

AGENDA

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

Date: <Sept 18, 2025> Time: <3:00pm>

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. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83085317222>

1. Call to Order Chairman Charlie Passantino
2. Approval of Minutes Secretary Anthony Spalitto
3. Financial Reports Treasurer Steve Giles
 - Balance Sheet
 - Profit & Loss Year to date
 - Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
4. Staff Reports
 - Executive
 - Resource Development
 - Planning & Development
 - Governmental Affairs
 - Elected Officials Avenue Tour Mike Spady
 - District Managers Report Bobbi Baker
 - Designed by Lon Clark, Urban Planner CID
5. Action Items
6. New Business
 - Adoption of a Records Retention Policy
7. Old Business
 - Independence Avenue Camera System
 - Attached Annual City Report & Bylaws
8. Adjournment

COMMUNITY COMPASSION



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE STRONG



YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

06/18/2025

→ INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

07/20/2025 ←

THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE



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

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

140 VISITORS: July 1 - August 31, 2025

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- 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



Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce is at Los Comales De Rebeca.

Published by Laura Birdsong · July 26 at 6:08 AM · Kansas City ·



Everyone is invited to join in the next Cash Mob this Monday, July 28th!!!!

RESTAURANT WEBSITE:
www.loscomalesderebeca.com

4TH DISTRICT SMALL BUSINESS

**CASH
MOB**



11:00 AM - Noon
Monday, July 28, 2025
Los Comales de Rebeca
3205 E 12th St. KCMO 64127



Cash Mobs are a great way to support local businesses in our community. Join Councilmember Crispin Rea, Northeast KC Chamber of Commerce and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater KC as we support small businesses.

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

Sponsored by
Councilmember Crispin Rea, Northeast KC Chamber of
Commerce and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater KC



JULY 28, 2025
~ 25 ATTENDEES

4TH District at Large
Council Person
Crispin Rea



Northeast KC Chamber
&
Hispanic Chamber of
Greater KC

**Los
Comales**
De Rebeca
(816) 214-8954



Draft Strategy Areas

1. Strategies for Catalyst Development on: Public lands With large land owners
 2. Infrastructure improvements + public spaces
 3. Intentional anti-displacement planning
 4. Renovation Infill Homeownership Coordination with Zero KC
 5. Small business incubation, career development, entrepreneurship
 6. Health, Safety and Connectivity
 7. Environmental Improvements and nature based solutions
- www.engage.mendcollaborative.com/FHIP
- 19 ATTENDEES + 2 STAFF**



Independence Plaza Neighborhood

Forgotten Homes Neighborhood

Forgotten Homes & Independence Plaza Meeting - August 4, 2025





'CALL FOR ARTIST' 2025



**AUGUST 9, 2025
5304 INDEPENDENCE AVE**



**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS
AUGUST 15, 2025 @5:00PM**



NORTHEAST KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OPEN CALL FOR MURAL ARTISTS
The 99 Cent Store, Bargain Market
5304 Independence Ave.



**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS
AUGUST 15, 2025 @5:00PM**





'CALL FOR ARTIST'

2025



AUGUST 9, 2025

SOUTH WALL

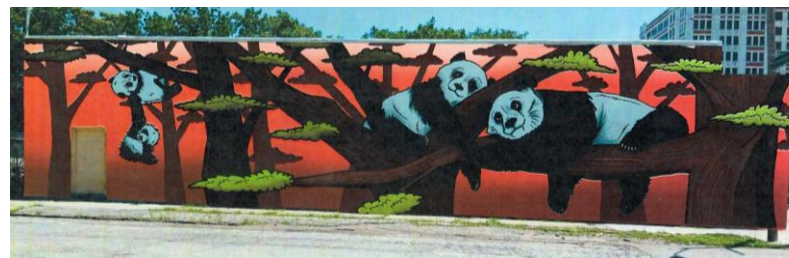
(11 SUBMISSIONS)



'CALL FOR ARTIST' 2025 AUGUST 9, 2025 WEST WALL (12 SUBMISSIONS)



BARGAIN MARKET
WEST WALL





Midtown KC Now

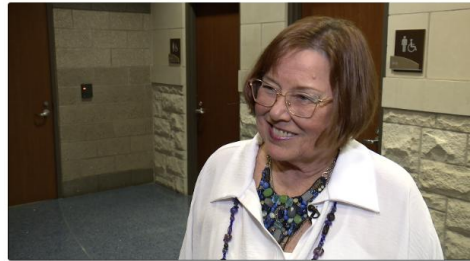


Midtown KC Now Executive Director Kevin Klinkenberg discussing the Temporary Detent...

Facebook



Jack McCormick Kevin Klinkenberg, Executive Director of Midtown KC Now



Jack McCormick Bobbi Baker-Hughes, President of the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce



Jack McCormick



Photo by: Jack McCormick South Kansas City Alliance Discusses Plans for Temporary Detention Facility

NEWS > LOCAL NEWS

AUGUST 12, 2025



South Kansas City Alliance meeting focuses on plans for temporary detention facility ahead of FIFA World Cup



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LET'S TALK

YOUR VOICE MATTERS TO US

A VOICE FOR EVERYONE

Let's Talk: Share your story with us

TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER FORUM

Bobbi Baker, NEKC Chamber & Independence Ave CID President, CEO & Manager

Kevin Klinkenberg, Midtown KC Now Executive Director

Ron Lindsay, Concord Fortress of Hope Church Minister

John Sharp, South Kansas City Alliance Board President



COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION

TOPIC: COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA AREA KIWANIS

SPEAKER: GARY GOEBEL

WEBSITE: www.Kinanis.org



Kiwanis partners

Kiwanis partners bring value to your club by providing enhancement to our service and work in the community.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA Kiwanis International partners with Boys & Girls Clubs of America with a focus on mentoring tomorrow's leaders. Invite the staff of their local chapter to a club meeting and begin building an impactful relationship.

CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS and Kiwanis family members work together by sponsoring fundraising events and conducting service projects at local children's hospitals. Contact your local CMN hospital and invite a representative to a club meeting so you can share ideas and create a partnership.

SALVATION ARMY Local chapters join us in membership, and we help support their services

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA partners with Kiwanis International to ensure that boys, young men and young women grow in character, citizenship, responsibility and leadership to achieve their greatest potential. Your club can sponsor a local unit and support its projects.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025

ATTENDEES: 10 + 6 STAFF



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



LAND DEVELOPMENT



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
Community Development Workshop
for Northeast Businesses
Presented by Robert Long
Senior Economic Development Services Specialist
Economic Development Corporation of KC
FREE - Community office hours
Wednesday June 11, 2025 6pm - 8pm**



I am a Developer

- Land Development
- Incentives

I am a Business Owner

- Business & Job Development
- Grants & Programs
- Incentives
- Workforce + Talent
- Education & Training
- Major Employers

I am a Entrepreneur

- Entrepreneurship
- Grants & Programs

I am a Site Selector

- Featured Projects
- Incentives
- Major Employers
- Workforce + Talent



June 11, 2025
EDCKC shares Community Development information. Staff will discuss a wide range of resources available to small businesses and property owners.

Economic Development Corporation of KC offering FREE Business Consultations

- If you're interested in business expansion
- building development or rehabilitation project
- job or development incentives

Meet at NEKC Chamber of Commerce Community Room
2657 Independence Avenue
Kansas City, Mo 64124

Home Owners **Check this out....**

- that in some areas investments in your home can qualify you for tax caps?
- property tax abatement for homeowners? And More.

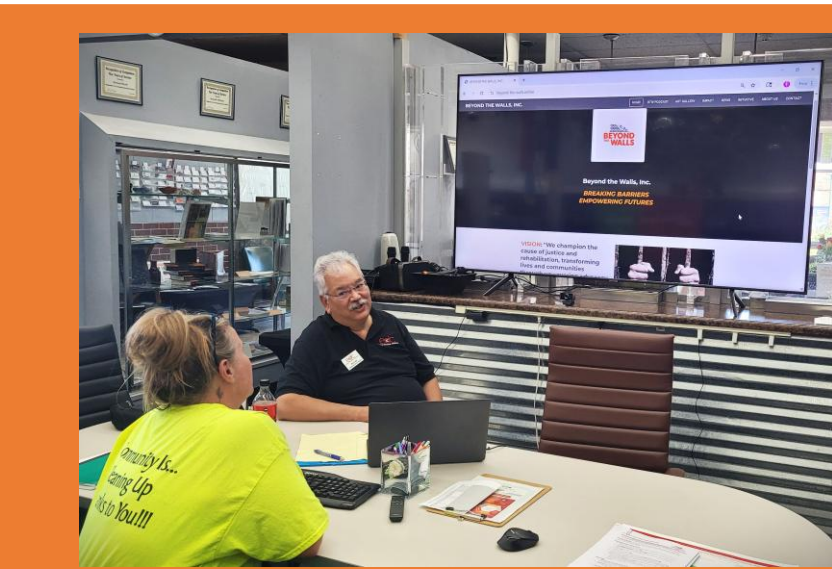
Drop in for an as-available meeting.



Rebecca Koop, Events Director
rebeccakoop@nekcchamber.com
www.NEKCChamber.com
(816) 231-3312 (ext. 100)



AUGUST 15, 2025
2 LOCAL VISITORS





TOOLS & TECHNIQUES

DE-ESCALATION | TURNING DOWN THE HEAT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

Titan Lieutenant Ryan McFarlin

AGENDA

- Body Language
- Tone of Voice
- Verbal Language
- Other Tools



- Evolution of compliance
- Elements of communication
- Tools and techniques
- Practice scenarios



PARTNERING / EXIT STRATEGY

- Recognize escalating behavior and steps that need to be taken
- Utilize Crisis Alert Badge/Radio if applicable (Advise subject that 911 is being called)
- Excuse yourself
- When to get a manager/supervisor





SAFETY & SECURITY MEETINGS

AUGUST 21, 2025

Next Meeting: October 16

AGENDA

- ✓ Independence Avenue business break-ins
- ✓ Repeat Nuisance Offenders – CID Alliance Shared Drive
- ✓ Consequences of not having a detention center
- ✓ Recent passage of extending Safety Sales Tax
- ✓ ‘Partner’ Updates on quality of life on the Ave
- ✓ Attendees’ concerns until the next meeting

GENERAL ATTENDEES

- 1 KCMO City Prosecutor
- 3 Business Owner
- 5 TITAN Angels
- 2 CID Office Staff
- 1 Mattie Rhodes Representative
- 1 KCMO safety liaison
- 1 SVN employee



Due to the coordinated policing efforts, calls concerning criminal activity dropped drastically since last year at the same period.



TASTY TOPIC TALK NEKC CHAMBER LUNCHEON

TOPIC: 2025 MURAL PROJECT
SPEAKER: MURAL ARTISTS

AUG 26 ATTENDEES: 11 + 9 STAFF
CATERED BY: STEAM BOWL



5017 Independence Ave
www.steamowlkc.com



NORTHEAST KANSAS CITY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PASSPORT

HOP-on & HOP-off
our TROLLEY...

