

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



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Monica V. Reynolds

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INTERVIEW

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

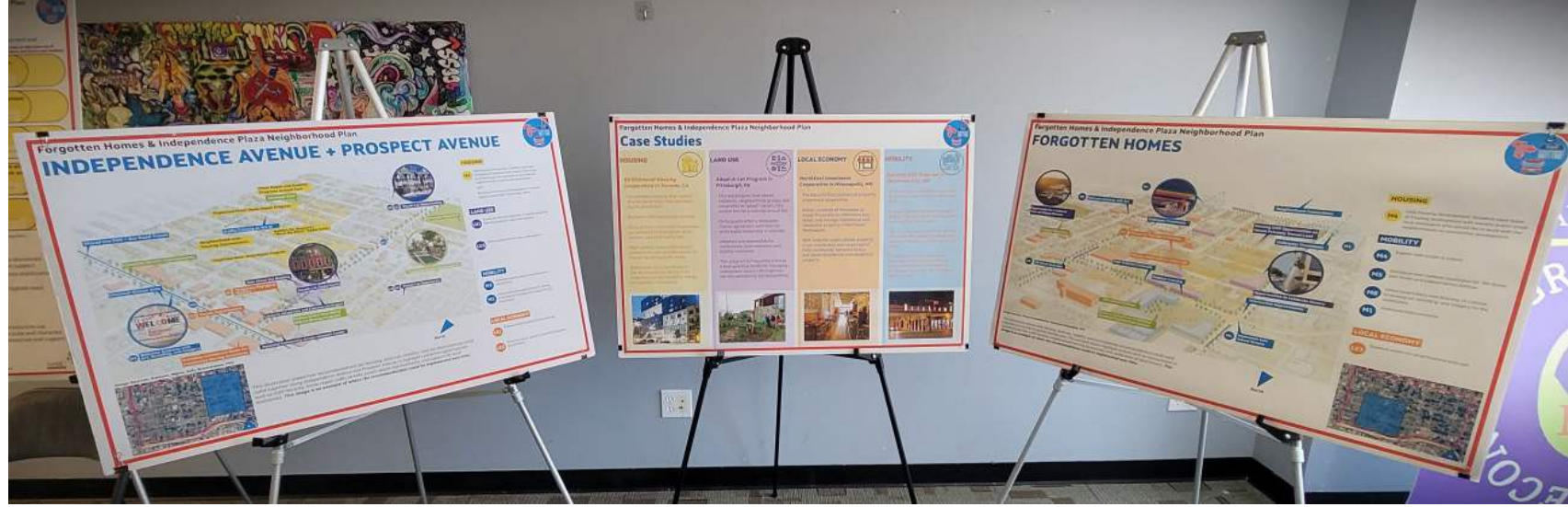
LUNCH BY:
Las Tres Palmas
 4201 E 9th St., KCMO



Thursday, Feb 10, 2025
@ The EGG Event Space



TRUMAN
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AREA PLAN



PLANNING PROPOSALS - PUBLIC REVIEW



2025 Truman Plaza Area Plan Community Survey

Language: English - English

2025 RESIDENTS SURVEY

Neighborhood Conditions and Priorities

01 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 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
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| 02. Sidewalks and crosswalks | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 03. Street lighting | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 04. Connectivity of bikers | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 05. Trails or trail connections | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 06. Condition and appearance of homes & apartments | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 07. Condition and appearance of businesses | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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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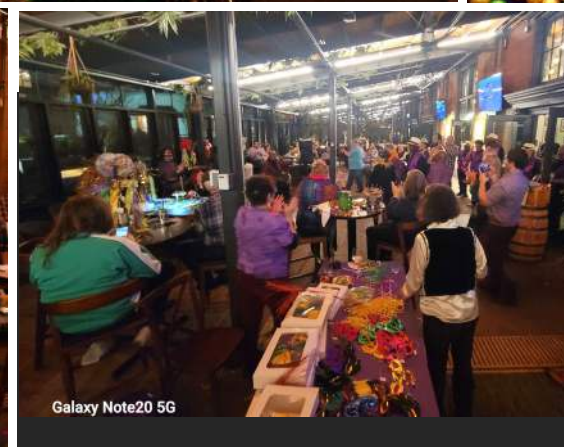


Mardi Gras Raffle!

Green Ticket for Baskets **BASKET RAFFLE Admit One \$15**

Gold Ticket for Finale Basket **FINALE BASKET RAFFLE Admit One \$25**

Bundle Deal!
4 Green & 1 Gold
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2/17/2026



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**COSTUME WINNERS
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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)



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

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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



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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
 Like Comment Share



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



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CARPOOL / VANPOOL

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NEWS/EVENTS

GREEN COMMUTE CHALLENGE ▾

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



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 NORTHEAST

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.../>



👍👎👏 79 52 comments 14 shares

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

👍👎👏 218 53 comments 90 shares

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 · 🍷 Bistrot Europa · 🌐 Global Genius



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



pasta dinner and cookies and cannoli are available for

1:04 / 1:11

173

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.../>



52

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!!

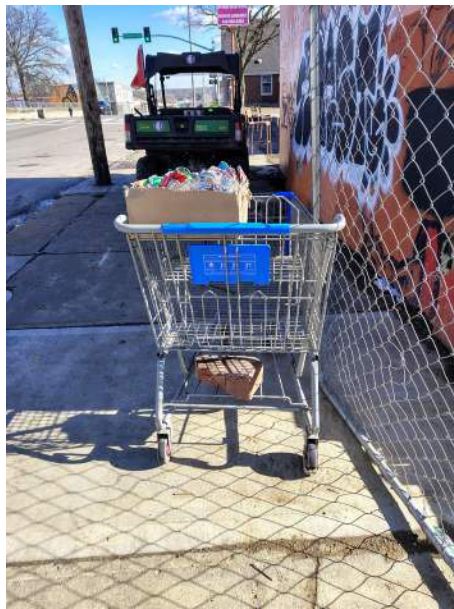


AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2026



HAPPENING ON Independence AVE

CART SHOPPING ON THE AVE...



