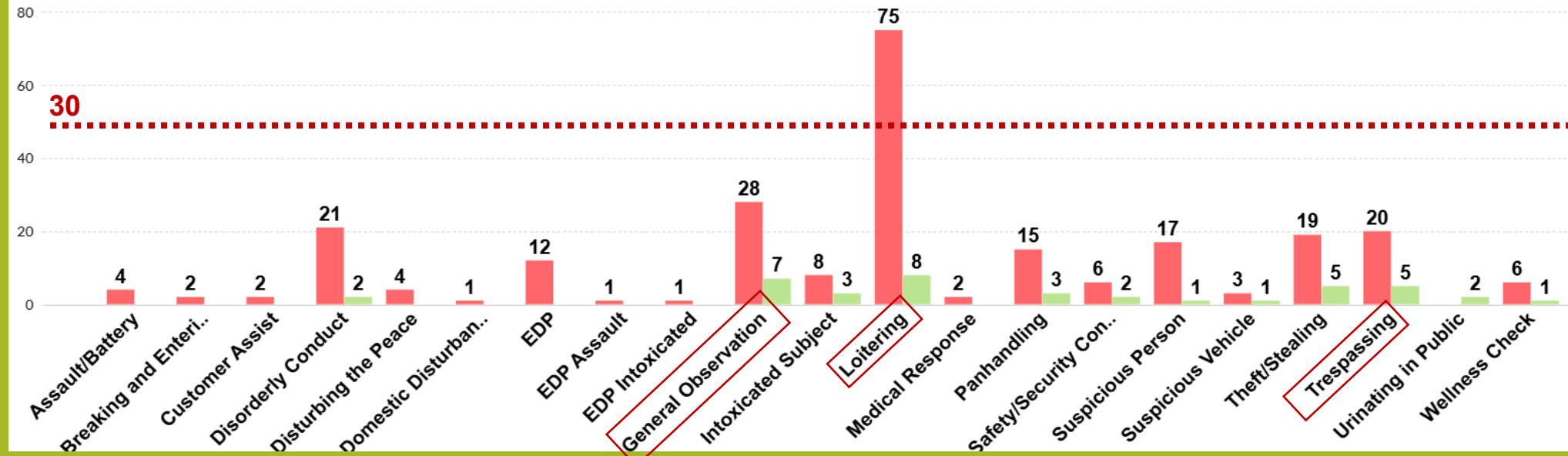
ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR

Incidents This Week	Incidents This Month	Incidents This Year	Incidents All Time
21	40 ^{1/2 MONTH}	40	16959



