#### AGENDA

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

Date: <11/20/2025> 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. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/i/83085317222">https://us02web.zoom.us/i/83085317222</a>

Call to Order
 Approval of Minutes

Secretary Anthony Spalitto

Chairman Charlie Passantino

Financial Reports

Treasurer Steve Giles

Balance Sheet

Profit & Loss Year to date

Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

4. Staff Reports

District Managers Report Bobbi Baker
Designed by Lon Clark, Urban Planner CID

- Action Items
  - Present Document Retention Policy (vote)
- 6. New Business
  - Introduce Andrew Huesing
- Old Business
  - Any questions or concerns about Bylaws sent Sept 19?
- 8. Adjournment

## **COMMUNITY COMPASSION**



**INDEPENDENCE AVENUE STRONG** 



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# YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

10/18/2025 **09/20/2025** ←





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

## **NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

# 1) RECENT EVENTS

- 2) HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE
- 3) INDEPENDENCE AVE CID & TITAN REPORTS
- 4) TITAN 'FOUR CORNERS'
- 5) THE NE NEWSPAPER'S "CID-CENTERFOLDS"
- 6) THE EGG EVENTS
- 7) UPCOMING EVENTS

# 386 VISITORS (Sept 1 - Oct 31, 2025)







**NEKC Chamber, IA CID & HNE Office** 

# KCMO CID ALLIANCE

THURSDAY, SEPT 11, 2025 15 ATTENDEES + 3 STAFF

## **Citywide Community Improvement Districts**

- 1) Independence Avenue CID
- 2) Truman Road CID
- 3) Mainstreet/Broadway/Three Trails CIDs
- 4) Brookside CID
- 5) Crossroads CID
- 7) Rivermarket CID
- 6) Downtown CID
- 8) Westport CID





### The KC CID Alliance Meeting Focused On:

- Enhancing <u>data sharing</u> & incident tracking among CIDs.
- 2) The need for a <u>centralized offender database</u>, with Titan Security's three-year incident reports analyzed using AI to create offender profiles.
- The system will <u>automate citation</u> generation and map incident hotspots.
- 4) It will also streamline data collection, <u>improve</u> <u>prosecution</u>, and address repeat offenders.
- 5) The system will <u>integrate with existing</u> TITAN & Independence Ave CID ambassador reports, ensuring comprehensive incident documentation.

# TASTY TOPIC TALK...

# NEKC CHAMBER LUNCHEON



**TOPIC: 2026 World Cup & Your Business** 

**SPEAKER: Mindy Brissy**, <u>Director of Regional Impact</u>

Tracy Whelpley, Founder & CEO MRB Strategies

THURSDAY: Sept 23, 2025

**ATTENDEES: 22 attendees + 5 staff** 

# **LUNCH PROVIDED BY: Los Tres Palmas**



- ~ 4201 E 9th St.
- ~ (816) 231-8100
- ~ Facebook



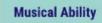








# ORGANIZATIONAL CORE VALUES...







#### Our Mission

The Northeast Community Center utilizes the universal language of music to develop young musicians and minds, partner with families, and build community in Kansas City.

#### What We Do

Music is how children enter our doors, but once they are here, it is so much more. In a neighborhood with 25+ languages spoken, music is the universal language. Together, we are orchestrating a thriving community through access to music education and wraparound services including educational and supportive programs!

## SATURDAY, <u>SEPTEMBER 27</u>, 2025 **ANNUAL BOARD MEETING NEKC CHAMBER EVENT SPACE**

1909



#### Italian Mission: To support the growing community of Italian immigrants in the Historic Northeast, the Settlement House & Central Chapel founded the Italian Mission to provide for the social educational, and economic

1918

#### A New Leader: Rev. J.B. Bisceglia was recruited from Pittsburgh to lead the Italian Mission.

Bisceolia was a minister. poet, pharmacist, and educator. He led the organization and school programming community for decades to blossomed alongside the

1940



Northeast Community In the '40s, the organization raised funds for its current site Avenue alongside Christ Presbyterian Church, After

for immigrant families

Italian Cultural Center: Judge Charles Shangler, the son-in-law of Rev. Bisceglia. revitalized the campus with Italian art and archival photos

of the community's history,

cooking lessons, and more

1980S



1999

544 Wabash

KANSAS CITY, MO

Scuola Vita Nuova: Judge Charles Shangler launched a new charter school: Scuola Vita Nuova (SVN) that grew on NECC's campus for 16 years. serving the community's increasingly diverse and amazing children