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025



 **HAPPENING ON** Independence AVE

USAs MANAGING FALL FOILAGE



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 **HAPPENING ON** Independence AVE

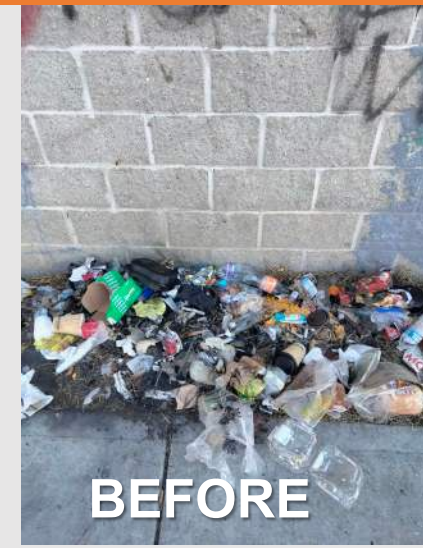
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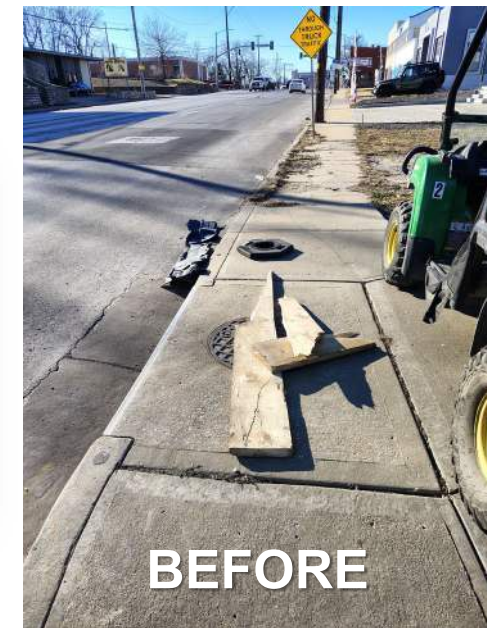
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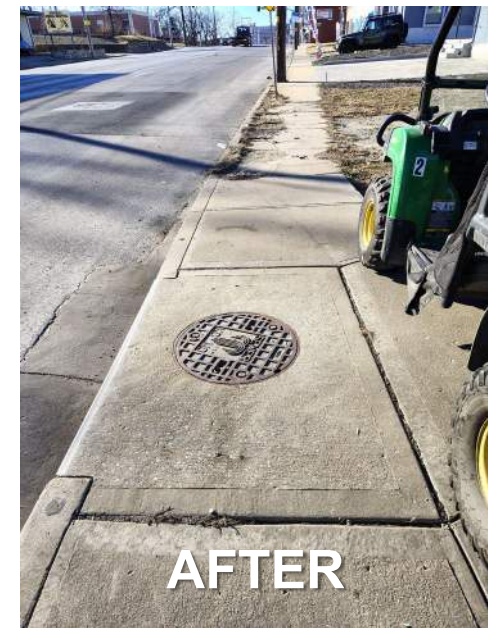
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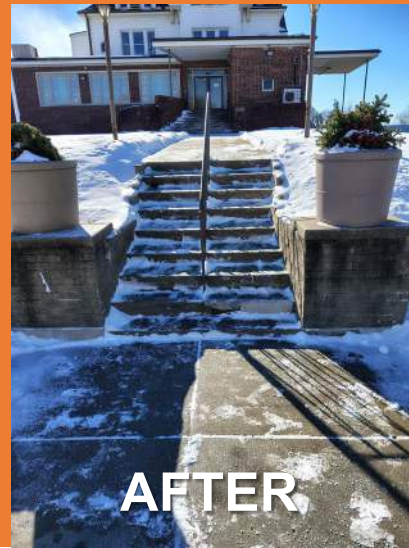
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BUSINESS ENTRANCES

SIDEWALK CORNERS



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CLEANING UP MESSSES ALONG THE AVE



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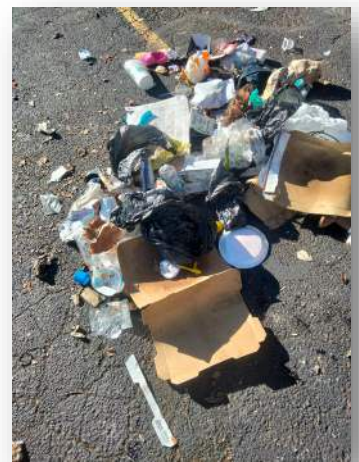
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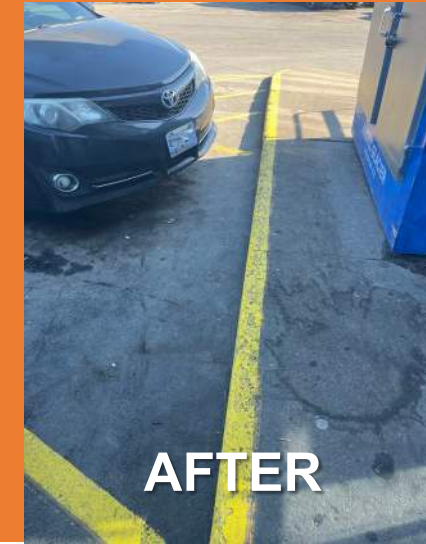
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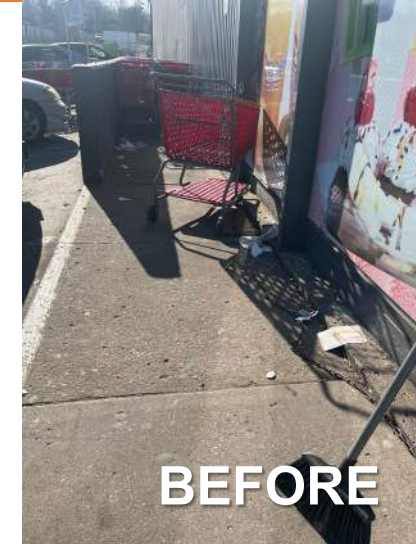
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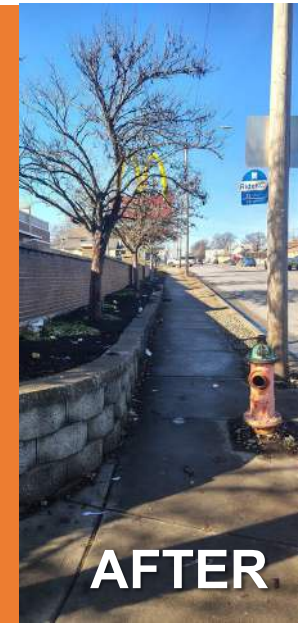
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HOLIDAY DECORATIONS RETURNED TO STORAGE



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CLEANING UP MESSSES ALONG THE AVE



