

## AGENDA

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

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

Place: 2657 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, MO. The meeting will be held on site with social distancing measures in place; directors and all interested parties may also attend remotely.

Please call 816-215-6813 to receive a link or to be added by telephone.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. FINANCIAL REPORTS
  - Balance Sheet
  - P & L YTD
- IV. ACTION/RESOLUTION ITEMS
  - May 2025 to April 2026 Budget
  - Nomination for new Director
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - District Manager's Report
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
  - Capital Improvements
    - ADA Bathroom Upgrades
    - Security Fence Upgrade
    - Scheduled Equipment Replacement
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

Closed Session- Legal Issue(s) may be discussed in closed session. Pursuant to the following subsections of Section 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, there may be a closed session to discuss:

- a. Legal matters, litigation, or privileged communications with attorneys, pursuant to subsection 1;
- b. Real estate, pursuant to subsection 2;
- c. Personnel, pursuant to subsection 3 and 13; and/or
- d. Sealed bids or proposals, pursuant to subsection 12.

## COMMUNITY COMPASSION



## INDEPENDENCE AVENUE STRONG



# YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

12/18/2024

→ INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

11/21/2024 ←

## THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE



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

### JANUARY 16, 2024

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

The 'EGG' & NE News Office



NEKC Chamber, IA CID & HNE Office



# CID Storefront Rebate Program

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

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

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



## PROGRAM CRITERIA FOR DISCUSSION

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

	Date	Address	Name	Contact	Project Amount	Approved Amount	Completed	Overall Dispersed
1	12/5/2015	2817 Independence	Bella Realty Group LLC	Sarina Hodges/Gayle Buri	\$ 41,976.00	\$ 5,000.00	12/8/2015	
1	10/6/2015	4605 Independence	J.Edward Kendrick DDS	J.Edward Kendrick	\$ 3,430.00	\$ 1,715.00	7/29/2015	
1	10/6/2015	3801 Independence	Spalitto's Pharmacy	Pete Spalitto	\$ 7,707.25	\$ 3,853.63	7/24/2015	
1	10/6/2015	2400 Independence	Scuola Vita Nuova	Nicole Goodman	\$ 11,929.00	\$ 5,000.00	10/5/2015	
1	11/11/2015	6000 Independence	CSL Plasma	Cole Kimple	\$ 5,105.00	\$ 2,552.50	11/4/2015	
1	11/11/2015	4231 Independence	Hoang Long Travel & Services	?	\$ 9,698.31	\$ 4,844.66	10/15/2015	
1	9/18/2015	4815 Independence	DBA Express Stop #2 (BP)	Remah Musallet	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 4,250.00	12/30/2015	
1	6/2/2015	3430 Independence	El Paso Del Norte	Los Tres Hermanos Inc	\$ 12,265.00	\$ 3,775.00	11/9/2015	
8	2015 TOTAL				\$ 100,610.56	\$ 30,990.79		\$ 30,990.79
1	11/11/2015	3430 Independence	El Paso Del Norte' Bakery	Michael Inquez	\$ 10,350.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/2016	
1	5/19/2015	2117 Independence	Passantino Bros. Funeral Home	Charlie Passantino	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	9/23/2016	
2	2016 TOTAL				\$ 20,550.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 40,990.79
	NO APPLICATIONS							
0	2017 TOTAL				\$0	\$0		\$ 40,990.79
	NO APPLICATIONS							
0	2018 TOTAL				\$0	\$0		\$ 40,990.79
1	3/27/2019	2400 Independence	Scuola Vita Nuova	Pittila	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/2019	
1	4/1/2019	5200 Independence	El Taco	John Cairne	\$ 9,057.00	\$ 4,528.50	6/14/2019	
2	2019 TOTAL				\$ 28,557.00	\$ 9,528.50		\$ 50,519.29
1	10/15/2019	3401 Independence	Eleas Coffee	Dan Smith	\$ 3,813.26	\$ 1,906.63	7/5/2020	
1	11/6/2019	4845 Independence	Speedy Cleaners	Joyce Jones	\$ 4,024.58	\$ 2,012.29	4/6/2020	
2	2020 TOTAL				\$ 7,837.84	\$ 3,918.92		\$ 54,438.21
1	7/10/2021	2415 Independence	Sons of Columbus	John Conforti	\$ 6,391.00	\$ 3,159.50	9/15/2021	
1	9/14/2021	6126 Independence	El Torito III	Joe Mika	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	10/10/2021	
1	2/24/2021	2629-33 Independence	Shopping Center	Jack DeSamoni	\$ 4,940.00	\$ 2,470.00	5/25/2022	
1	8/19/2021	6200 Independence	Taqueria El Torito	Joe Mika	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	11/5/2021	
4	2021 TOTAL				\$ 35,831.00	\$ 15,629.50		\$ 70,067.71
	COVID ERA							
0	2022 TOTAL				\$ -	\$ -		\$ 70,067.71
1	9/23/2021	2117 Independence	Passantino's	Charlie Passantino	\$ 9,995.74	\$ 4,997.87	4/30/2022	
1	6/10/2022	2629-33 Independence	Shop Center	Jack DeSamoni	\$ 37,649.00	\$ 10,000.00	7/27/2022	
1	8/15/2022	2620 Independence	Fresh Market	Saied Zaben	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	9/10/2022	
3	2022 TOTAL				\$ 85,644.74	\$ 19,997.87		\$ 90,065.58
1	10/17/2022	544 Wabash Ave	NE Community Center	Kyla Pitts-Zevin	\$ 765.00	\$ 382.50	1/8/2023	
1	4/10/2023	6126 Independence	Taqueria El Torito	Leobardo Gonzales	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	7/26/2023	
1	4/10/2023	6200 Independence	Carneria El Torito 3	Leobardo Gonzales	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	7/26/2023	
1	4/14/2023	2317-25 Independence	Samoli Mall	Jack DeSimone	\$ 10,330.89	\$ 5,000.00	7/24/2023	
1	4/14/2023	2629-31 Independence	Strip Mall	Jack DeSimone	\$ 11,075.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/24/2023	
1	5/29/2023	2620 Independence	Fresh Market	Eddie Musallet	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/14/2023	
1	5/30/2023	3801 Independence	Spalitto's Pharmacy	Pete Spalitto	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 3,125.00	7/12/2023	
7	2023 TOTAL				\$ 57,220.89	\$ 23,507.50		\$ 113,573.08
1	3/20/2024	2629-33 Independence	Ted's Barber Shop	Ted	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 625.00	5/12/2024	
1	8/9/2023	5600 Independence	Cash America	Tracy Maple	\$ 8,360.00	\$ 4,180.00	9/28/2024	
1	1/22/2024	544 Wabash Ave	Northeast Community Center	Kyla Pitts-Zevin	\$7,567.50	\$ 3,299.15	10/2/2024	
1	11/20/2024	2635 Independence	Avenue Cafe	Jack DeSimone	\$3,835.00	\$ 1,917.50	11/20/2024	
4	2024 TOTAL				\$ 78,233.39	\$ 10,021.65		\$ 147,102.23
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# THANKSGIVING LUNCH

NOVEMBER 27, 2024

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



## History of Thanksgiving

a timeline

1621



### The First Thanksgiving

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

1630

### New England Thanksgiving

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

1789

### Give Thanks

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

1777

### Chilly T-Day

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

1863

### Federal Holiday

President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving an official federal holiday.

1876

### College Football

The first intercollegiate football championship was held on Thanksgiving Day.



1924

### First Parade

Macy's held its first Thanksgiving Day parade.