Harmony Project KC Path to College **Care Services** 

Under the leadership of Laura Shultz, Harmony Project KC Supportive services like the Path to College and Care Services initiatives are educational and well-being of

**PRESENT** 

Our core value is HARMONY Belonging Joy Community Growth

THIS IS A PLACE THAT CENTERS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Our community is dynamic, enriched by students, parents,

#### THIS IS A SECOND HOME.

Everyone is welcomed and valued here. NECC commits to children and families for a student's entire childhood. From

#### THIS IS A PLACE THAT OPENS DOORS.

The transformative power of music inspires creativity, strengthens minds,

THIS IS A PLACE FOR CELEBRATION

This is a distinctively positive that builds up young people, provides a creative outlet and excellent

Arts Access Engagement



Child Well-Being



School Attendance



Mathematical Proficiency



Literacy



**High School** Completion &

Beyond



#### Our Board

Jill Meriweather, President Meriweather Consulting

Angelica de la Cruz, Vice President Northeast Realty

Jay Breeden, Treasurer Smash my Trash

Marcia Charney, Secretary Retired Real Estate Attorney

Joe O'Flaherty, board member Country Club Bank

Dr. Natalie Spar, board member American Heart Association

Uli Schneider, board member Kansas City Public Schools

Ulises Rodriguez Quintanilla, board member Mexican Consulate

Christopher Hayes, board member University of Missouri - Kansas City

Mike Gordon, emeritus Kansas City Symphony

#### SERVING THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST FOR OVER 100 YEARS!



544 Wabash Kansas City, MO

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025 WEEKLY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT LUNCH NEKC CHAMBER EVENT SPACE** 



#### NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER



FOR PROVIDING LUNCH FOR HARMONY
PROJECT KC
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER

THE IA CID WORKFORCE!!!





**DePrice Taylor Receiving The Athena Award** 

Mellisa Robinson - Fay Beal & Husband - Bobbi Baker **KCMO Council Local Artists NEKC Chamber** 





# CHAMBER ATHENA Awards > 2025

The GREEK GODDESS ATHENA was a symbol of 1) wisdom, 2) intelligence, and 3) arts & sciences and is the namesake of the Greater KC Chamber's annual Athena Awards, presented at a reception every fall.

#### Congratulations to the 2025 ATHENA Honorees!!

#### ATHENA Honoree | Christine Kemper



Christine founded Kemper & Company, LLC, following her early endeavors in government, politics, entertainment and strategic communications. Her customer research and marketing consultancy advised local, national and global brands starting in 2002. She is co-founder of The Collectors Fund and The Kansas City Collection, two enterprises that invest in art and build markets for artists, as well as YEP, an internship and scholarship organization focused on identifying and nurturing entrepreneurship among high school students.

The focus of her community work has largely been women- and student-focused. She has served in leadership roles for dozens of regional nonprofit organizations, including the Women's Foundation, Women's Employment Network, WIN for KC, the WWI Museum and Memorial, DeLaSalle Education Center, and University Academy Charter School.

Her current passion is in her role as Founder and Board Chair of Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy, Missouri's only all-girls, college-bound, public charter school, which opened in August of 2019. Located in a traditionally underserved community, the school's mission is to prepare young women to use their voices, succeed academically and to lead productive, meaningful lives. As leader of this endeavor, Kemper has helped to raise nearly \$30 million to advance the purpose of the program.

With a reputation for strong academic and emotional growth, KC Girls Prep has just started its 7th year of operation, serving 110 scholars in 5th-8th grade girls and another 38 girls in its KC Girls Leadership Institute (KCGLI). The innovative KCGLI program was created in 2024 to support scholars through high school and into college. With leadership development, study abroad, college and scholarship application support, and a deep, ongoing connection to the KCGAP sisterhood, KCGLI delivers on the mission and vision at the heart of the school's founding. Kemper's intense focus on this school is inspired by her belief that empowering young women lifts families, communities, and ultimately, the world.

#### ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Honoree | DePrice Taylor



Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, DePrice is the product of resiliency and growth; not the circumstances and roadblocks meant to impede her future but the determination to overcome them. With more than a decade of experience driving youth development, strategic initiatives, and community partnerships, DePrice currently serves as the Executive Director of Community Relations for the Kansas City Current. In this role, she spearheads the club's community engagement strategy, builds and sustains meaningful relationships with corporate and nonprofit stakeholders and oversees impactful programming and player civic engagement efforts.

