

## AGENDA

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

Date: March 19, 2026 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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83281702727?pwd=qOtQTlpdB9eH0w3UbfNyjodlBz27LQ.1>

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Balance Sheet

P & L YTD

Sales vs Use Tax Revenue

- IV. ACTION/RESOLUTION ITEMS

**RESOLUTION 2026-02: RESOLUTION OF THE INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ("DISTRICT") APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR MAY 2026 THROUGH APRIL 2027.**

**RESOLUTION 2026-03: RESOLUTION OF THE INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ("DISTRICT") APPROVING LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

**RESOLUTION 2026-04: RESOLUTION OF THE INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ("DISTRICT") APPOINTING OFFICERS**

- V. NEW BUSINESS

Building Improvements – (Exterior and Fencing)

Manager's Report

- VI. OLD BUSINESS

- 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

02/18/2026

→ INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

01/15/2026 ←

## THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST 'INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE'



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

**MARCH 19, 2026**

**126 GUESTS (JAN 1 – FEB 28, 2026)**

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- 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



The 'EGG' & NE News Office



NEKC Chamber, IA CID & HNE Office

# HNE SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING Jan 15, 2024



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

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



# TASTY, TOPIC, TALK

# NEKC LUNCHEON



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

**Monica V. Reynolds**  
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**LUNCH BY:**  
**Las Tres Palmas**  
4201 E 9th St., KCMO



**LAS TRES PALMAS**  
TAQUERIA Y ABARROTES  
Groceries Produce Mexican Food



# Thursday, Feb 10, 2025

## @ The EGG Event Space



# TRUMAN PLAZA AREA PLAN



## PLANNING PROPOSALS - PUBLIC REVIEW



2025 Truman Plaza Area Plan Community Survey

Language: English - English

## 2025 RESIDENTS SURVEY

Neighborhood Conditions and Priorities

Q1  
Neighborhood Conditions Today and Priorities for Tomorrow. For each item listed below, please indicate if you're satisfied with it today.

	Yes	No	Don't Know	No answer
01. Street conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
02. Sidewalks and crosswalks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
03. Street lighting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
04. Connectivity of streets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
05. Trails or trail connections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
06. Condition and appearance of homes & apartments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
07. Condition and appearance of businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

# COFFEE, CULTURE, & CONVERSATION



MARTHA

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

**DATE:** February 12, 2026

**TOPIC:** Valentine's Day

**ATTENDEES:** 9 In-House + 6 staff

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



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**FAT TUESDAY 2026**

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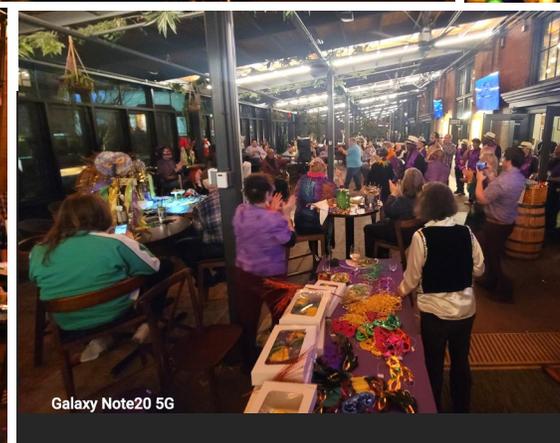


**Mardi Gras Raffle!**

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

**BASKET RAFFLE** \$15 **FINALE BASKET RAFFLE** \$25  
Admit One Admit One

**Bundle Deal!**  
4 Green & 1 Gold  
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**\$60**



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**COSTUME WINNERS  
KING & QUEEN**

**Crown Royal.**

# HNE SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING Feb 19, 2026



## ATTENDEES: 10 IN-HOUSE + 4 ZOOM + 6 STAFF

- Gas Station Drugs Ordinance - City Council passage
- Gambling Machines in establishments on the Ave
- Alcohol Impact Area Ordinance proposal to limit sales of smaller bottles of alcohol in certain city locations
- Homelessness gatherings along the Avenue
- Repeat nuisance offenders (RNOs)
- Bus Stop Activity – Titan & KCATA coordination
- Public safety: East Patrol re-opened its 14-person jail



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### Alcohol Impact Area Ordinance

Kansas City News Releases

Mayor Lucas, Councilwoman Robinson Introduce Retail Alcohol Impact Area Ordinance to Address Quality of Life Concerns

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mayor Quinton Lucas and Third District Councilwoman Melissa Robinson introduced Ordinance 260250 to establish a Retail Alcohol Impact Area Plan in specific Kansas City neighborhoods where residents have long voiced concerns about safety, public disorder, and quality of life.

The ordinance is designed to address ongoing problems linked to the retail sale of certain cheap, quick-consumption alcohol products. The plan would apply to designated areas including the Prospect Corridor, Independence Avenue Overlay, Midtown, Downtown, and Blue Ridge Corridor; areas experiencing recurring public safety concerns based on documented public safety patterns and community leader feedback.

#### Key Provisions of the Ordinance

The ordinance proposes the following restrictions for stores in designated areas (excluding grocery stores):

- Prohibition of individual sales of half pints, nips, minis, and airplane bottles of hard liquor with an alcohol content of 35% or more.
- Ban on malt beverages and beer sold in 40-ounce containers or less.

The ordinance does not ban alcohol sales altogether or target specific stores. Instead, it establishes reasonable limits on certain products to address public safety concerns.

# TASTY, TOPIC, TALK NEKC LUNCHEON



**DATE:** February 24, 2026  
**TOPIC:** Northeast Youth Soccer leagues & Global Soccer  
**ATTENDEES:** 18 In-House + 2 Zoom  
**GUEST SPEAKER:** KC's Global FC (Football Club)



**LUNCH BY:**  
Charritos Plaza  
3831 Independence Ave., KCMO



Kansas City non-profit organization serving refugee youth through 1) soccer, 2) education, and 3) mentoring.



Northeast Youth Soccer League Panel  
Brad, Raggie, Jordan, Hector, Diego



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**KC CURRENT**

# KC Current Continue to Set the Standard in Women's Sports

The Kansas City Current opened a new stadium and performance center in Riverside, MO, in yet another step forward for the ambitious club.



Published 3 weeks ago on February 25, 2026  
By **Chad Smith** X

**February 25, 2026**



\$52 Million Investment in Riverside, MO



# March 1, 2026

## CID & Chamber Staff Attend ASoC Annual Event

Banquet Hall is Available for Rent



To book a date, please call  
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# ST JOSEPH TABLE

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Viewing: February 28, 2026 Time: 11 am to 4 pm

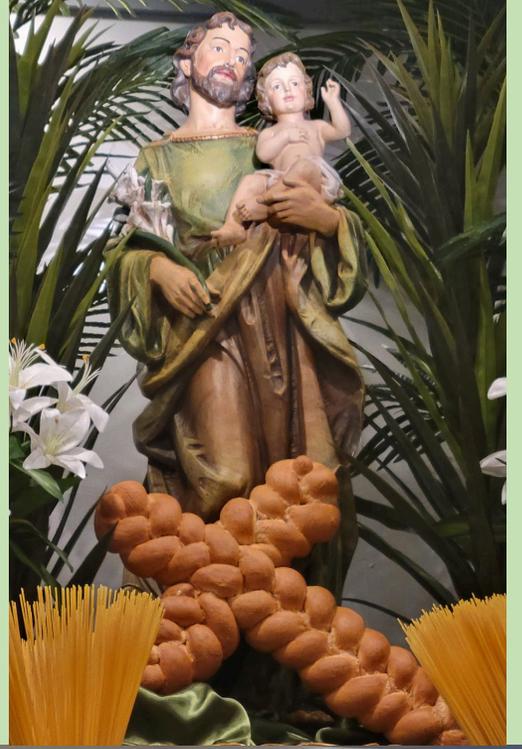
Dinner: March 1, 2026 Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Location: 2415 Independence Avenue  
Kansas City, MO 64124  
816-483-7201

Pasta Milanese and Pasta with Tomato Sauce  
Cookies and Cannolis available for purchase

**DONATION: \$10**

All proceeds will be donated to  
Sister Servant's of Mary





Independence Avenue Community Improvement District  
★ Favorites · March 6 at 11:43 AM ·   
Today, we honor 11 years of service by Butch as an Urban Street Ambassador!... See more  
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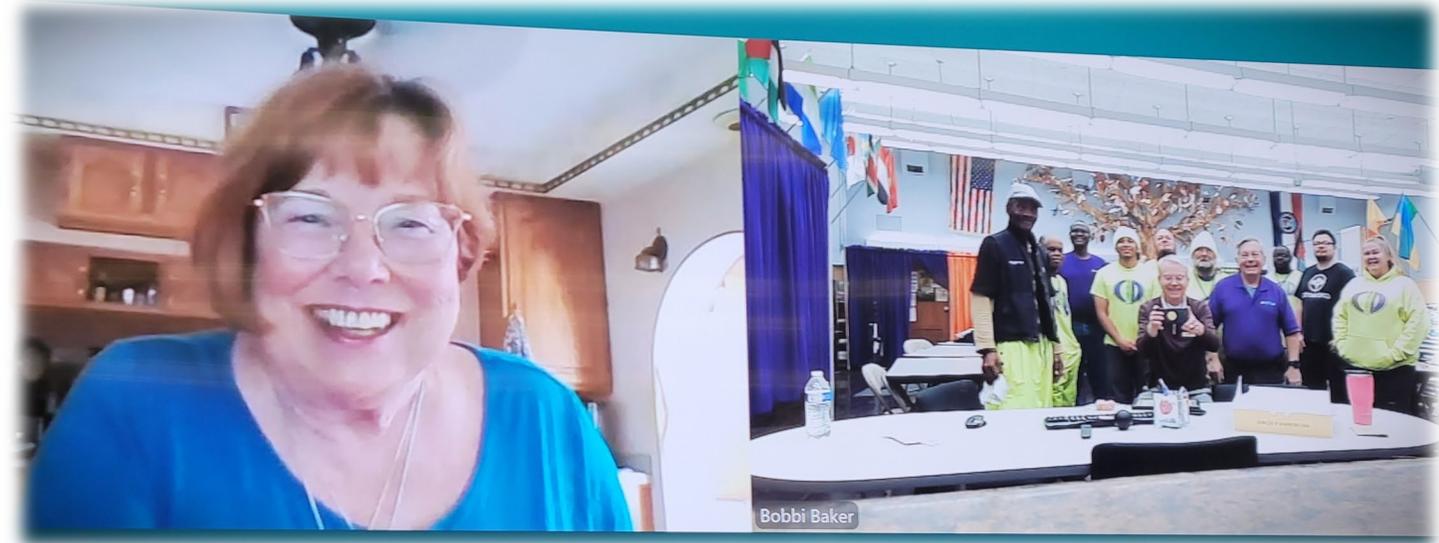


**March 6, 2026**

**You are a much-respected Urban Street Ambassador and Community Hero. Thank you for your years of service & commitment to the Avenue!**



**Lyle "Butch" Butner**  
Independence Avenue Community Improvement District  
**CID Ambassador 2015 - 2026**



# COFFEE, CULTURE, & CONVERSATION



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We help you find a better way to ride, walk and roll to where you're going.

If you're a commuter, business leader, resident or visitor, WAY TO GO can help you navigate the many transportation options in the Kansas City area.

We make sustainable transportation an easy choice by providing educational resources, consulting services, fun events and connections to local advocacy opportunities.

Together we can manage congestion, keep our air clean and create a brighter future for the region.