Please Stop Graffiti



AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION 2025



 HAPPENING ON Independence AVE

CLEANING UP MESSSES ALONG THE AVE



Independence Avenue CID Alleys

2 ALLEYWAY CLEANUPS: JAN 15 – MARCH 18, 2026

WINTER REPORT



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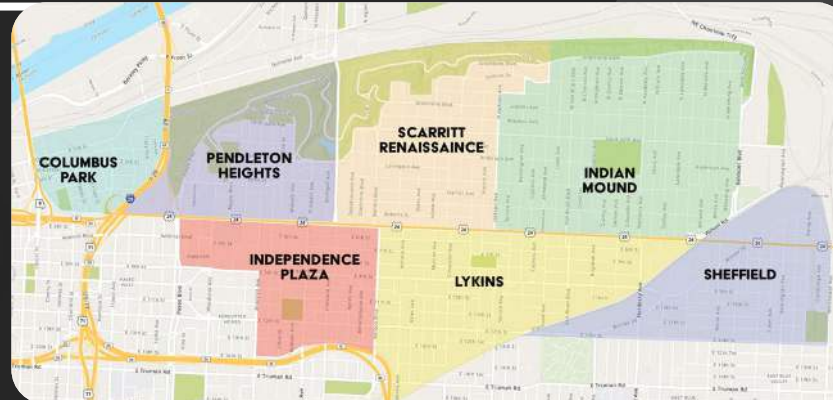
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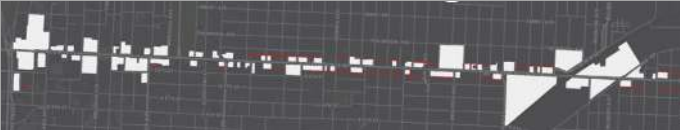


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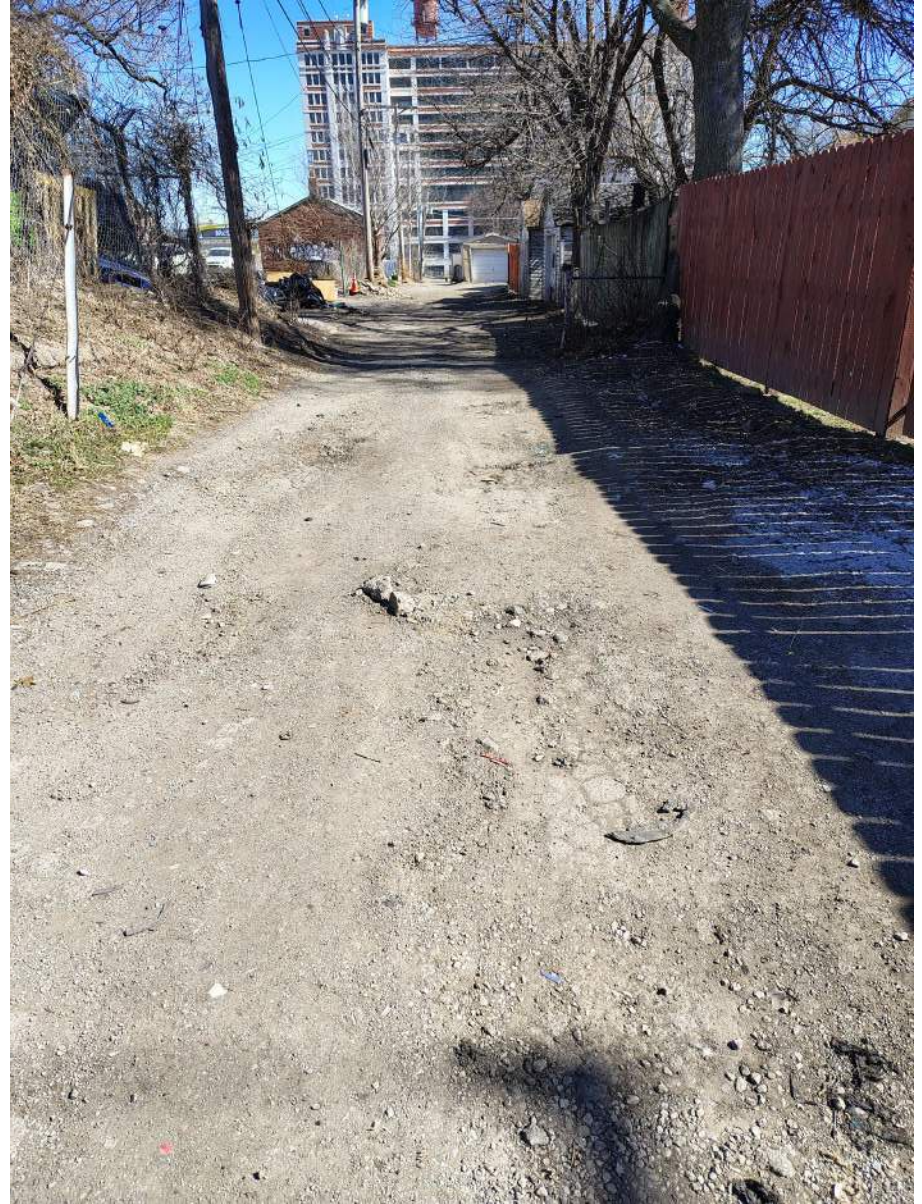




