

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

1. Call to Order Chairman Charlie Passantino
2. Approval of Minutes Secretary Anthony Spalitto
3. Financial Reports Treasurer Steve Giles
 - Balance Sheet
 - Profit & Loss Year to date
 - Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
4. Staff Reports
 - District Managers Report Bobbi Baker
 - Designed by Lon Clark, Urban Planner CID
5. Action Items
 - Present Document Retention Policy (vote)
6. New Business
 - Introduce Andrew Huesing
7. Old Business
 - Any questions or concerns about Bylaws sent Sept 19?
8. Adjournment

COMMUNITY COMPASSION



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE STRONG



YOUR LAST PRESENTATION

NEKC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

10/18/2025

→ INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

09/20/2025 ←

THE HNE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE



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

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

386 VISITORS (Sept 1 - Oct 31, 2025)

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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

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
- 6) Downtown CID
- 7) Rivermarket CID
- 8) Westport CID



The KC CID Alliance Meeting Focused On:

- 1) Enhancing data sharing & incident tracking among CIDs.
- 2) The need for a centralized offender database, with Titan Security's three-year incident reports analyzed using AI to create offender profiles.
- 3) The system will automate citation generation and map incident hotspots.
- 4) It will also streamline data collection, improve prosecution, and address repeat offenders.
- 5) The system will integrate with existing 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, Director of Regional Impact
Tracy Whelpley, Founder & CEO MRB Strategies
THURSDAY: Sept 23, 2025
ATTENDEES: 22 attendees + 5 staff

LUNCH PROVIDED BY: Los Tres Palmas

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~ (816) 231-8100
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ORGANIZATIONAL CORE VALUES ...

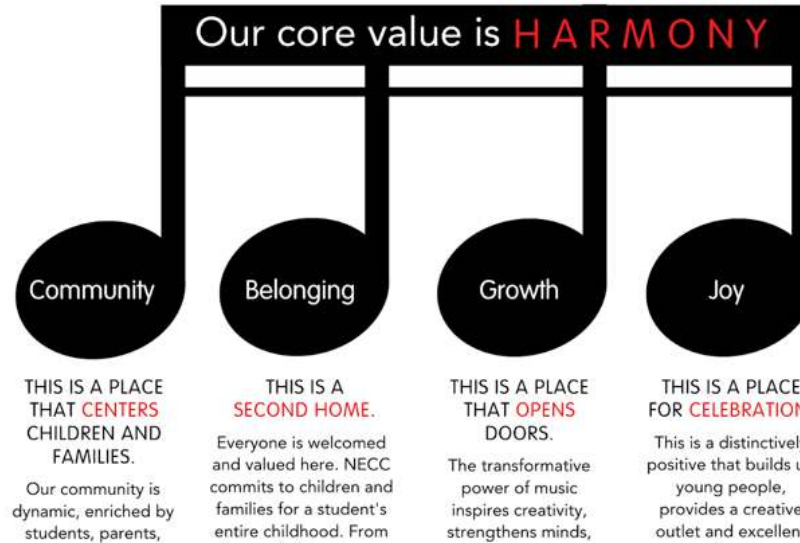
Our Mission

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, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
NEKC CHAMBER EVENT SPACE**



- Musical Ability
- Arts Access & Engagement
- Child Well-Being
- School Attendance
- Mathematical Proficiency
- Literacy
- High School Completion & Beyond

Our Board

Jill Meriweather, President
Meriweather Consulting

Dr. Natalie Spar, board member
American Heart Association

Angelica de la Cruz, Vice President
Northeast Realty

Uli Schneider, board member
Kansas City Public Schools

Jay Breeden, Treasurer
Smash my Trash

Ulises Rodriguez Quintanilla, board member
Mexican Consulate

Marcia Charney, Secretary
Retired Real Estate Attorney

Christopher Hayes, board member
University of Missouri - Kansas City

Joe O'Flaherty, board member
Country Club Bank

Mike Gordon, emeritus
Kansas City Symphony

1909	1918	1940	1980S	1999	PRESENT
<p>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 needs.</p>	<p>A New Leader: Rev. J.B. Bisceglia was recruited from Pittsburgh to lead the Italian Mission. Bisceglia was a minister, poet, pharmacist, and educator. He led the organization and community for decades to come.</p>	<p>Northeast Community Center: In the '40s, the organization raised funds for its current site at Wabash and Independence Avenue alongside Christ Presbyterian Church. After school programming blossomed alongside the continued supportive services for immigrant families.</p>	<p>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, providing Italian classes, cooking lessons, and more.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Harmony Project KC Path to College Care Services Under the leadership of Laura Shultz, Harmony Project KC opened its doors in 2015. Supportive services like the Path to College and Care Services initiatives are provided to support the educational and well-being of the children and families.</p>

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



NORTHEAST
COMMUNITY CENTER

544 WABASH
KANSAS CITY, MO

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



THANK YOU...

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER
FOR PROVIDING LUNCH FOR
THE IA CID WORKFORCE!!!





KC 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 Quinton Lucas.