**DATE:** March 12, 2026

**TOPIC:** Discover Ways to Ride in KC

**ATTENDEES:** 9 In-House + 1 Zoom

**GUEST SPEAKER:** 1) Lynelle Haugabrook,  
*WAY TO GO Program Coordinator*  
2) Karen Clawson,  
*Air & Mobility Programs Manager*

WALK, BIKE OR ROLL

RIDE TRANSIT

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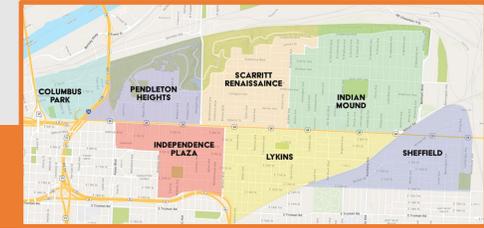
GREEN COMMUTE CHALLENGE



Transit Mobility & Upcoming Soccer Matches

# EXPERIENCE HISTORIC NORTH EAST

## HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD 2026



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

Kansas City's Northeast News  
January 15 · 🌐

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



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

👍👎👤 You and 46 others 35 comments 10 shares

Kansas City's Northeast News  
January 1 · 🌐

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



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

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

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

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

Kansas City's Northeast News  
January 21 · 🌐

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

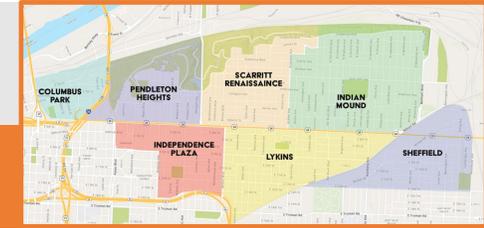


Map showing the proposed new location of a municipal detention center. City Councilman Crispin Rea and many Northeast residents have expressed concerns about the site's proximity to nearby charter schools.

👍👎👤 You and 84 others 101 comments 25 shares

# EXPLORE HISTORIC NORTH EAST

## HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD 2026



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

**Kansas City's Northeast News**  
February 4 · 🌐

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

**Kansas City's Northeast News**  
February 2 · 🌐



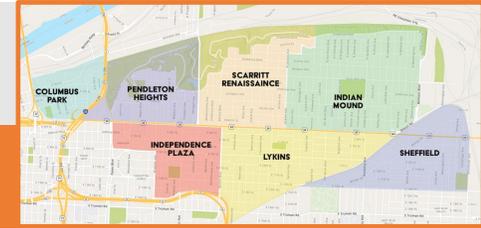
**Kansas City Missouri Police Department** · 🌐  
February 2 · 🌐

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

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# EXPLORE HISTORIC NORTH EAST

## HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD 2026



**Saint Anthony's Parish located at 318 Benton Blvd holds its annual FEAST OF ST JOSEPH, March 19**

Kansas City's Northeast News is at St Anthony's Parish.  
Yesterday at 2:03 PM · Kansas City · 🍷 Bistro Europa · 🌐 Global Genius ·



The annual Feast of St Joseph is March 19... See more



pasta dinner and cookies and cannoli are available for

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20 comments 45 shares 8.3K views

Kansas City's Northeast News  
February 18 at 5:55 PM ·



Did you hear the big news from Healing House KC? They just opened a brand-new Family Enrichment Center on St. John Avenue.

<https://northeastnews.net/.../healing-house-kc.../>



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5 comments 6 shares

**Healing House Grand Opening for a new FAMILY ENRICHMENT CENTER located on St. John Avenue**

**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at the NEKC Chamber/CID office 2657 Independence**

Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce  
★ Favorites · March 13 at 7:16 AM ·



Do you want to improve on your public speaking skills? Your chance to participate in Toastmasters is coming at the next meeting of March 25th. 11:45am for a special guest day to see what the group has to offer.

The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month Bootstraps Toastmasters meets right here at our NEKC Chamber office!!



# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2026

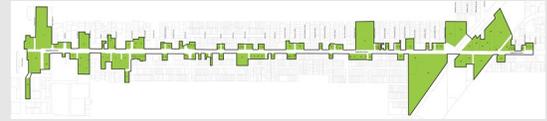


HAPPENING ON Independence AVE

CART SHOPPING ON THE AVE...



# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025



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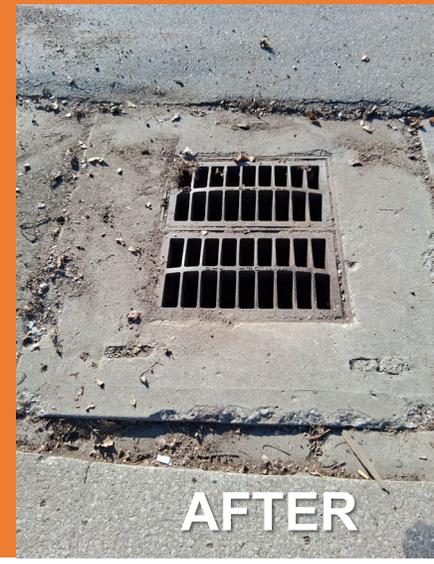
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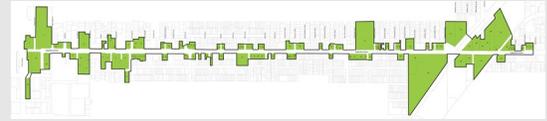


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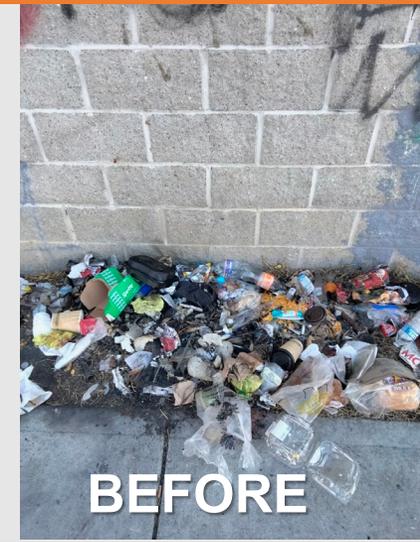
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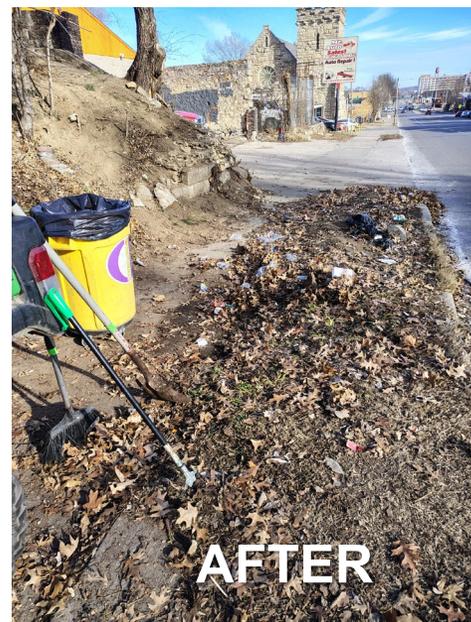
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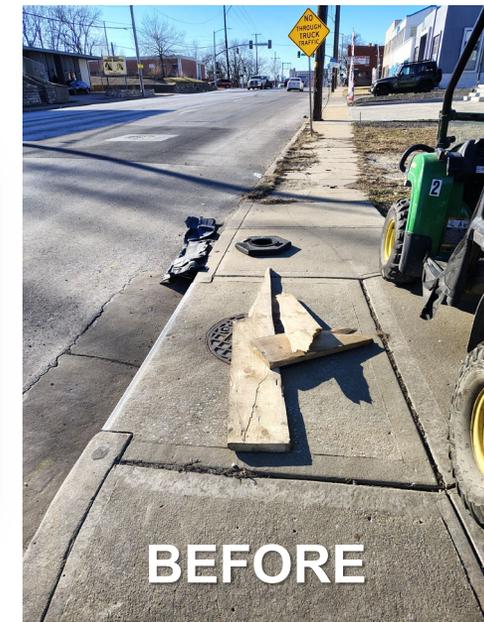
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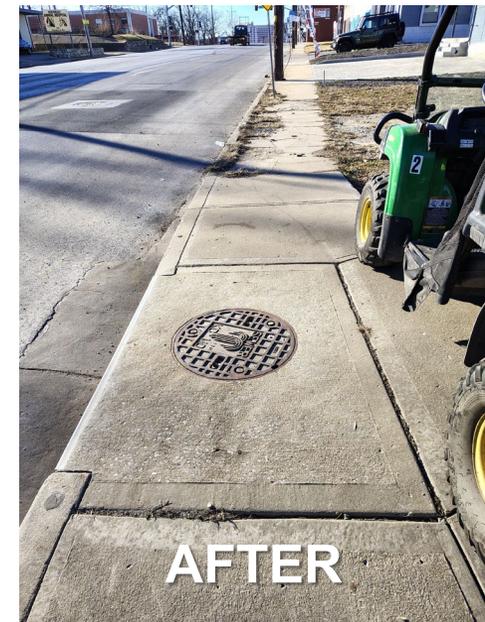
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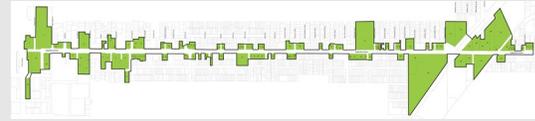


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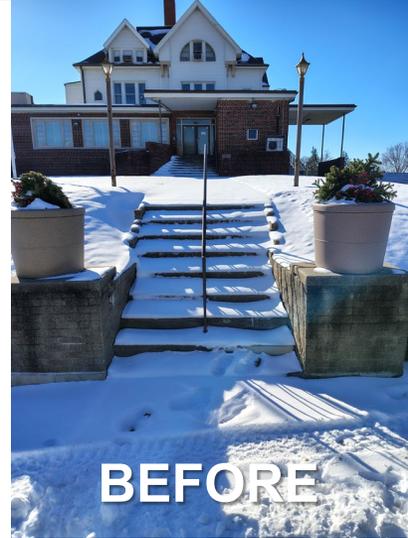
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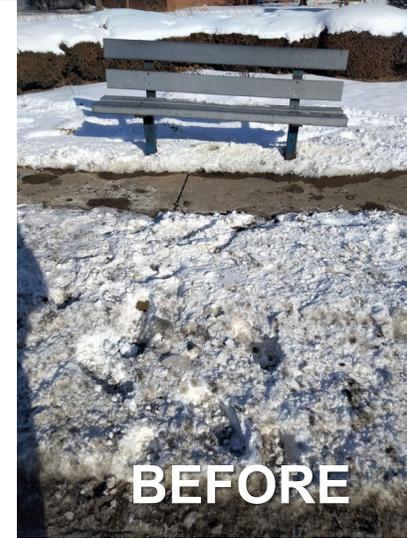
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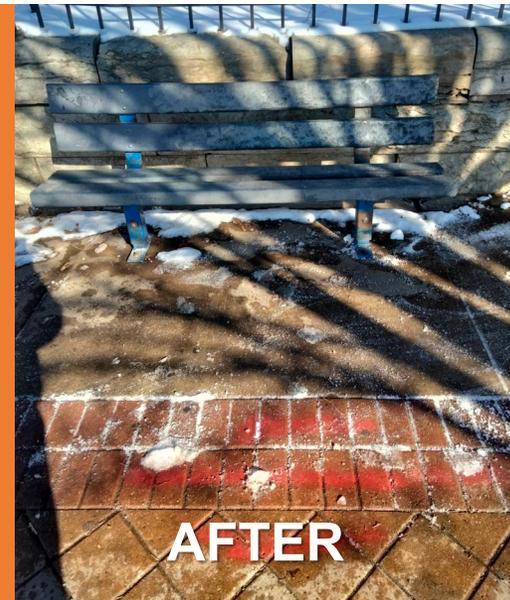
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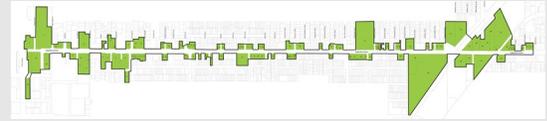