1934

### National Football

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

1947



### Presidential Pardon

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

1941



### Set a Date

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



Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

Published by Laura Birdsong

4 days ago

**ATTENDEES: 26 INCLUDING STAFF**



Independence Avenue Community Improvement District

4 days ago

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

4TH DISTRICT SMALL BUSINESS

**CASH  
MOB**



FLASH SALES TO SUPPORT AND BOOST LOCAL BUSINESSES

**Noon - 1:00 PM**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

**Soma Cafe**

**2323 Independence Ave, KCMO 64124**

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

**RSVP to Araceli Magaña at [araceli.magana@kcmo.org](mailto:araceli.magana@kcmo.org).**

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# SAFETY & SECURITY MEETINGS

NOV 21, 2024

DEC 19, 2024

## GENERAL TOPICS

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

## GENERAL ATTENDEES

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



# CELEBRATORY TOAST 2024

## 1970s FONDUÉ FUN THROWBACK



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



**DEC 13, 2024 TOAST**



**NICE**



**NAUGHTY**





# CELEBRATORY TOAST 2024



**1970s FONDUE FUN THROWBACK**

**DECEMBER 13**

**CELEBRATING SUCCESSES OF 2024**



# CELEBRATING STAFF SUCCESSES OF 2024



**MOST NEKO CHAMBER MEMBERSHIPS EVER**



**10 YEARS OF SERVICE**



**6 YEARS OF SERVICE**



**LIFE-SAVING HERO**



**LIFE-SAVING HEROS**



**LIFE-SAVING HERO**



**25 YEARS OF SERVICE**



# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

## WINTER ACTIVITIES ON THE AVENUE



BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER



# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

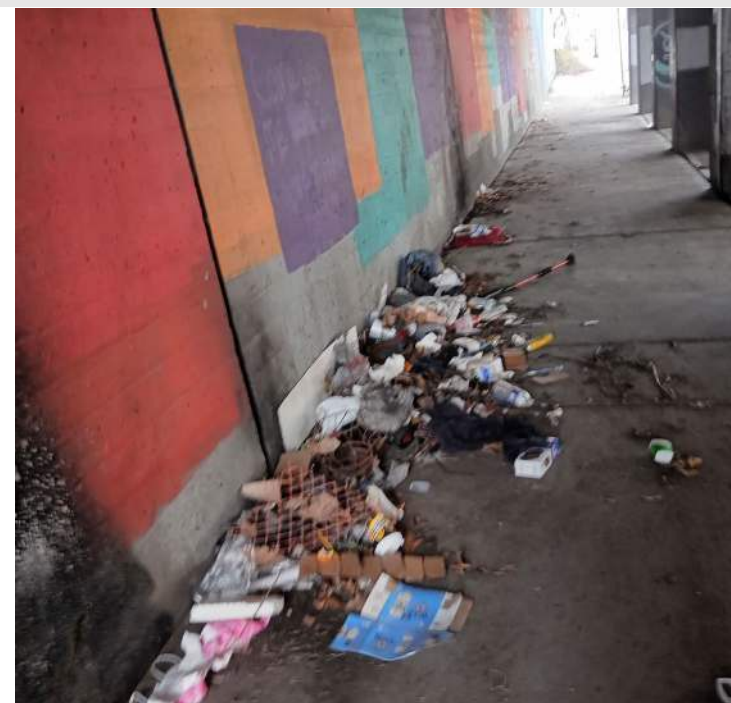
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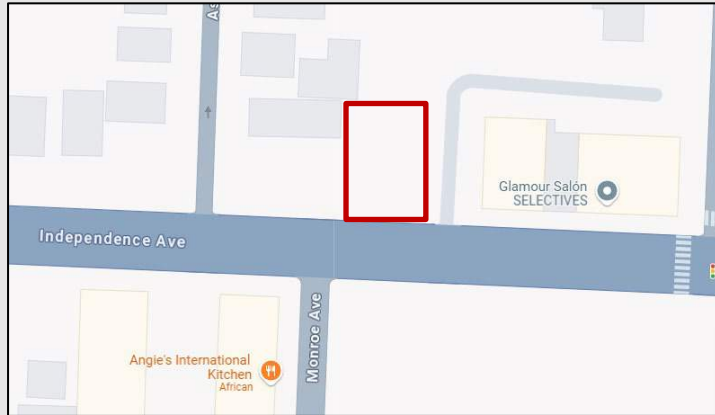


# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

WINTER ACTIVITIES ON THE AVENUE

INDEPENDENCE AVE & ASKEW PARKING LOT

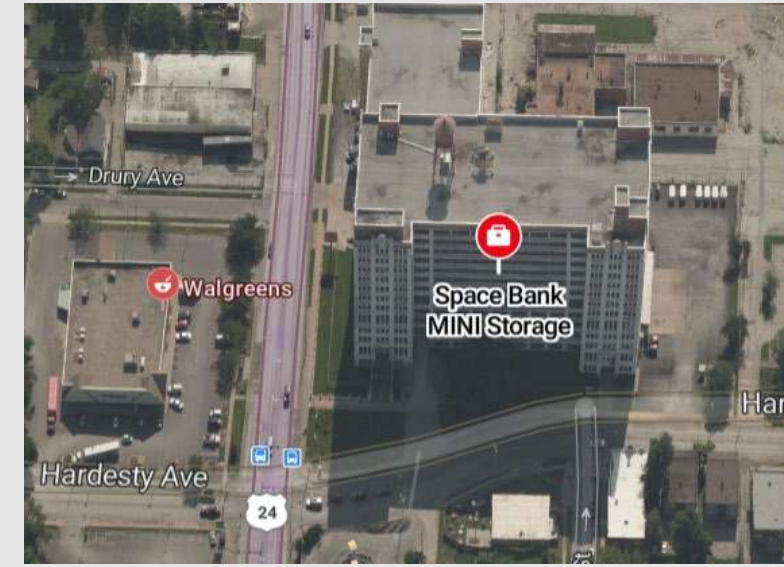
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# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

## WINTER ACTIVITIES ON THE AVENUE



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





# AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

## WINTER ACTIVITIES IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



### FIRE, FIRE, FIRE...

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

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

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

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



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9 comments 32 shares

### HAROLD'S HAMBURGERS CLOSE 1958 - 2025

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

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



226

38 comments 49 shares

### CLOSING FOR REDEVELOPMENT

**Kansas City's Northeast News**  
1h ·

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

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



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

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Arnold Development Group — a local real estate development agency dedicated toward creating sustainable, walkable communities, according to its website — headed by founder Jonathan Arnold, acquired what is formerly known as Hardesty Self Storage at the corner of Hardesty and Independence Avenues.

Arnold Development Group submitted an RLF request for this property, which was adopted for a resolution in March 2024 by the Kansas City Brownfields Commission to aid in completion of phase one for its project of what will become "Historic Northeast Lofts" in early 2026 — weather permitting — at this location ...

Julia Williams has this story at [Northeastnews.net](http://Northeastnews.net)



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NON-MUNICIPAL FUNDING AND SERVICES CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN

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

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

WITH THE understanding of seventeen (17) alleys abutting Independence Avenue to the north and south, 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.