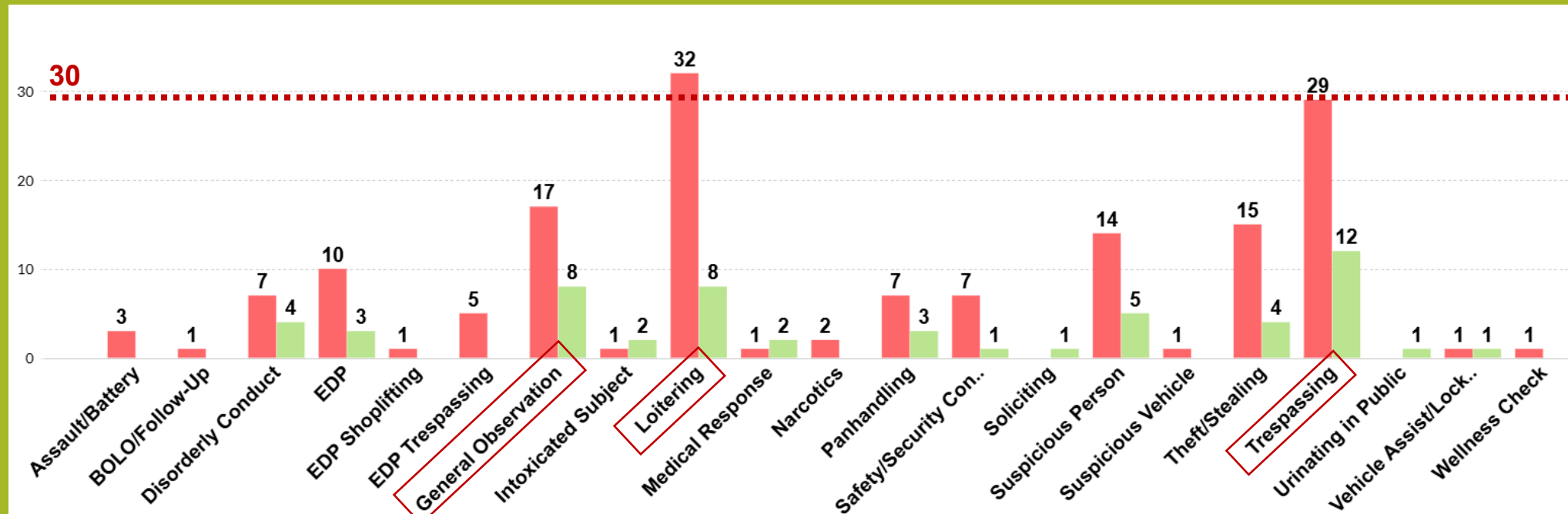
TITAN REPORT – INCIDENT COUNT

2025



(NOV 21 TO JAN 16)

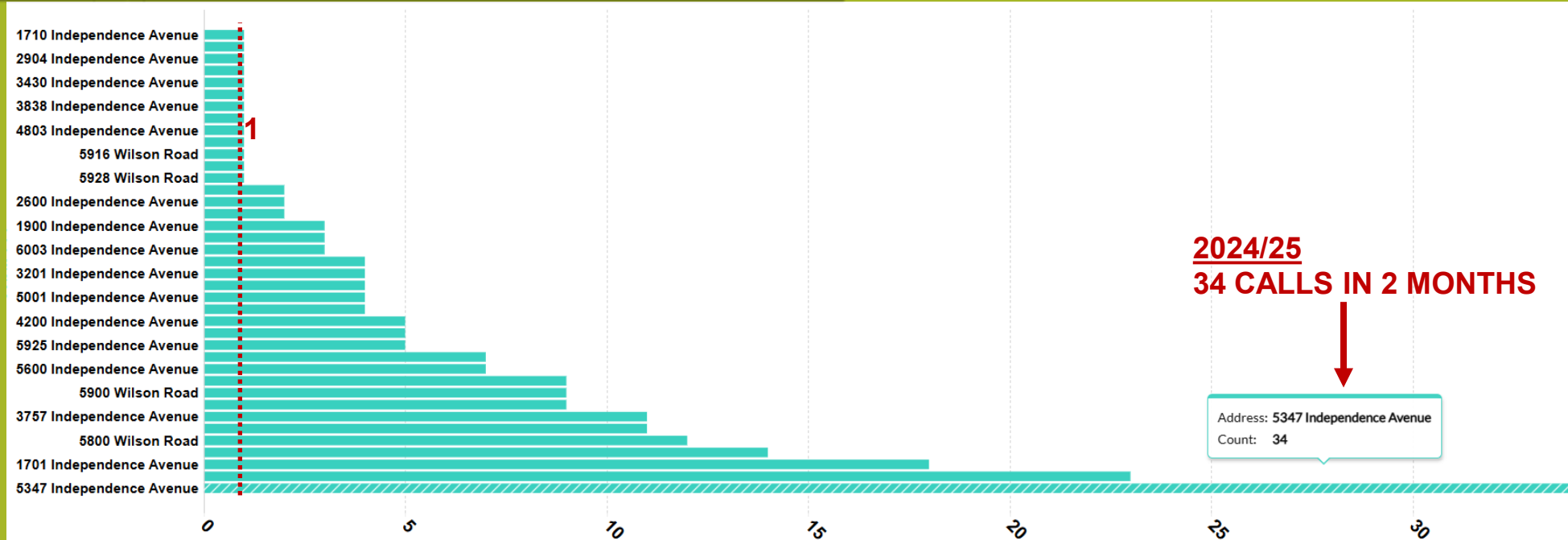