DePrice Taylor Receiving The Athena Award

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



COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



TOPIC: Meet Your Neighbors!
FEATURED GUESTS: YOU

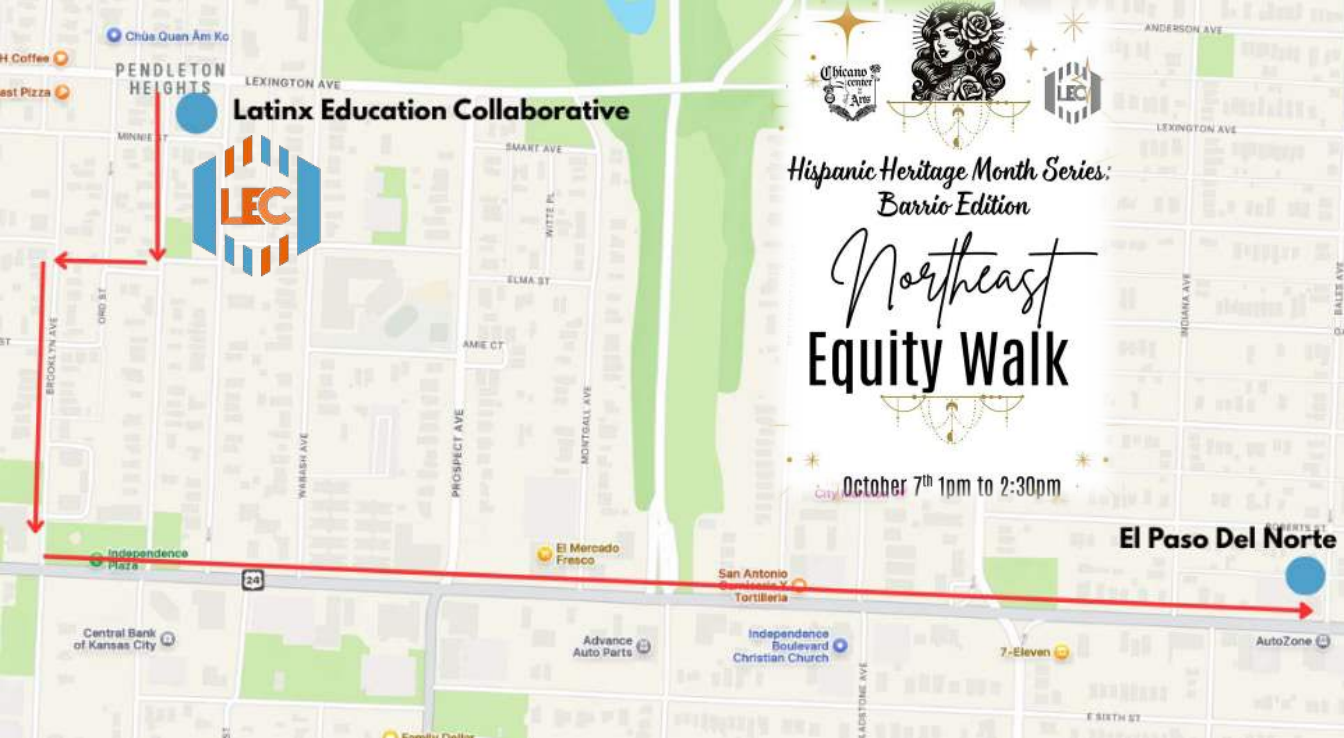


THURSDAY, OCT 9, 2025

Guest Shared Their Business Ideas

ATTENDEES: 10 + 5 STAFF





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



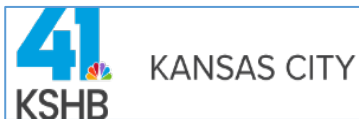
Legislator
Manuel Abarca IV
1st District



Legislator
Venessa Huskey
2nd District



Legislator
Sean Smith
6th District



Date: Wednesday, October 1st

Time: 5:30-7 PM

Location: Northeast KC Chamber of Commerce
2657 Independence Ave, Kansas City, MO 64124



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

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS



- Prevent
- Protect
- Mitigate
- Respond
- Recover

**Major
Ryan
McFarlin**



ACTIVE THREAT AWARENESS

Prepare Your Team to Recognize, Respond, and Stay Safe in Critical Situations



FREE TRAINING HOSTED BY TITAN PROTECTION

Wednesday, October 8th 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@nekccchamber.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

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



You and 27 others

2 comments 2 shares

Avenue Tour For Elected Officials

FRIDAY, OCT 10, 2025

ATTENDEES: 21 + 3 STAFF

This tour led directly to legislation proposed to outlaw gaming shops.



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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LUNCH
PROVIDED BY:



CITY OF KCMO CITY MANAGER
Mario Vasquez

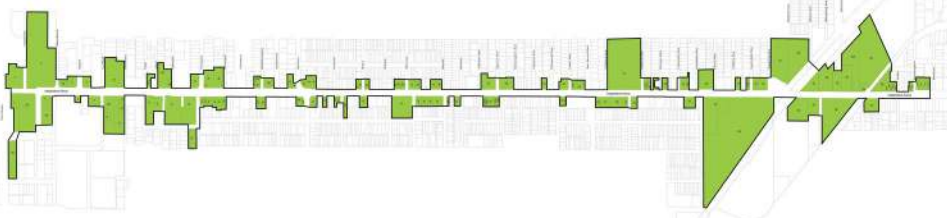


DISTRICT 19 MO STATE HOUSE REP
Wick Thomas



JACKSON CO PROSECUTOR
Melesa Johnson

INDEPENDENCE AVE CID BOUNDARIES



SAFETY & SECURITY MEETINGS

OCT 16, 2025

Next Meeting: Nov 20, 2025



- ✓ TITAN has begun sharing reports with KCPD in new system.
- ✓ Discussed decline in calls to Wilson & Independence Ave.
- ✓ Game Shop move to corner Indep & Monroe brought homeless.
- ✓ Elected officials continue to get tours of the HNE.
- ✓ Lack of KCPD officers 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 drones.