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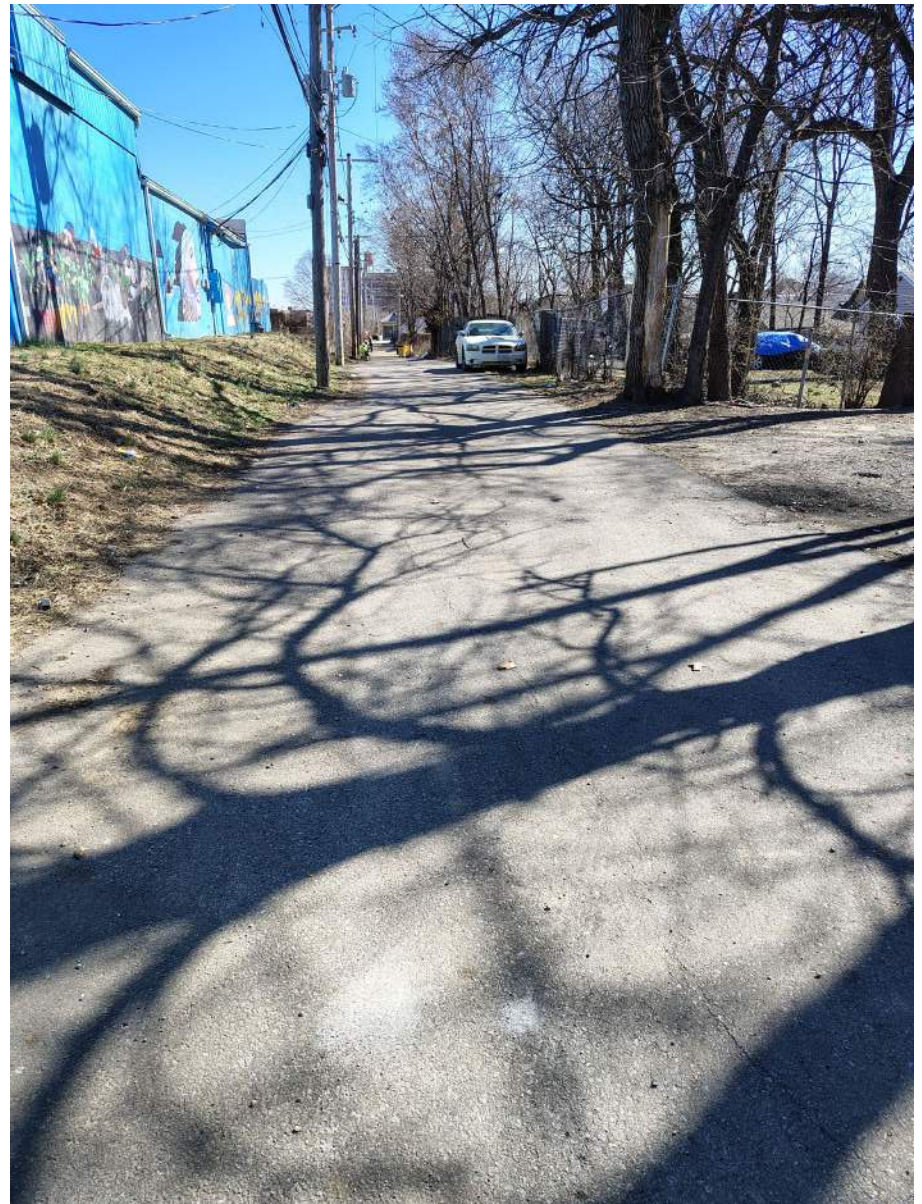




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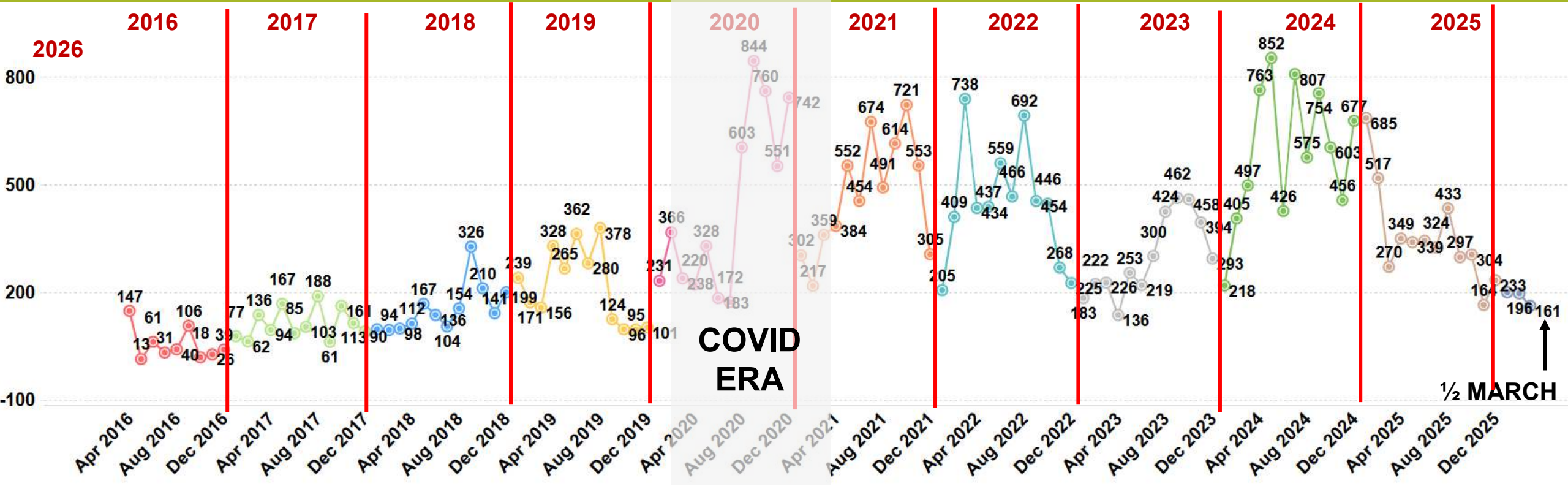
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URBAN STREET AMBASSADOR (USA) REPORT



ALL ACTIVITY (YEAR-TO-YEAR)