6 Restaurants
1 Coffee Shop
4 Continents

EXPERIENCE
the culture

DISCOVER
the new tastes

EXPLORE
the restaurants



The Undefeated Champion
TRUCK-EATING BRIDGE

FRIDAY, SEPT 5, 2025
TROLLEY RIDERS: 45
VOLUNTEERS: 4



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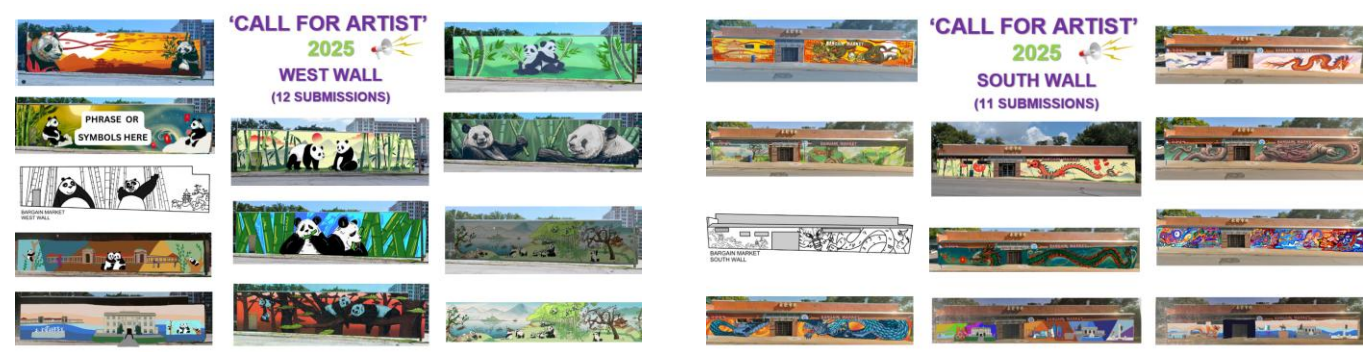


FRIDAY, SEPT 5, 2025
TROLLEY RIDERS: 45
VOLUNTEERS: 4

NEKC Chamber BEADS, BEANS & BOOZE Feb 17, 2026



COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



TOPIC: Meet the 2025 NEKC Chamber Mural
FEATURED GUEST: 12 Competing Muralists
MURAL LOCATION: 5500 Independence Ave

Michelle Renn
MURAL WINNER



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025
ATTENDEES: 11 + 5 STAFF

Mariners vs Royals

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 17, 2025

GAMES

NEWS

MLB

Final
5 - 7



Royals
Home, 76-76

Yesterday



Mariners
Away, 83-69

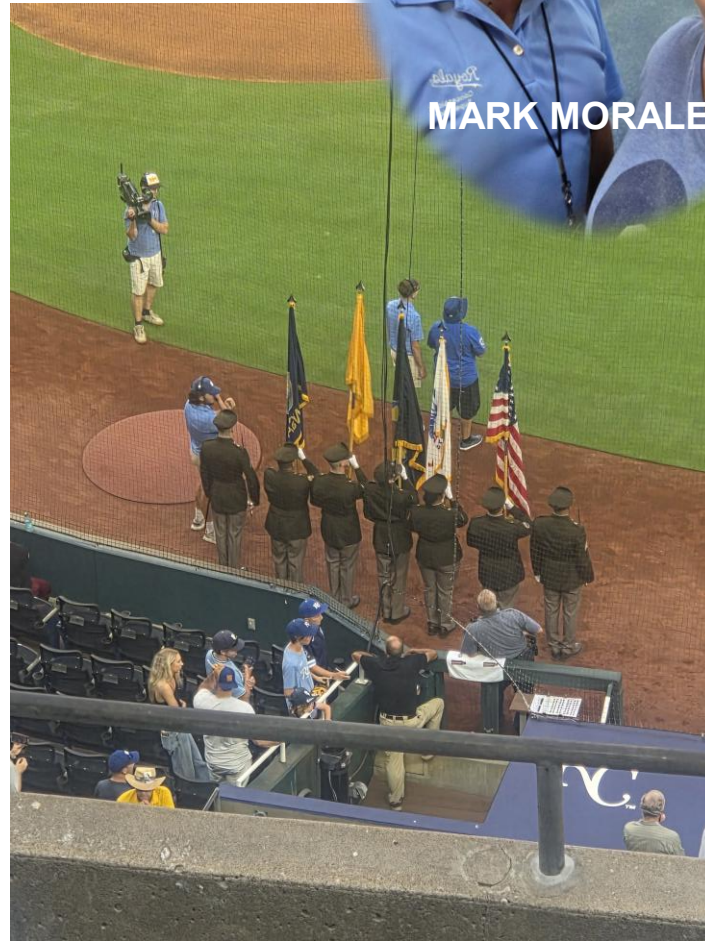
Team

Mariners

Royals

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Mariners	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	10	1
Royals	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	x	7	13	0

TICKETS DONATED BY ROYALS' NON-PROFITS PROGRAM



MARK MORALES





SAFETY & SECURITY MEETINGS

SEPT 18, 2025

Next Meeting: October 16

- ✓ TITAN will begin sharing reports with KCPD in new system
- ✓ TITAN answered around 2,018 calls for assistance in 2024
- ✓ Repeat Nuisance Offenders – CID Alliance Shared Drive
- ✓ Prospects of possibly using the vacant Jackson Co jail
- ✓ Timeline for modular dentation center ready by May 2026
- ✓ 'Partner' Updates on quality of life on the Ave
- ✓ Attendees' concerns until the next meeting

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- 1 KCMO City Prosecutor
- 3 Business Owners
- 2 TITAN Angels & 1 Administrator
- 3 CID Office Staff
- 1 Mattie Rhodes Representative
- 1 KCMO Codes
- 1 SVN employee
- 6 KCPD Officers
- 1 Truman Rd CID





Your Medicare Helpers

Hosts: Chris & Andrea Wilt, Where There's A Wilt There's A Way, LLC (*Brokers for Medicare*)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Chris Kauhl, Armada Strategic Intelligence System (*Economist*)

Subject: State of the US economy...



Medicare
90 YEARS OLD



Andrea Wilt

NEKC Chamber Board Member Since 2020

Board Secretary

Serves on Resource Development Committee

CHAMBER & CID MANAGEMENT STAFF & CHAMBER BOARD MEMBER GARY GOEBEL

Find Naloxone Near You

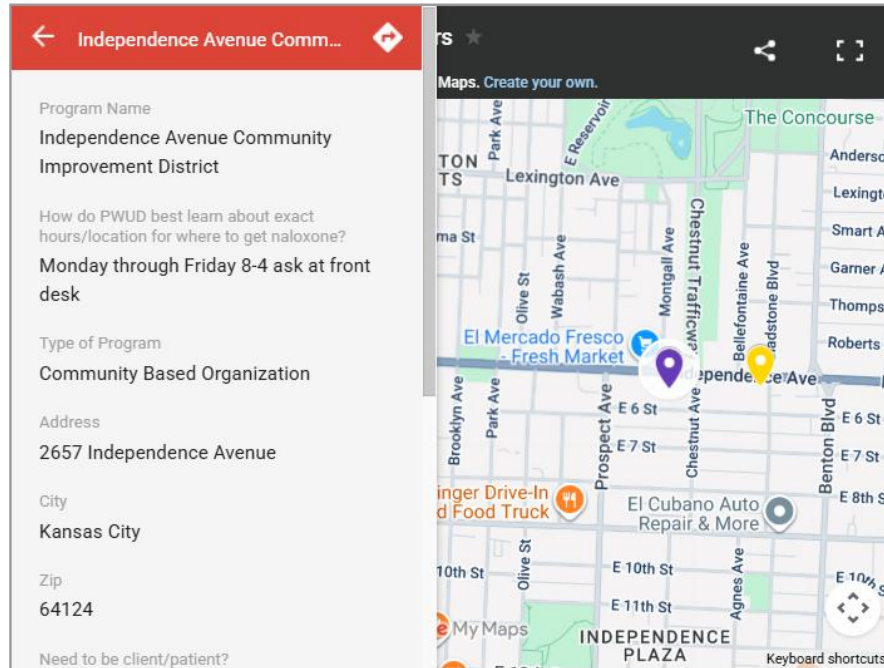
Find agencies and organizations that distribute naloxone in your area.

Note: click the "View Larger Map" icon in the top right corner to view the map and key in full screen.



700+ Narcan shots administered within 2 years by:

1. Avenue Angles (TITAN)
2. Independence Ave CID



2024 NUMBERS

- 2,958 Unique Patients
- 12,803 Patient Check-Ins
- 7,826 Volunteer Hours
- 4,872 Medical Encounters
- 2,344 Case Management Sessions
- 275 Dental Sessions
- 167 Physical Therapy Sessions

CARING FOR THE HOMELESS AND UNINSURED IN KANSAS CITY

← SPALITTO'S PHARMACY
3801 INDEPENDENCE AVE
NALOXONE (NARCAN)
'ACCESS' LOCATION



National Harm Reduction Coalition

- Community Based Organizations
- Recovery Community Centers
- Public Health Departments
- Substance Use & Other Healthcare Organizations
- 24/7 Public Access Naloxone
- Miscellaneous

WEBSITE: www.getmissourinaloxone.com





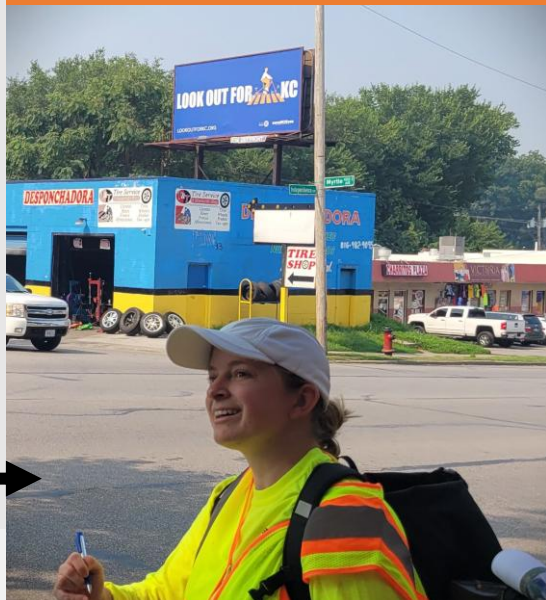
AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST

- AUGUST 25, 2025
- ROAD SAFETY AUDIT
- INDEPENDENCE AVE
- 25 PARTICIPANTS

**LEAD
BAILEY
WATERS**

**KCMO
PUBLIC
WORKS**



About TREKK...



Engineering Dedicated to
IMPROVING LIVES

At TREKK Design Group, we improve lives by providing direction to enable community and personal growth. We have been designing solutions for clean water and safe roads since 2002.

5 ORGANIZATIONS



Group 1: Paseo to Jackson

- Angela Ely - Parks Dept
- Lon - Independence Ave CID
- Sam Akula - KCPW City Traffic Engineer
- Bailey Waters - KCPW
- Sofia Gillespie - KCU
- Person TBD - KCPD
- Dustin Smith - TREKK
- Ethan Frostestad - TREKK
- Zain Arain - TREKK

Group 2: Jackson to Ewing (starting near White)

- Regan Tokos - KCPW
- Scout Senyk - KCPW signals team
- Mike Spady - Independence Ave CID
- Person TBD - KCPD
- Bobby Evans - MARC Staff
- Teresa Krenning - TREKK
- Anika Thakur - TREKK

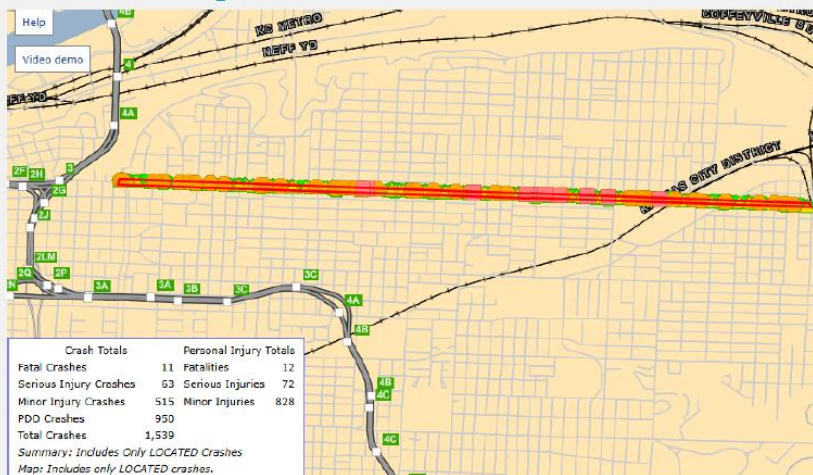
Group 3: Ewing to Blue Ridge Blvd. - NOT WALKING, driving and stopping at Manchester, Blue Ridge Blvd, and Wallace intersections to observe.