Contract with Kansas City, MO

# 17 ALLEYWAYS

MANAGED BY:  
**NEKC CHAMBER**

IMPLEMENTED BY:  
**INDEPENDENCE AVE CID**



## Independence Avenue CID Alleys

**2 CLEANUPS: NOV 21 – JAN 16, 2025**

# WINTER



Map by: Brett Shoffner, MPA  
03.03.2017

Red: HERE, DeLorme, Mapbox, and the OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS user community

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

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



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



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



# ALL ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR

Reports This Week

**149**  
1/2 WEEK

Reports This Month

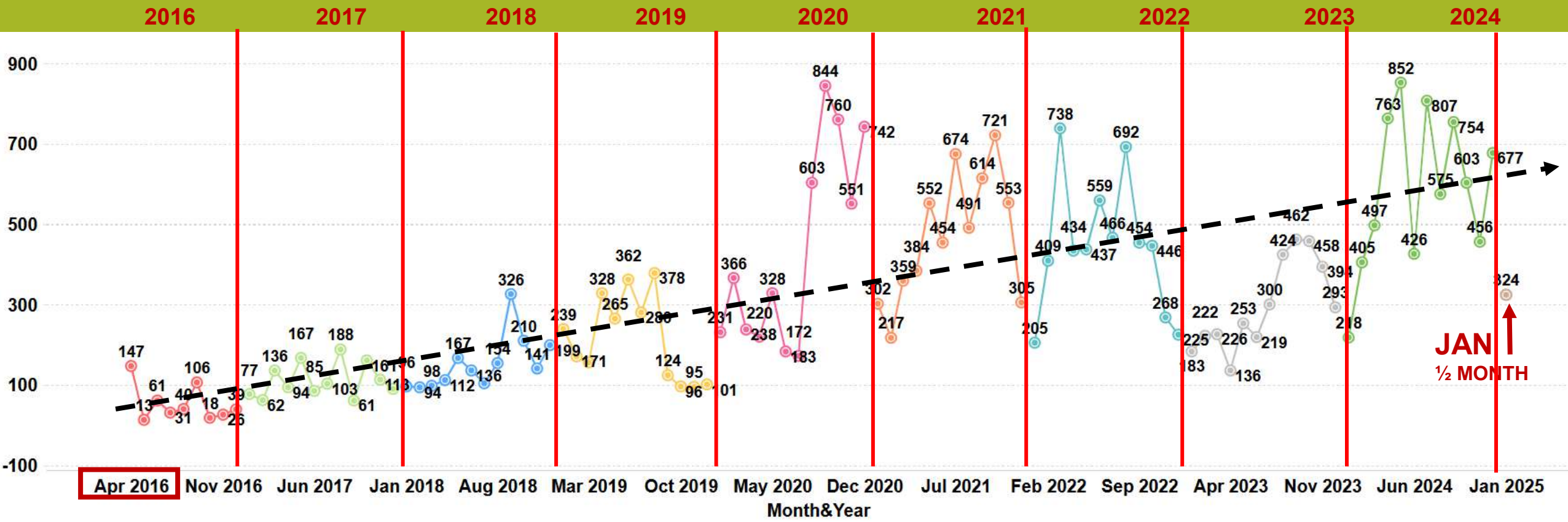
**417**  
1/2 MONTH

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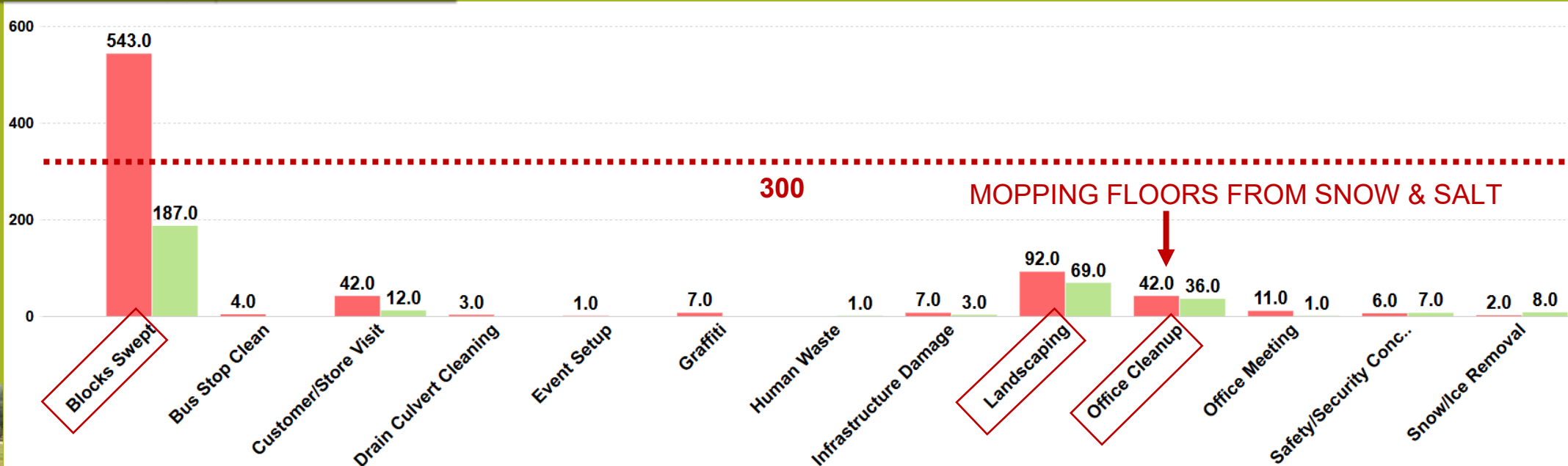
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Reports All Time (Since April 2016)

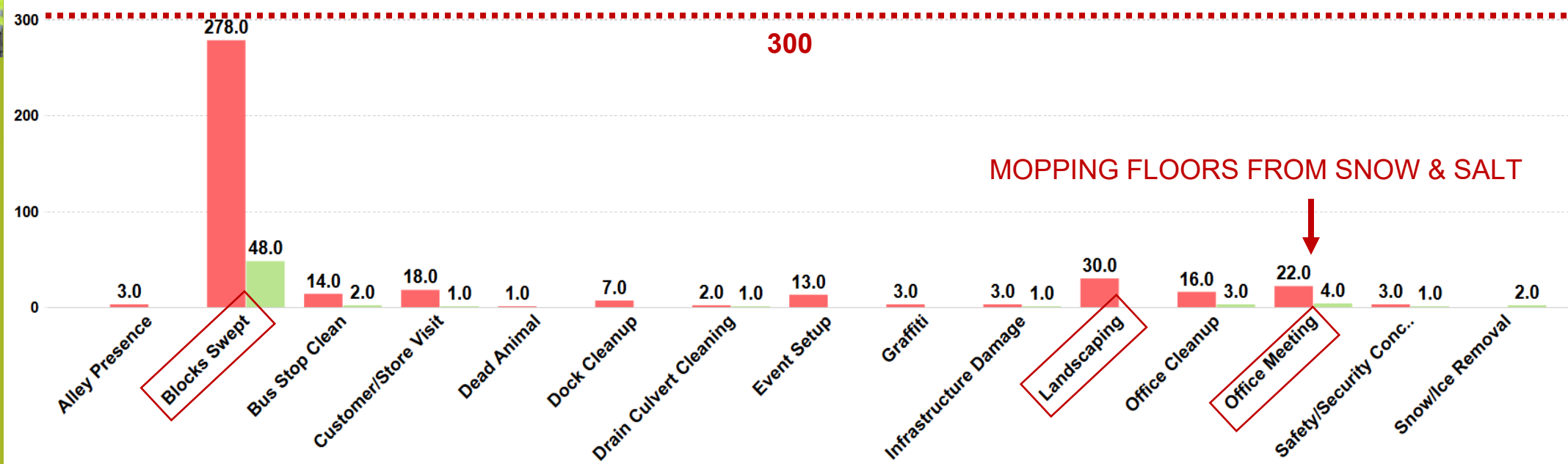
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Since April 2016