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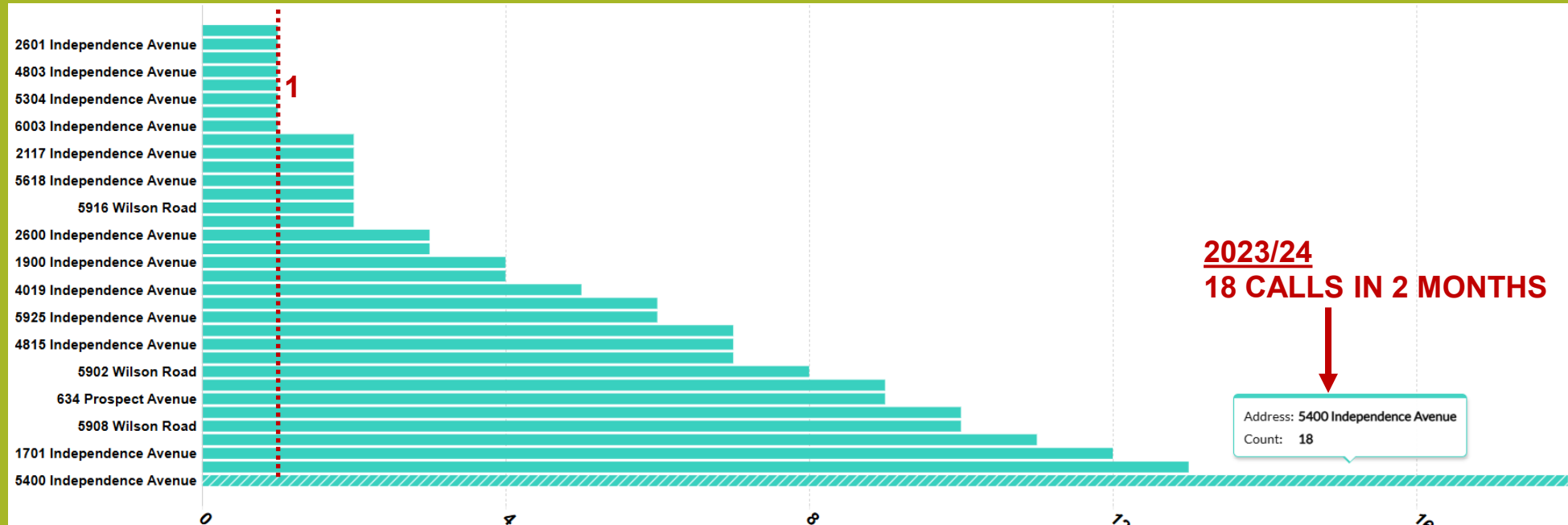
TITAN REPORT – ACTIVITY BY ADDRESS