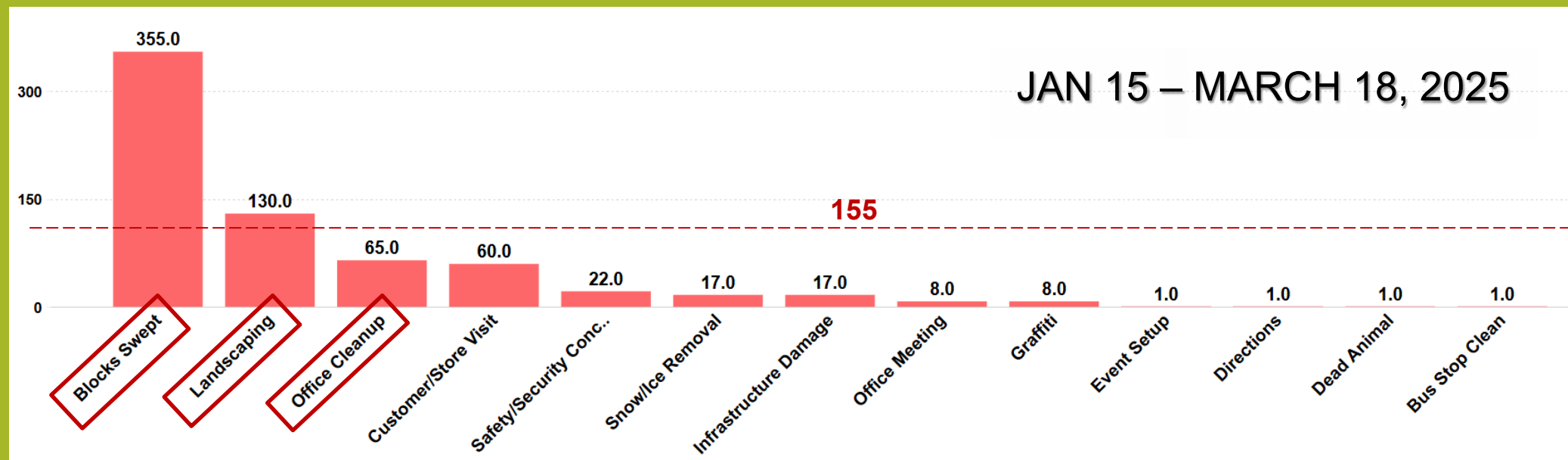
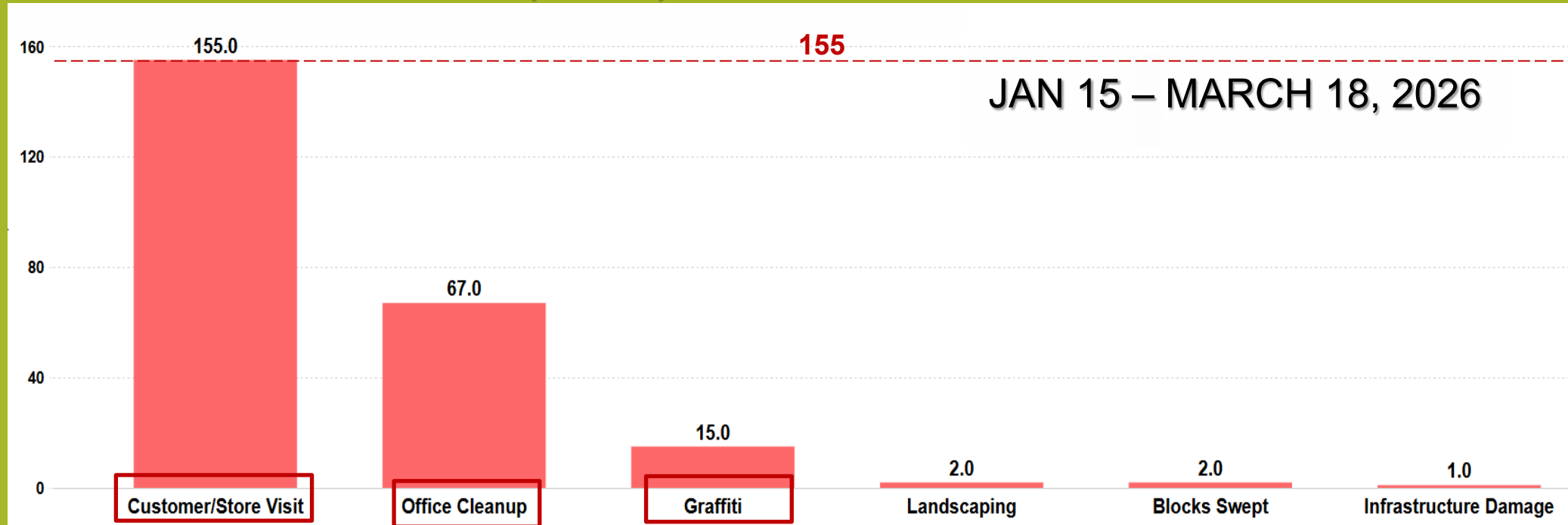
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ACTIVITY DETAILS

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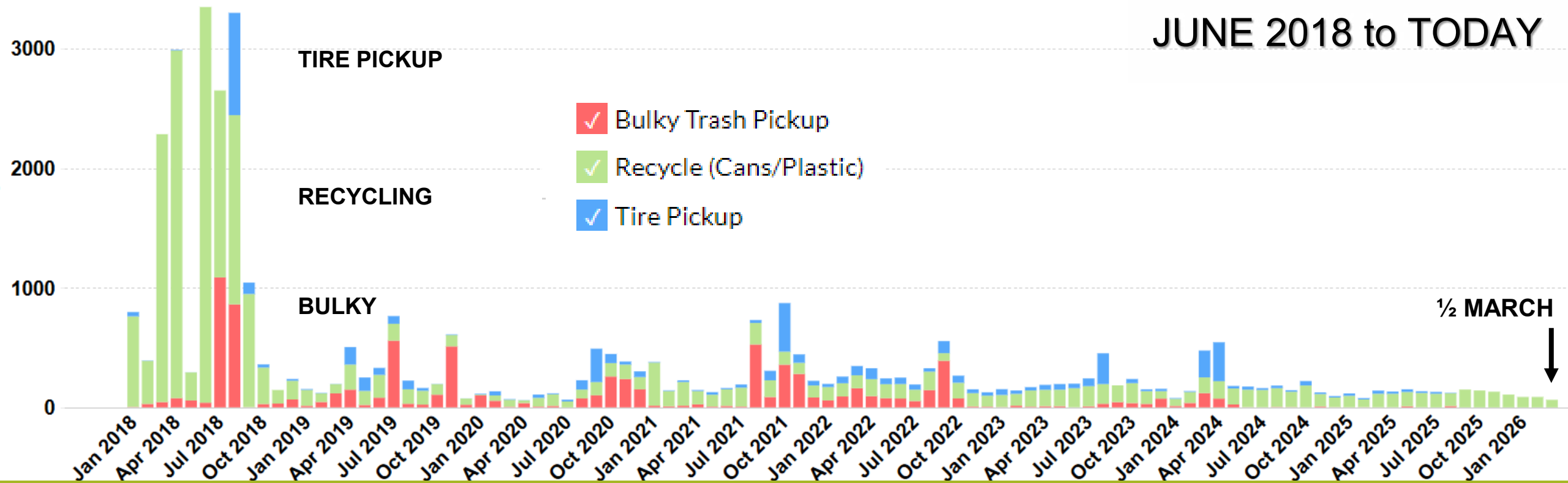