2025

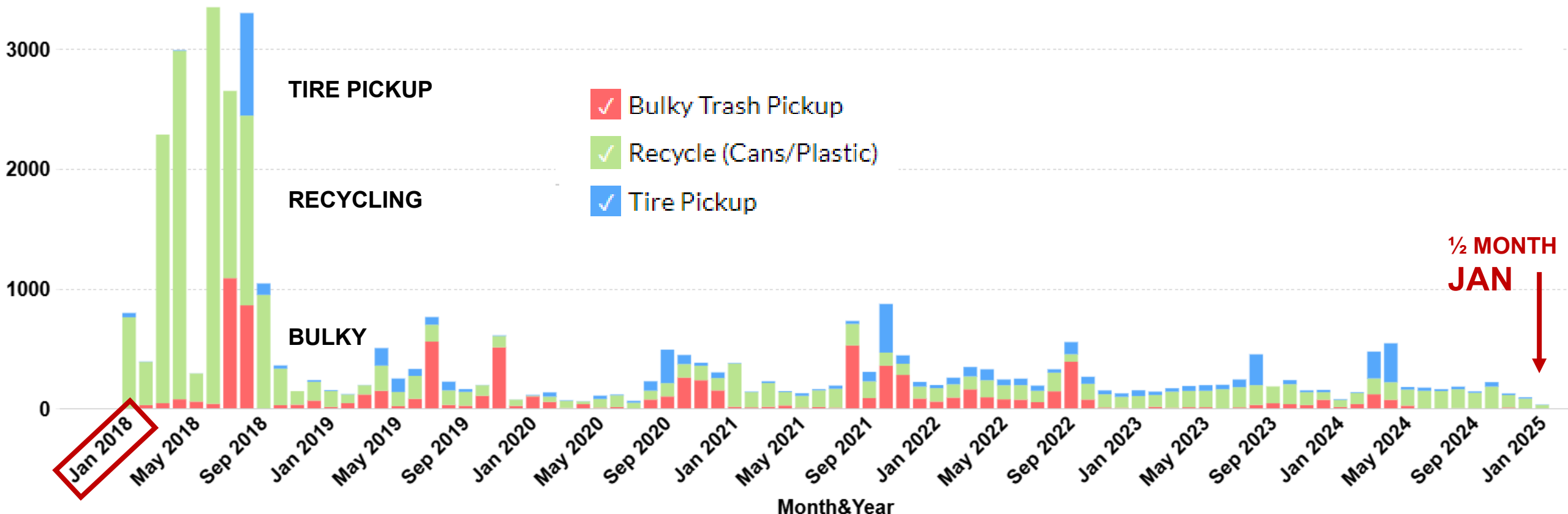


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# USA REPORT

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

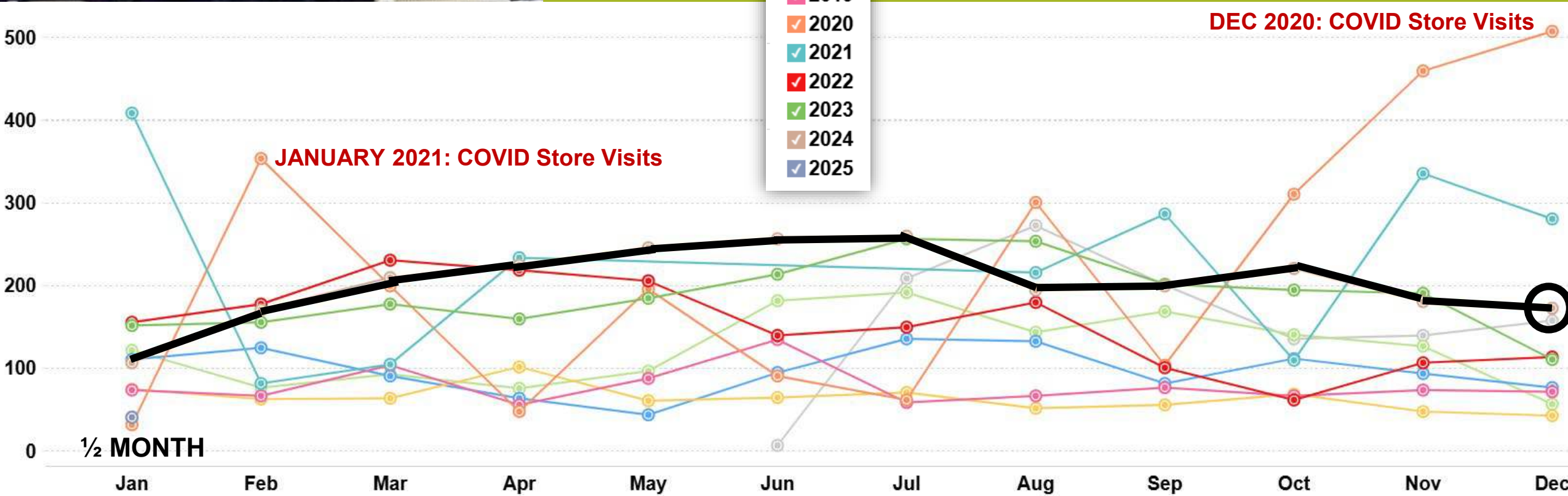


# ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR



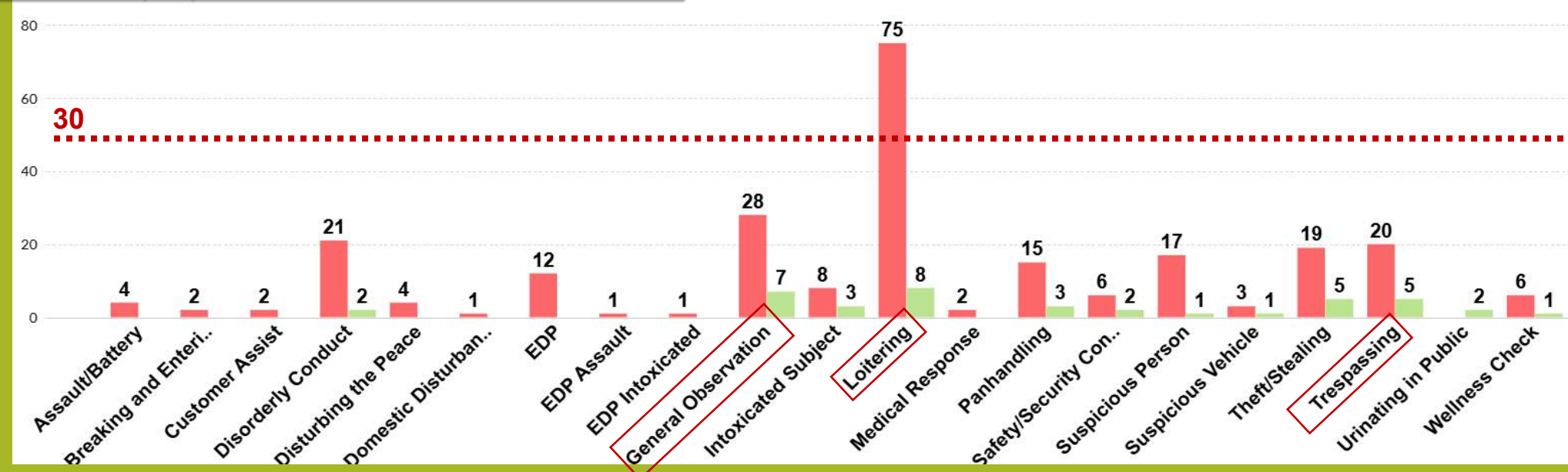
Incidents This Week <b>21</b>	Incidents This Month <b>40</b> <i>1/2 MONTH</i>	Incidents This Year <b>40</b>	Incidents All Time <b>16959</b>
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- ✓ 2015
- ✓ 2016
- ✓ 2017
- ✓ 2018
- ✓ 2019
- ✓ 2020
- ✓ 2021
- ✓ 2022
- ✓ 2023
- ✓ 2024
- ✓ 2025