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

CASH MOB



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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Councilman Crispin Rea &

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MEETING @ NEKC CHAMBER OFFICE

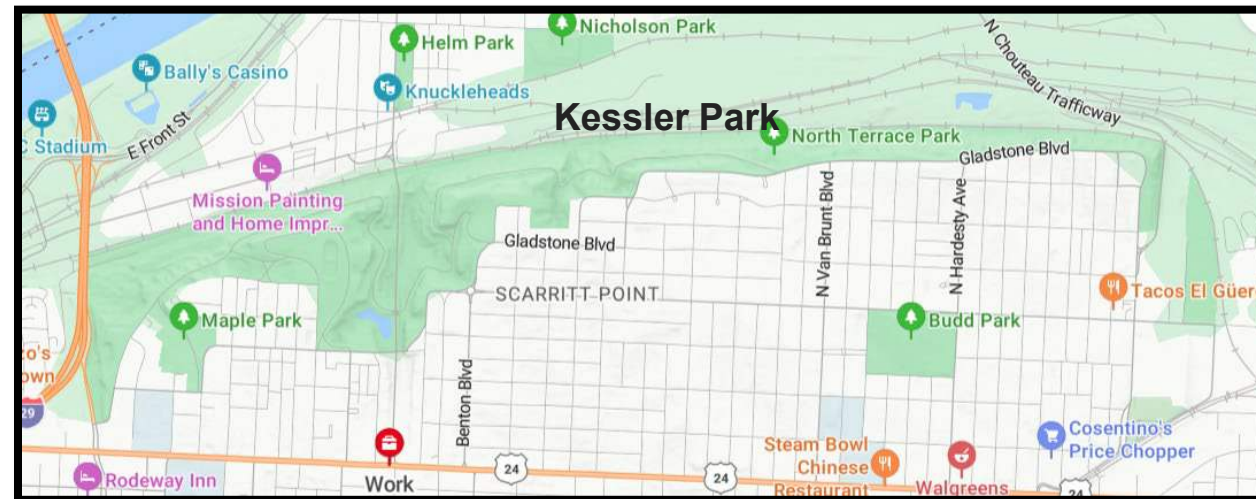
Kessler Park Master Plan Implementation Group

OCT 22, 2025 ATTENDEES: 18

Neighborhoods in Attendance

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

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AGENDA

Kessler Park Conservancy (KPC)

Agenda for 10/22/25 KPC Meeting

1. Announcement of Board Roster and first official Kessler Park Conservancy (KPC) Board Meeting
 - o To be held in November; exact date to be determined at the end of this meeting
2. General Discussion with James and Anthony
 - o KC Parks and KPC Cooperative Agreement
 - o 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 be pursuing
 - o 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! Mike's 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



4201 E 9th St



TASTY TOPIC TALK
NEKC CHAMBER LUNCHEON



TOPIC: MAKING CAKES
SPEAKER: MIKE ELDER

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





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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!

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 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 Guinness Records for a cake raceway and drivable cake car created and driven by Michael Andretti 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



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

HAPPENING IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



ORCHARD FEST

Saturday, Oct. 4

2025

Independence Plaza Park



Sponsored Partially By:





INDIAN MOUND BOARD MEMBERS





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**Using Historic Tax
Credits to Save
Structures**



October 25, 2025
In Attendance:
IA CID Urban Planners
Lon Clark
Mike Spady



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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)



Cake by Black Sheep Cakes



COFFEE, CULTURE, &... CONVERSATION



TOPIC: Meet The Northeast Newspaper
FEATURED GUESTS: 1) Contributor, Bryan Stalder; 2) Managing Editor, Dorri Partain →

REFRESHMENTS BY:



Guests Won Pumpkin Prizes During the Drawing



THURSDAY, NOV 13, 2025

ATTENDEES: 6 + 4 STAFF

HNE-REX (Historic Northeast - Response Emergency Examples)

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SPEAKER: Ryan McFarlin, Major of Field Operations

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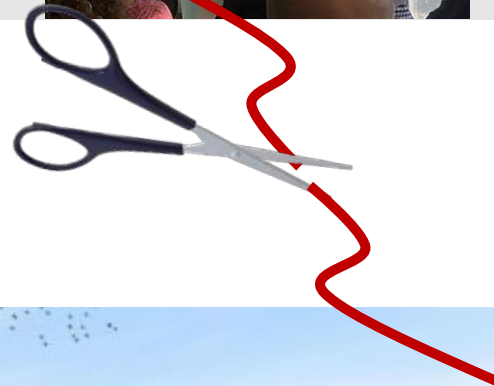
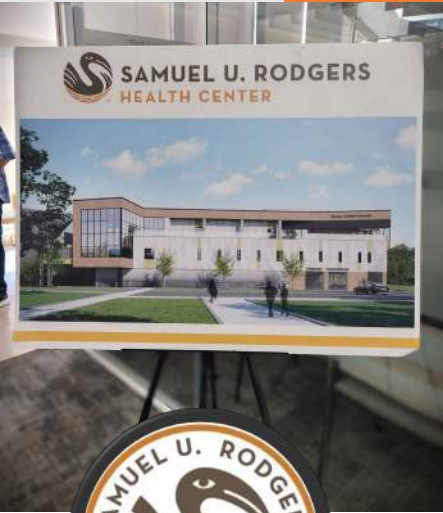
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Samuel U. Rodgers Healthy Living Campus *Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*

NOV 11, 2025
GUEST SPEAKERS
Daughters of Doctor
Samuel U. Rodgers

Jim Nunnelly
Rep Emanuel Cleaver
Bobbi Baker
Sean Hughs



825 Euclid Ave



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) **Highway Widening 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**



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AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