A proud first-generation college graduate and former MIAA athlete, DePrice earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Work and a Master of Science in Health, Human Performance, and Recreation from Pittsburg State University. She has been recognized as a Kansas City Business Journal NextGen Leader (2023), Startland News Community Builder to Watch (2023), Heartland Black Chamber of Commerce MVP (2024), and alumna of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Centurions Leadership Program.

DePrice's commitment to service is reflected in her leadership beyond her professional role. DePrice serves on the Win for KC Advisory Board, Black Excellence KC Board, Pittsburg State Alumni Association, and as a Commissioner for Kansas City Parks & Recreation, appointed by Mayor Ouinton Lucas.

# COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION

**TOPIC:** Meet Your Neighbors!

**FEATURED GUESTS: YOU** 





THURSDAY, OCT 9, 2025

**Guest Shared Their Business Ideas** 

**ATTENDEES: 10 + 5 STAFF** 



# Latinx Education Collaborative Hispanic Heritage Month Series: Barrio Edition **Equity Walk** October 7th 1pm to 2:30pm El Paso Del Norte



# **Hispanic Heritage Month**

September 15 – October 15



**Historic Northeast Equity Walk, October 7, 2025** 

**SPONSORED BY: Councilman Crispin Rea (4th District at Large)** 

Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes the achievements and contributions of Americans whose ancestry can be traced to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Spanish-speaking countries of the Caribbean.



# RECALL TOWN HALL: What's Next for Jackson County?

WEDNESDAY, OCT 1, 2025
ATTENDEES: 33 + 5 STAFF



Legislator Manuel Abarca IV 1st District



Legislator Venessa Huskey 2<sup>nd</sup> District



Legislator Sean Smith 6<sup>th</sup> District



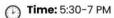


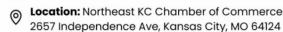














#### 3 JACKSON CO LEGISLATORS

Mauel Abarca IV
Sean Smith
Venessa Huskey



PHIL LEVOTA becomes permanent Jackson Co Executive Director

# HNE-REX (Historic Northeast - Response Emergency Examples)

**WEDESDAY, OCT 8, 2025** 

**TOPIC: 'Active Threat Awareness'** 

SPEAKER: Ryan McFarlin, Major of Field Operations Titan

**ATTENDEES: 7 Guest + 3 Avenue Angels + 4 Staff** 





#### FREE TRAINING HOSTED BY TITAN PROTECTION

Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

#### LEARN HOW TO RESPOND WITH THESE TACTICS

✓ PREVENTION

MITIGATION

✓ PROTECTION

**✓** RESPONSE

INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

#### EVENT LOCATION

2657 Independence Avenue Kansas City, MO 64124

PHONE: (816) 231-3312

EMAIL: BobbiBaker@nekcchamber.com



✓ LONG TERM RECOVERY ✓ PLANNING

Planning considerations, and practical tips to help you navigate critical situations.



TITAN PROTECTION

9350 Metcalf Ave STE 210, Overland Park, KS 66212 (913) 441-0911



the Independence

Today, Friday, Oct. 10, the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District are hosting city, county, state and fed... See more



# **Avenue Tour For Elected Officials**

FRIDAY, OCT 10, 2025 ATTENDEES: 21 + 3 STAFF

This tour led directly to legislation proposed to <u>outlaw gaming shops</u>.



Officials Experienced: 1) HNE International Marketplace Ongoing Development Progress & Investment Opportunities, 2) Corridor District Anchors, 3) Prospering Small Businesses, 4) Nuisance Establishments, & 5) Truck-Eating Bridge.