- Monica Kearney - KCPW
- Independence Ave CID - UMKC Planning students and intern (Mason) - to coordinate through Mike Spady
- Person TBD - KCPD
- Ryan Umberger - MARC Staff
- Spencer Osborn - TREKK
- Grace Williams - TREKK



2020 - 2025* Independence Ave crashes

- 12 Fatalities
- 72 Serious Injuries
- 828 Minor Injuries





AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST

LETTER

HI Cool Roofs Program

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

Take advantage of this limited-time opportunity to enhance your building's roof with a high-performance cool roof coating. This program is designed to deliver multiple long-term benefits — all at no cost to the building owner.

Buildings will be selected based on the condition and material of the existing roof.

To qualify, you must complete an application and allow for a professional roofing inspection.

Why Choose a Cool Roof?

- **Energy Savings:** Cool roofs reflect more sunlight and absorb less heat, reducing indoor temperatures and lowering air conditioning costs.
- **Improved Comfort:** By keeping buildings cooler, cool roofs enhance indoor comfort, especially during hot weather.
- **Extended Roof Lifespan:** Cool roofs are more resistant to UV radiation and thermal stress, helping extend the life of your roofing materials.
- **Impact Resistance:** These roofs are often made from durable materials that can withstand damage from debris and foot traffic.
- **Reduced Urban Heat Island Effect:** Cool roofs help mitigate the urban heat island effect by reflecting sunlight and reducing heat absorption in cities.
- **Environmental Benefits:** Lower energy consumption leads to reduced greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to a more sustainable environment.
- **Cost Savings:** Cool roofs can save money through lower energy bills and reduced maintenance costs.
- **Eligibility for Rebates:** Qualifying buildings may be eligible for additional rebates, further increasing savings.
- **Improved Building Value:** Upgrading your roof can increase property value and appeal to tenants or buyers.
- **Community Impact:** Help create a cooler, healthier, and more resilient neighborhood by participating in this program.

Roofing Details

- Cool roof material will be either acrylic or silicone, selected based on roof type and condition.
- Installation is 100% covered — no cost to the building owner.
- All materials meet or exceed a Solar Reflectance Index (SRI) of 65.

EMAIL

Dear Chamber Members and Building Owners,

We are excited to share a limited time opportunity that can help you save money, extend the life of your roof, and improve comfort in your building at no cost to you.

Through the Evergy Cool Roof Program, eligible commercial and multifamily building owners in the Independence Avenue Corridor of Kansas City, MO can receive a free cool roof upgrade. This includes the professional application of a white, highly reflective acrylic or silicone coating that significantly reduces rooftop temperatures, often by 50 degrees Fahrenheit or more during the summer. The program offers a high-value improvement at no cost to you, with all expenses covered upfront and availability on a first come, first served basis.

Eligibility Requirements:

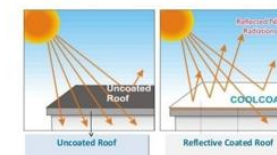
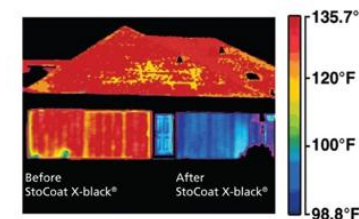
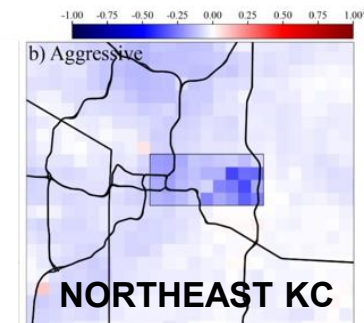
- Located in Kansas City, MO within the Independence Avenue Corridor
- Commercial or multifamily property
- Dark or black flat or low sloped roof in good condition
- Evergy electric customer in good standing
- Willing to allow a free rooftop inspection

A completed application and a free professional roof pre-inspection are required for participation. If your roof requires repairs to qualify, you will be notified after the inspection. However, repair costs are not covered by the program.

This is a no cost solution with long term savings and community wide benefits. Whether you are looking to reduce operating costs or contribute to a more sustainable Kansas City, this program is a win for your building and your neighborhood.

You will find a flyer attached with full program details and benefits. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to improve your building and your community.

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



27 Letters & 2,534 Emails

TO: Owners of Commercial & Multifamily Properties in the Historic Northeast area & NEKC Chamber Members

REGARDING: Evergy Free Roof Cooling Program



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST

2025 Commercial Property Tax Assessment Results Leave Drastic Impact on Jackson County



Julia Williams • Community , News , News Lead , Politics July 2, 2025

Exterior of Dennis Hamontree's – Northeast plumber and H&H Plumbing business owner – storage unit, which was boarded up due to a vehicle that collided with the building in early June. | Photo by Kendall Williams

Julia Williams

Editor-in-Chief

Throughout the month of June, commercial property and business owners across Jackson County began to receive their tax assessments from the Jackson County Assessor's Office for the 2025 fiscal year, leaving many questioning whether to shut down their business or to pay their tax bill with a six-month lead time.

118 Letters Mailed

TO: Owners of Commercial Properties within the Independence Ave CID

REGARDING: Process to Appeal Jackson Co Commercial Property Tax

WHEN: July 21, 2025

July 17, 2025

TO: Independence Avenue Commercial Property Owners

FROM: NEKC Chamber of Commerce/Independence Avenue CID

RE: Property Tax Assessments and Appeals Process

Dear Property Owners:

You have all recently received the letters from the Jackson County Assessors office regarding the valuation of your properties. Most of you have found, or will find, the declared valuation to be significantly higher than your previous valuation. Many owners are receiving valuations that are 600 percent or higher than the previous valuation. This will undoubtedly result in increases in your property tax that you will soon be billed by the county.

This increase is in many cases extreme and will cause economic hardship for you, your businesses and your tenants. Many of you will be forced to sell your properties or pass along unsustainable rent increases to your tenants. This is an untenable situation. We support your efforts to reverse these extreme valuation increases. The Jackson County Board of Equalization has extended the deadline for filing appeals.

The deadline has been extended to August 1st, 2025. All appeals **must be filed online, mailed or filed in person**. Emailed and faxed appeals will not be accepted. Filing online is the preferred method as it walks you through all the steps and provides a case number upon successful submission. Get started with your appeal by going to the following web address: <https://www.jacksongov.org/Government/Boards-Commissions/Board-of-Equalization/Board-of-Equalization-Appeals>.

We've also included a Jackson County 2025 Property Tax Appeal Guide in this letter.

Best of Luck!

Bobbi Baker
CEO/President
Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce



NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

THE PURPLE & WHITE NEWS

Volume 34 Issue 2 FALL 2025

PRESERVE THE PAST EXPERIENCE THE PRESENT EMPOWER THE FUTURE

Alumni Projects

- Alumni Room
- Notables
- Cards of Support
- Casino Night Fundraiser
- Facebook Page
- Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Operation/Support
- Golf Tournament Fundraiser
- Job Preparation Assistance
- Newsletter
- Scholarships
- Teacher Appreciation
- Viking Outreach Program
- Viking Victory Sports
- Web Site northeastvikings.org
- & Many other Alumni Sponsored programs at Northeast

THERE'S A NEW VIKING IN TOWN!

By Theresa Hieronymi '74

The NEHS Alumni Association (NEHSAA) is excited to share some great news: we've recently donated funds for a brand-new Viking mascot costume! We all know how important a mascot is when it comes to school spirit and bringing students together. They're not just there for entertainment; they really serve as amazing ambassadors of unity, inclusivity, and pride. A mascot helps create wonderful memories and a true sense of belonging within our school community.

Picture this: a lively school mascot representing the heartbeat of our school spirit! They bring energy and excitement to sports games, pep rallies, and all sorts of events. Mascots really add life to our school's identity and play a huge part in building a strong community. Plus, they inspire us to get more involved in school activities!

But wait, there's more! Our Viking mascot will also be a fantastic asset for the Alumni Association's fundraising efforts. By joining us at various events, the mascot can connect with participants, take fun photos, and help create a truly unforgettable atmosphere. This is especially great for reaching out to younger audiences, which aligns perfectly with the goals of our NEHS Alumni Association Board members.

Have you experienced the thrill of a Northeast sports game lately? You might be surprised at the joy that awaits when you gather with friends or old classmates to cheer on the team. Class reunions can bring back fond memories while creating new ones, especially when a Friday evening game is part of the reunion festivities.

Come welcome the newest addition to Northeast High School—the Viking mascot!



NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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PRESERVE THE PAST EXPERIENCE THE PRESENT EMPOWER THE FUTURE

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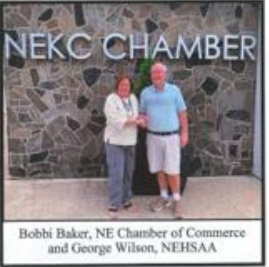
NE Alumni Association Joins NE Chamber of Commerce

By George Wilson '75

Yes! Northeast Kansas City has a Chamber of Commerce and our Alumni Association is one of their newest members.

What is a Chamber of Commerce?

A chamber of commerce is an organization established to support and promote the interests of businesses within a specific community, region, or industry. Essentially, it's a network of local entrepreneurs, small business owners, large companies, schools and even non-profits working together to improve the business environment.



Most chambers of commerce operate as non-profit entities and offer a variety of resources aimed at strengthening local economies. From connecting businesses with potential clients to advocating for pro-business policies, chambers provide a platform for economic growth. Whether you're running a boutique, a tech startup, or an alumni association, the chamber of commerce serves as a resource hub and a community voice for your business.


Why Does a Chamber of Commerce Exist?

- Chambers of commerce date back as early as the 16th century, but their role remains as relevant today as it was back then. They aim to:
- **Support Business Growth:** Chambers provide services like training, marketing opportunities, and networking events to help businesses succeed.
- **Strengthen Communities:** Local businesses are pillars of the community, and chambers work to bring those businesses together to create a vibrant local economy.
- **Advocate for Business Interests:** Acting as a unified voice, chambers often lobby local governments on policies and regulations that impact business operations.

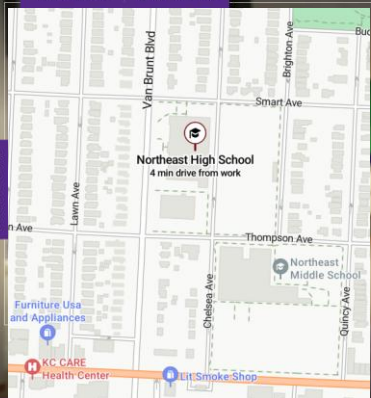
Why Would our Alumni Association Join?

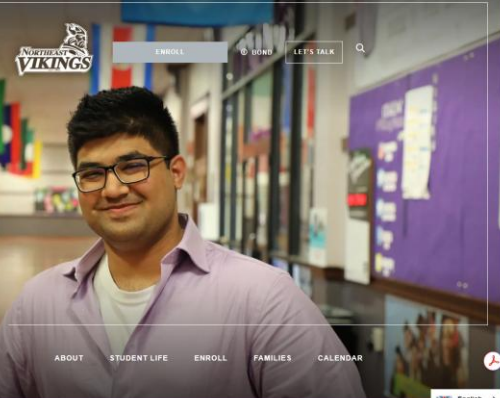
- **A New Ally:** Both organizations share goals like making Northeast Kansas City more viable to live in and do business in. Can you imagine a viable neighborhood anywhere without a great high school? The Kansas City School Board has tried not once, but twice to close Northeast High. Our Alumni stood strong and fought the closure each time ... and we won. Having an ally like the Chamber of Commerce at our side will help keep Northeast viable well into the future.
- **Student Resources:** Education and training are common for both organizations. Local businesses need future workers and Northeast High is full of future workers. Businesses provide opportunities for Northeast students to get practical on-the-job training making them a valuable resource post-graduation. Many also offer internships and training programs that also equip our students for future employment with enhanced skills and experience.
- **Fits Our Mission & Vision:** Our Alumni Association is built on the principles of supporting our students, teachers, school programs and the neighborhood. Our Chamber of Commerce cares about our community. Lowering crime rates, improving infrastructure like streets and sidewalks and beautifying the neighborhood. All of which makes Northeast Neighborhoods more desirable for home buyers and families who want that neighborhood school. It's really nice to have this new ally in bettering our school environment and the future of Northeast High.