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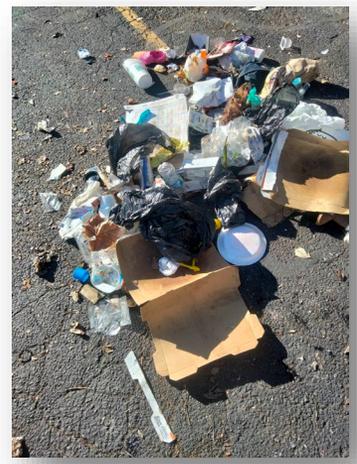
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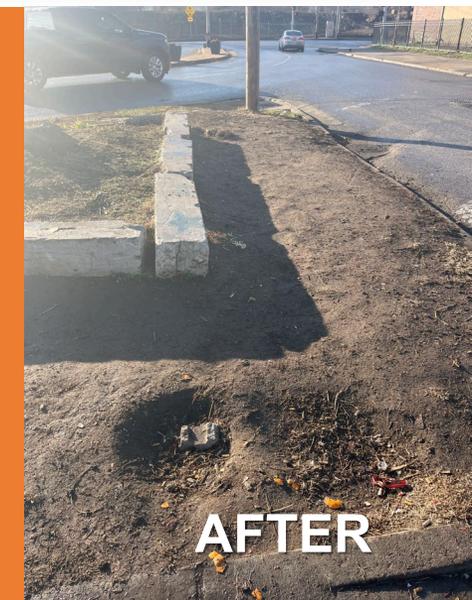
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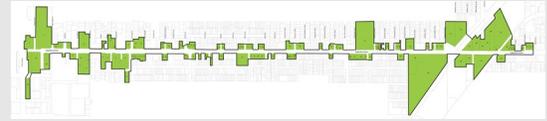


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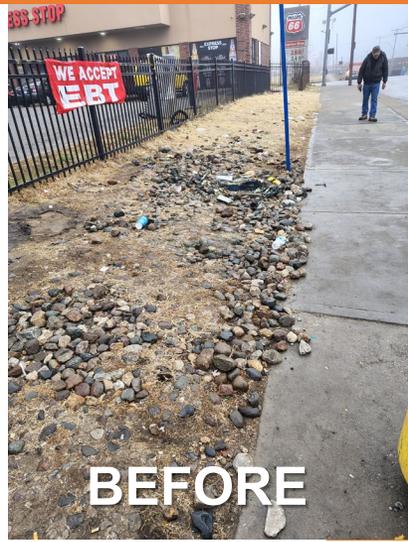
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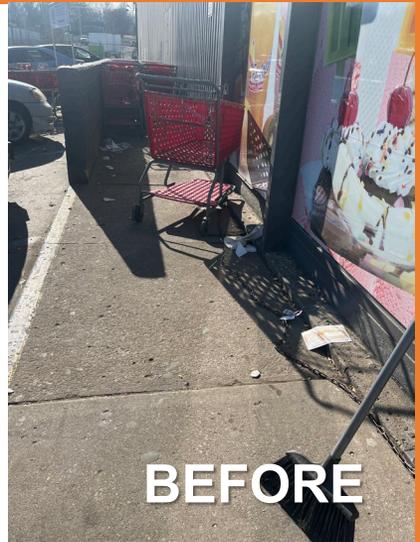
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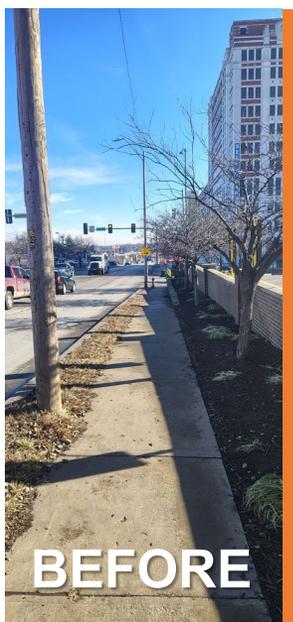
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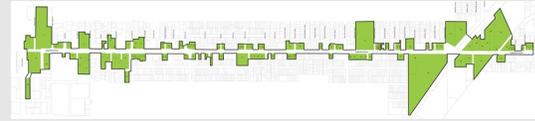


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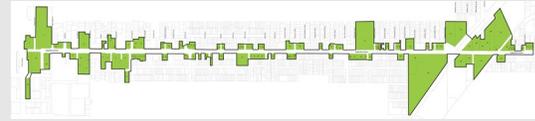
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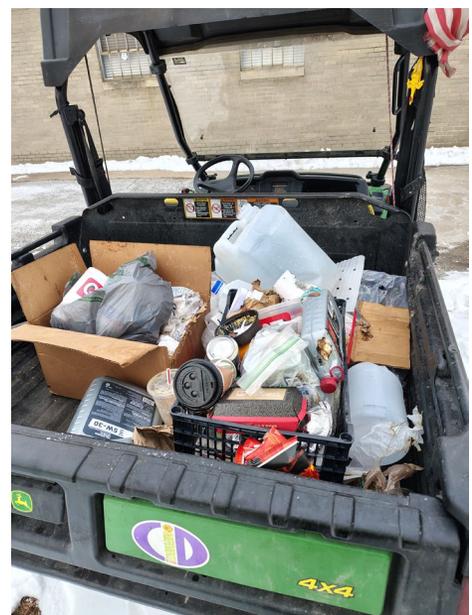
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# Independence Avenue CID Alleys

**2 ALLEYWAY CLEANUPS: JAN 15 – MARCH 18, 2026**

# WINTER REPORT



## 17 HNE ALLEYWAYS

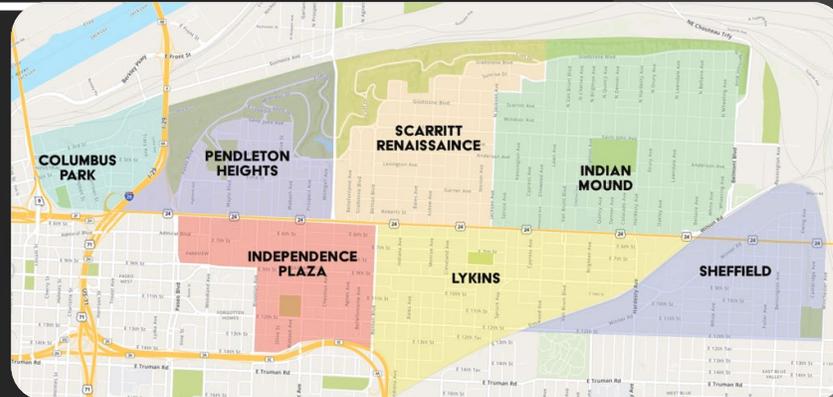
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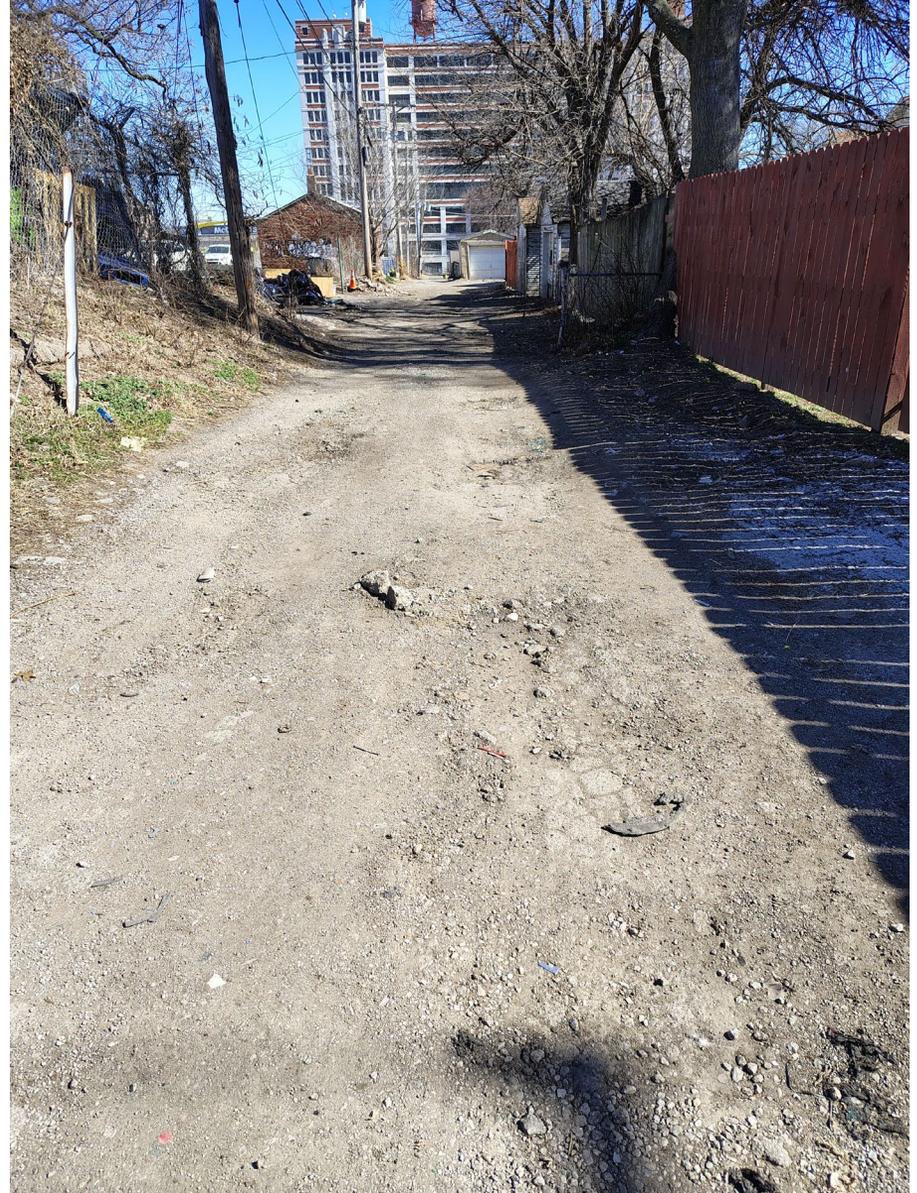




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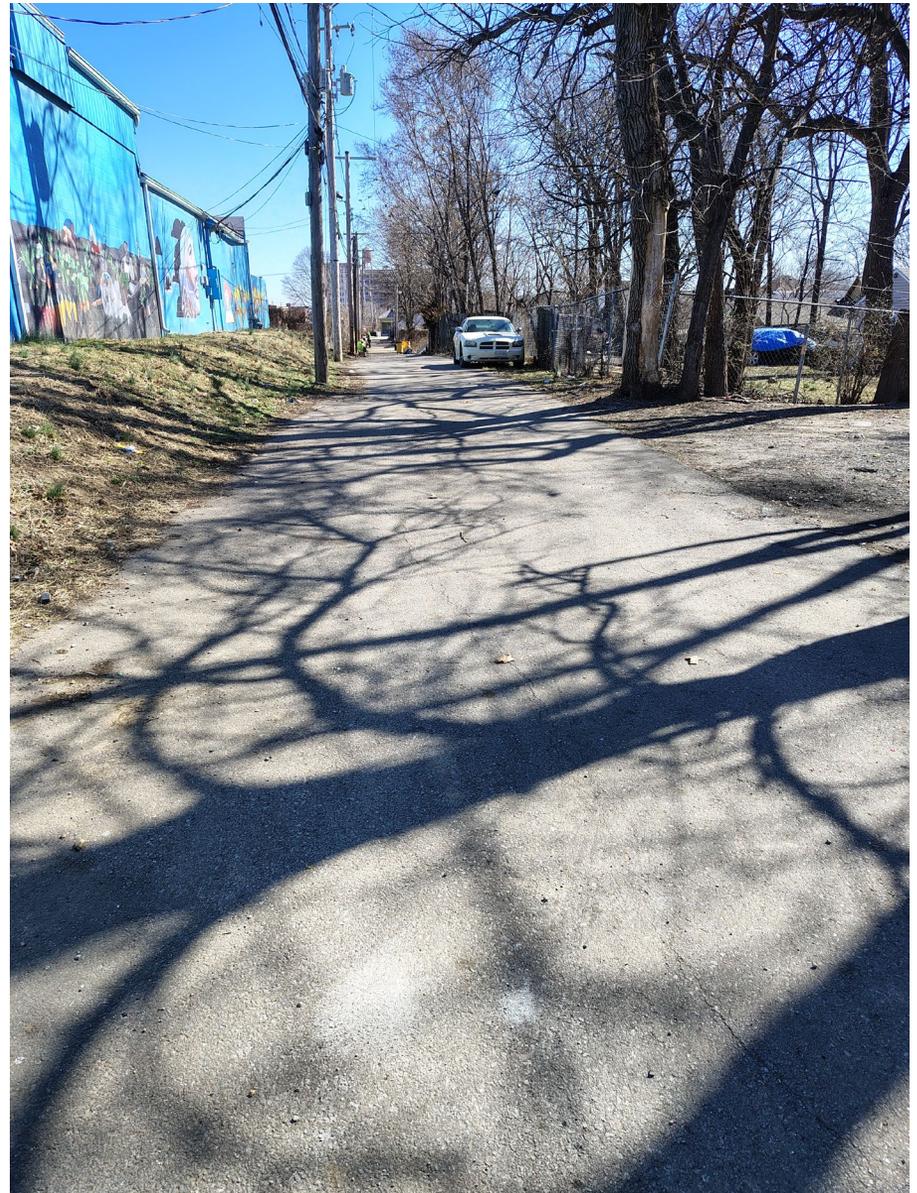