**DESTINATIONS:** Kansas City University (KCU) Campus, Century Towers, Sons of Columbus Event Space, Independence Plaza Park, Soma Retail Center, Prospect Retail Center, The Economic Growth Gallery (EGG) Facility, Northeast News Bureau, Medical Mall, Historic Northeast Lofts, & Custom Truck One Source Facility



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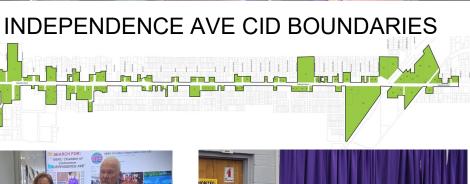




CITY OF KCMO CITY MANAGER Mario Vasquez









**DISTRICT 19 MO STATE HOUSE REP Wick Thomas** 





**JACKSON CO PROSECUTOR** Melesa Johnson





# **SAFETY & SECURITY MEETINGS**

OCT 16, 2025

Next Meeting: Nov 20, 2025



- ✓ TITAN has begun sharing reports with KCPD in new system.
- ✓ Discussed <u>decline in calls</u> to Wilson & Independence Ave.
- ✓ Game Shop move to corner Indep & Monroe brought homeless.
- ✓ Elected officials continue to get tours of the HNE.
- ✓ <u>Lack of KCPD officers</u> handle today's population, but large classers of new recruits are coming through.
- ✓ Installation of a monitoring station at the CID office.
- ✓ Sharing of monitoring systems and employment of <u>drones</u>.



# **GENERAL ATTENDEES: 15**

- **1 KCMO City Prosecutor**
- **4 Business Owners**
- **3 TITAN Angels**
- 3 CID Office Staff
- 1 Mattie Rhodes Representative
- 1 KCMO Codes
- 1 SVN employee
- 1 KCPD Officers







# **Supported by Councilman Crispin Rea Office (At Large)**





#### 4TH DISTRICT SMALL BUSINESS



#### **PENDLETON HIGHTS**

9am - 10am Wednesday, OCT 15, 2025 **PH Coffee** 



2200 Lexington Ave. KCMO 64124

Cash Mobs are a great way to support local businesses in our community. Join Councilman Crispin Rea for coffee/breakfast to support small businesses.

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

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Northeast Chamber of Commerce, Latinx Education Collaborative and Revolucion Educativa.





#### **MEETING @ NEKC CHAMBER OFFICE**

**Kessler Park Master Plan Implementation Group** 

OCT 22, 2025

**ATTENDEES: 18** 

**Neighborhoods in Attendance** 

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







#### **AGENDA**

#### Kessler Park Conservancy (KPC)

#### Agenda for 10/22/25 KPC Meeting

- Announcement of Board Roster and first official Kessler Park Conservancy (KPC) Board Meeting
  - To be held in November; exact date to be determined at the end of this
    meeting
- 2. General Discussion with James and Anthony
  - KC Parks and KPC Cooperative Agreement
  - Grant Applications:
    - Any specific recommendation on best practices surrounding PIAC Grant applications
    - How to best coordinate with Parks on grant applications and discussions, whether public or private funding
    - Any recommendations for funding sources the KPC to being pursuing
  - Collaboration with Parks on:
    - Maintenance issues
    - Capital improvements
    - How best to stay informed about planned improvements and projects for the Kessler Park system (e.g., Reservoir Drive updated with signage and barriers for one-way traffic)
- 3. Kessler Park Projects Update
- 4. Other Matters



Tasty, Topic Talk NEKC **Chamber Luncheon** October 28, 2025 11:45 am -1:00 pm 2657 Independence Ave KCMO 64124 Topic: Cakes and ART by Mike Elders, Live cake demonstration

#### Mike Elder

Here in the Northeast Kansas City, you may have seen a mural on the NE corner of the "Truck Eating Bridge". He is more than a mural painter. Mike Elder is a world renowned cake

creator, three time world record holder. sixteen time TV chef, cake maker for the stars and now for you!

Mikes creations have been sought out by well-known public figures such as

Gordon Ramsay, George Lucas, Elton John, Godsmack and Tech N9ne as well as NASCAR, INDYCAR, the NFL, and Major League









# TASTY TOPIC TALK NEKC CHAMBER LUNCHEON



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

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















Black Sheep Custom Cakes



REALLY RAD CAKES 816-682-1872



#### KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Photos
Courtesy of Black Sheep Cakes

Mike Elder is a world renowned cake creator,
three time world record holder, sixteen time
TV chef, cake maker for the stars and now
for you!

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George Lucas, Elton John, Godsmack and

Tech N9ne as well as NASCAR, INDYCAR, the

NFL, and Major League Baseball.

In addition to being a globetrotting baker and featured at extraordinary events around the world, most recently he was awarded his second and third <u>Guinness Records</u> for a cake raceway and drivable cake car created and driven by <u>Michael Andretti</u> and built with help from his father Mario Andretti.