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Email Mr. Bul et: cbul@nepublicschools.org

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TOURING THE AVE: NATIONAL COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS



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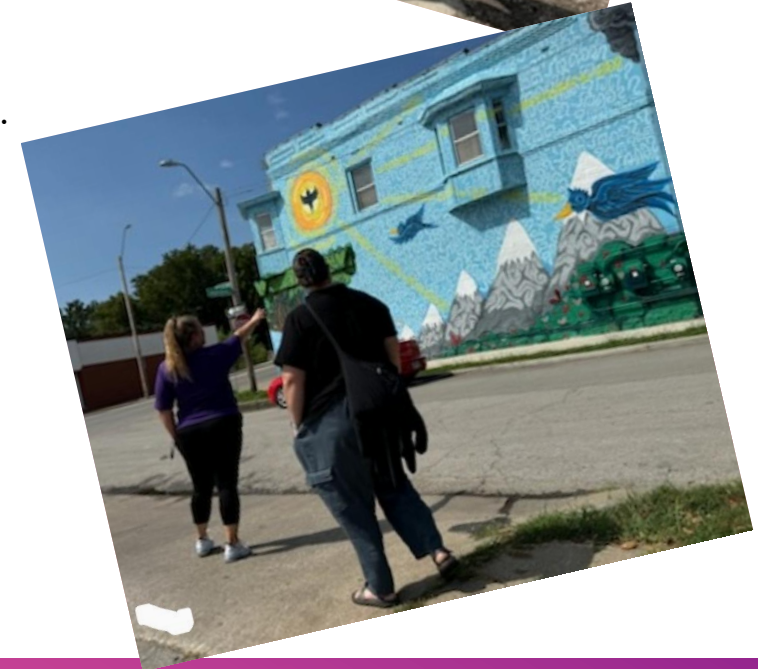
The Independence Ave CID was recognized as a valuable voice for the challenges in Kansas City's Homeless issues and recognized for the impact we make.

PARTNERS

The tour was led by Creative Innovative and hosted the Deputy Director, Megan Hustings of The National Coalition for the Homeless.

OTHER STOPS IN KC

We were included among other stops around the KC area, such as Hope Faith, Morningstar Community Youth Center, Clean-up KC, and Washington Park.



VIOLENCE PREVENTION



FOLLOWING RECENT GUN VIOLENCE, THE INDIEAVE CID HARM REDUCTON SPECIALST JOINED WITH AIM FOR PEACE AND MATTIE RHODES TO CANVAS THE INDEPENDENCE AVENUE AND MONROE AREA TO OFFER RESOURCES, PROMOTE PEACE IN THE COMMUNITY AND DISTRIBUTED 40 DOSES OF NARCAN.





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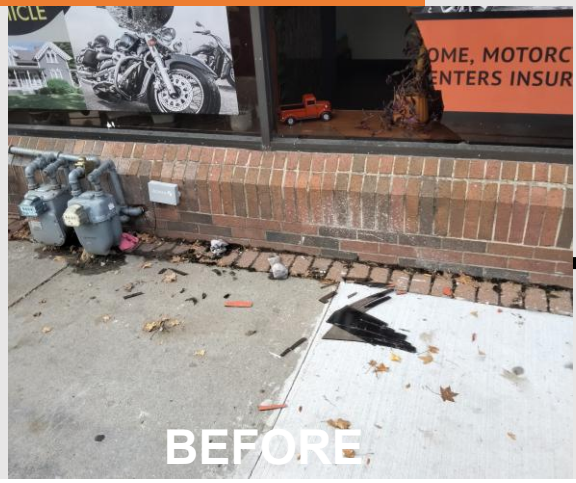
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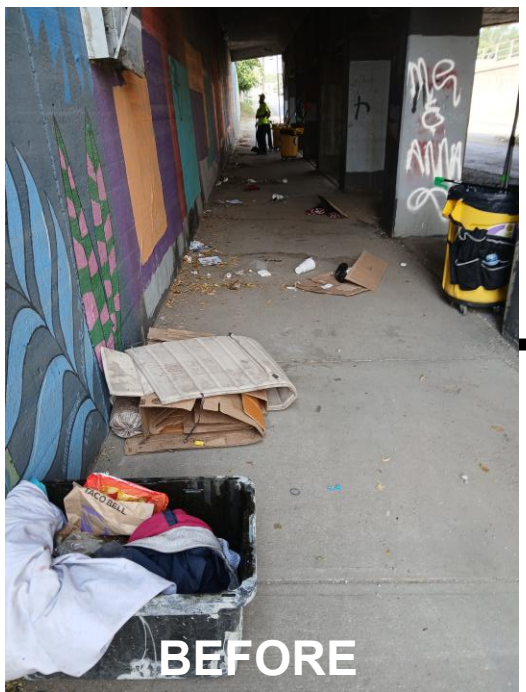


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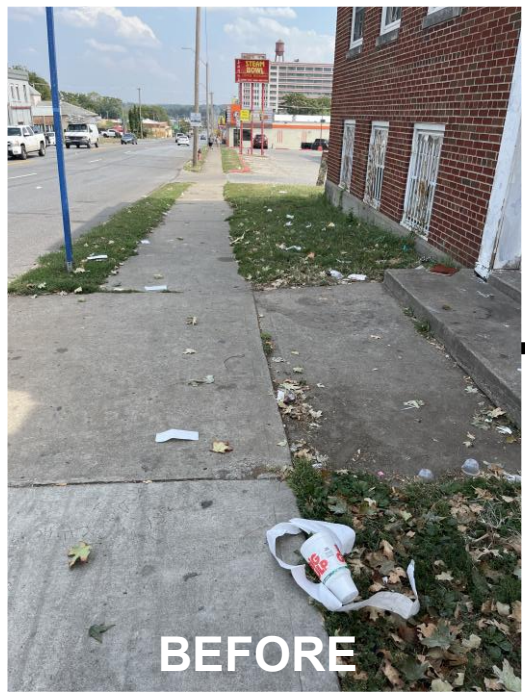
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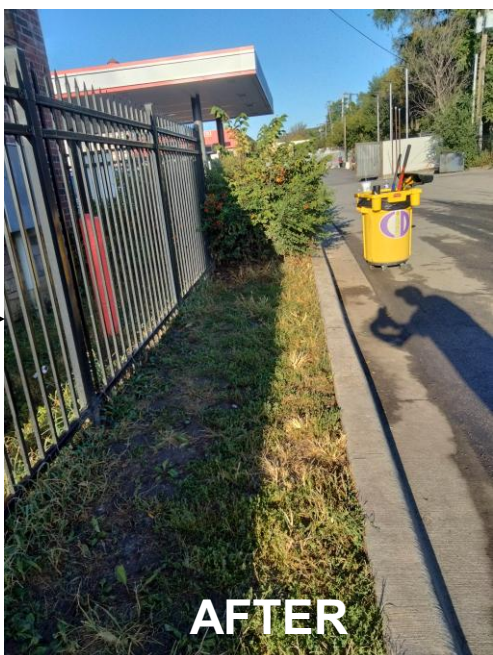


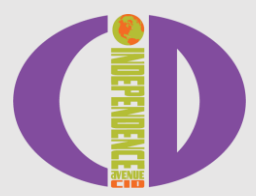
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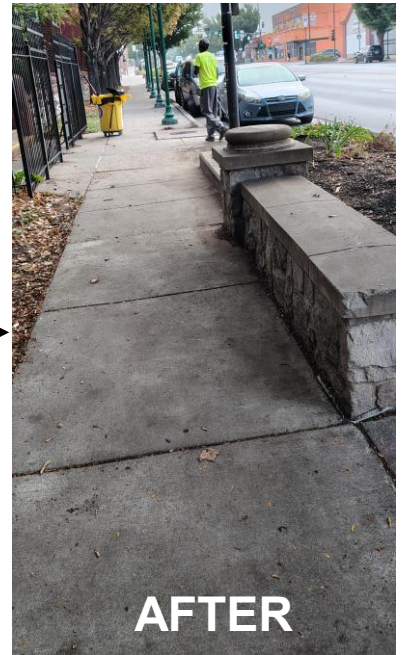
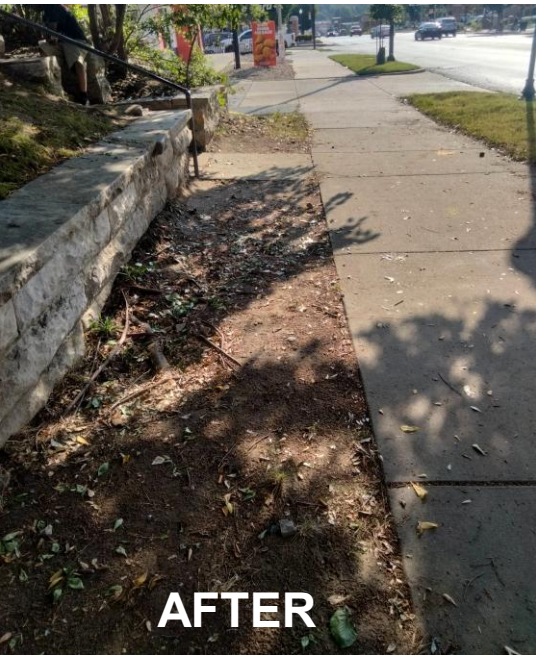
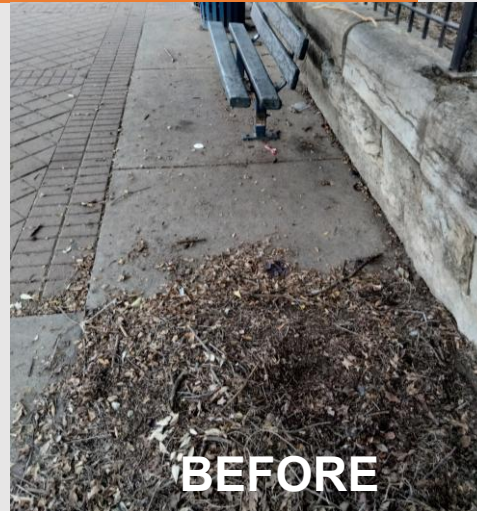
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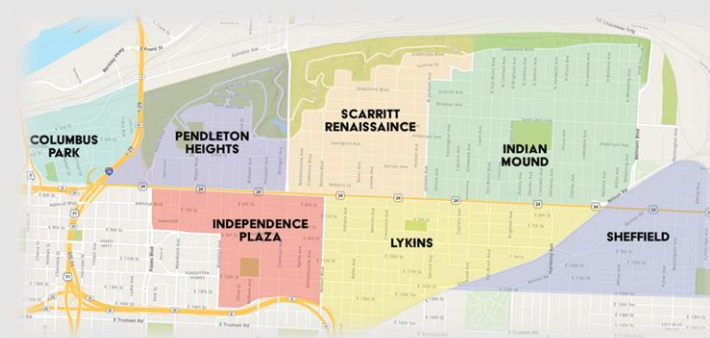
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IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



ENCAMPMENT SITE VISITS



BUILDING COLLAPSE – MURAL SAVED

 Kansas City's Northeast News
September 19 at 6:00 PM · 🌐

🚧🏠 Structure Collapse Results in Building Demolition, Murals Require Relocation 🚧🏠


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PENDLETON HEIGHTS CELEBRATION

 Kansas City's Northeast News
September 18 at 1:00 PM · 🌐


🌳🏡 Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association celebrated the completion of its Pocket Park on Friday, Sept. 12 with food, music and community! 🌳🏡


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 Julia Williams · 📅 August 20, 2025 ·
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Homeless Advocacy Nonprofit Visits Kansas City, Tours Independence Avenue Unhoused Encampments

Julia Williams Editor-in-Chief Members from Creative Innovative – a Kansas City, social services organization – and The National Coalition for the Homeless – a nonprofit unhoused prevention organization in Washington...