URBAN STREET AMBASSADOR (USA) REPORT



CLEAN UP YEAR-TO-YEAR

TIRES, RECYCLING & BULKY ITEM



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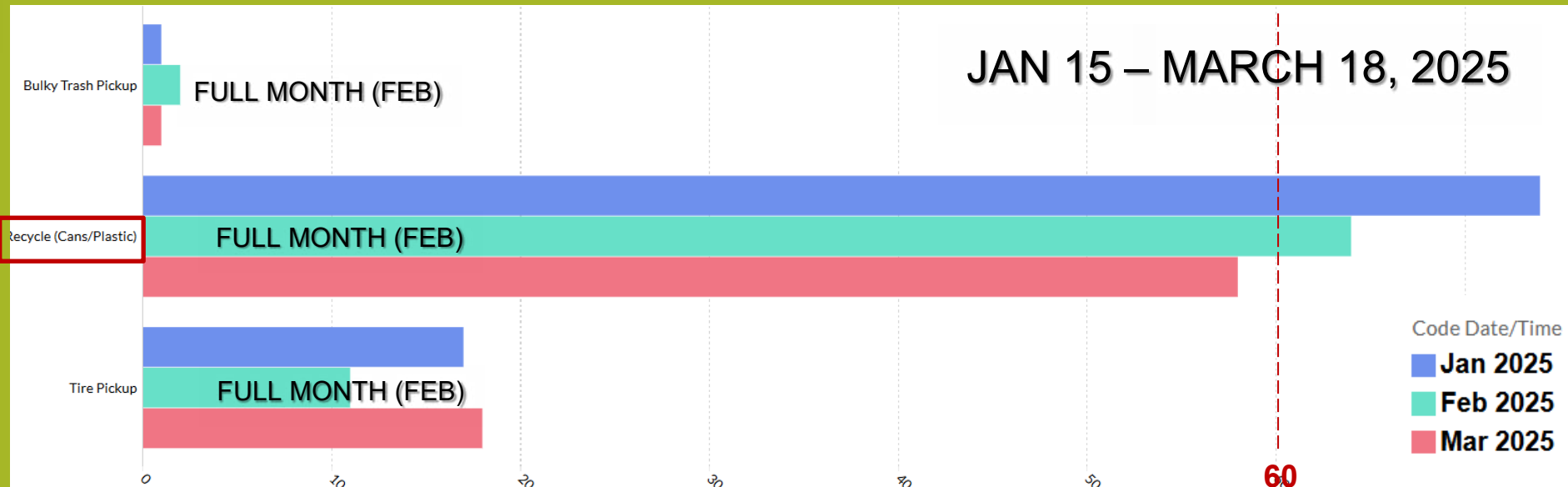
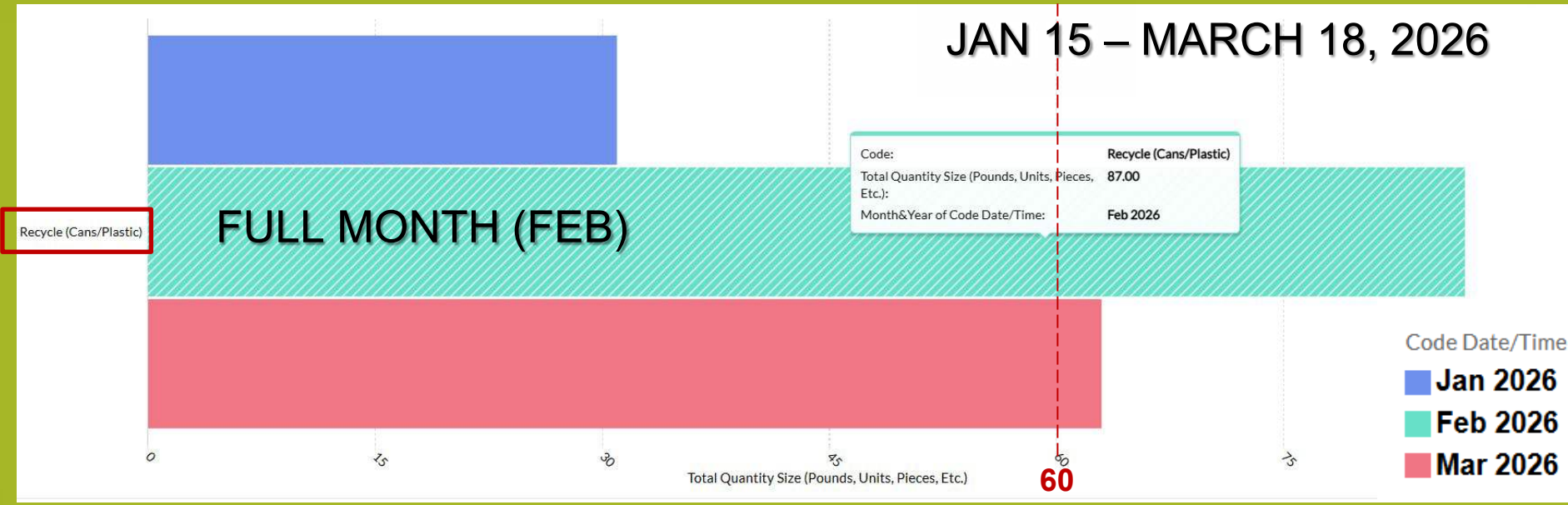


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TIRES, RECYCLING &
BULKY ITEM CLEAN UP
BY QUANTITY

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

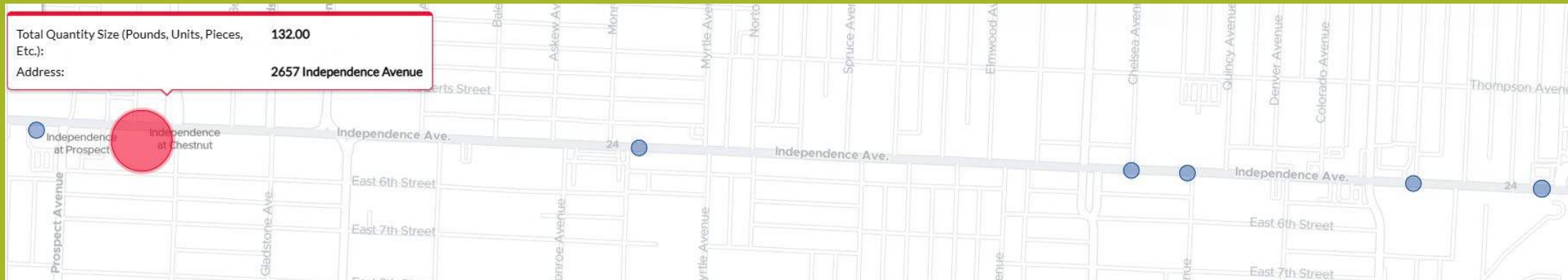
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CLEAN UP BY LOCATION