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

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Cool Roofs Program

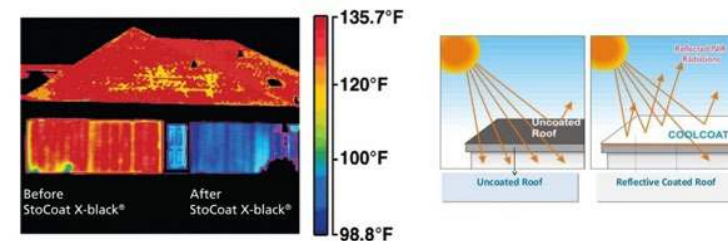
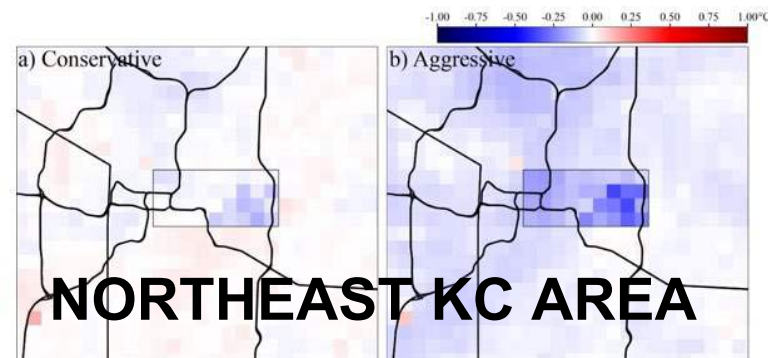
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PROPERTIES PARTICIPATING ALONG THE AVENUE

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





AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025


HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE




The Avenue Angels (TITAN Security)
NEW Security Monitoring Station
Independence Avenue CID Office



PARATE XPAS
STAND UP FOR
PEACE

Independence Ave CID partners with Molly
of  Mattie
Rhodes



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

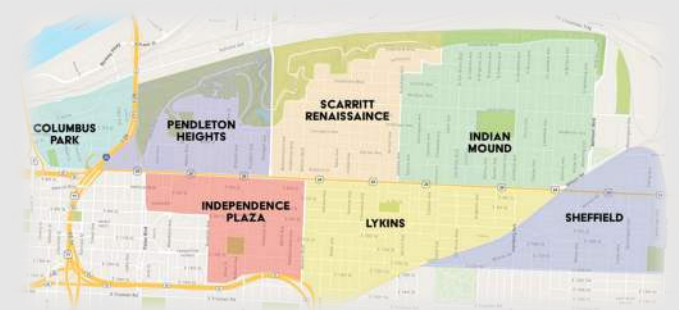


So no one will want to go to the new clothing store.



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IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



ENCAMPMENT SITE VISITS

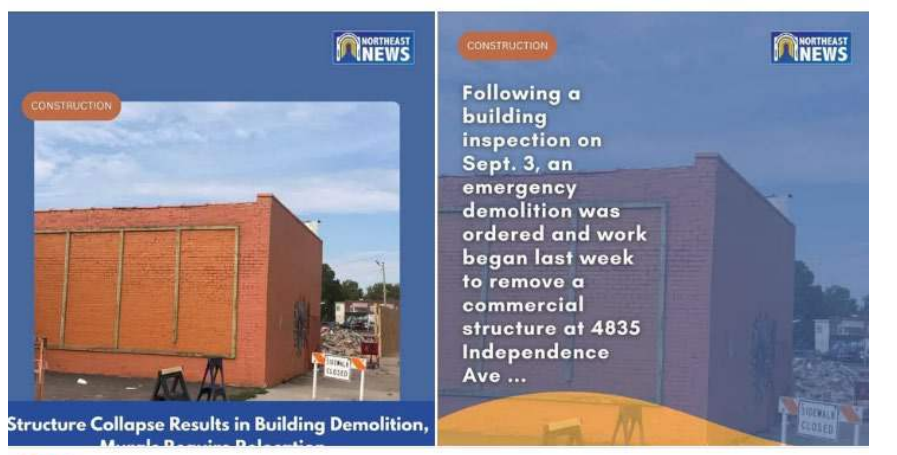


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Homeless Advocacy Nonprofit Visits Kansas City, Tours Independence Avenue Unhoused Encampments

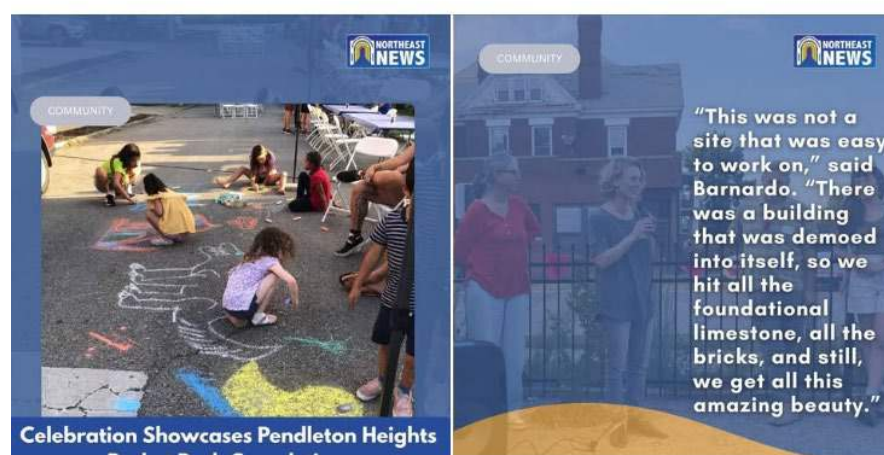
Julia Williams Editor-in-Chief Members from Creative Innovative – a Kansas City, social services organization – and The National Coalition for the Homeless – a nonprofit unhoused prevention organization in Washington...