 CONSTRUCTION



Following a building inspection on Sept. 3, an emergency demolition was ordered and work began last week to remove a commercial structure at 4835 Independence Ave ...

Structure Collapse Results in Building Demolition, Mural Relocation

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 COMMUNITY



Celebration Showcases Pendleton Heights Pocket Park Completion

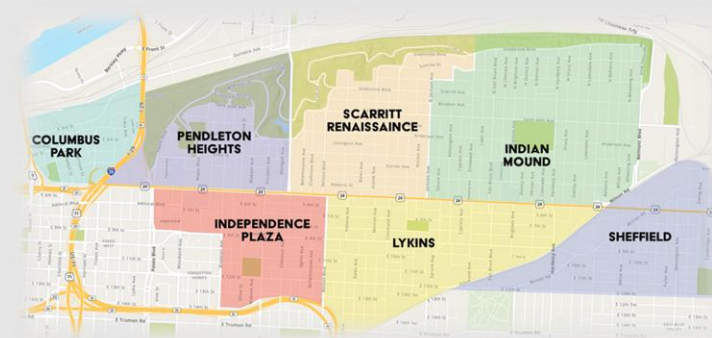
“This was not a site that was easy to work on,” said Barnardo. “There was a building that was demoed into itself, so we hit all the foundational limestone, all the bricks, and still, we get all this amazing beauty.”

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IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



SCARRITT HALLOWEEN 2025

Kansas City's Northeast News
September 14 at 2:24 PM · 🌐

Sharing for [Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood](#), sign up now to volunteer to help sort, pass out candy and more. It takes many hands to provide this Halloween event for o... See more

**Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood
SCARE-IT HALLOWEEN 2025**

WE NEED YOU

TO MAKE KANSAS CITY'S BIGGEST HALLOWEEN TRADITION A SUCCESS!

CANDY SORTERS: OCT 26 AT 11AM
GATE ATTENDANTS (16 NEEDED): OCT 31, 5-8:30PM
CANDY GIVERS: OCT 31, 5-8:30PM
CANDY DELIVERY SETUP (MUST LIFT): OCT 31 AT 12PM

Email jacob.luke@scarrittkc.org

Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood
September 5 at 4:45 PM · 🌐

Looking for volunteers! Email jacob.luke@scarrittkc.org

Clay Jarratt, Jeff Zumsteg and 12 others · 5 shares

THE PASEO WATER RETENTION POND

Kansas City's Northeast News
September 12 at 11:00 AM · 🌐

🚧 Curious about the construction happening on Kansas City University's campus just off The Paseo? We've got an answer for you! 🚧

"Fo... See more

CONSTRUCTION

Green Infrastructure Project to Add Natural

CONSTRUCTION

"We (KCU) want to be a vocal advocate for the neighborhood," Saxe stated. "This is an opportunity to create a welcoming arrival experience to the neighborhood and campus."

👍👎❤️ 30

39 comments 5 shares

INDEP AVE BUS ROUTE CONTINUES

KCATA Enters Agreement to Continue Essential Northeast Bus Route Services

Julia Williams · Business, News, News Lead August 20, 2025





**CURRENT
INDEPENDENCE
AVENUE ALLEY
CONDITIONS**



07/23/25

1

**AVENUE NORTHSIDE
OAKLEY ALLEY**

• Brush and debris are piling up not only becoming a nuisance to the businesses, but hindering right of way as alley curves north.



5



**AVE NORTHSIDE
TOPPING ALLEY**

• Our Harm Reduction Specialist was having daily interaction to remove individuals from this area. Since we have stopped, they have reestablished a seating area for themselves, have cut through both the adjacent business and personal properties and tore down the "No Trespassing" sign put up by KC.

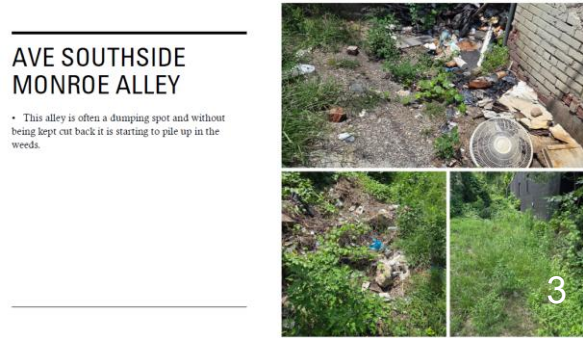
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**AVE NORTHSIDE
ASKEW ALLEY**

• The down tree and overgrown brush are completely obstructing access to alley. This is a consistent area where encampments are constructed and they have again established a makeshift Skantee, housing several individuals, and leading to an excessive amount of waste throughout the alley.

6



**AVE SOUTHSIDE
MONROE ALLEY**

• This alley is often a dumping spot and without being kept cut back it is starting to pile up in the weeds.

3



**AVE NORTHSIDE
BALES ALLEY**

• With the city's destruction of the defensive garden project, the east side of this alley is easy to back into for illegal dumping, and multiple time tires have been discarded. The area is inviting for individuals to gather and drug paraphernalia and debris can be found the length of the alley. Half way down it is overgrown and therefore providing a hideaway for illegal activity.

7



**AVE SOUTHSIDE
CLEVELAND ALLEY**

• This alley is prone to fires risking both the business and neighborhood. Individuals hide in the alley for drug use and a passageway to flee stealing from the area businesses. As it continues to be overgrown a hideaway is developing and evident presence is confirmed by the needles and trash throughout the alley.

4

**TIRES COLLECTED PAST 60 DAYS FROM PUBLIC SPACE
TOTAL = 150+**



8

← In direct response to this CID report, the City assisted in getting HNE alleyways back to ground zero, allowing us to move forward with a new partnership contract.

Plans are in place to continue addressing illegal dumping in additional alleys that the CID been brought to the City's attention.



SUMMER 2025



Examples of the CITY'S HNE Alleyway 'GROUND ZERO' Cleaning
Bales Alley Cleveland Alley Topping Alley



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 (1st) day of May 2018 by and between KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, a constitutionally chartered municipal 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", consists of two parts: PART I, SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND PART II, STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

WITNESSETH: Consisting of seventeen (17) alleys abutting Independence Avenue to the north and south, and certain park land known as 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.

17 ALLEYWAYS

MANAGED BY:
NEKC CHAMBER

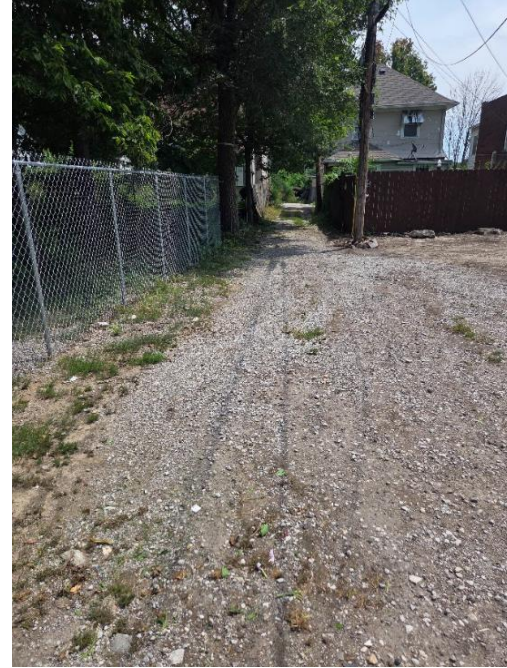
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BALES TO EASKEW – NORTH SIDE OF THE AVE
August 7, 2025 | 800 LBS | 7 USA Employees | 15 Labor Hours

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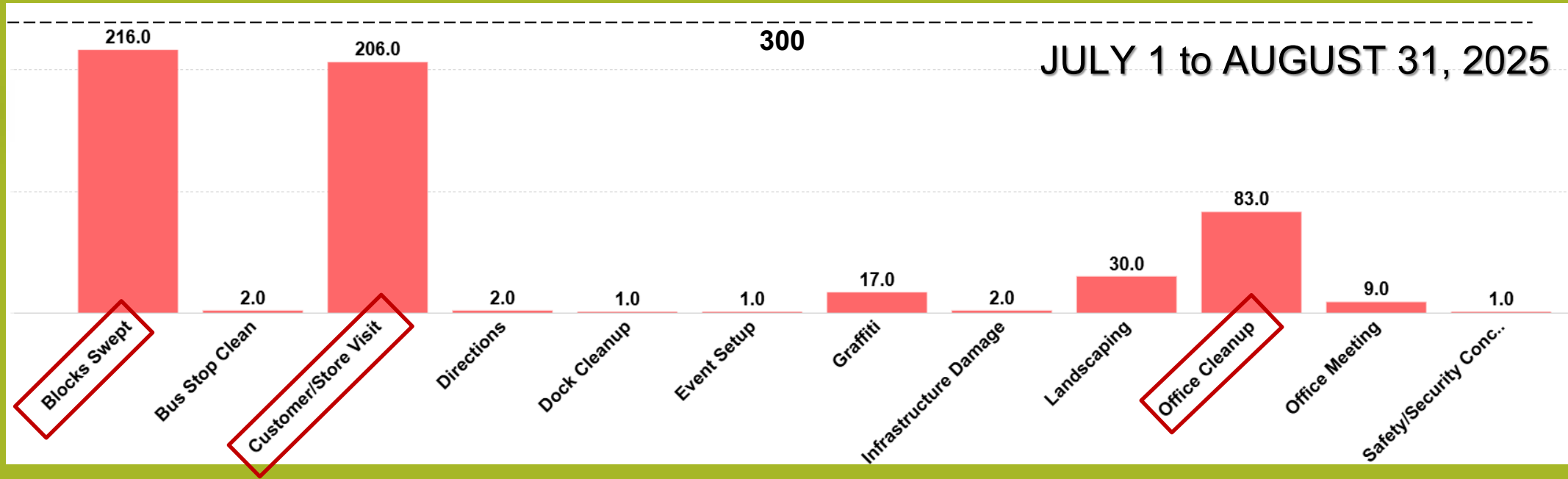
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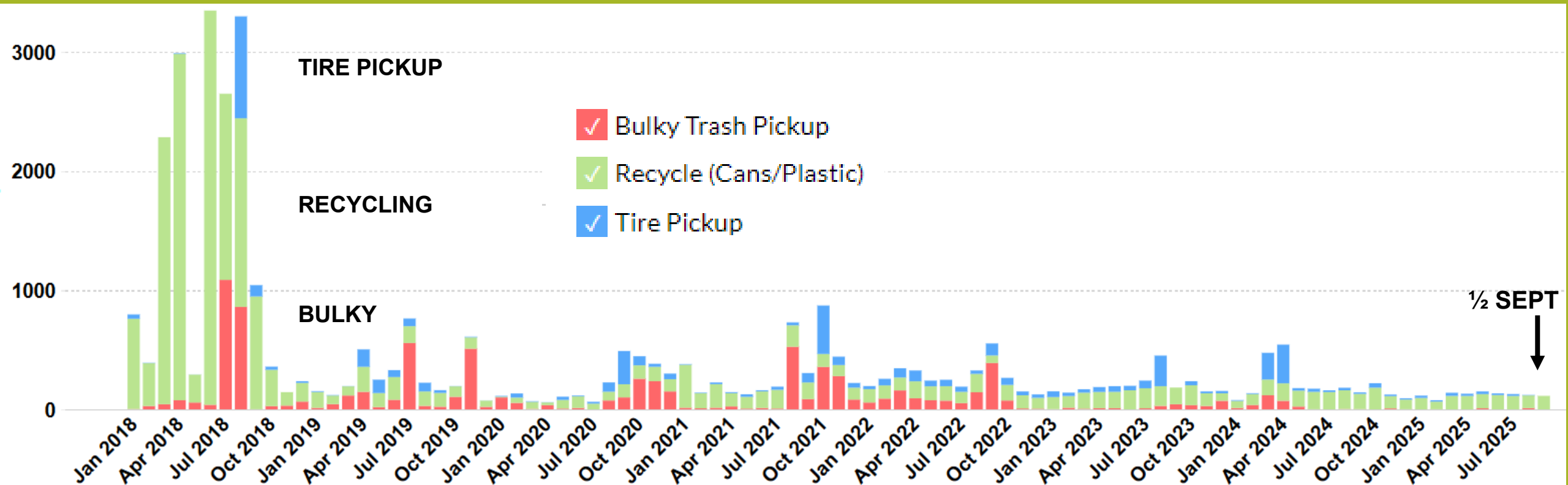