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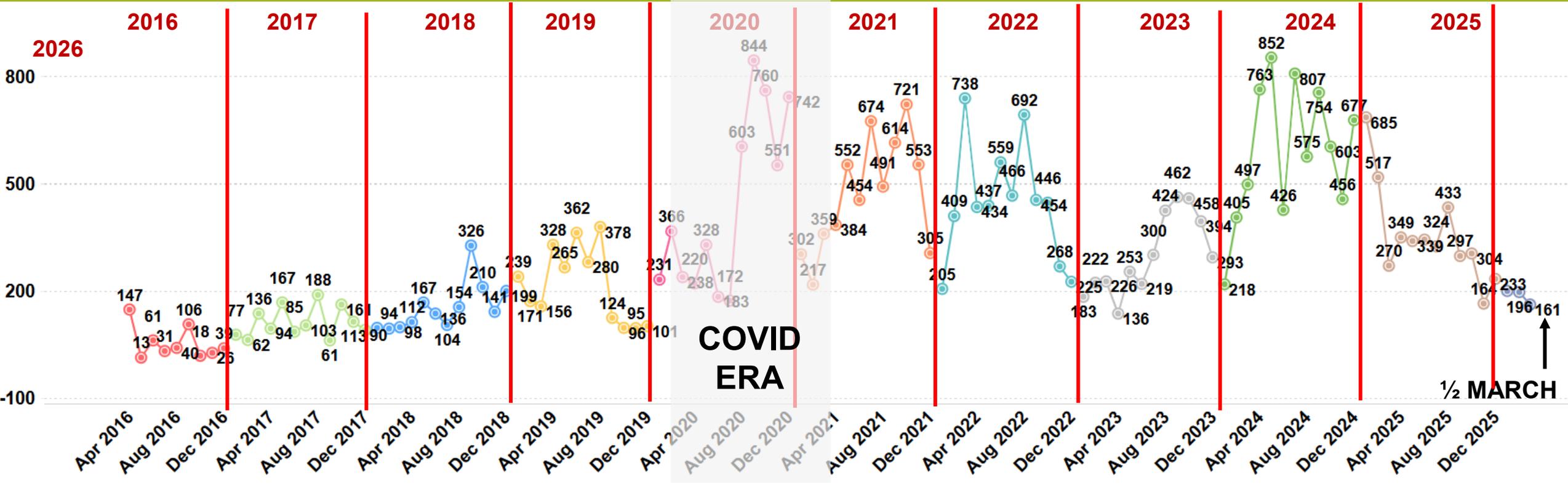
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# URBAN STREET AMBASSADOR (USA) REPORT



## ALL ACTIVITY (YEAR-TO-YEAR)

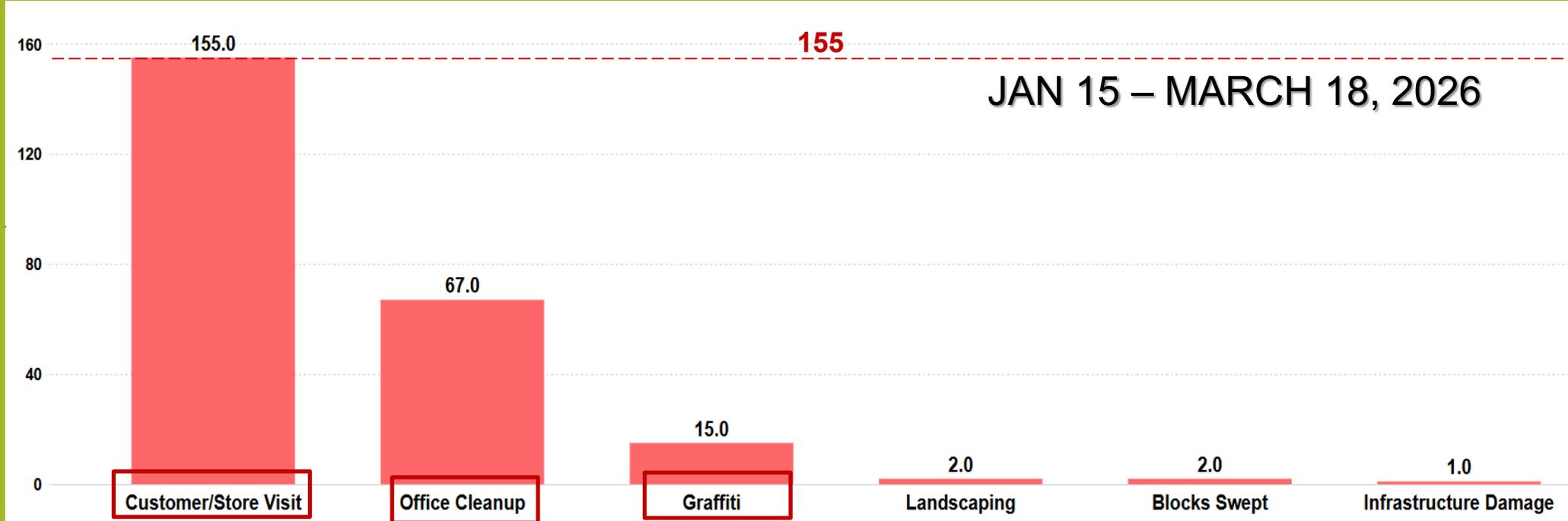


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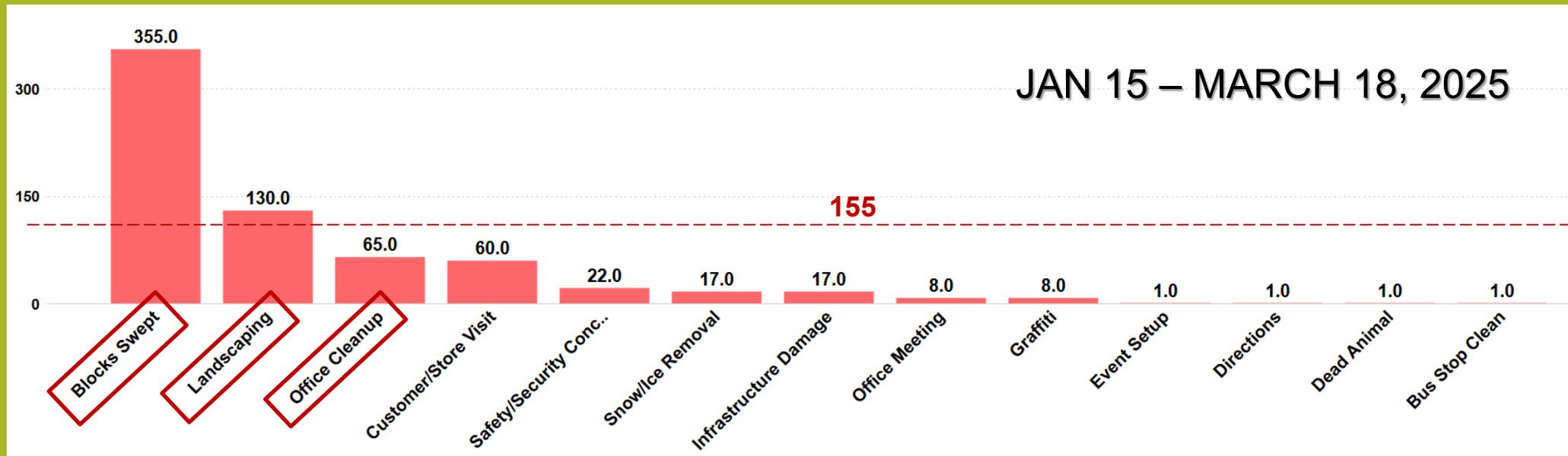


## 2026

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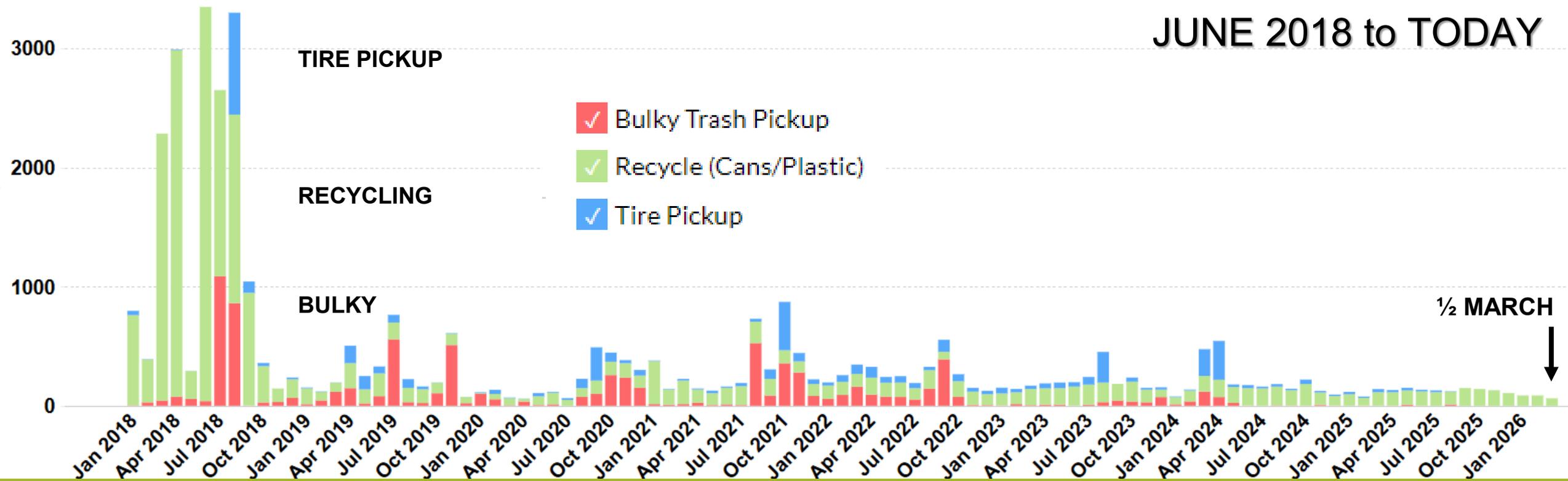