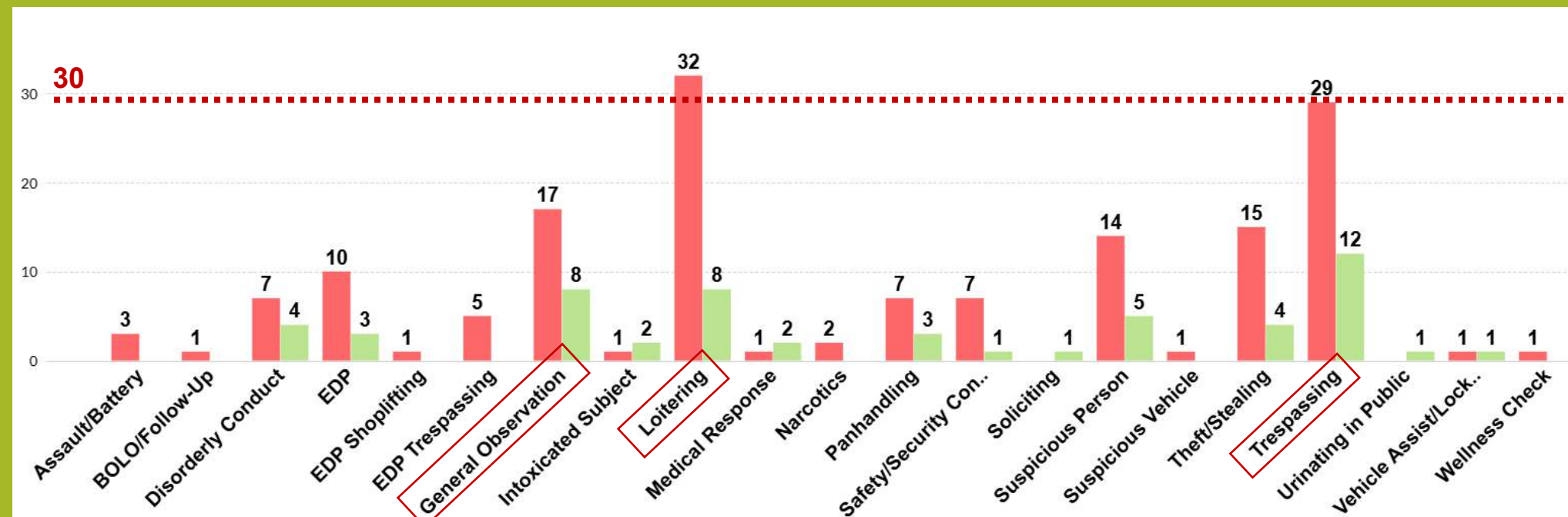
# TITAN REPORT – INCIDENT COUNT

## 2025



(NOV 21 TO JAN 16)

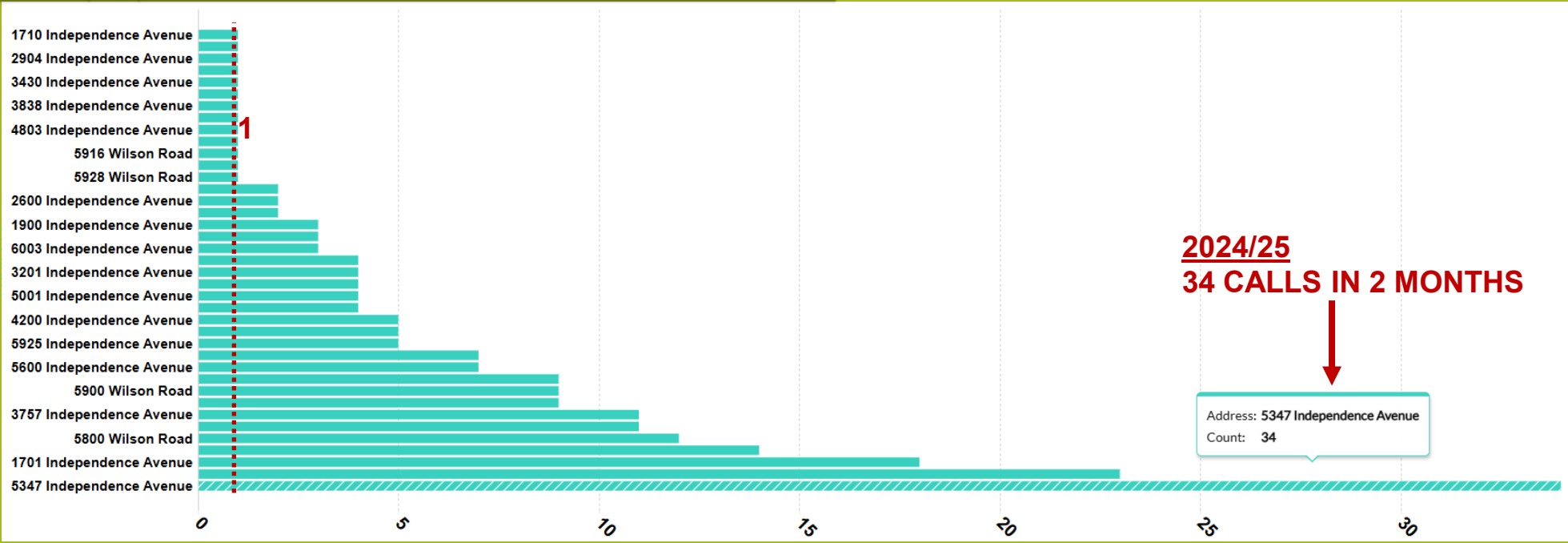
## 2024



# TITAN REPORT – ACTIVITY BY ADDRESS

# 2025

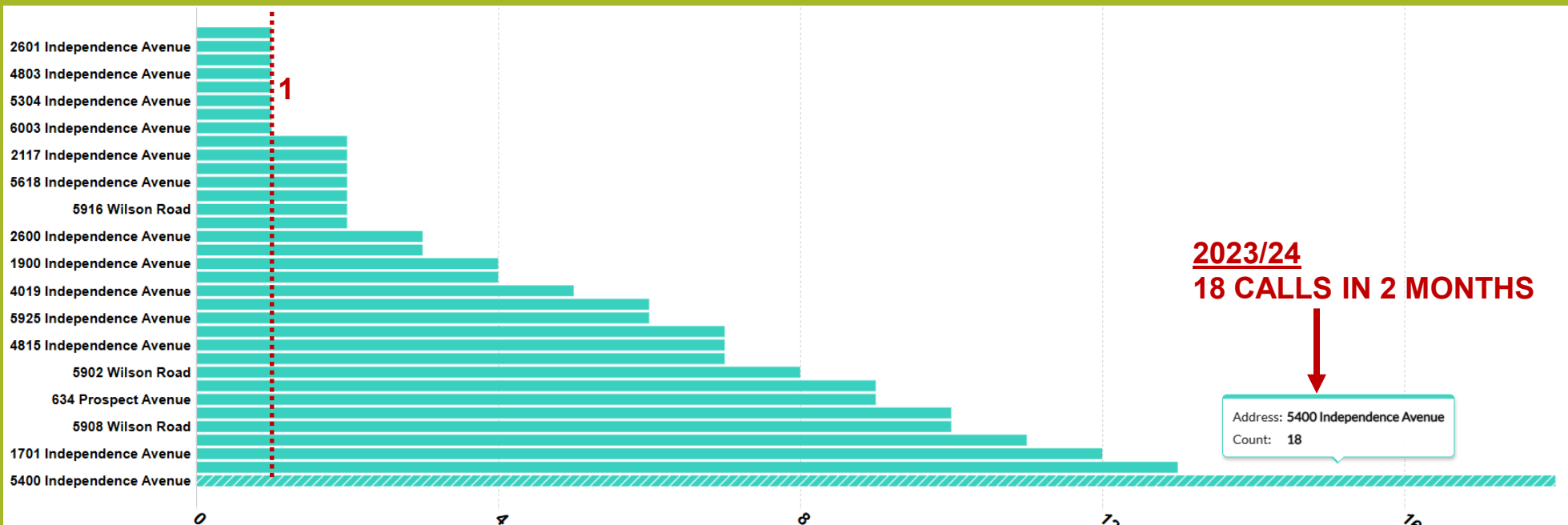
(NOV 21 TO JAN 16)