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TIRES, RECYCLING & BULKY ITEM CLEAN UP YEAR-TO-YEAR

(JUNE 2018 to TODAY)



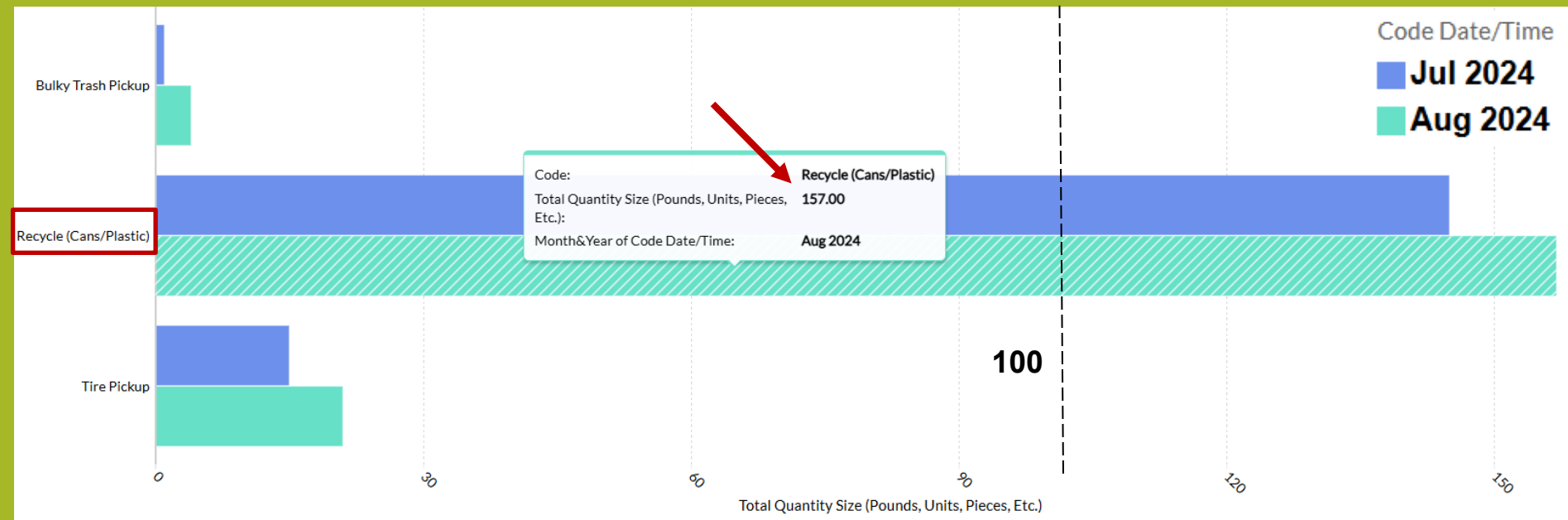
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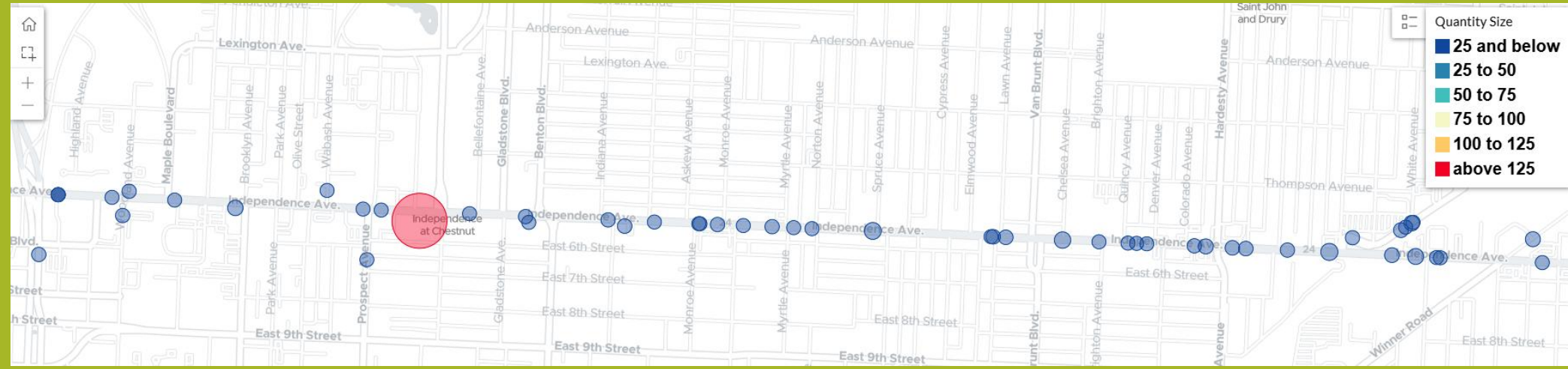
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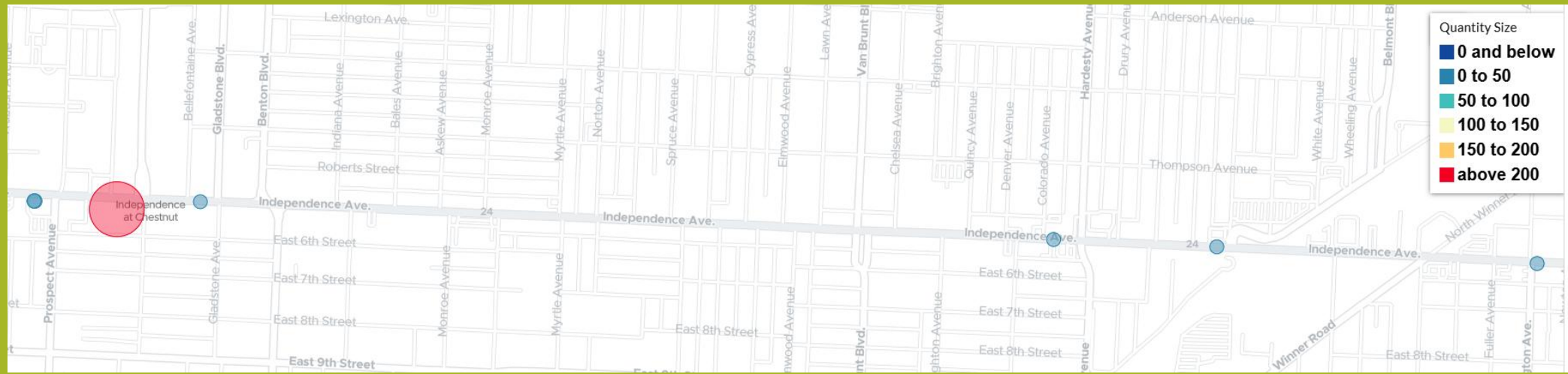
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CLEAN UP BY LOCATION

2024



JULY 1 to AUGUST 31, 2024



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ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR

Incidents This Week

8
½ WEEK

Incidents This Month

70
½ MONTH

Incidents This Year

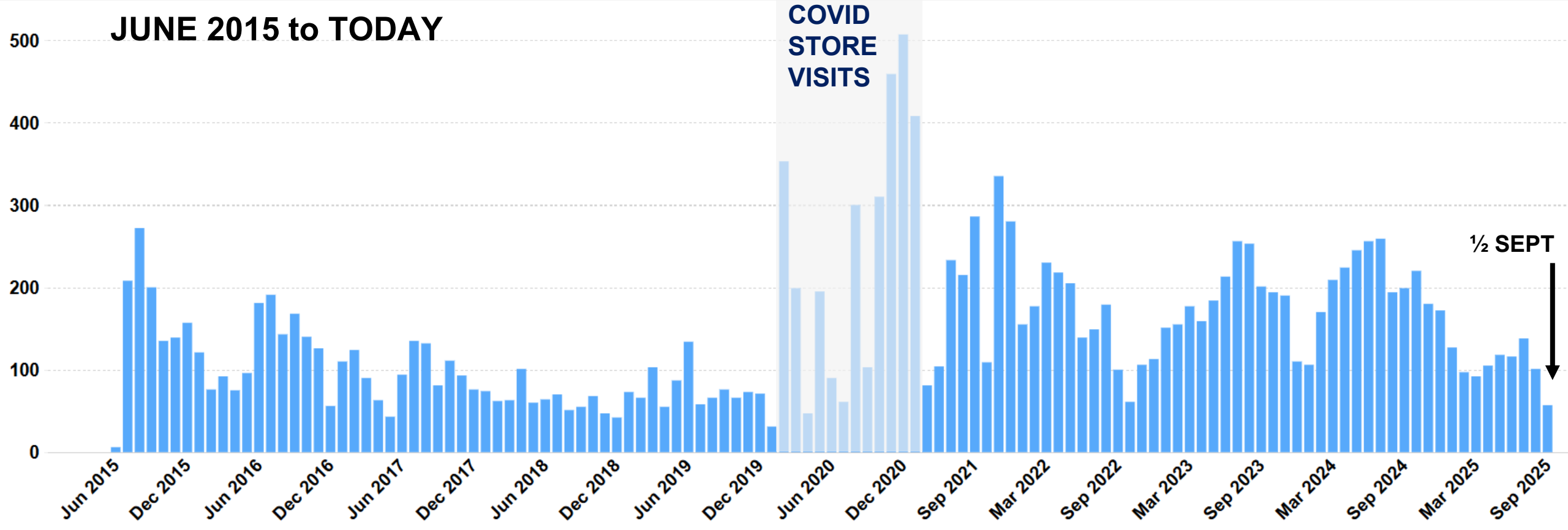
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Incidents All Time