JAN 15 – MARCH 18, 2025

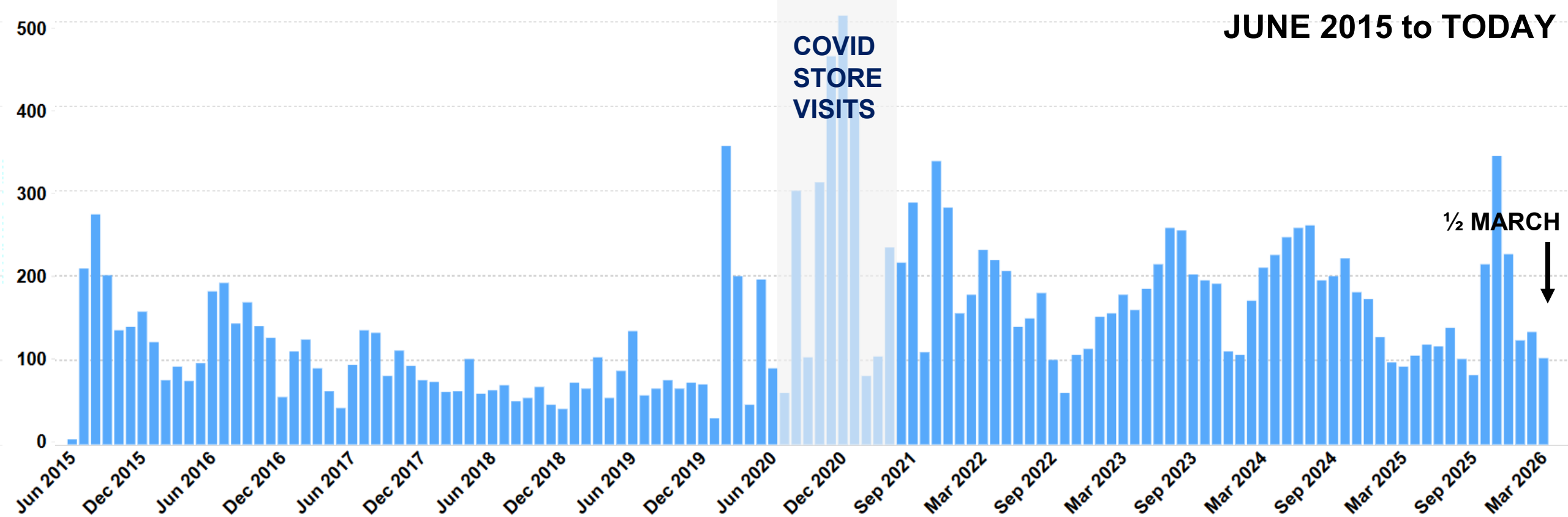
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TITAN REPORT