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(NOV 21 TO JAN 16)



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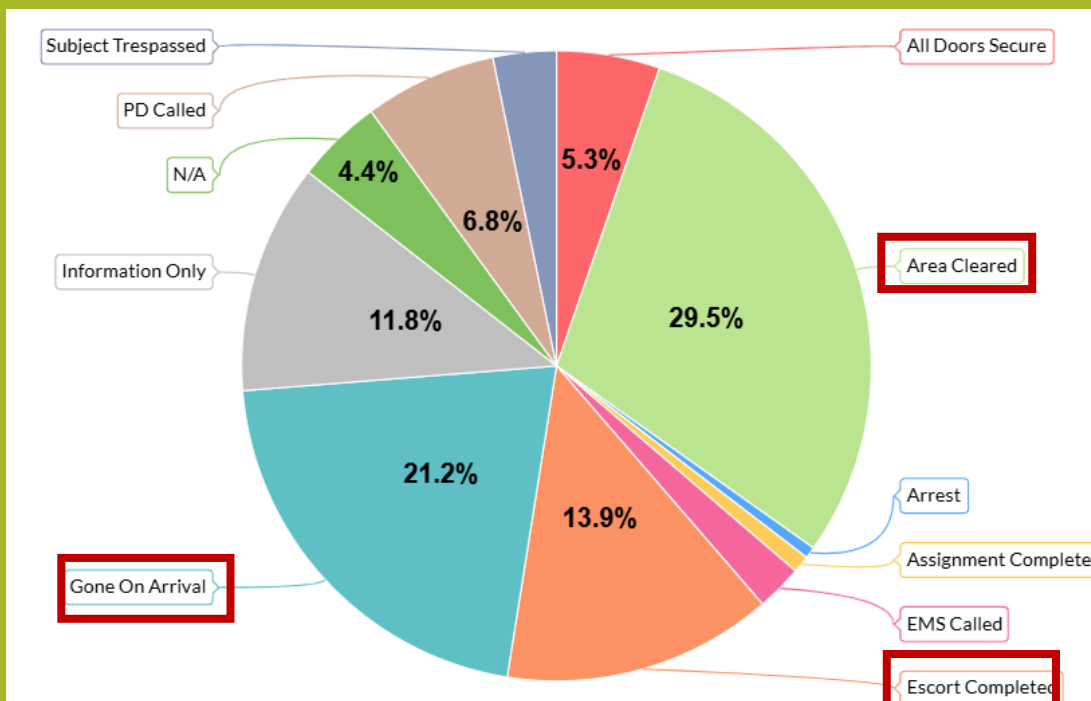
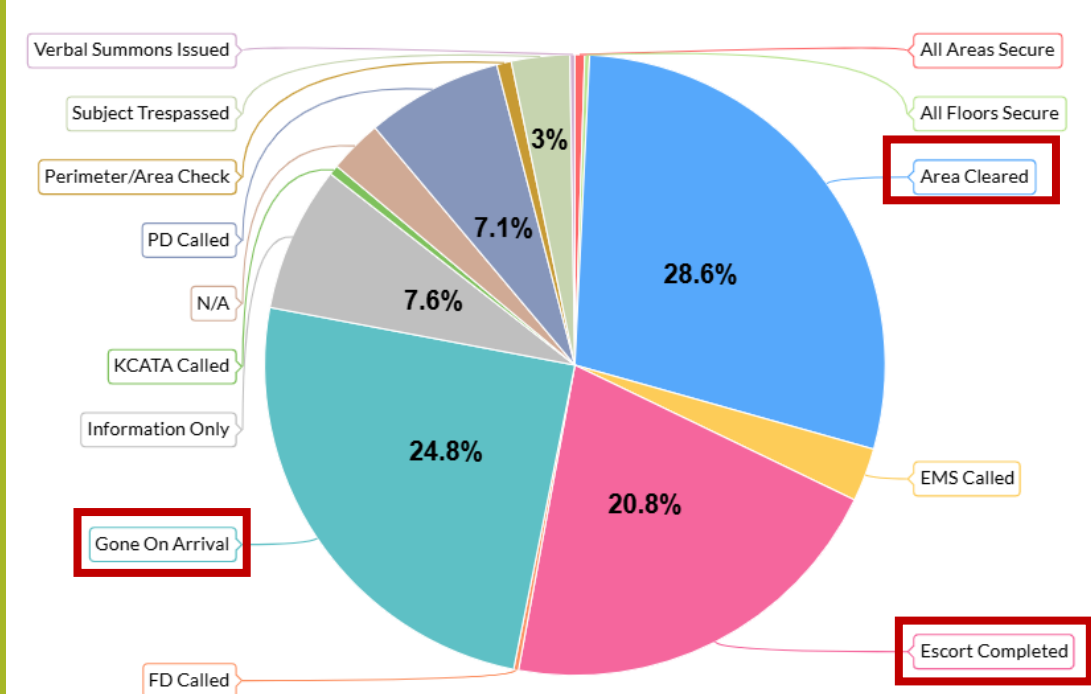


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OVERALL ACTIVITY

(NOV 21 TO JAN 16)

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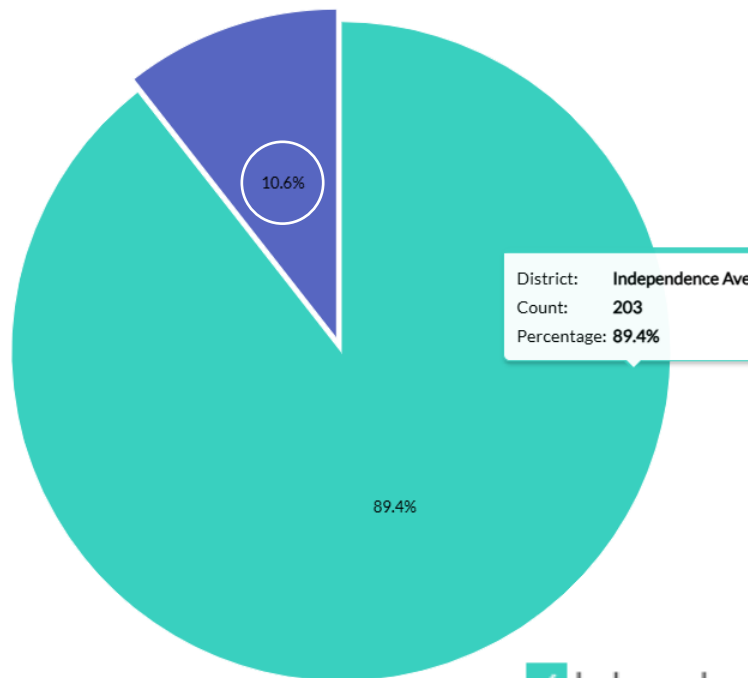