17782



JUNE 2015 to TODAY



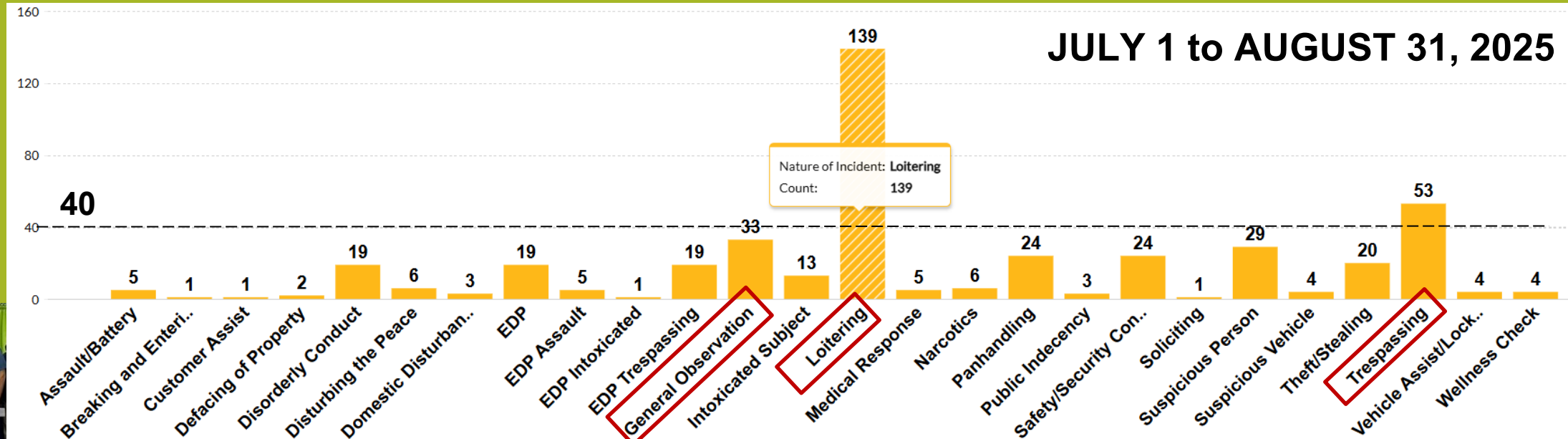
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INCIDENT
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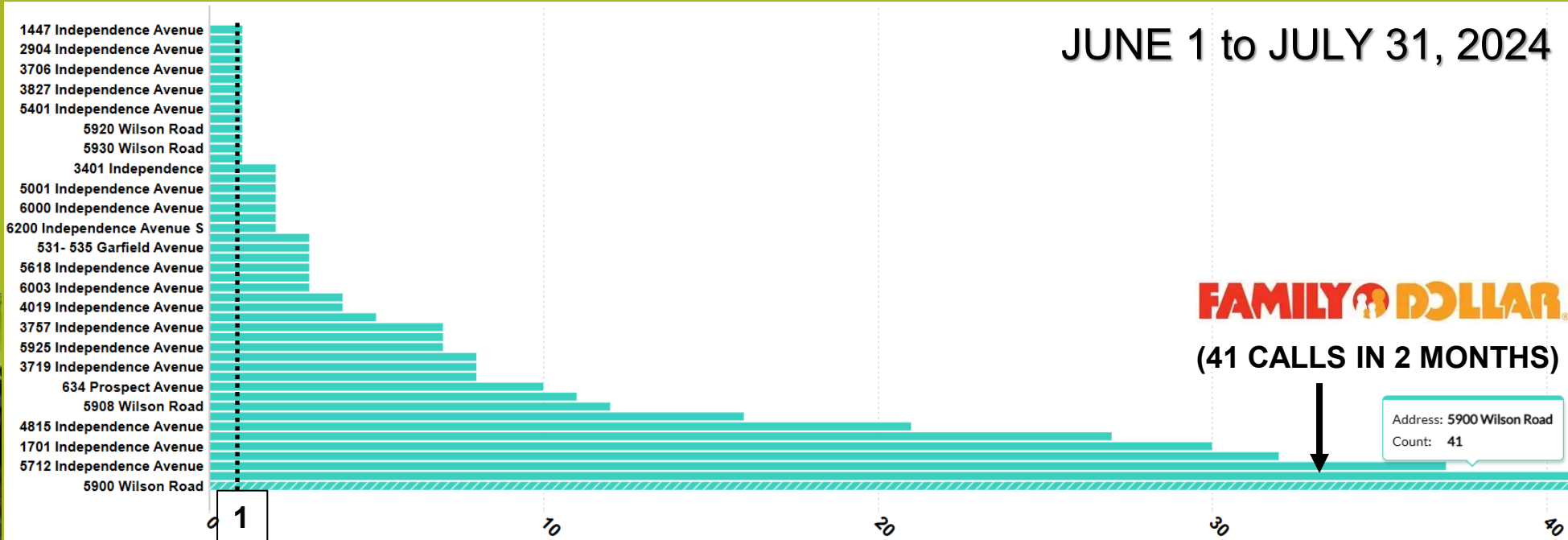
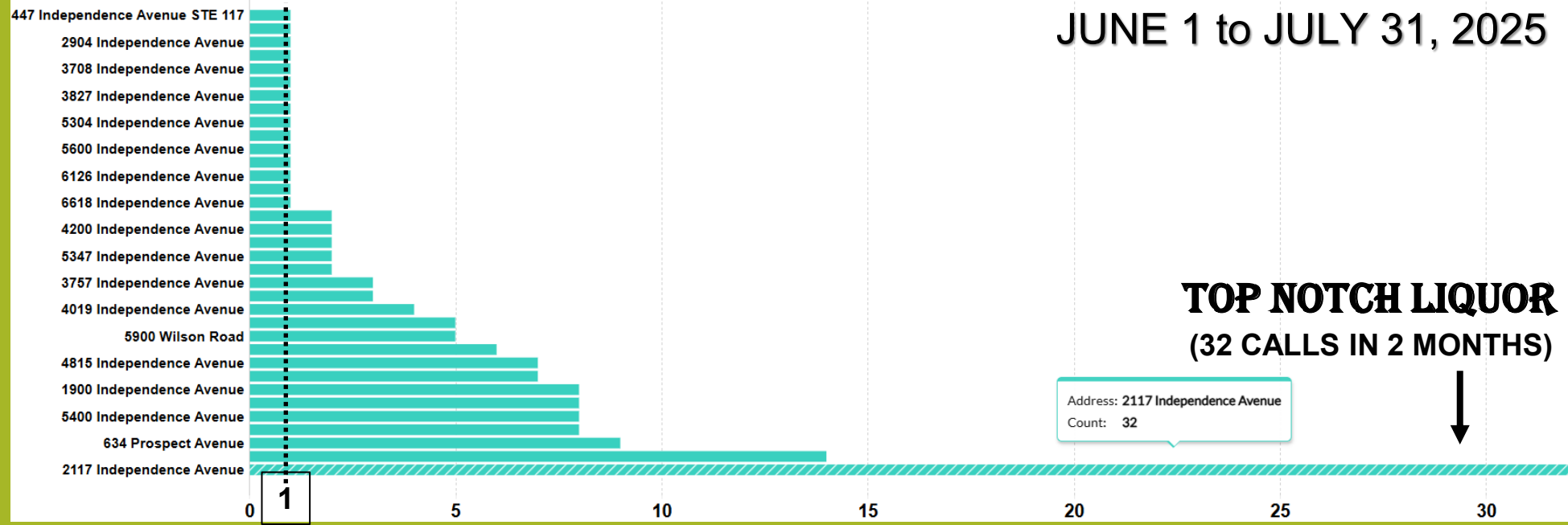
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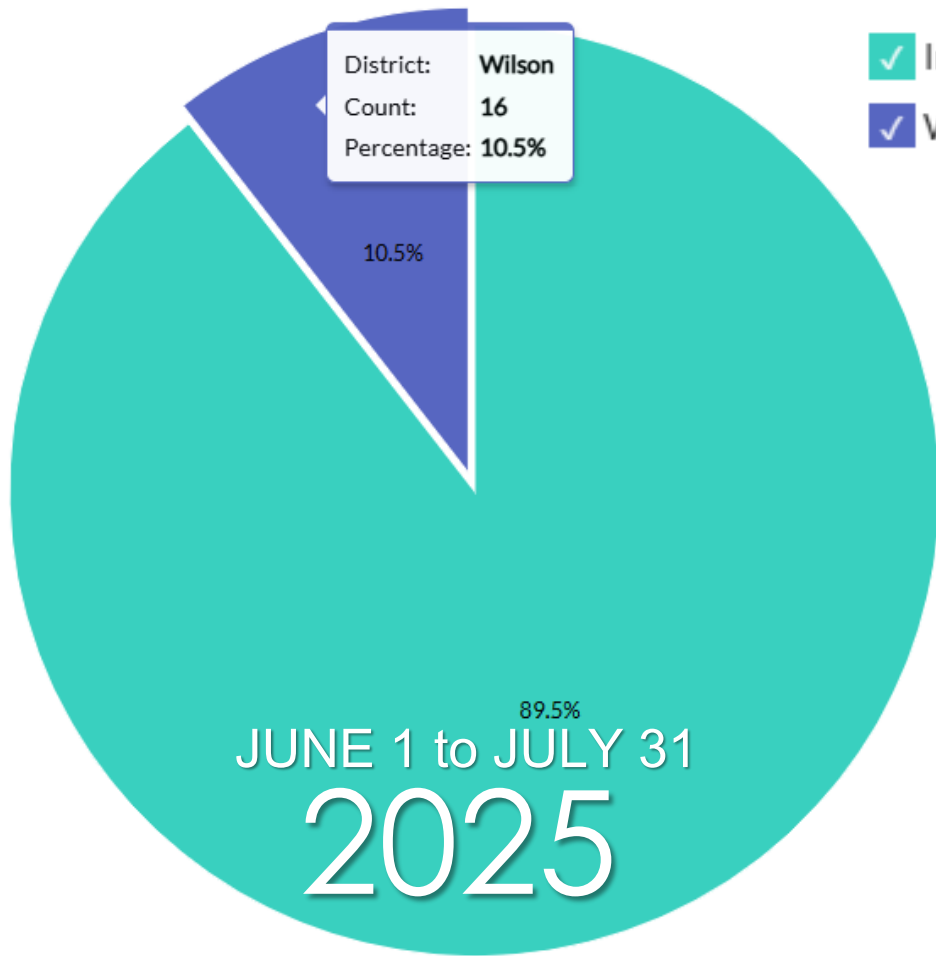
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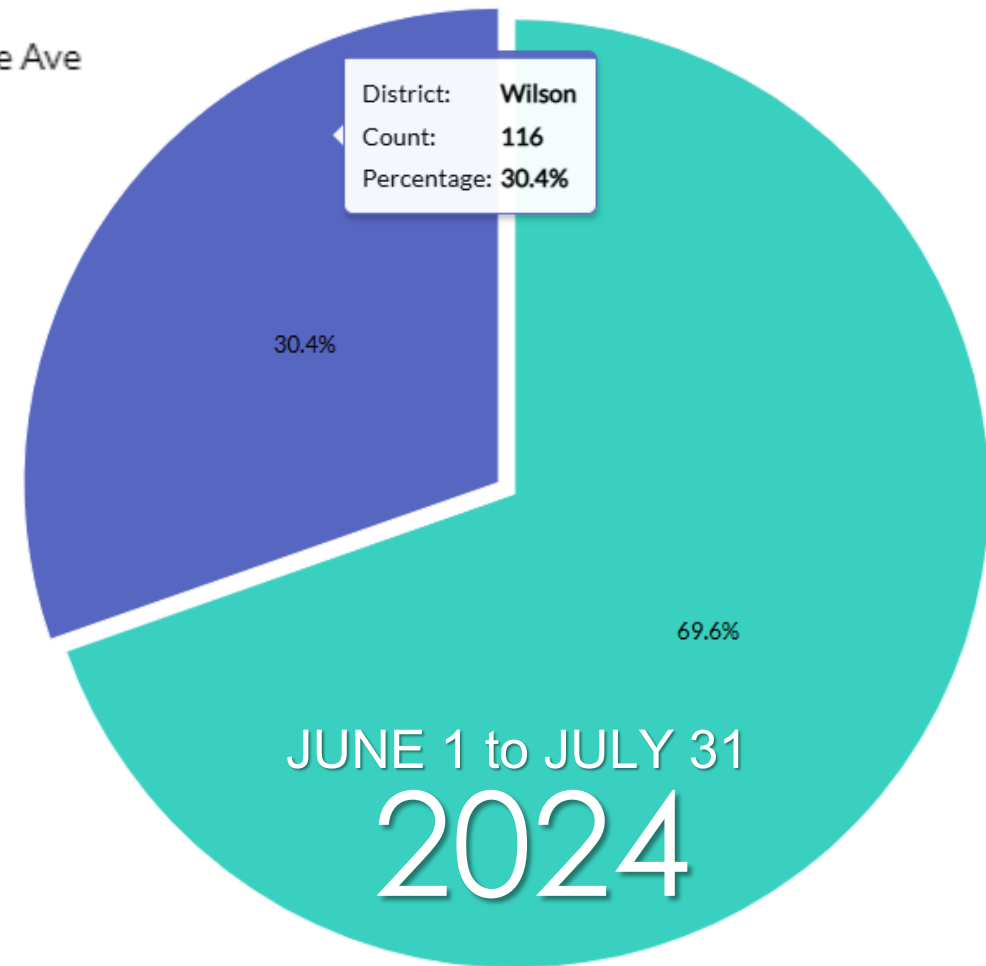
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WILSON RD VERSES INDEPENDENCE AVE