Mike brings world-class quality and skill to his specialty cakes and is now ready to create something amazing for your wedding day.

#### **AMERICAN CAKE AWARDS**

finalist 2021



# HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST

ORCHARD FEST
Saturday, Oct. 4

2025
PENDLETON
ILIGHTON
Plaza Park











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Using Historic Tax Credits to Save Structures





October 25, 2025 In Attendance:

Lon Clark
Mike Spady





OCT 26, 2025

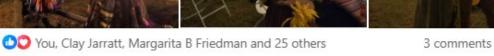
What a party! Thank you for celebrating 30 Years of Northeast Arts KC last night at St. John Community Gardens. A great time was had, with wonderful weather, and not to mention wonderful people. Entertainment was awesome. Thanks go to Mary Lou Jacoby ,Warehouse One, for sponsoring that entertainment! Thank you State Representative Wick Thomas for a special presentation commemorating 30 years. Other sponsors include Cosentinos Price Chopper, PH Coffee, Adco printing, Urban Produce Push KC, Peter May House of Keilbasa, Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce & Independence Avenue Community Improvement District. Northeast Arts KC thanks you!





















































# 13th Annual Office Halloween Party



# October 31, 2025

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





# COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION

**TOPIC:** Meet The Northeast Newspaper

**FEATURED GUESTS: 1) Contributor, Bryan** 

Stalder; 2) Managing Editor, Dorri Partain





**THURSDAY, NOV 13, 2025** 

**ATTENDEES: 6 + 4 STAFF** 





**Guests Won Pumpkin Prizes During the Drawing** 



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TITAN Major,
Ryan McFarlin









# HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



Samuel U. Rodgers Healthy Living Campus

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



NOV 11, 2025

GUEST SPEAKERS

Daughters of Doctor
Samuel U. Rodgers

Jim Nunnelly Rep Emauel Cleaver Bobbi Baker Sean Hughs











# HNTB CORPORATION

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

#### Laura Ray Wagner

Public Engagement and Communications Manager *Transportation Group* 

#### AGENDA THURSDAY, OCT 30, 2025

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Project Overview Thankam Mathew
  - Project Purpose and Need
- 3. Timeframe for Design and Construction Chad Hall
  - Where we are in the process
- 4. Project Description and Scope
  - Preliminary Roadway Stacey Lowe
  - Bridge Layout and RR Coordination Chad Hall
  - Maintenance of Traffic Chad Hall/Eric
  - Utility Coordination Chad Charest
  - Grant Progress Ben/Chad
  - Public Involvement Process Thankam/Katie
- 5. Questions
- 6. Next Steps



#### **TOPICS**

- 1) I-29/35 Viaduct Bridge Replacement
- 2) Bridge Reconstruction Phases Plan
- 3) <u>Highway Widening</u> Project Update
- 4) Project Neighborhood Impact Discussion
- 5) Pendleton Heights Infrastructure Access Discussion
- 6) North Loop I-70 Elimination Plan
- 7) Bridge Replacement Project Traffic Impact



Missouri
Department
of Transportation



# HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST

#### NEKC CHAMBER & IA CID\_SENT 27 Letters & 2,534 Emails



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

**REGARDING**: Evergy FREE Roof Cooling Program

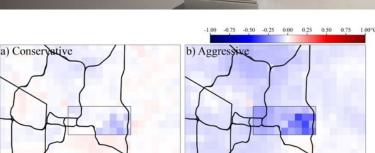


# FREE PROGRAM

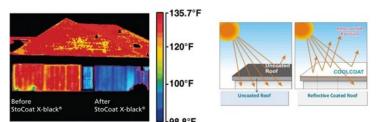
Evergy Urban Heat Island







NORTHEAST KC AREA



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

#### PROPERTIES PARTICPATING ALONG THE AVENUE

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





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STAND UP FOR

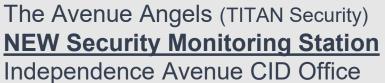
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# **AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025**

# HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE

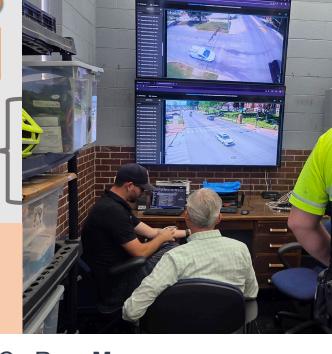




Independence Avenue CID Office









KCPD & Jackson Co Rep, Manny Abarca, meet to address gaming establishment concerns at Monroe & Independence Ave







# IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST NORTHEAST





#### **ENCAMPMENT SITE VISITS** ←



Julia Williams • # August 20, 2025 **4** minutes Read

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...