Kansas City's Northeast News
September 19 at 6:00 PM
Structure Collapse Results in Building Demolition, Murals Require Relocation
Thi... See more **BUILDING COLLAPSE – MURAL SAVED**



6 1 comment

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**



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IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



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

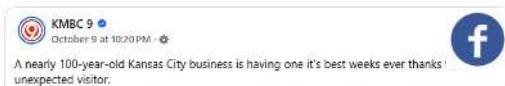
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JASON KELCE VISITS... PETER MAY'S HOUSE OF KIELBASA

Photo credit: Bryan Stalder

Bryan Stalder Contributor



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



NE CORNER: Prospect & Independence Ave

← Burned 10 years ago

2 KC Fire Fighters perished

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

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Bryan Stalder Contributor



We honor your service and your sacrifice



NEW MURAL

Dorri Partain • October 15, 2025 • 3 minutes Read

Indian Mound, Pendleton Heights Neighborhoods Celebrate New Murals

Dorri Partain Managing 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...



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

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.

Mo Dept of Conservation



City Roots Nursery

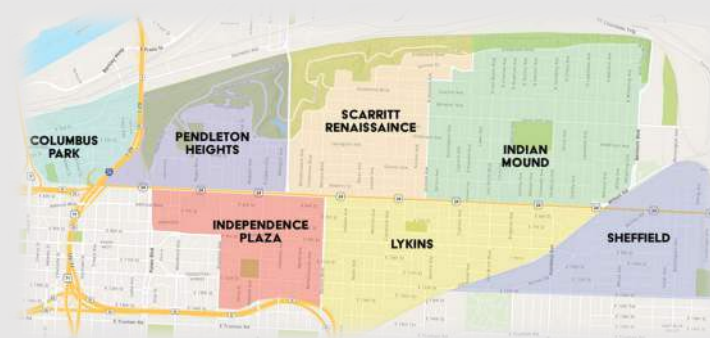


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INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

IN THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST



SCARRITT HALLOWEEN 2025

Kansas City's Northeast News
September 14 at 2:24 PM
Sharing for Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood, sign up now to volunteer to help sort, pass out candy and more. It takes many hands to provide this Halloween event for o... See more

Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood SCARE-IT HALLOWEEN 2025

WE NEED YOU

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

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

Email jacob.luke@scarrittkc.org

Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood
September 5 at 4:45 PM
Looking for volunteers! Email jacob.luke@scarrittkc.org

Clay Jarratt, Jeff Zumsteg and 12 others 5 shares

THE PASEO WATER RETENTION POND

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

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

"Fo... See more

CONSTRUCTION

Green Infrastructure Project to Add Natural

CONSTRUCTION

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

30 39 comments 5 shares

HISTORIC NORTHEAT LOFTS CALL FOR RPFs (Request For Proposal)

CROSSLAND
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

Zach Lehman from Crossland Construction Company, Inc. has invited you to bid on **Historic Northeast Lofts - Bid Package #2: 01 - Plan Rooms**

[View this RFP](#)

Invitation to bid from Zach Lehman of Crossland Construction Company, Inc.

Historic Northeast Lofts - Bid Package #2: 01 - Plan Rooms

Sign up for a BuildingConnected account

Email

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I've used BuildingConnected before

Project Details

Location: Kansas City, MO
 Bids Due: December 9, 2025
 Files: 510 documents available

[Create account to view all files and project details >](#)



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025

HAPPENING ON THE AVENUE - NEIGHBORHOODS



HISTORIC
NORTHEAST
CLEANUP
FALL 2025



TIRES FROM CID OFFICE



FROM CID OFFICE

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

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
- CRT Monitors: \$5.00 each

Materials Not Accepted:

- Smoke Detectors
- Light Bulbs
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Tapes
- CDs
- DVDs
- Alkaline Batteries
- PCB Ballasts
- Software
- Toner Cartridges
- Thermometers
- Thermostats
- Hazardous Materials



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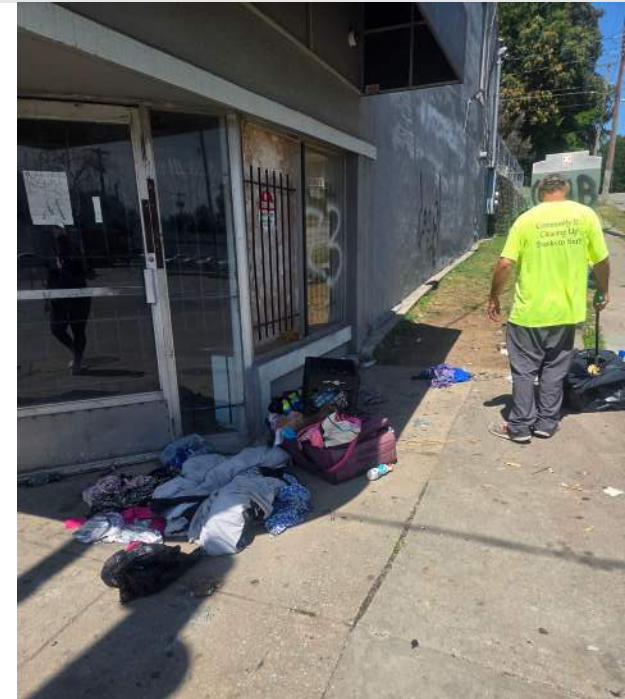
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Northside of intersection
Monroe & Independence