**2024/25**  
**34 CALLS IN 2 MONTHS**

Address: 5347 Independence Avenue  
 Count: 34

# 2024



**2023/24**  
**18 CALLS IN 2 MONTHS**

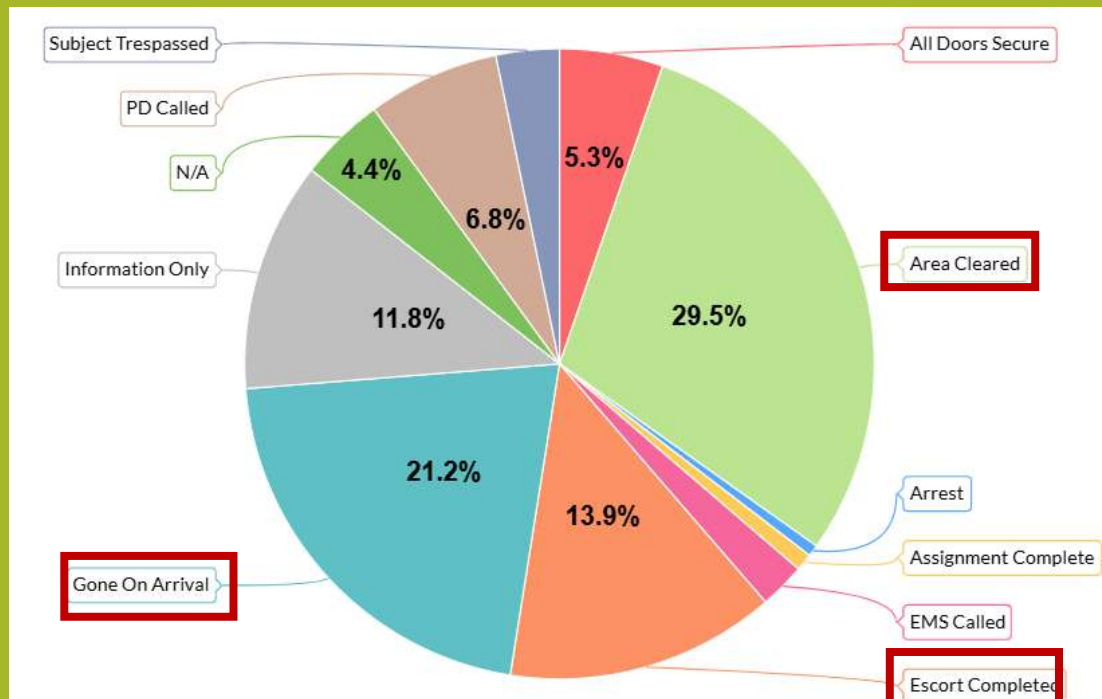
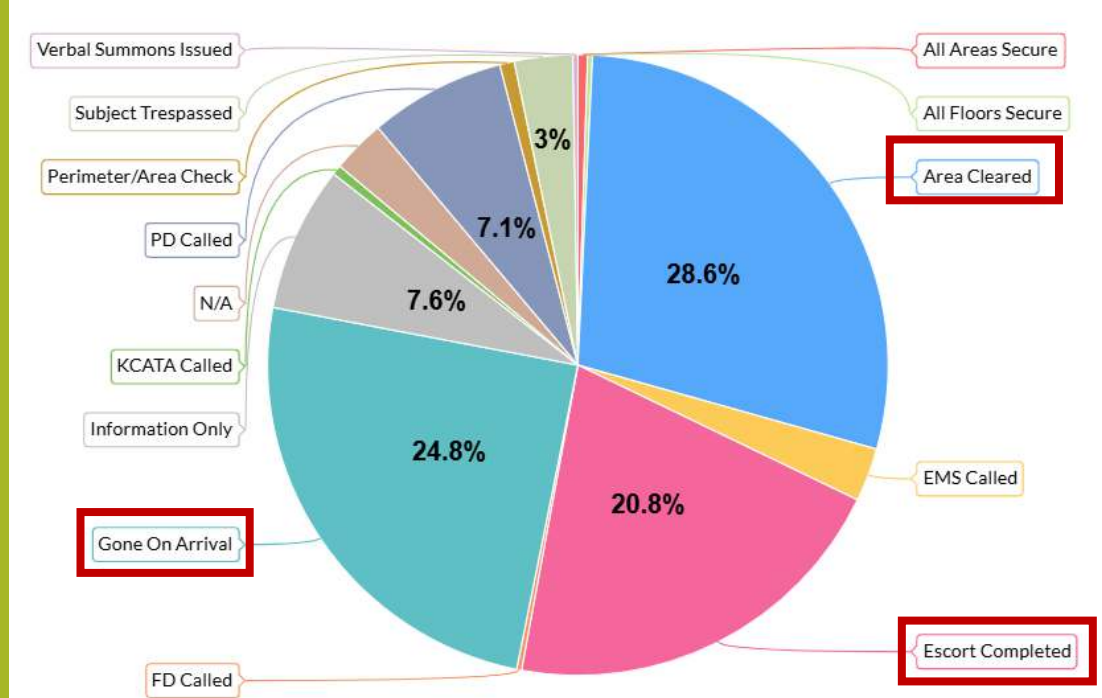
Address: 5400 Independence Avenue  
 Count: 18



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## OVERALL ACTIVITY (NOV 21 TO JAN 16)

# 2024

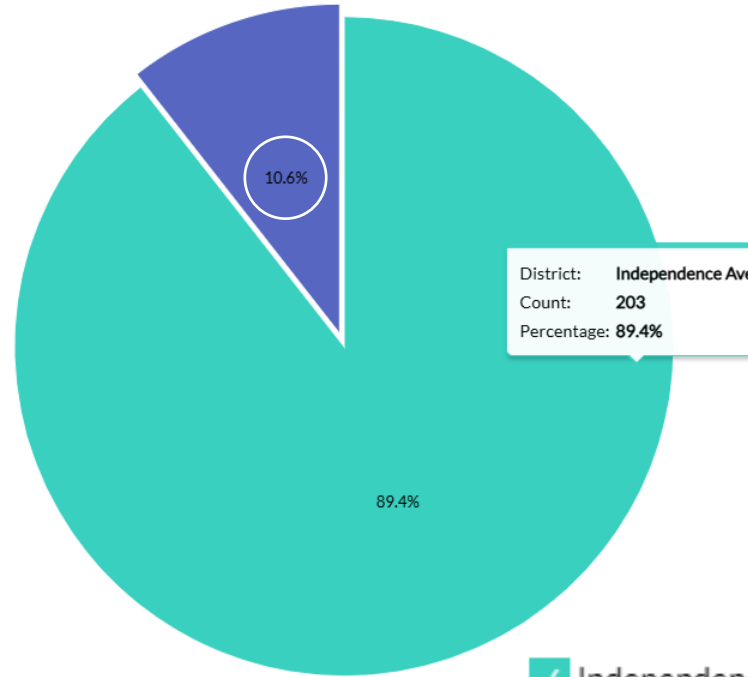




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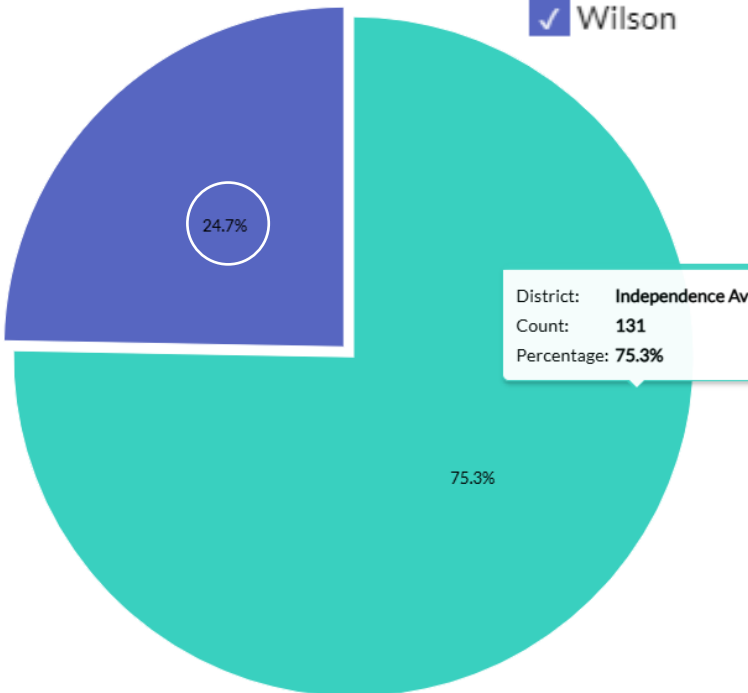
## WILSON RD VERSES INDEPENDENCE AVE (NOV 21 TO JAN 16)