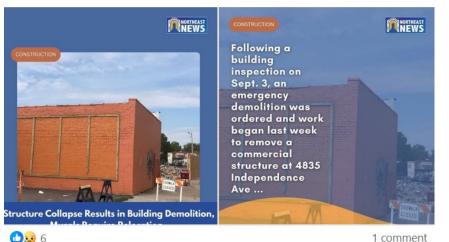




Kansas City's Northeast News September 19 at 6:00 PM · 🚱







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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!

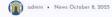
#### 'Du... See more PENDLETON HEIGHTS CELEBRATION





# IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST NORTHEAST NEWS

Jason Kelce Shines a National Spotlight on Northeast Favorite Peter May's House of Kielbasa





**JASON KELCE** 

Photo credit: Bryan Stalder





**NEW MURAL** 



Dorri Partain - October 15, 2025 - @ 3 minutes Read

#### Indian Mound, Pendleton Heights Neighborhoods Celebrate New Murals

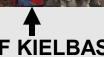
Dorri PartainManaging Editor From airborne dragon kites and pandas to unicorns and praying mantis insects, new murals are being unveiled in two Northeast neighborhoods during October. The Indian Mound Neighborhood...





Jason Kelce's surprise post about KCMO restaurant sparks viral fame for





Ten Years Later: Northeast Remembers Firefighters John Mesh and Larry Leggio

admin • Front Page , News October 12, 2025



Bryan Stalder Contributor



**NE CORNER: Prospect** & Independence Ave

■ Burned 10 years ago

2 KC Fire Fighters perished





# HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE – HEAT ISLAND





## **3512 INDEPENDENCE AVE**

Urban Planner, *Mike Spady*, managing efforts to lessen the 'HEAT ISLAND' effect along Independence Ave working with a Mo state dept & local nursery.



City Roots Nursery











Kansas City's Northeast News

# IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST NORTHEAST





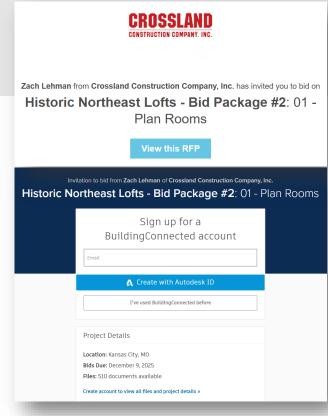
#### **SCARRITT HALLOWEEN 2025**



#### THE PASEO WATER RETENTION POND



#### HISTORIC NORTHEAT LOFTS CALL FOR RPFs (Request For Proposal)



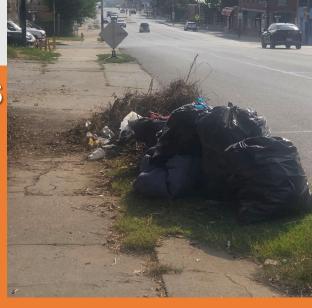


# HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE - NEIGHBORHOODS





HISTORIC NORTHEAST **CLEANUP FALL 2025** 







# 3RD & 4TH DISTRICT

#### **OCTOBER DROP-OFF EVENT**

Saturday, October 4th 8AM - Noon For All KC Residents

#### **Bulky Items, Trash, Leaf and Brush Collection:**

- Lykins Square 4115 E 7th St, Kansas City, MO 64108
- Budd Park 5001 St John Ave, Kansas City, MO 64108
- The Concourse 200 Benton Ave, Kansas City, MO 64108
- Sheffield Park 1111 Ewing Ave, Kansas City, MO 64108
- CarQuest Parking Lot 7806 US-24, Kansas City, MO 64108

#### Tire collection location (with or without rim in it):

• The Concourse - 200 Benton Ave, Kansas City, MO 64108

**Electronics collection and Shredder location:** 9th and Van Brunt Athletic Fields Lot – 901 Van Brunt Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64108

#### **Electronics Free to Recycle:**

- Computers & Networking
- · Home Audio/Video
- Pro Audio
- Office Electronics
- Home Video & Gaming
- · Photography & Lighting