GAMING SHOP AT THIS LOCATION

**Supplies delivered daily
various organizations**





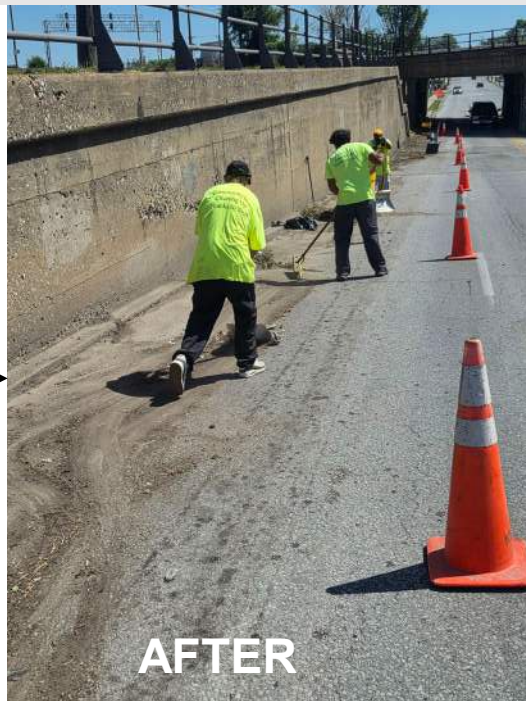
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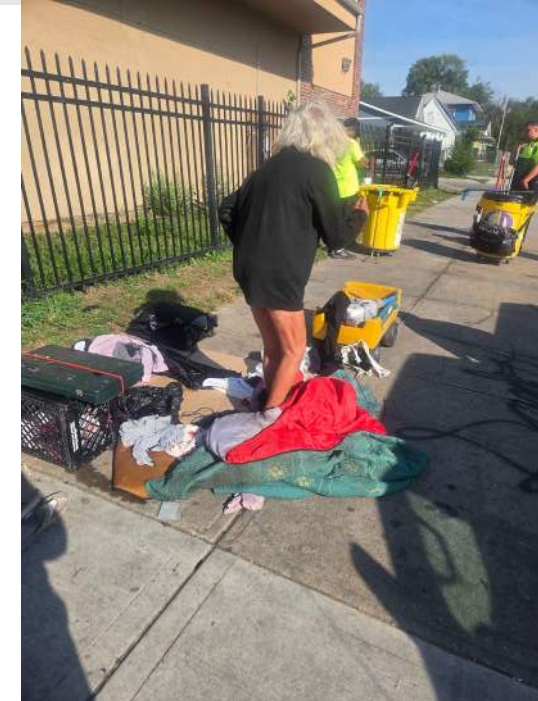
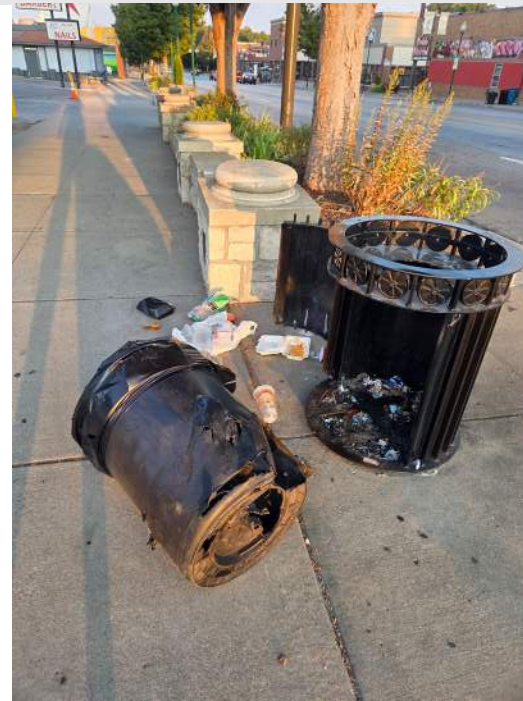
INDEPENDENCE AVE
&
WILSON ROAD



TRUCK-EATING BRIDGE
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Broken Glass Clean Up





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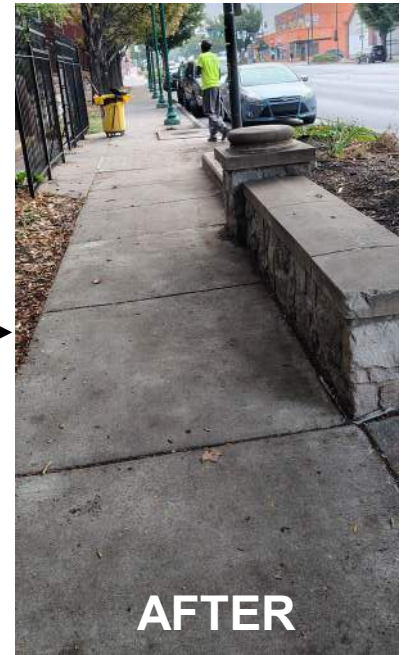
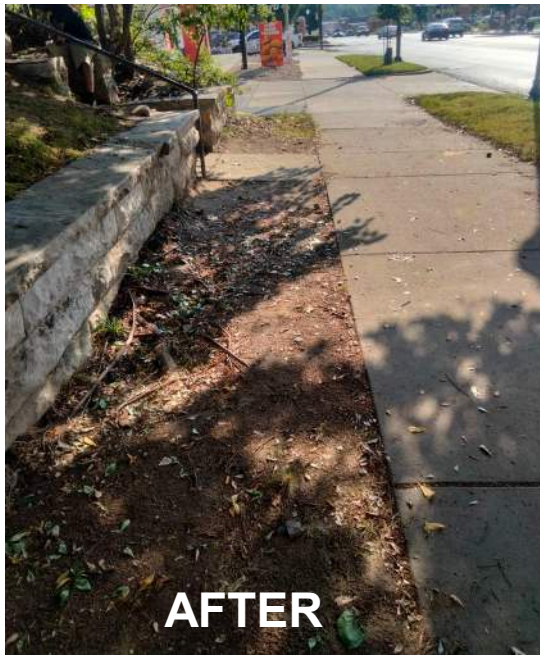
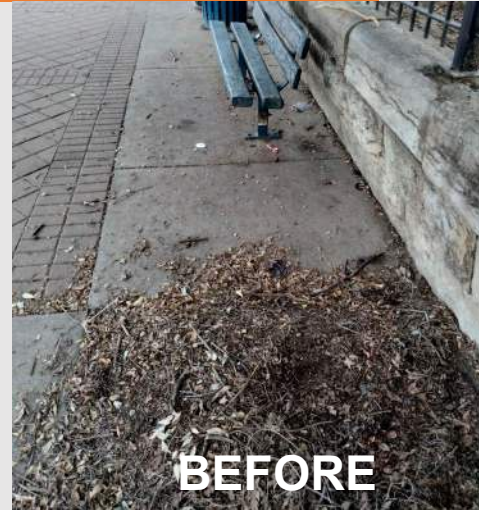
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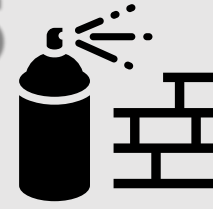
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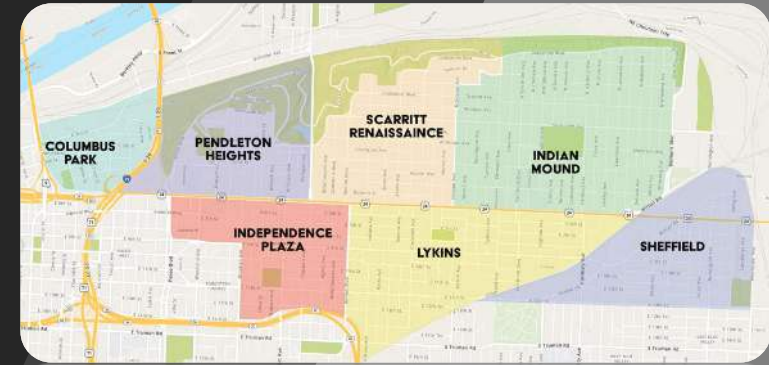
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REMOVAL**