- ✓ Independence Ave
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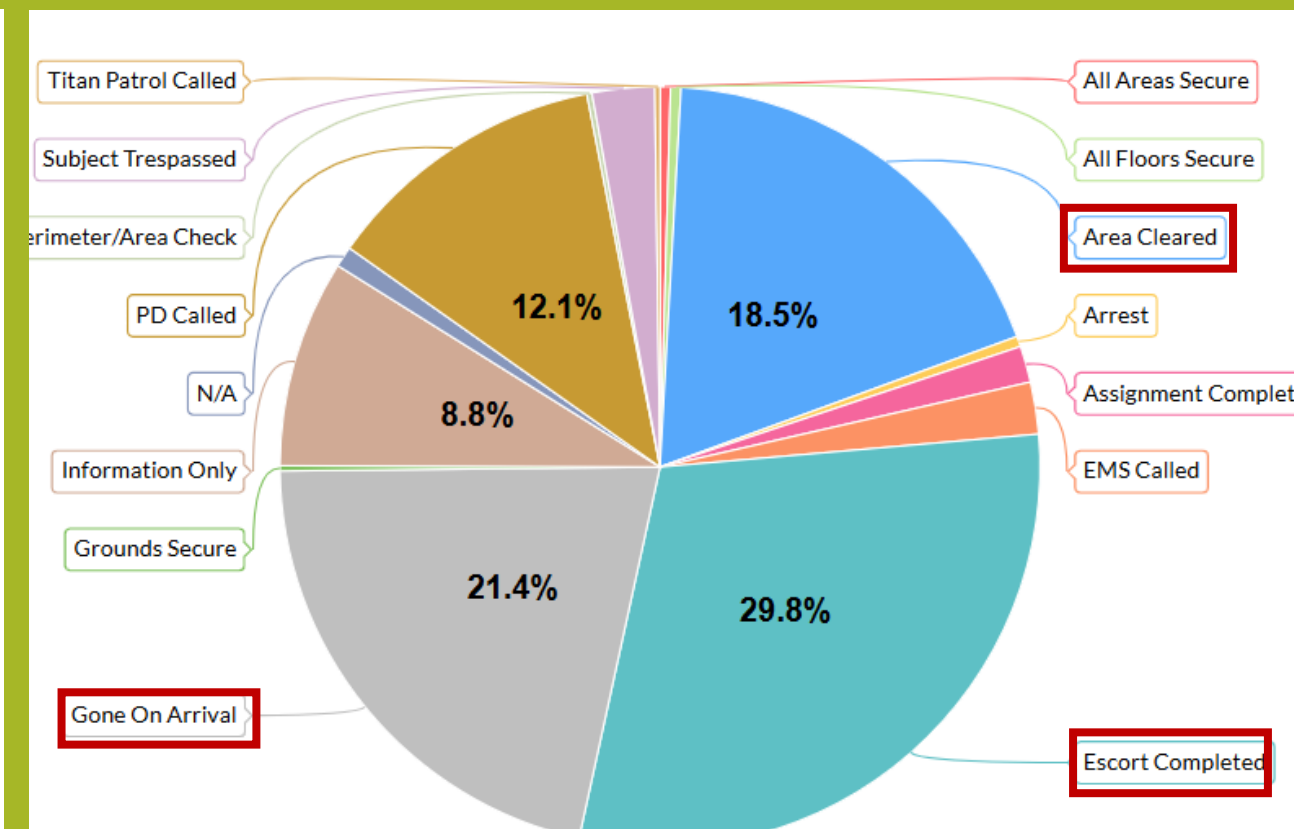
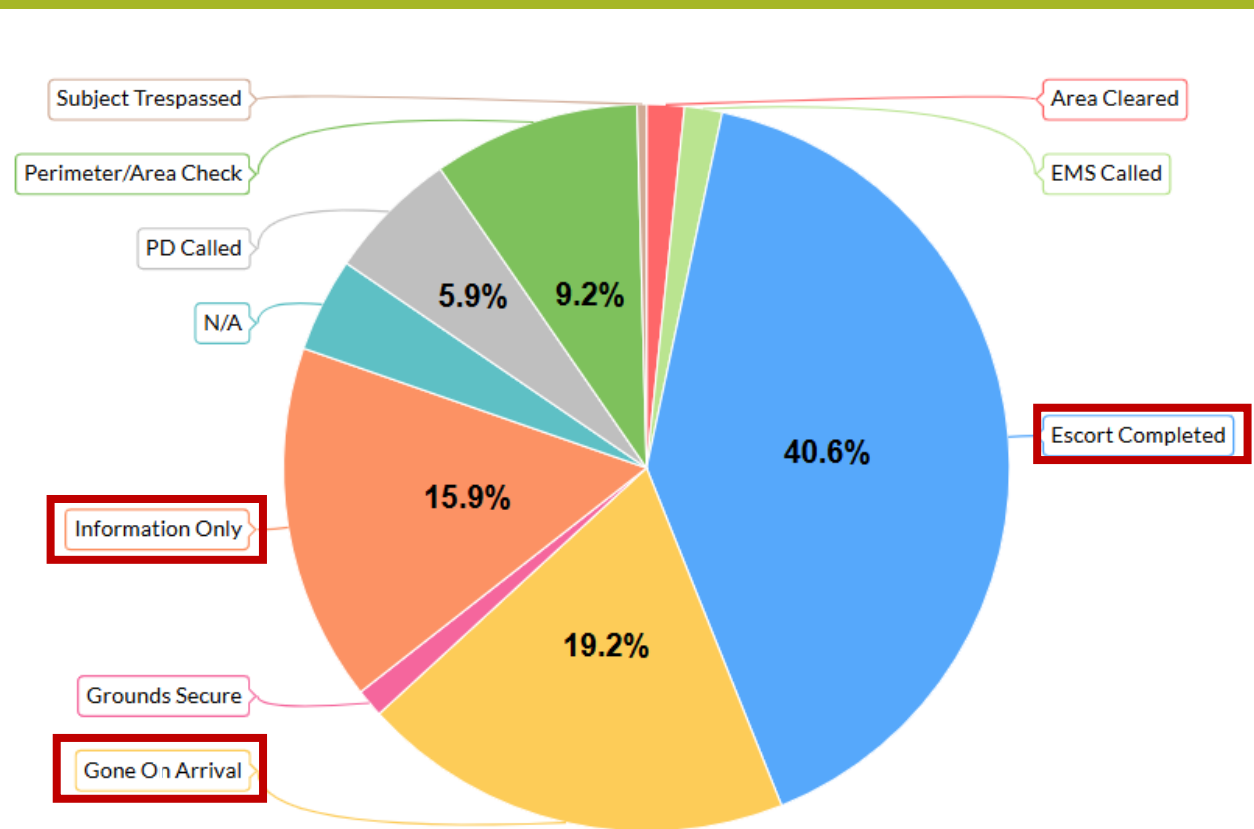
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OVERALL ACTIVITY

JULY 1 to AUGUST 31

2025 2024



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

INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID



AUGUST & SEPTEMBER



8-8-2025 KFC



9-5-2025 Al Rahman Store



8-29-2025 Prospect Center



9-12-2025 Metro PC



8-15-2025 KC Wings & Tacos



9-11-2025 Phillip 66 (5712 Indep)



9-17-2025 Ebenezer Shop

SHOPS "JUST AROUND THE CORNER"

EXPLORE • DISCOVER • EXPERIENCE

Business Owner Offers Community One Stop Shop Along Independence Avenue



Exbenezer Shop is now located at 2600 Independence Ave. Photo by Julia Williams

Julia Williams Editor-in-Chief

Marie François has owned her store "Ebenezer Shop," which she refers to as a local one stop shop, for the past three years. Previously operating out of the location at 3017 1/2 Independence Ave., François moved her business just west to 2600 Independence Ave., this past March to allow for a larger space.

For the past three years, she is no stranger to the neighborhood. In fact, she shared that she has visited the area since the early 2000s to attend church services and at one time, she lived just off Woodland Avenue.

"It's a good place, there's many people around here, it's given me a good place to put my roots," François shared.

When asked her favorite aspect of working and owning a business in the Historic Northeast, François said the ability to make her own schedule and to sell products to the community play a large role.

Currently, she does not have plans to open up another location, however, if the opportunity presented itself she said it would be something she would consider.

François shared that she is open six days per week from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. She encourages the community to come in and visit her store or to reach her at: 816-715-2049.

When selecting a name for her business, she shared that she found "Ebenezer" in a verse in the Bible.

"It's my pleasure to sell shoes and clothes, many like the things people find that they need," she shared in an interview, Friday. "It's a one stop shop, people always find what they need."

While she has worked within the Historic Northeast

Products for sale at Ebenezer Shop range anywhere from women's, men's and children's clothing, shoes, accessories and perfumes. These items, she shared, are not imported from anywhere specific. Rather, she searches for products online she believes will be practical to offer in her store.

And while she does not have any at this time, she shared she would like to have vendors to partner with to

aid in importing and selling items.



Photo by Julia Williams



François receives her products from a variety of online resources, she shared whatever she believes the community will be interested in. Photo by Julia Williams

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL



Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District Four Corners Community Call was Ebenezer Shop at 2600 Independence Ave.

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

Some Retail Shopping Center 2315 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.nekkchamber.com

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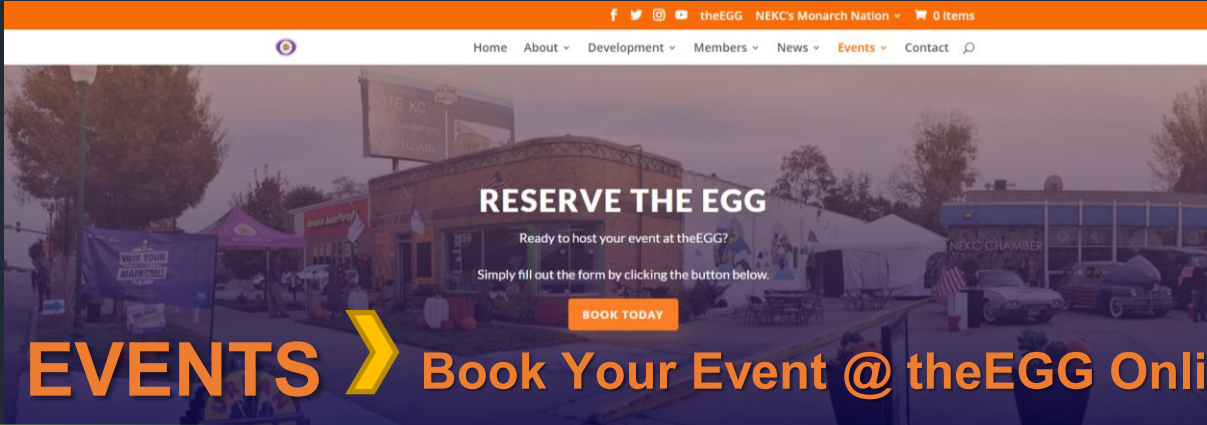
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Weekend Rate per day:	8am to 10pm \$200
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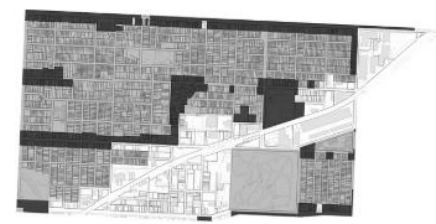


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JULY 24 & 25, 2025: FRINGE FESTIVAL THEATER REHERSAL: 3 ATTENDEES

UPCOMING EVENTS



COFFEE CULTURE & CONVERSATION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

NEKC Chamber Office

TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

Preparedness World Cup 2026

SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

The latest on crime prevention

HNE-REX HISTORIC NORTHEAST EXCHANGE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

Business Safety & Security



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