#### **Materials Not Accepted:**

DVDs

- Toner Cartridges Thermometers
- Hazardous Material:

Item with Fees:

CRT TVs 26" or less: \$30.00 each

CRT TVs 27" or greater: \$50.00 each

Console/Projection TVs: \$50.00 each

LED, LCD, and Plasma Flat Screen TVs (all sizes): \$20.00 each



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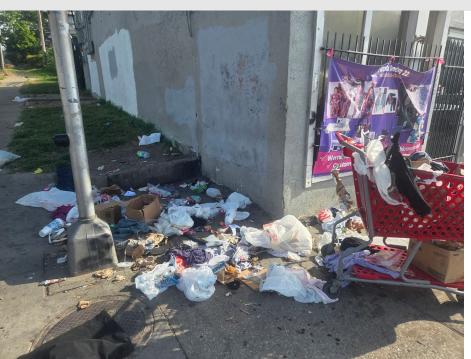
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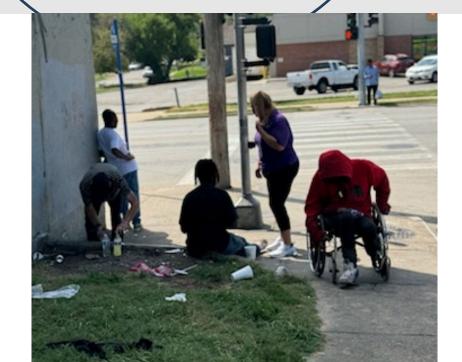
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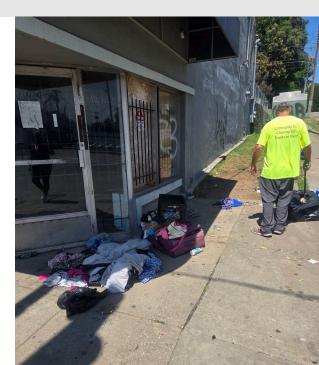
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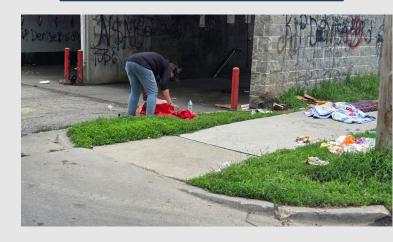


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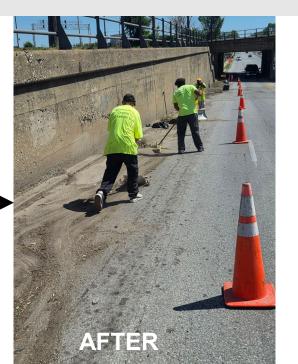


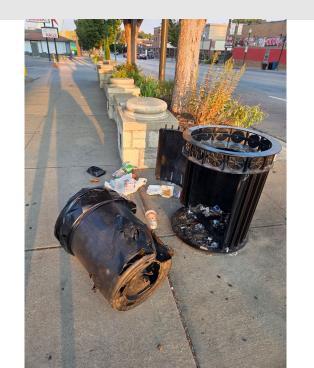


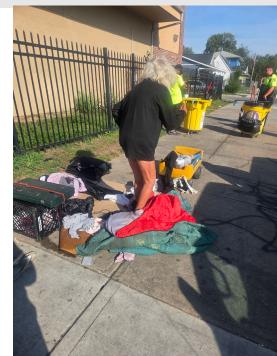
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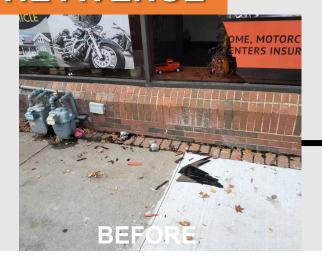




## **AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025**

### **CLEANING UP MESSES ON THE AVENUE**





#### **Broken Glass Clean Up**













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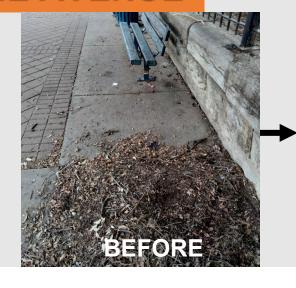




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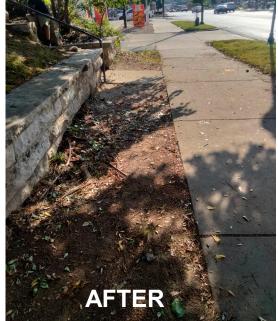
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## ASSISTING THE CID WITH GRAFFITI REMOVAL













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Cleanup at 2415 Independence Ave









11-14-2025 Ted's Barbar Shop



10-10-2025 Victoria Thrift



10-3-2025 Sharif's Store



11-7-2025 Family Dollar (3719 Ind)





10-24-2025 Mercado Fresco (5901 Ind)



10-30-2025 Spalitto's Pharmacy



#### SHOPS "JUST AROUND THE CORNER"



Thanksgiving is Just Around The Corner: Time for a hair cut!