Independence Avenue CID Alleys

1 CLEANUP: SEPT 15 – OCT 15, 2025

FALL REPORT



17 HNE ALLEYWAYS

MANAGED BY:
NEKC CHAMBER



IMPLEMENTED BY:
INDEPENDENCE AVE CID



PARTNERED WITH:
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Cleanup at 2415 Independence Ave

750 lbs of Trash & Brush



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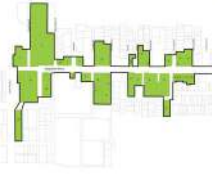


BEFORE



INDEPENDENCE AVENUE CID

FOUR CORNERS
COMMUNITY CALL



OCTOBER & NOVEMBER



10-10-2025 Victoria Thrift



10-17-2025 Carbel Boots



10-3-2025 Sharif's Store



10-24-2025 Mercado Fresco (5901 Ind)



11-14-2025 Ted's Barber Shop



11-7-2025 Family Dollar (3719 Ind)



10-30-2025 Spalitto's Pharmacy

SHOPS "JUST AROUND THE CORNER"

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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 Ony's Barber Shop near 5th 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



VP Barber & Braiding, located at 2532 Independence 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 816-908-5812.



Elegante, a full-service barbershop and salon located at 2600 Independence Blvd, STE 103 has been serving the community for three years 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., Elegante offers convenience, quality, and accessibility, with a standard haircut priced at \$30 and dedicated parking available in the lot behind the building.

FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY CALL

Last week's Independence Avenue Community Improvement District 4-Corners Community Call was at Ted's Barber Shop located at 2631 Independence Blvd.

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

RideKC Bike Hub
Independence Ave & Woodland Ave



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.



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Just Around the Corner: El Mercado Fresco

When you head down Independence Avenue, you'll find a vibrant neighborhood gem. El Mercado Fresco has been serving the community since 2002, offering fresh produce, meats, and groceries. It's a place where you can find everything you need for your weekly shopping trip.



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10-24-2025

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Gringo Loco is "Just Around the Corner"

Gringo Loco is a vibrant Mexican restaurant and grocery store. It's a place where you can find everything you need for your weekly shopping trip. The restaurant offers a variety of Mexican dishes, and the grocery store has fresh produce, meats, and groceries.



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Just Around the Corner: Spalito's Pharmacy

Spalito's Pharmacy is a neighborhood institution. It's a place where you can find everything you need for your weekly shopping trip. The pharmacy offers a variety of services, including prescription refills, immunizations, and more.



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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IS SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. It's a time to recognize the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States. The month is celebrated with various events, including parades, festivals, and more.



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THERE'S A NEW VIKING IN TOWN!

By Theren Hecoyman '74

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

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

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

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

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



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NE Robotics Team Shows Area Schools It's Not My Bulb. He teaches at Northeast and leads our highly rated and remarkably talented Robotics Team. Little Northeast competed across the area last season and brought home several awards facing many huge suburban schools with better equipment and superior funding. Please help our team compete this year.

Ways you can help:
• Donate to Northeast Alumni Association (Specify Robotics)
• Volunteer to tutor and mentor in class
• Sifted electronics or trades with tools needed

Email Mr. Bul et: sbul@nepublicschools.org

Northeast High School Alumni Association
P.O. Box 2244
Blue Springs, Mo. 64013-1264

We Love Volunteers, Mentors, Tutors & Donors!
Be Part of the Solution - Get Involved!
Annual Dues are only \$20 for Alumni. Non Accepted

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Preserve the Past
Empower the Present
Celebrate the Future

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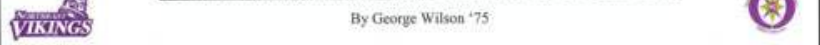
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NE Alumni Association Joins NE Chamber of Commerce

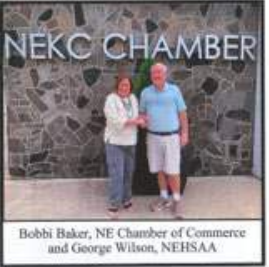
By George Wilson '75



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

What is a Chamber of Commerce?