# URBAN STREET AMBASSADOR (USA) REPORT



## CLEAN UP YEAR-TO-YEAR

### TIRES, RECYCLING & BULKY ITEM



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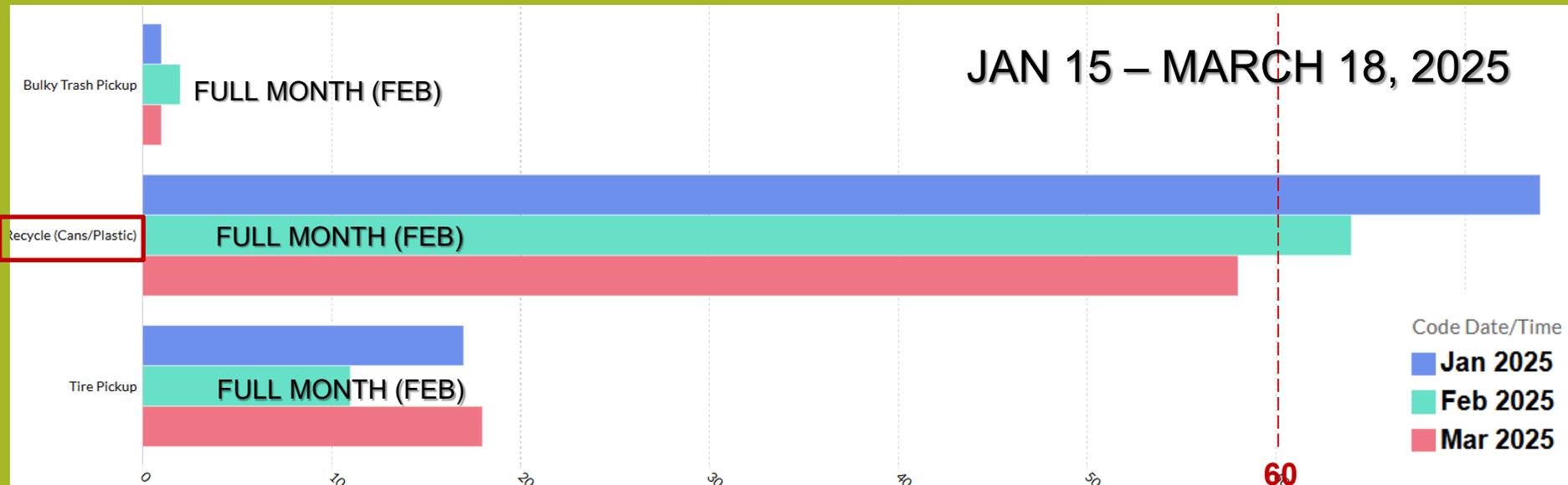
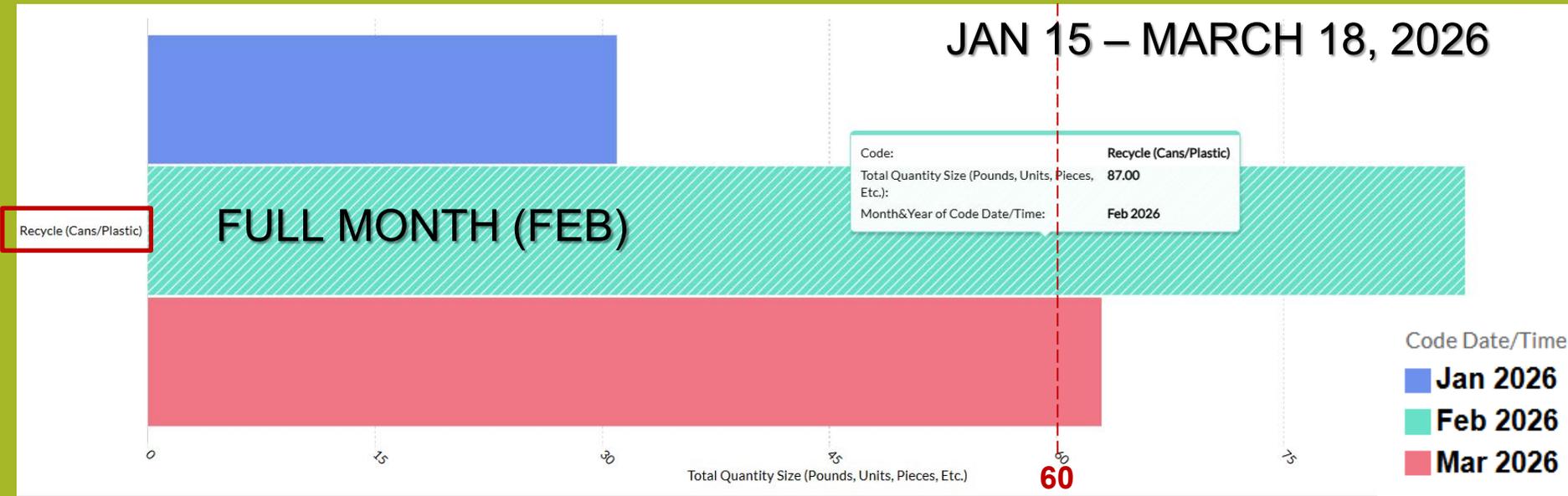


## 2026

TIRES, RECYCLING &  
BULKY ITEM CLEAN UP  
**BY QUANTITY**

## 2025

JANUARY 2026 TIRE PICKUP: 10  
 JANUARY 2026 BULKY ITEM: ?  
 FEBRUARY 2026 TIRE PICKUP: 122  
 FEBRUARY 2026 BULKY ITEM: 61  
 MARCH 2026 TIRE PICKUP: 3  
 MARCH 2026 BULKY ITEM: 17



# URBAN STREET AMBASSADOR (USA) REPORT



JAN 15 – MARCH 18, 2026

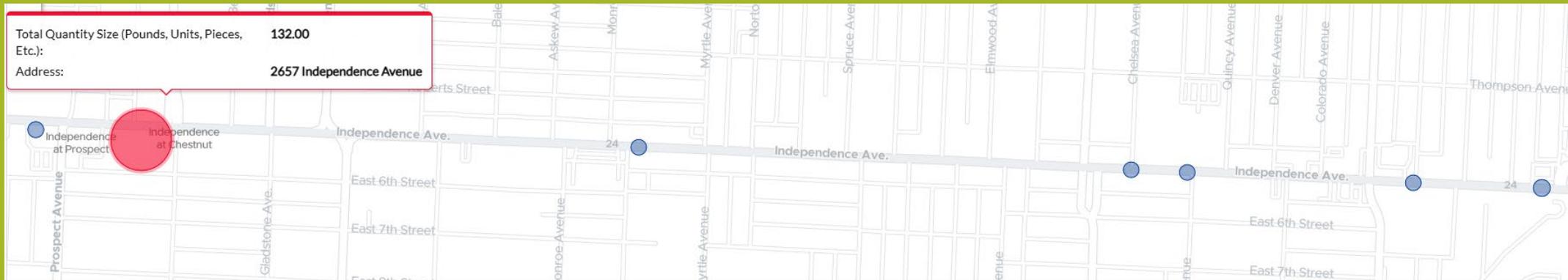
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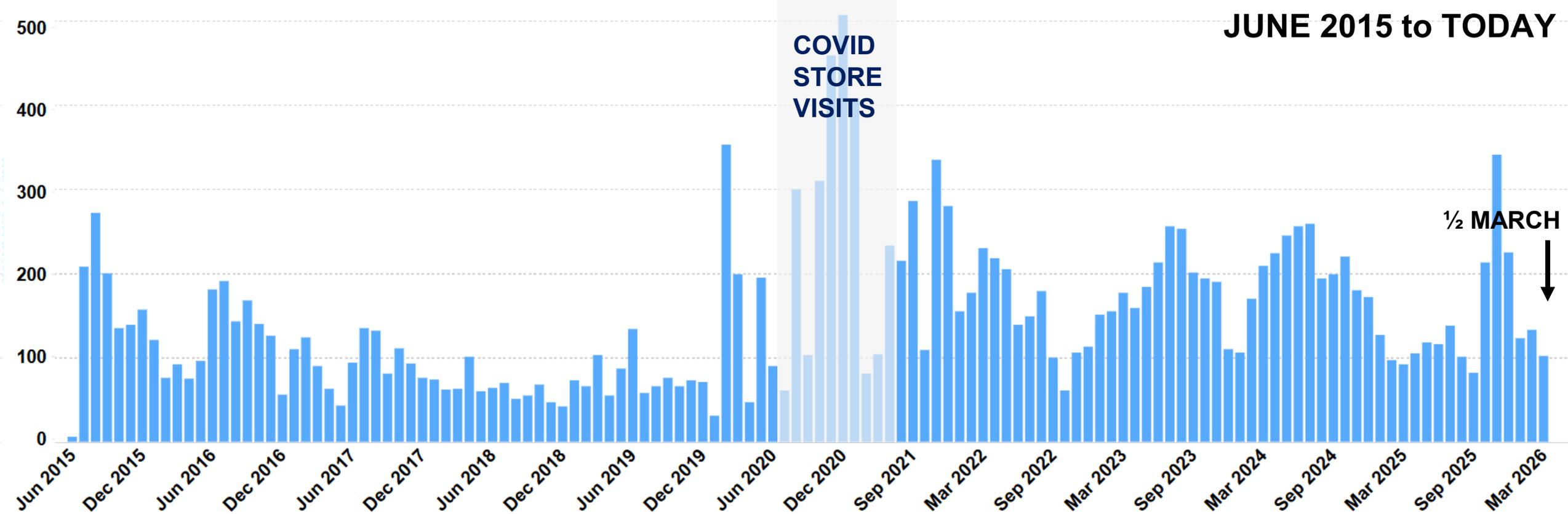
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# TITAN REPORT



## ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR



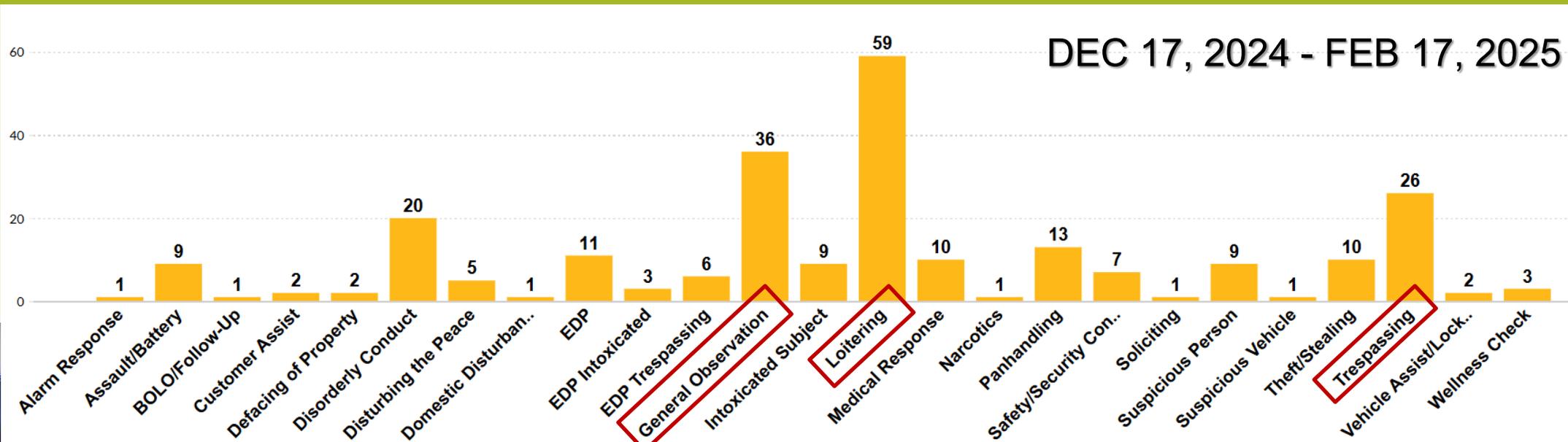
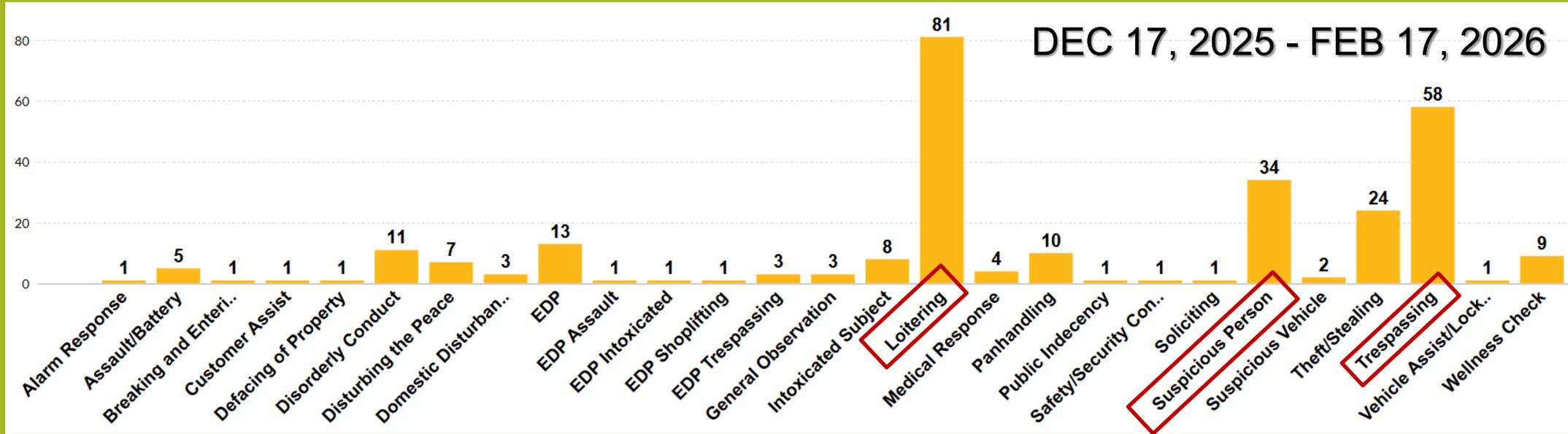
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# 2026