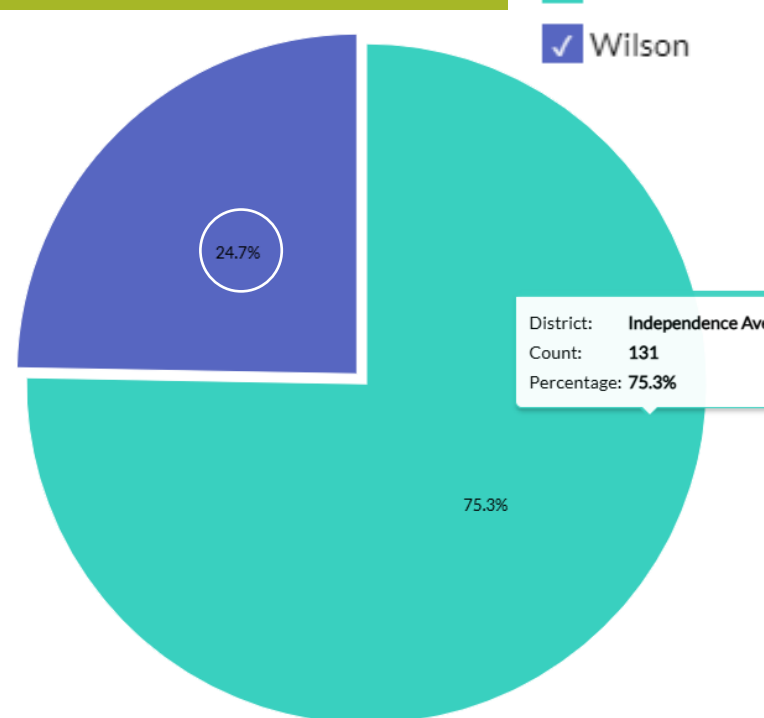
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WILSON RD VERSES INDEPENDENCE AVE (NOV 21 TO JAN 16)

2024



✓ Independence Ave
✓ Wilson



AVAILABLE SPACE ON... Independence AVE



2601 INDEPENDENCE



2435 INDEPENDENCE



~~2635 INDEPENDENCE~~



2425 INDEPENDENCE



~~2807 INDEPENDENCE~~



5926 WILSON



Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District 4-Corners Community Call was Love Expression's located at 4618 Independence Ave.

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

**Carbal Boots
4616 Independence Ave**



12-13-2024 LOVE ESXPRESSIONS



12-6-2024 theEGG



1-3-2025 Elvira's Cakes



11-29-2024 S&M GIFTS-N-MORE



12-20-2024 CARBAL BOOTS



1-10-2025 THE AVENUE CAFE



12-27-2024 NEKC CHAMBER & CID

CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE AVENUE SHOPS

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Celebrate National Strawberry Ice Cream Day, Jan. 15!

National Strawberry Ice Cream day is celebrated on Jan. 15. Originally believed to be coined by First Lady, Dolley Madison in 1813, as this dish was served at her husband and fourth U.S. President James Madison's second inauguration.

Similarly, National Ice Cream day is celebrated on the third Sunday in July as 40th U.S. President Ronald Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream month in 1984.

Here are a few Northeast businesses who serve strawberry (or fresa) ice cream:



El Mercado Fresco Fresh Market

El Mercado Fresco fresh Market at 5901 Independence Ave., contains its own Frutopia location, which offers a wide selection of sweet treats — including strawberry ice cream. This Mercado Fresco location is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Sunday. Frutopia — located just inside — serves customers from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday as well.