# 2024

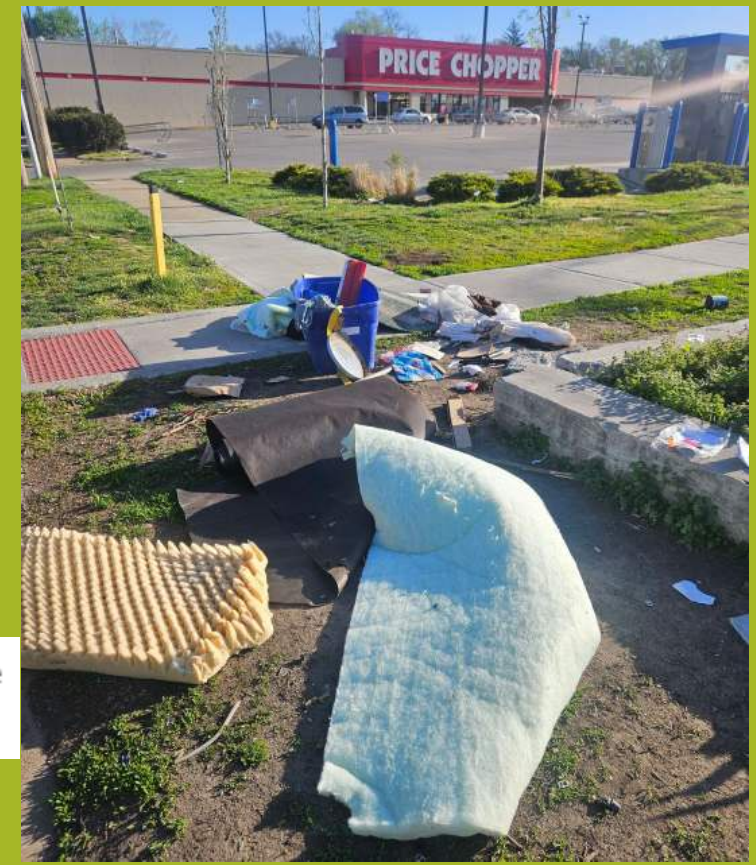


District: Independence Ave  
Count: 203  
Percentage: 89.4%

- ✓ Independence Ave
- ✓ Wilson



District: Independence Ave  
Count: 131  
Percentage: 75.3%



# AVAILABLE SPACE ON...

Independence AVE



**2601 INDEPENDENCE**



**2435 INDEPENDENCE**



**~~2635 INDEPENDENCE~~**



**2425 INDEPENDENCE**



**~~2807 INDEPENDENCE~~**



**5926 WILSON**



**FOUR CORNERS  
COMMUNITY CALL**




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

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

**Carbal Boots  
4616 Independence Ave**



**12-13-2024 LOVE ESXPRESSIONS**



**12-6-2024 theEGG**



**1-3-2025 Elvira's Cakes**



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



**12-20-2024 CARBAL BOOTS**



**1-10-2025 THE AVENUE CAFE**



**12-27-2024 NEKC CHAMBER & CID**

# CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE AVENUE SHOPS

6 January 15, 2025 • www.northeastnews.net

## EXPLORE • DISCOVER • EXPERIENCE

### Celebrate National Strawberry Ice Cream Day, Jan. 15!

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

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

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

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

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


**Frutopia Paletaria & Ice Cream**  
Frutopia Paletaria and Ice Cream — located at 3727 Independence Ave. — is an ice cream shop, which serves a wide variety of cuisine. This includes — but is not limited to — ice cream (including strawberry), churros and smoothies as well as select savory items from burritos, sandwiches and sandwiches, among others. This Frutopia location is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday through Sunday.

**FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL**

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### Where to: Order Tamales Along Independence Ave

Order up a delicious holiday treat! For every Mexican and Latin cuisine, tamales are a staple. Here are a few Northeast businesses who sell tamales along Independence Ave:

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

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### Sunday, Jan. 12 is National Pharmacist Day!

"Pharmacist Day" is a national holiday intended to honor and recognize pharmacists across the U.S. While National Pharmacist day is Jan. 12, the American Pharmacists Association additionally has deemed October "American Pharmacists Month," which is celebrated by many organizations including the World Health Organization. Here are just a couple Northeast pharmacies working to serve the community:

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### Where to: Shop Holiday Items Along Independence Avenue

Know all about the gift guide members and have seen the holiday season? Shop the stores and long lines. Search the Northeast businesses along the Avenue recently offer holiday ready, which are also a range of gift sets — available in stores and online.

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### Local Organizations Host Holiday Drives, Give Back to Community

Local organizations are giving back to the community by hosting holiday drives. Here are a few Northeast businesses who are giving back to the community:

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE NORTHEAST KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID WISHES YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As 2024 draws to a close and we gather to celebrate our shared vision and enter a year of possibilities, we're reminded that with the right mindset and a bit of effort, we can achieve our goals. Here are a few Northeast businesses who are giving back to the community:

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**Mytho Renaissance Gallery Dealer**  
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## DEC 7 & 8: BOOK SIGNING

Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce  
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Daily Rate; morning:	8am to 12pm \$50
Daily Rate; afternoon:	1pm to 5 pm \$50



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## COFFEE CULTURE & CONVERSATION

**THURSDAY FEB 13, 2025**

Valentine's Day

## TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCH

**TUESDAY, JAN 28, 2025**

Tax Talk 2024

## SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

**THURSDAY, FEB 20, 2025**

Discuss Local Security  
Issues & Solutions

## CPTED TRAINING

**SATURDAY, FEB 15, 2025**

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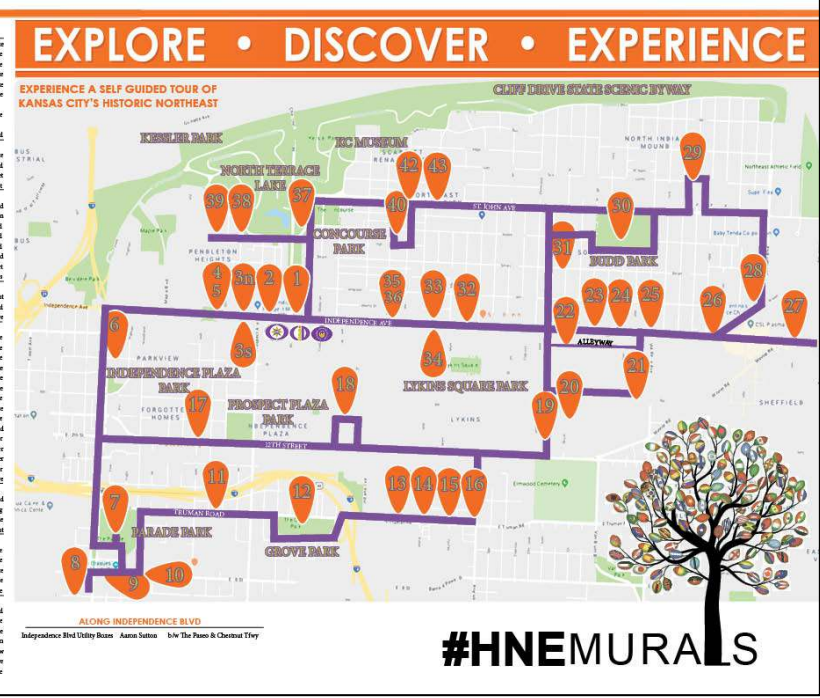
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- APRIL**
  - APRIL 07: HNE-REX (SAFETY & SECURITY INFO)
  - APRIL 08: COFFEE, CULTURE & CONVERSATION
  - APRIL 18: SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING
  - APRIL 22: TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON
- MAY**
  - MAY 08: COFFEE, CULTURE & CONVERSATION
  - MAY 10: MURAL DAY CELEBRATION
  - MAY 15: SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING
  - MAY 17: TRAINING: DETER SHOPLIFTING
  - MAY 27: TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON
- JUNE**
  - JUNE 06: INTERNATIONAL TASTE & TOUR #1
  - JUNE 12: COFFEE, CULTURE & CONVERSATION
  - JUNE 14: SHRED-IT EVENT (DOCUMENT SHRED)
  - JUNE 18: SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING
  - JUNE 24: TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON

- JULY**
  - JULY 09: HNE-REX (SAFETY & SECURITY INFO)
  - JULY 10: COFFEE, CULTURE & CONVERSATION
  - JULY 17: SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING
  - JULY 22: TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON
- AUG**
  - AUG 14: COFFEE, CULTURE & CONVERSATION
  - AUG 16: TRAINING: DE-ESCALATION METHODS
  - AUG 21: SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING
  - AUG 26: TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON
- SEPT**
  - SEPT 05: INTERNATIONAL TASTE & TOUR #2
  - SEPT 11: COFFEE, CULTURE & CONVERSATION
  - SEPT 18: SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING
  - SEPT 23: TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON
- OCT**
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- NOV**
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  - NOV 25: TASTY TOPIC TALK LUNCHEON
- DEC**
  - DEC 11: NO COFFEE, CULTURE & CONVERSATION
  - DEC 18: SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING
  - DEC 23: NO TASTY TOPIC LUNCHEON

UPDATED

**START OF TOUR: 52 MURALS**

1 "In Together"	Meredith Lucas, Jack Med	281 Independence
2 "Three Rooms"	Zac Laman	289 Independence
3 "Cone to the Table"	Zac Laman	290 Independence
4 "Hug"	Emily Ahrens	260 Independence
5 "Share Me 2017"	Isaac Tigas & Hector Casanova	267 Independence
6 "Plant Myself Here the Mural"	St. Luke	267 Independence
7 "Plant Myself Here the Mural"	Jana Wilson, Curran Morris, Isaac Tigas & Rodrigo Alvarez	267 Independence
8 "Woodland School (Retaining Wall)"	Colin Curry & Andy Oser	267 Independence
9 "Woodland School (Retaining Wall)"	Joe Paas	711 Woodland
<b>TRUMAN HEAD COURSE</b>		
10 "Steele Lines Puppet Theatre"	John Merrill (g/Tabakuba)	248 E Truman Rd
11 "Green Park Pool 'Bread'"	Hector Casanova & KC Art Institute	1300 Benton
12 "Fall of the Arts King"	Jim F. Rippey	3400 E Truman Rd
13 "Golfing with"	Unknown	3950 E Truman Rd
14 "Golfing with"	Unknown	3950 E Truman Rd
15 "Chicken store"	Justin Wagner	4123 E Truman Rd
16 "Spencer and Butcherly"	Ken Morris Registered Artist	4143 E Truman Rd
17 "Traditional Classic"	Alexander Austin	2306 A E 113th Street
18 "Walter School"	KC Art Institute Students	1013 Babt
<b>5TH &amp; VAN BUREN AREA</b>		
19 "International Flag"	Community Mural	128 N and Van Buren
20 "Mural of Soccer Field"	Joe Paas	905 Van Buren Blvd
21 "Redwood Bridge Mural"	Dhanan Chatterjee & Community	303 E Sandberg Ave
<b>INDEPENDENCE AVENUE</b>		
22 "Tide Being Ebb"	Emily Ahrens	4815 Independence
"Tidal"	Phyllis Hernandez	4815 Independence
"Happy Partridge"	Zachary Laman	4815 Independence
"Mural in Lot"	Melissa-Lucas-Martin	4815 Independence
"Tide"	Isaac Tigas	4815 Independence
"Tide, Start, & Finish"	Pat Bond & Ghislain KC Youth	4815 Independence
"Independence Avenue"	Amanda Meza	4815 Independence
"Kiteboard"	Rachael Coates & Dalton Elliott	4815 Independence
"Mural"	Zac Laman & Bethany St. Helier	1100 Independence
23 "Truck Eating Bridge"	Independence Ave/Wilson Rd	
"Bridge Range"	Mike Elder	Northeast Corner
"Taco Shop From Downtown"	Bonnie Mann	Northeast Corner
"Venus Flytrap"	Michelle Reza & Merry Burston	Southeast Corner
"Hungry Hippo"	Alexis Kishner (eye contact)	Southeast Corner
24 "Kissin' Mamas"	Sharon Mandan	4814 Independence Ave
<b>MURDO PARK AREA</b>		
25 "Book Mural 15th Street"	Community Mural	6000 Wilson Rd
26 "Mama Rhodes Mural"	Joe Paas	148 N Tipping
27 "Budd Park Pool Mural"	Aaron Sutton	300 Budd Park Highway
28 "19th Street School 'Tide'"	Community Mural	412 Van Buren
<b>INDEPENDENCE AVENUE</b>		
29 "A Kingdom Outside"	TJ Danks	4111 Independence
30 "The 'Me of Me'"	NECC CoC & KC's Unbound District	3923 Independence
31 "Accord Mural"	Eye Response Studio	3813 Independence
32 "The Narrow Way"	Eric Meyer	3420 Independence
33 "Eyes"	Eric Meyer	3420 Independence
<b>CONCOURSE AREA</b>		
34 "Cinderella"	Chau Anderson Ave	303 Claiborne Blvd
35 "Tower of Education"	Socorro Ramirez	2141 Lexington Ave
36 "The 'Me of Me'"	Isaac Tigas & Rodrigo Alvarez	2263 Lexington Ave
37 "Surrealist School Mural"	Hector Casanova & KC Art Inst	1009 Anderson
38 "Northwest Map"	Michael Schwick	100 Ashway
39 "T-shirt without Art in Just 100" Mural	Rebecca Koop	3922 N John Ave
40 "Cinderella Tower Building"	Rebecca Koop	3922 N John Ave



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- KC Movers & Shakers
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**SAVE THE DATE - WINTER 2025**  
**WEATHER PERMITTING**  
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CID DISTRICT  
MANAGER**

- 1 Northeast Strivin' COMBAT
- 2 KC Chamber Public Safety Coalition
- 3 KC 'Vison Zero'
- 4 HNE Houseless
- 5 Small Developers of KC
- 6 NE Coalition
- 7 HNE/EGG Board Member
- 8 HNE Media Board Member
- 9 Recipient: Carol Col Community Defender Award



**REBECCA KOOP**

**EVENTS DIRECTOR  
&  
ARTS  
COORDINATOR**

- 1 KC Source Link
- 2 Arts as Membership a 501c3
- 3 Welcome KC
- 4 KC Refugee & Immigrant Services & Empowerment
- 5 The EGG Board
- 6 Recipient: 2024 Urban Heroes Award



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**RESOURCE  
&  
AMBASSADOR  
MANAGER**

- 1 Safety & Security Committee
- 2 Recipient: Community Champion 816 Award
- 3 Certified Harm Reduction Specialist
- 4 HNE Community Engagement Liaison
- 5 KCMO Houseless Summit Ambassador
- 6 National Coalition for the Homeless: Civil Rights/Organizing Committee



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**AMBASSADOR  
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BUSINESS  
COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1 Aweil East Community Association Inc - USA former Chairman
- 2 NEKC Chamber Liaison for the Historic Northeast Area Businesses



**MIKE SPADY**

**URBAN PLANNER  
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HUMAN RESOURCE  
MANAGER**

- 1 Kessler Park Plan Implementation Committee
- 2 MARC Bi-State Sustainable Corridor Advisory Board
- 3 MARC Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Update Committee
- 5 The Kansas City Media Collective 2024 Voters Guide Focus Group
- 6 Urban Core Group Chair



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- 3 The Paseo Gateway & Choice Neighborhood Initiative Liaison

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Business & Community Events Director



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