# INCIDENT COUNT

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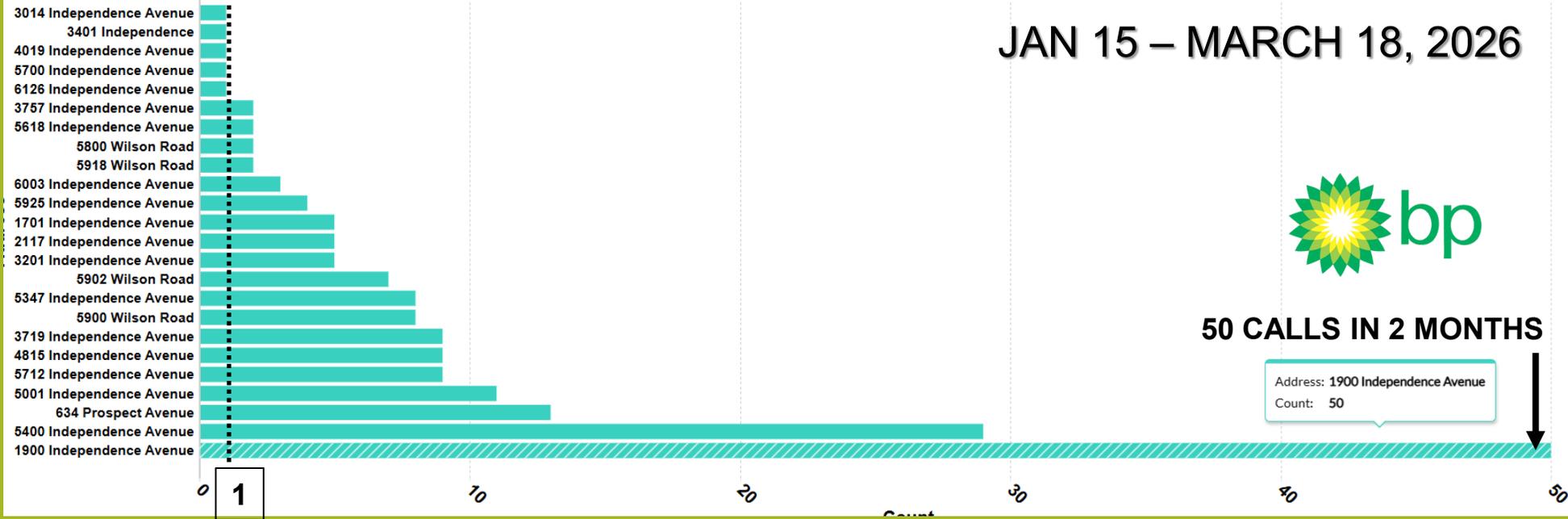
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## 2025

### ACTIVITY BY ADDRESS

## 2024

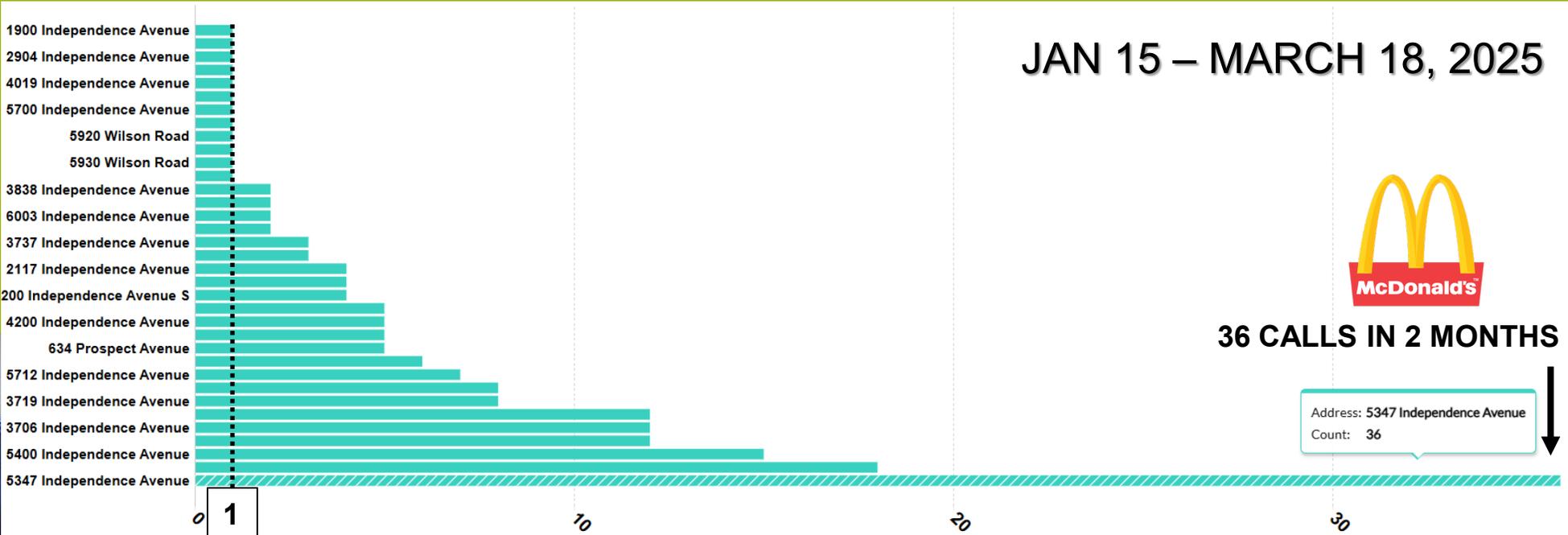


JAN 15 – MARCH 18, 2026



50 CALLS IN 2 MONTHS

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Count: 50



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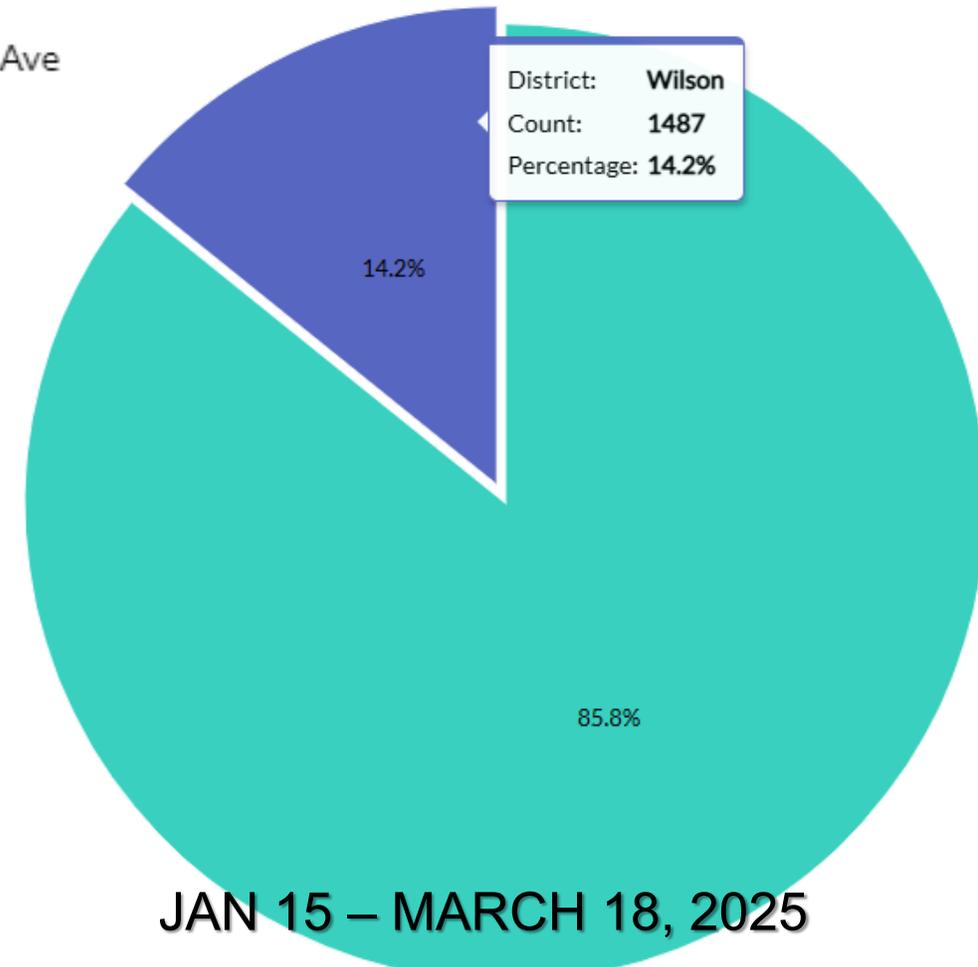
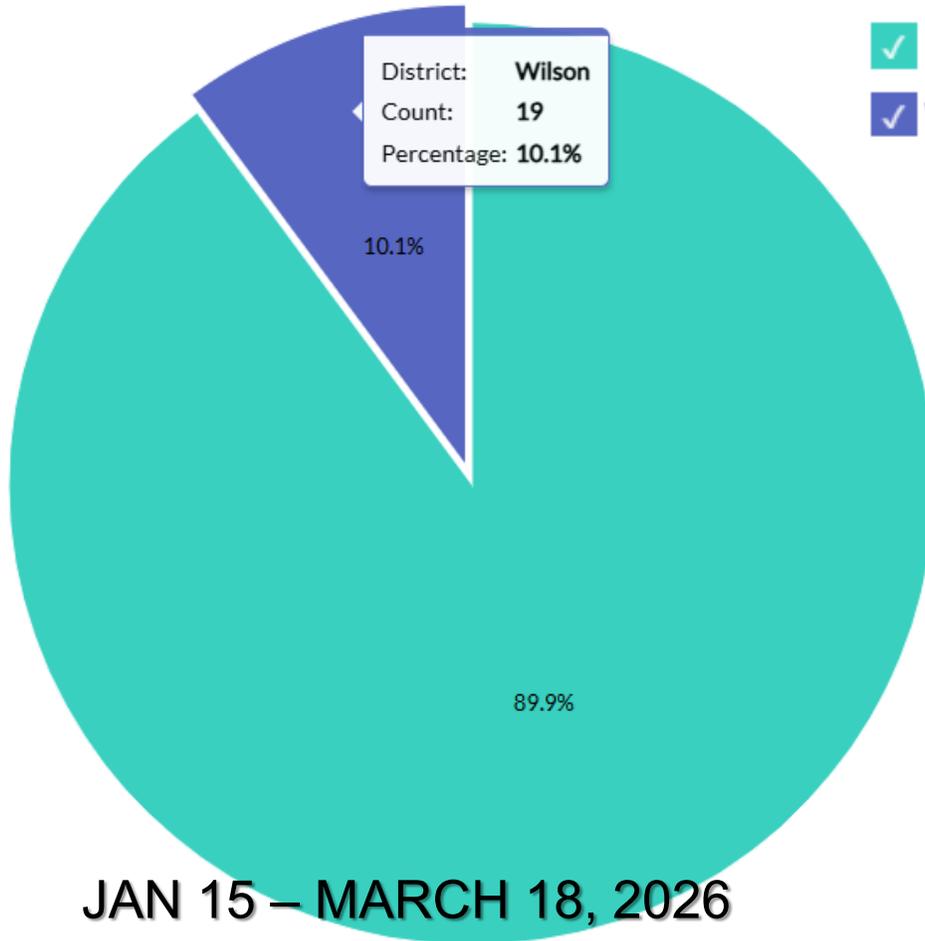
36 CALLS IN 2 MONTHS