Sonic Drive-In

This Sonic Drive-In location at 4200 Independence Ave., offers a multitude of strawberry ice cream options. This includes — but is not limited to — strawberry daiquiri shake, strawberry sundae and a strawberry cheesecake master shake. The Avenue Sonic is open from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m., Monday through Thursday as well as Sunday and from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m., Friday and Saturday. Additional menu items include anywhere from sandwiches, breakfast items, sides and beverages, among others.



Frutopia Paletaria & Ice Cream

Frutopia Paletaria and Ice Cream — located at 3737 Independence Ave. — is an ice cream shop, which serves a wide variety of treats. This includes — but is not limited to — ice cream (including strawberry), churros and smoothies as well as select savory items from burritos, nachos and sandwiches, among others. This Frutopia location is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday through Sunday.

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL



Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District Four Corners Community Call was the former Dairy Queen located at 2365 Independence Ave.

JOIN US AT 3 P.M., FRIDAY FOR OUR FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

J. Edward Kendrick DDS
4605 Independence Ave



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

For more information, visit www.necchamber.com

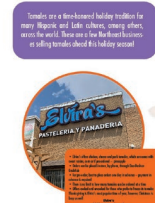
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Where to: Order Tamales Along Independence Ave



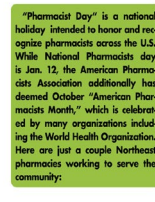
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7 Back Door Pottery
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www.rebecka koop.com / www.rebecka koop.com
Rebecca Koop is a multi-media artist who works in a variety of media including painting, sculpture, and digital art. She is a member of the local art community and is always looking for new ways to share her work with the community.

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www.wickthomas.com / www.clayjarral.com
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8 Sala de Arte
www.saladearte.com / www.saladearte.com
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Rafael Hernandez - Gallery Owner
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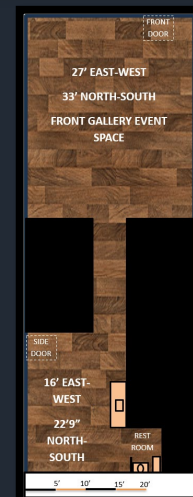
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UPCOMING EVENTS



COFFEE CULTURE & CONVERSATION

THURSDAY FEB 13, 2025

Valentine's Day



TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCH

TUESDAY, JAN 28, 2025

Tax Talk 2024



SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

THURSDAY, FEB 20, 2025

Discuss Local Security
Issues & Solutions



CPTED TRAINING

SATURDAY, FEB 15, 2025

C r i m e P r e v e n t i n e n t a t i o n E n v i r o n m e n t a t i o n





JAN	JAN 08: HNE-REX (SAFETY & SECURITY INFO)
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	JAN 16: SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING
	JAN 28: TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON
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	FEB 15: TRAINING: CPDET (DETER CRIME BY DESIGN)
	FEB 20: SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING
	FEB 25: TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON
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	MARCH 13: COFFEE, CULTURE & CONVERSATION
	MARCH 20: SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING
	MARCH 25: TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON
APRIL	APRIL 07: HNE-REX (SAFETY & SECURITY INFO)
	APRIL 08: COFFEE, CULTURE & CONVERSATION
	APRIL 18: SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING
	APRIL 22: TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON
MAY	MAY 08: COFFEE, CULTURE & CONVERSATION
	MAY 10: MURAL DAY CELEBRATION
	MAY 15: SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING
	MAY 17: TRAINING: DETER SHOPLIFTING
JUNE	MAY 27: TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON
	JUNE 06: INTERNATIONAL TASTE & TOUR #1
	JUNE 12: COFFEE, CULTURE & CONVERSATION
	JUNE 14: SHRED-IT EVENT (DOCUMENT SHRED)
	JUNE 18: SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING
	JUNE 24: TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON

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START OF TOUR: 52 MURALS

1 "In It Together"	Meredith Lucas, Jack Miel	281 Independence
2 "Three Strong Women"	Zoe Lamm	289 Independence
3 "Three Women"	Zoe Lamm	289 Independence
4 "Come to the Table"	Emily Alvares	2620 Independence
5 "Hilltop"	Isaac Tipton & Hector Camacho	2627 Independence
6 "Share the Heat"	St. Lukes	2697 Independence
7 "Plant Myself"	Isaac Tipton & Hector Camacho	2697 Independence
8 "Woodland School (Retaining Wall)"	Isaac Tipton & Hector Camacho	2697 Independence
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