Ted's Barber Shop, located at 2631 Independence Blvd is a neighborhood institution run by Ted Davis, who has been cutting hair for over 4 decades - 20 of those years right on Independence Avenue – after previously working at Oney's Barber Shop near 55th and The Paseo. Davis made history as the first Black-owned barbershop on Independence Ave, a distinction recognized by Mayor Mark Funkhouser. In 2005, despite suffering a major stroke while cutting hair, he was told he might never walk or work again - yet 20 years later, he's still behind the chair. His favorite part of being in Northeast KC? The people: "Anywhere I go people greet me and say hi."

Ted's hours are Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; the shop is closed on weekends. You can call Ted's at 816-241-2700



Blvd, opened in December 2023 under the ownership of husband-and-wife team Victor and Patience Gaye, who both hail from Liberia. Building on a family legacy of African hair braiding, the couple expanded the services their parents once offered next door by growing the business into a full-service barbershop and braiding studio. Today, VP Barber & Braiding is known for its clean, safe, and family-friendly environment, its strong community focus, and its flexibility in serving customers, offering walk-ins as well as home or hospital visits when needed.

The shop is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and closed on Sundays. For appointments or inquiries, they can be reached at



eleganté, a full-service barbershop and salon ocated at 2600 Independence Blvd, STE 103 has under the ownership of Araceli Borja. With seven chairs and a diverse team of hair-care specialists who speak English, Spanish, and Arabic, the shop welcomes men, women, and children for a wide range of services, including fades, flat tops, beard trims, facial shaves, and color treatments. Open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Eleganté offers convenience, quality, and accessibility, with a standard haircut priced at \$30 and dedicated parking available in the lot behind the building.







With Thanksgiving just around the corner, now is the perfect time to make sure you're looking your best before family and friends gather for the holidays. A fresh cut can go a long way in helping you feel confident, festive, and photo-ready, so don't wait until the last minute-schedule an appointment with your neighborhood barber or stylist today. Our local barbershops are ready to help you show up looking sharp for every holiday moment.



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

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#### THERE'S A NEW VIKING IN TOWN!

The NFHS Alumni Association (NEHSAA) is excited to share some great news: we've recently donated fund or a brand-new Viking mascot costun We all know how important a mascot is

when it comes to school spirit and ringing students together. They're not ust there for entertainment; they really erve as amazing ambassadors of unity, inclusivity, and pride. A mascot helps reate wonderful memories and a true ense of belonging within our school

ricture this: a lively school mases representing the heartbeat of our school spirit! They bring energy and exciteme

to sports games, bety rallies, and all sorts of events. Mascots really add life to our school: identity and play a huge part in building a strong community. Plus, they inspire us to get

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 conne 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. specially when a Friday evening game is part of the reunion festivities

ome welcome the newest addition to Northeast High School-the Viking mascot



VIKING

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

#### THE PURPLE & WHITE NEWS

Volume 34 Issue 2

PRESERVE THE PAST

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The Purple & White Lives On!

#### 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

#### 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.

#### The Purple & White Lives On!

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#### Fees:

Weekend Rate per day: **Evening Rate:** Daily Rate: morning:

8am to 10pm \$200

6pm to 10pm \$75 8am to 12pm \$50

Daily Rate; afternoon: 1pm to 5 pm \$50

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2025:

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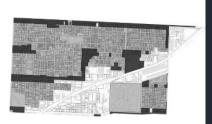
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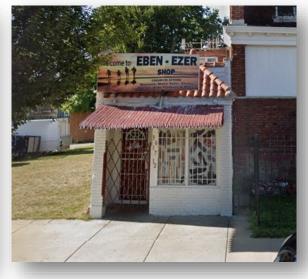
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FALL 2025 - 'FROM CLAY TO SEED'

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