Address: 5347 Independence Avenue  
Count: 36

# TITAN REPORT



## WILSON RD VERSES INDEPENDENCE AVE



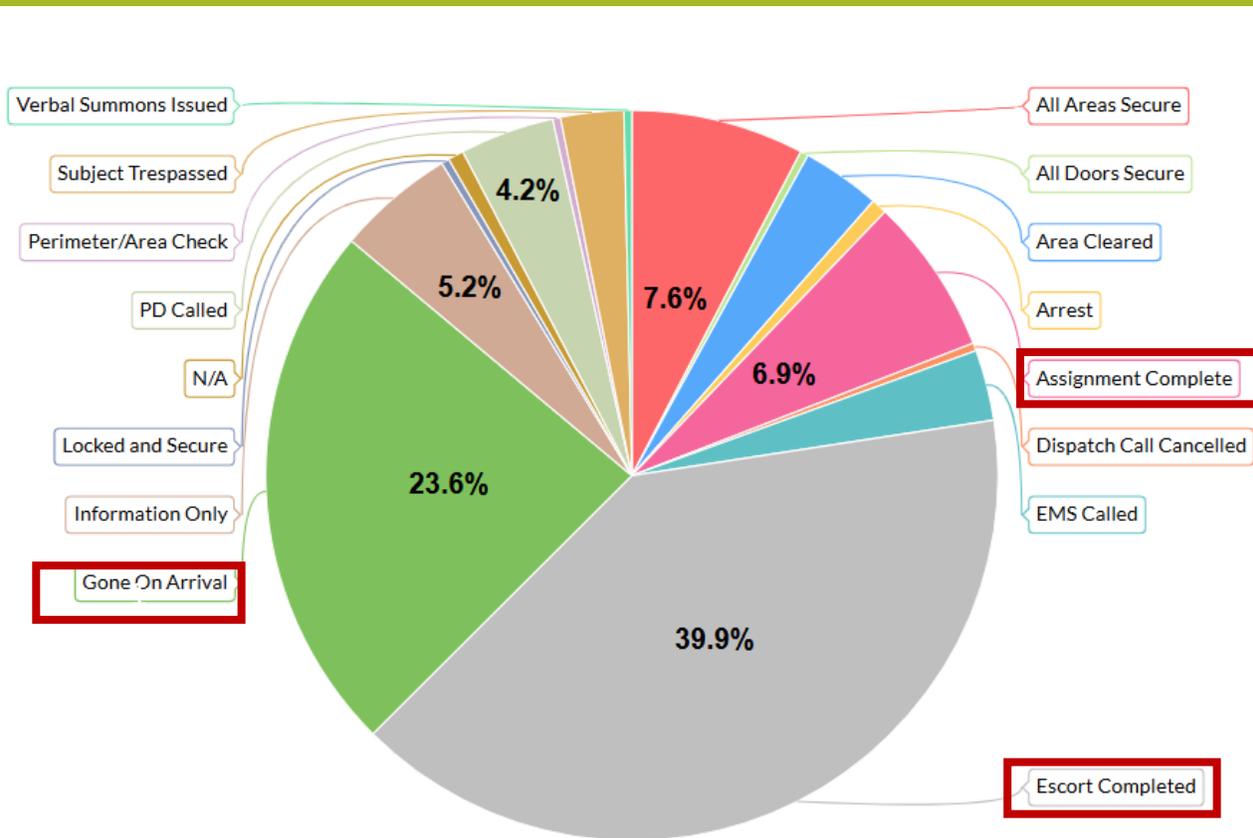
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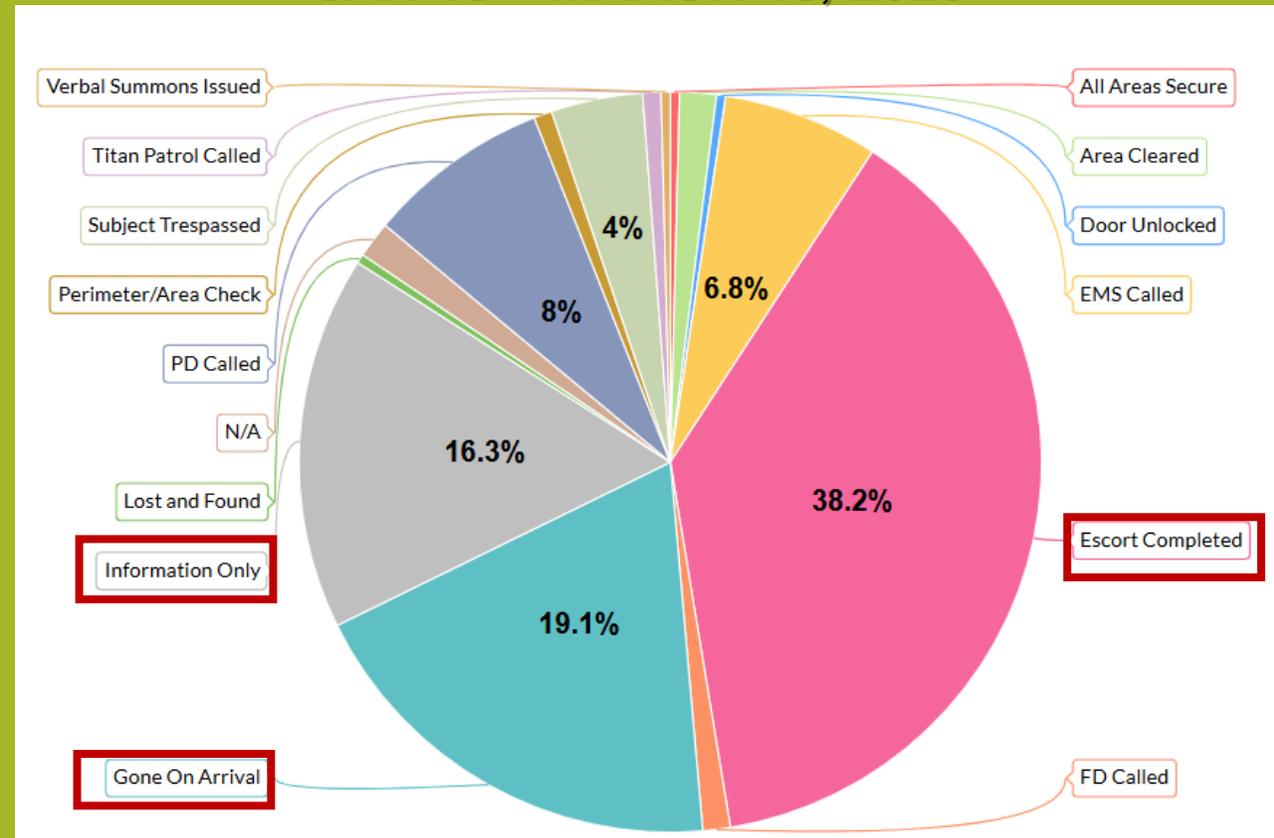
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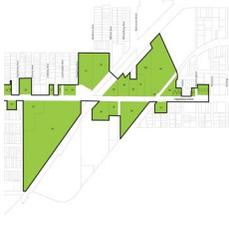


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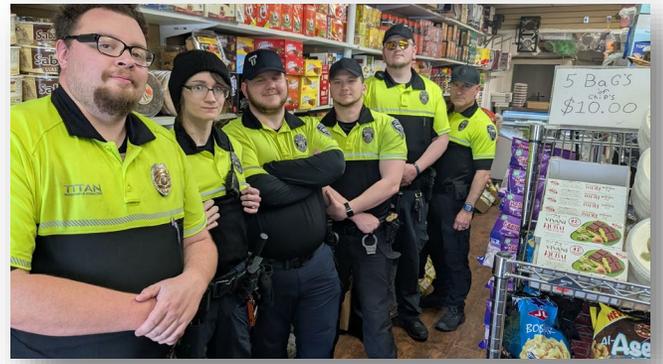
FOUR CORNERS  
COMMUNITY CALL



JAN & FEB 2026



3-13-2026 Mobile Solutions



3-6-2026 Pho Bowl



1-23-2026 Acapulco Comida



2-6-2026 Love Expressions



2-27-2026 Sons Of Columbus



2-13-2026 99c Bargain Market



1-30-2026 Catracha Mex

# SHOPS "JUST-AROUND-THE-CORNER"

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### Baraka Market 1447 Independence Ave

Baraka Market has been a cornerstone of the Northeast for over 16 years. Owned by Somali entrepreneur Hayle Abdulahi, the market's name translates to "blessing"—a fitting title for a shop that mirrors the market's family one owned in Somalia. Known for its welcoming atmosphere and commitment to service, Baraka offers high-quality halal meats, including goat and camel, alongside global imports of rice, spices, and spaghetti. Abdulahi even offers free transportation for his customers, underscoring the market's role as a true community hub.



### Al Rahman Mediterranean Market 2536 Independence Ave

Situated at the Prospect Center, Al Rahman is owned by Nur Ali and his wife. Since moving to this location in 2015, it has become a "one-stop shop" for the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern community. Beyond its selection of halal meats and fresh produce, the market offers unique imports like camel milk, specialty fragrances, rugs, and traditional clothing. The Ali's have built a reputation for a "friendly environment" where neighbors are always willing to help one another.



### Hilal Halal Market 2807 Independence Ave

Hilal Halal Market is an essential stop for those seeking fresh, halal food products. Like its neighbors, it serves a predominantly African clientele but welcomes all who seek high-quality halal beef, chicken and goat. It is particularly valued for its accessibility and consistent stock of everyday essentials, ensuring that Northeast residents have a reliable source for halal goods right "around the corner" without needing to travel across the metro.



### Mogadisho Market 2319 Independence Ave

A trusted local grocer, Mogadisho Market serves as a vital bridge to East African culinary traditions. This Somali-owned market specializes in the essential staples, providing the specific grains, flours, and halal proteins necessary for authentic home cooking. Shoppers often highlight the market's reliability for finding hard-to-get items that larger grocery chains don't carry, making it an indispensable resource for families looking to maintain their cultural heritage through food.



### Huda Food 3239 Independence Ave

Huda Food stands out as a unique Iraqi influence on the Avenue. Owned by Jamal (fondly known to many as "JoJo"), this market provides a specialized selection of Middle Eastern groceries that cater to the diverse tastes of the local Muslim population. From spices, teas, candies, cheeses and fresh baked goods, Huda Food is celebrated for its personalized service and the owner's deep ties to the neighborhood.

**FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL**

Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District 4-Corners Community Call was at Huda Food located at 3239 Independence Ave.

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

Premium Wireless  
2321 Independence Ave



## CURRENT ISSUE 3-12-2026

## EXPLORE • DISCOVER • EXPERIENCE

### Faith, Food, and Community: Observing Ramadan and Lent in Northeast

This time of year, many residents across Northeast are observing important religious traditions that center on reflection, sacrifice, and community. Two of the most widely recognized observances are Ramadan in Islam and Lent in Christianity. Both traditions emphasize faith, family, and community—values that are deeply embedded in the fabric of the Northeast. Below is a brief look at what each observance entails, along with a spotlight on local businesses that help support these traditions through the foods they offer.

#### Ramadan: A Month of Fasting and Reflection

Ramadan is a holy month observed by Muslims worldwide. During Ramadan, adults fast from sunrise to sunset, refraining from food and drink during daylight hours. Meals are eaten before sunrise (Suhoor) and after sunset (Iftar), often shared with family and community. The month is also a time for prayer, charity, and spiritual reflection. For those observing Ramadan, access to halal food is especially important, particularly in the evenings after sunset and early morning before dawn. Several local businesses serve the community by offering halal prepared foods:

• **Manman Cafe** - A local favorite offering halal meals that are perfect for breaking the fast after sundown.

• **Baraka Market** - A neighborhood market providing halal meats and specialty grocery items.

• **Huda Food** - Known for halal products that support everyday cooking during Ramadan.

• **Mogadisho Market** - A trusted source for halal foods and ingredients within the community.

These businesses play a key role in helping families observe their faith while staying connected to local, neighborhood-based shopping.