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



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

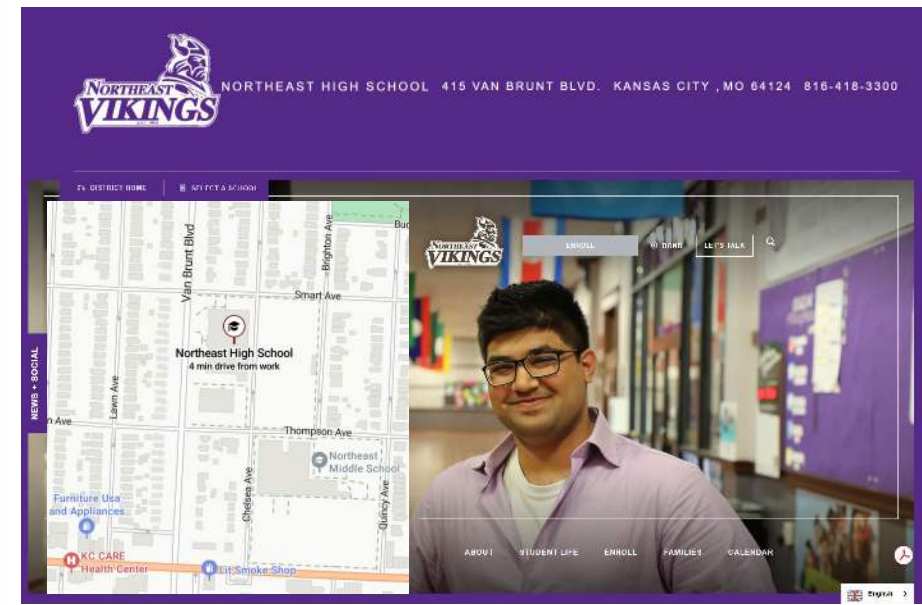
Why Does a Chamber of Commerce Exist?

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

Why Would our Alumni Association Join?

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

NE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION JOINS NEKC CHAMBER FALL 2025 EDITION



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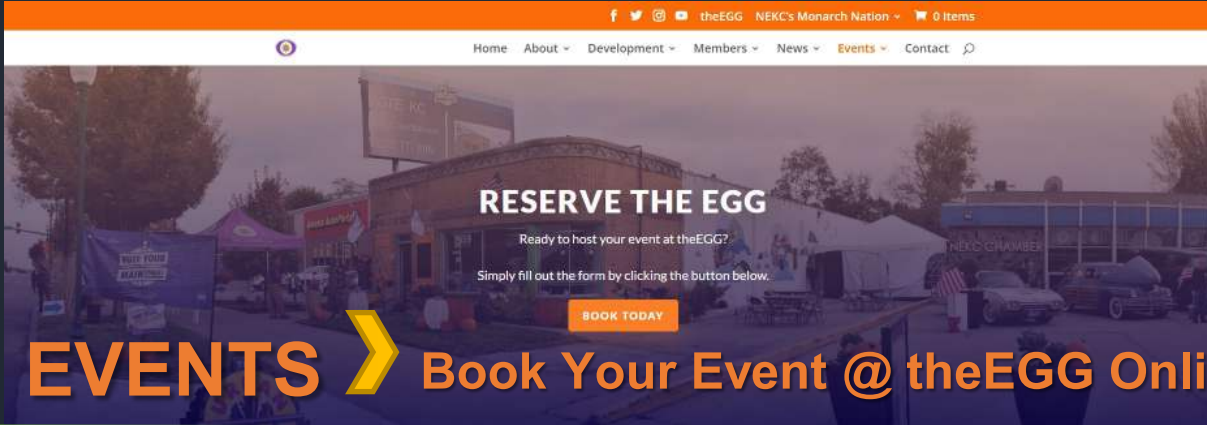
ENROLL TO DINK LET'S TALK

ABOUT STUDENT LIFE ENROLL FAMILIES CALENDAR



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Evening Rate:	6pm to 10pm \$75
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Daily Rate; afternoon:	1pm to 5 pm \$50



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AUGUST 13 & 22, 2025:
SARAH SOMMERKAMP Survey
 Training



AUGUST 17, 2025:
HOXIE COLLECTIVE, CANVASING
 TRAINING



LYKINS NEIGHBORHOOD
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 COMMUNITY



KESSLER PARK
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 COMMUNITY

**JUNE 28, JULY 19, AUGUST 9,
 2025:**
BRIAN MAPES Color/Draw at
 theEGG
 SATURDAY, 10:00am – 2:00pm

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Saturday at 10AM – 2PM
Come Color/ Draw Together
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JULY 24 & 25, 2025:
FRINGE FESTIVAL THEATER
 REHERSAL: 3 ATTENDEES

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3708 & 10 INDEPENDENCE

From Clay to Seed: How Rebecca Koop of Northeast Kansas City Grew a Garden of Fruit Trees

<https://www.givinggrove.org/blog-reference/from-clay-to-seed>



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REBECCA'S GARDEN & POTTERY



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- 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



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- 3 Welcome KC
- 4 KC Refugee & Immigrant Services & Empowerment
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COMMUNICATIONS**

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- 2 NEKC Chamber Liaison for the Historic Northeast Area Businesses



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&
HUMAN RESOURCE
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- 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



LON CLARK

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- 2 Independence Avenue Storefront Improvement Rebate Board
- 3 The Paseo Gateway & Choice Neighborhood Initiative Liaison

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NORTHEAST ARTS KC TOUR
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
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PH Coffee & Back Door Pottery

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THUR, DECEMBER 11, 2025

TBD

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