#### Ash Wednesday and Lent: A Season of Sacrifice

In the Christian tradition, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days leading up to Easter. Iftar, often shared with family and community. The month is also a time for prayer, charity, and spiritual reflection. For those observing Ramadan, access to halal food is especially important, particularly in the evenings after sunset and early morning before dawn. Several local businesses serve the community by offering halal prepared foods:

• **McDonald's** - A familiar option for fast-food sandwiches during Lent.

• **Tropicana Mexico 2** - Serving seafood favorites, including fish tacos that fit Lenten traditions.

• **Phillips 66 3700 Independence Ave.** - A quick-service location offering fish bowls for those on the go.

• **El Arroz de Frisco** - Another great option where shoppers can find fresh fish and seafood options.

• **Cardinal's Fine Cheese** - Another great option with a fresh seafood counter.

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## 2-18-2026

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### Support Black-Owned Businesses on Independence Avenue

Independence Avenue isn't just a street—it's a heartbeat. From fresh foods to family-built storefronts and second-hand gifts, Black-owned businesses along the avenue are helping shape a stronger, more connected Northeast community. This month, we're spotlighting three of these amazing World Mart, Ted's Barber Shop, and Furniture USA & Appliances.

Owned by Shey, World Mart has been a family-owned business for over a decade. Shey and her husband, Jamal, built around the idea they live by a true "one-stop shop" for the Northeast community. From groceries to household essentials, World Mart offers a wide range of products that are not only accessible and affordable, but also support local Black-owned businesses. Customers can find everything from fresh produce to household cleaning supplies, from baby products to pet supplies, and even more. World Mart is a true neighborhood gem.

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## 2-25-2026

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### A New Spot for Mexican Flavor on Independence Avenue

Kansas City's Independence Avenue International Marketplace continues to showcase the city's rich and diverse culinary culture with the arrival of Tropicana Mix-Go, a new restaurant serving up Mexican favorites at 2616 Independence Ave. in Northeast.

Though the eatery keeps a low profile online, local listings and social media posts highlight a focus on fresh, flavorful Mexican fare. The menu celebrates dishes like tortitas de frigo, flautas with consommé, quesadillas with corn and beef broth, freshly made corn quesadillas, and other traditional street-style plates inspired by the vibrant culinary heritage of Guerrero, Mexico. Patrons also enjoy piñatas, sopes, and tacos made with fresh tortillas, all prepared with authentic recipes and ingredients.

Tropicana Mix-Go is more than a place to eat—it's a cozy, family-oriented spot where good food and friendly, straightforward service come together. Early reviews and local profiles show strong community support and visitors describe the taqueria as welcoming and homey—a place where patrons can enjoy authentic flavors and hearty portions.

The name "Mix-Go" is a tribute to the owner's roots. Mixto is an indigenous language from the Mexico region of Mexico, mostly in the state of Guerrero, encompassing both coastal and mountainous areas. The name honors their family heritage and the cultural traditions they share through their food.

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## 2-11-2026

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



### Love Expressions Florist & Gifts 4624 Independence Ave

When it comes to Valentine's Day, Love Expressions Florist & Gifts has the perfect handmade arrangements and thoughtful gifts. This neighborhood florist specializes in family-friendly bouquets, roses, daisies, and more. Love Expressions Florist & Gifts is offering a wide selection of Valentine's Day-themed gifts, including plants, home decor, and more. Love Expressions Florist & Gifts is offering a wide selection of Valentine's Day-themed gifts, including plants, home decor, and more.



### Elvira's Cakes 3233 Independence Ave

If your Valentine has a sweet tooth, Elvira's Cakes is serving up all the love this year. Along with their regular menu of cakes and savory treats, Elvira's will be offering a festive selection of Valentine's Day specialties. Expect beautifully wrapped pie à la mode, brownies, and more. Elvira's Cakes is offering a wide selection of Valentine's Day-themed gifts, including plants, home decor, and more.



### More Valentine's Day Shopping Options

In addition to shopping local favorites, residents can also find Valentine's Day gifts at several of our neighborhood businesses. From home decor to plants, there are so many ways to show your love. More Valentine's Day Shopping Options is offering a wide selection of Valentine's Day-themed gifts, including plants, home decor, and more.



## EXPLORE • DISCOVER • EXPERIENCE

### Pho Bowl — A Neighborhood Favorite for Vietnamese Comfort Food

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

While the space has long been home to Vietnamese eateries (including past restaurants like Pho Hoa and Pho Tower), Pho Bowl has carved out its own identity with a menu full of classics — from steaming bowls of pho dac biet and bun bo hue to spring rolls, banh mi, grilled pork and other favorites that reflect traditional Vietnamese flavors.

Customers regularly praise Pho Bowl for its balanced, flavorful broth, fresh garnishes like basil and bean sprouts, and the thoughtful presentation of each dish. Many visitors note the welcoming atmosphere and attentive staff, making it a comfortable place for both quick lunches and relaxed dinners.

Whether you're seeking a warming bowl of noodles on a cool day or a flavorful lunch with friends, Pho Bowl has earned its reputation as a hidden gem in the Northeast — a place where traditional Vietnamese cooking and local hospitality come together in a familiar but ever-evolving community staple.

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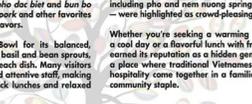
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### Pho Bowl's role in the community was on display during neighborhood events like the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce's Taste and Tour, where their offerings — including pho and nem nuong spring rolls — were highlighted as crowd-pleasing favorites.



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## EXPLORE • DISCOVER • EXPERIENCE

### A New Spot for Mexican Flavor on Independence Avenue

Kansas City's Independence Avenue International Marketplace continues to showcase the city's rich and diverse culinary culture with the arrival of Tropicana Mix-Go, a new restaurant serving up Mexican favorites at 2616 Independence Ave. in Northeast.

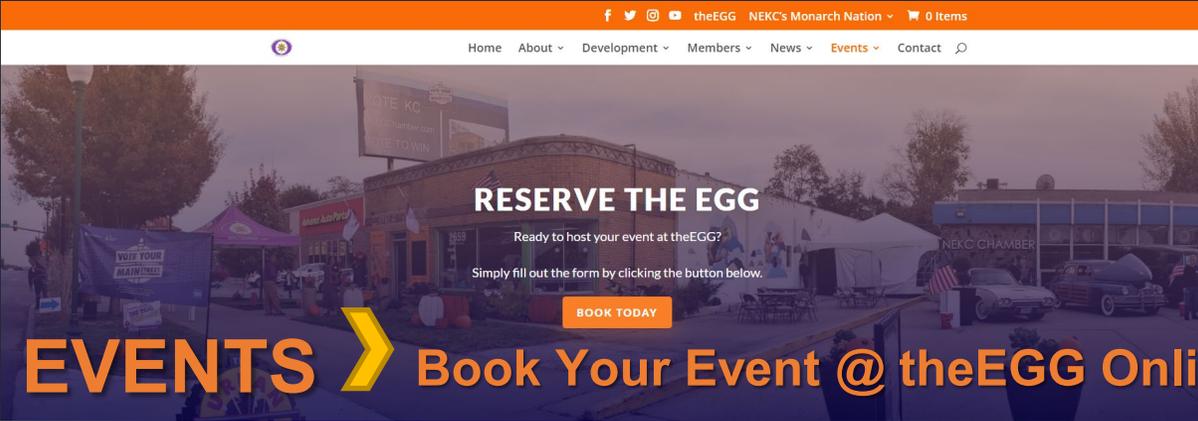
Though the eatery keeps a low profile online, local listings and social media posts highlight a focus on fresh, flavorful Mexican fare. The menu celebrates dishes like tortitas de frigo, flautas with consommé, quesadillas with corn and beef broth, freshly made corn quesadillas, and other traditional street-style plates inspired by the vibrant culinary heritage of Guerrero, Mexico. Patrons also enjoy piñatas, sopes, and tacos made with fresh tortillas, all prepared with authentic recipes and ingredients.

Tropicana Mix-Go is more than a place to eat—it's a cozy, family-oriented spot where good food and friendly, straightforward service come together. Early reviews and local profiles show strong community support and visitors describe the taqueria as welcoming and homey—a place where patrons can enjoy authentic flavors and hearty portions.

The name "Mix-Go" is a tribute to the owner's roots. Mixto is an indigenous language from the Mexico region of Mexico, mostly in the state of Guerrero, encompassing both coastal and mountainous areas. The name honors their family heritage and the cultural traditions they share through their food.

# Fees:

Weekend Rate per day: 8am to 10pm \$200  
 Evening Rate: 6pm to 10pm \$75  
 Daily Rate; morning: 8am to 12pm \$50  
 Daily Rate; afternoon: 1pm to 5 pm \$50



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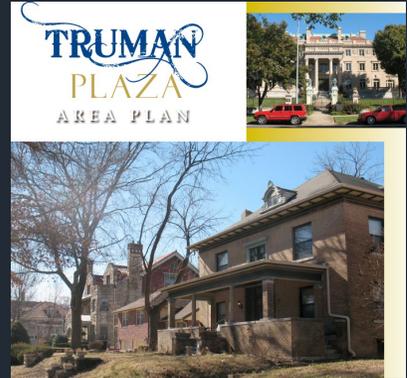
**NOVEMBER 13, 2025**  
**DECEMBER 11, 2025:**  
**COFFEE, CUTLURE & CONVERSATION**

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

**FEBRUARY 10, 2025:**  
**PREVIEW TRUMAN PLAZA PLAN UPDATE**



19  
 Saturday at 10AM - 2PM  
**Come Color/ Draw Together**  
 2659 Independence Ave, Kansas City, MO 64124-2433



# AVAILABLE SPACE ON...

Independence AVE



**2601 INDEPENDENCE**



**2435 INDEPENDENCE**



**2635 INDEPENDENCE**



**2815 INDEPENDENCE**



**3066 INDEPENDENCE**



**3220 INDEPENDENCE**

# AVAILABLE SPACE ON...

Independence AVE



**3245 INDEPENDENCE**



**3500 INDEPENDENCE**



**2425 INDEPENDENCE**



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



**3708 & 10 INDEPENDENCE**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## COFFEE CULTURE & CONVERSATION

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026**

UMKC legal dept discussion

## TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026**

Preventing Human Trafficking

## SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2026**

The latest on crime prevention

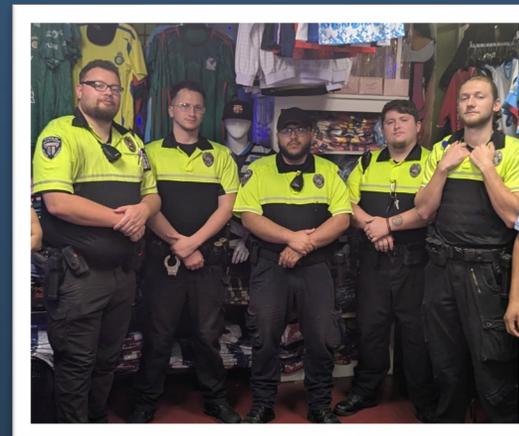
## Economic Development Corporation of KC HAPPY HOUR

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026**

CID - NEKC Chamber Office



**Tasty, Topic, Talk NEKC  
Chamber Luncheon**  
A hybrid meeting  
March. 24, 2026 11:45 am -1:00 pm  
2657 Independence Ave KCMO  
64124



**FREE, Community Drop-in office hours with  
EDC's Robert "Bob" Long**



**When?**  
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.,  
Friday, Aug. 15, 2025

**Where?**  
Northeast Kansas City  
Chamber of Commerce  
2657 Independence Ave.

Sponsored by  
NEKC Chamber  
of Commerce

**Interested in business development, expansion or rehabilitation? Meet Bob**

# NEKC CHAMBER & INDEPENDENCE AVENUE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CID)

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES



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**Rebecca Koop**



**Laura Birdsong**



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**Mike Spady**



**Lon Clark**

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&  
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&  
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MANAGER**

**URBAN PLANNER  
&  
INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

# THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

2657 INDEPENDENCE BLVD, KCMO



## NORTHEAST KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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## HISTORIC NORTHEAST EVENTS



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