ACTIVITY YEAR-TO-YEAR



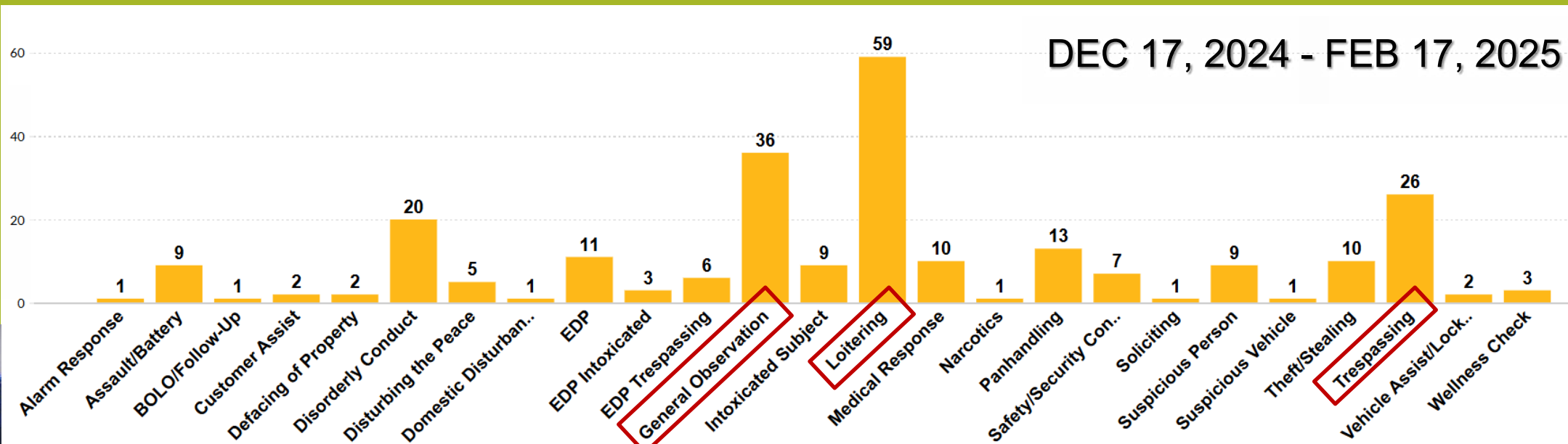
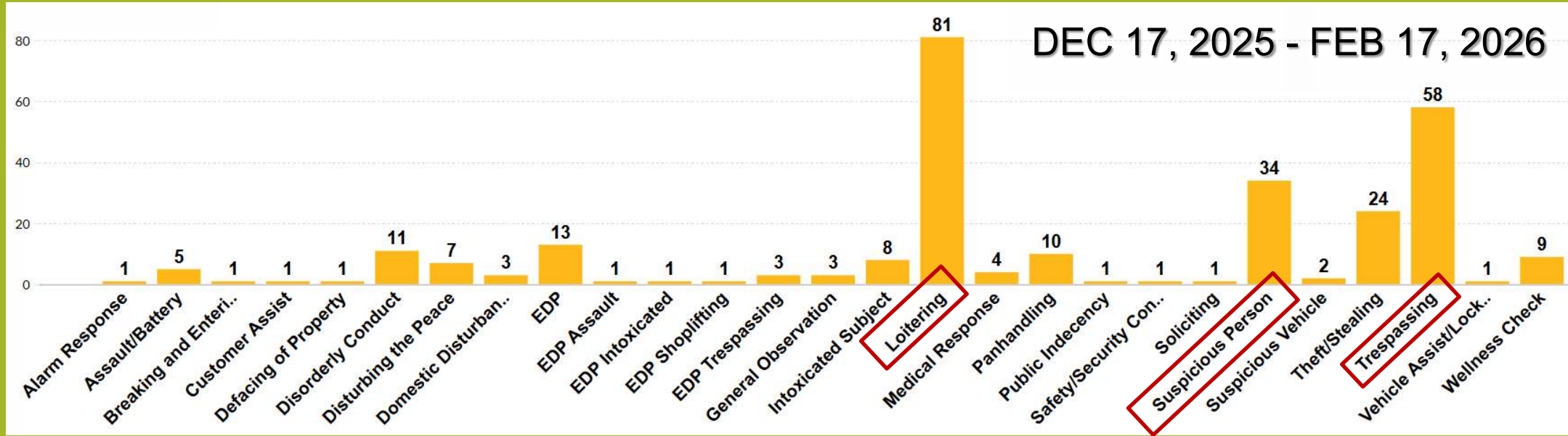
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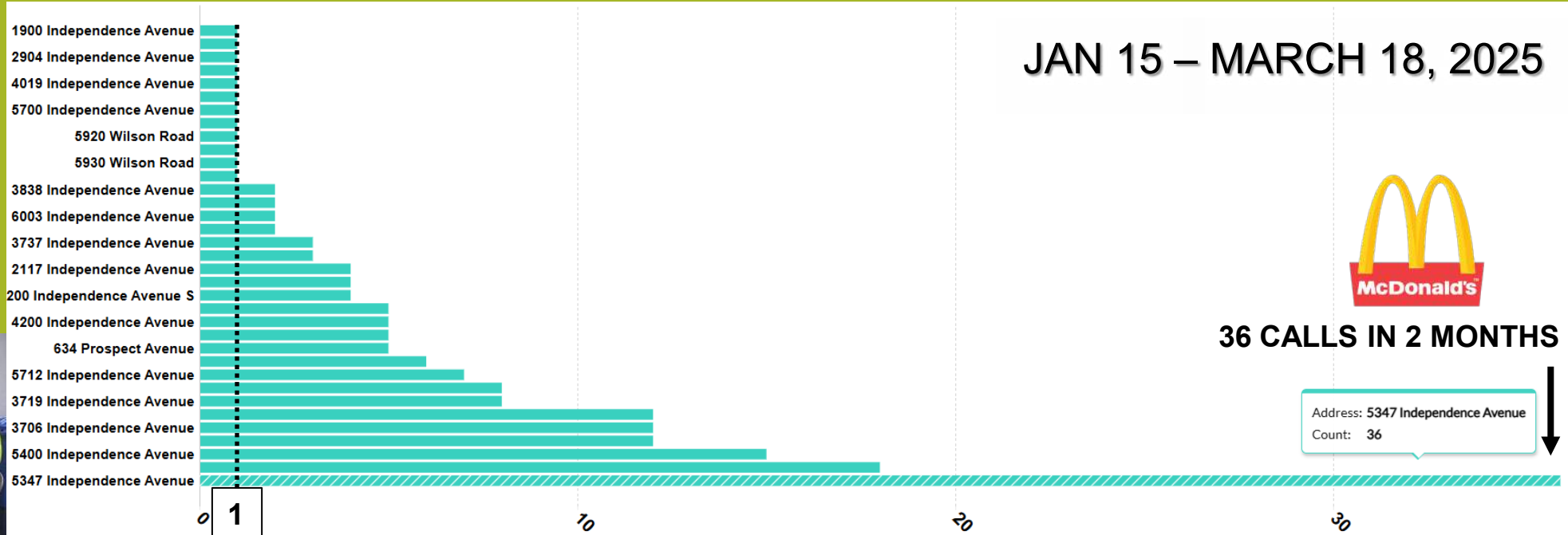
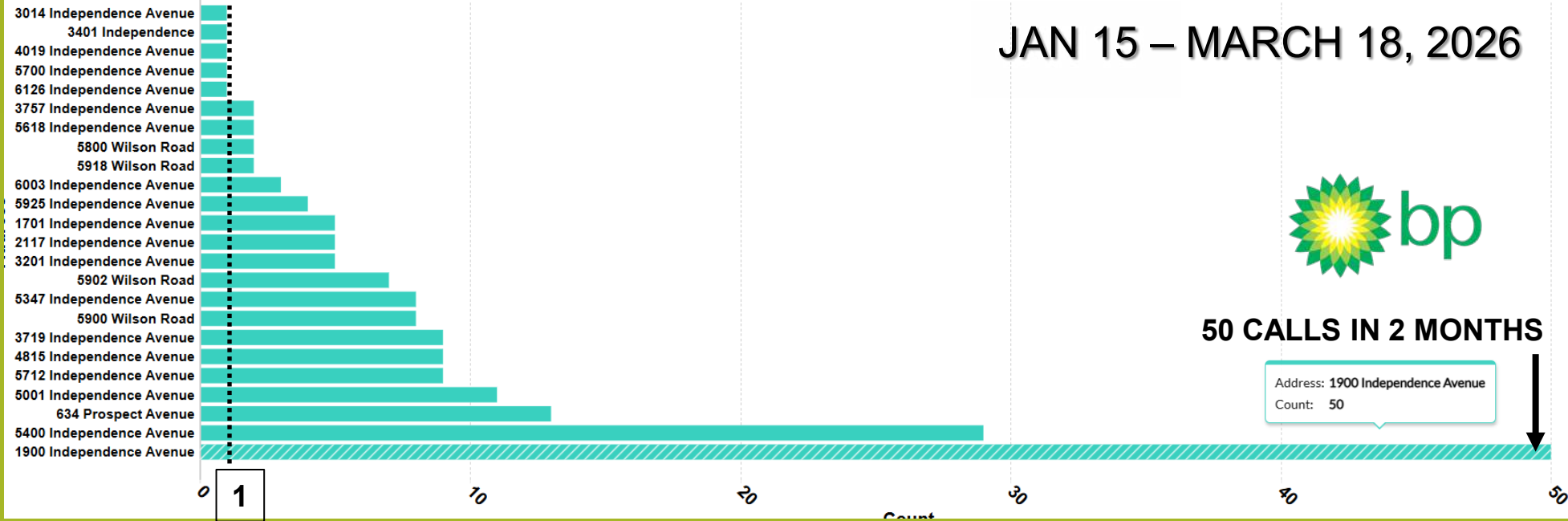
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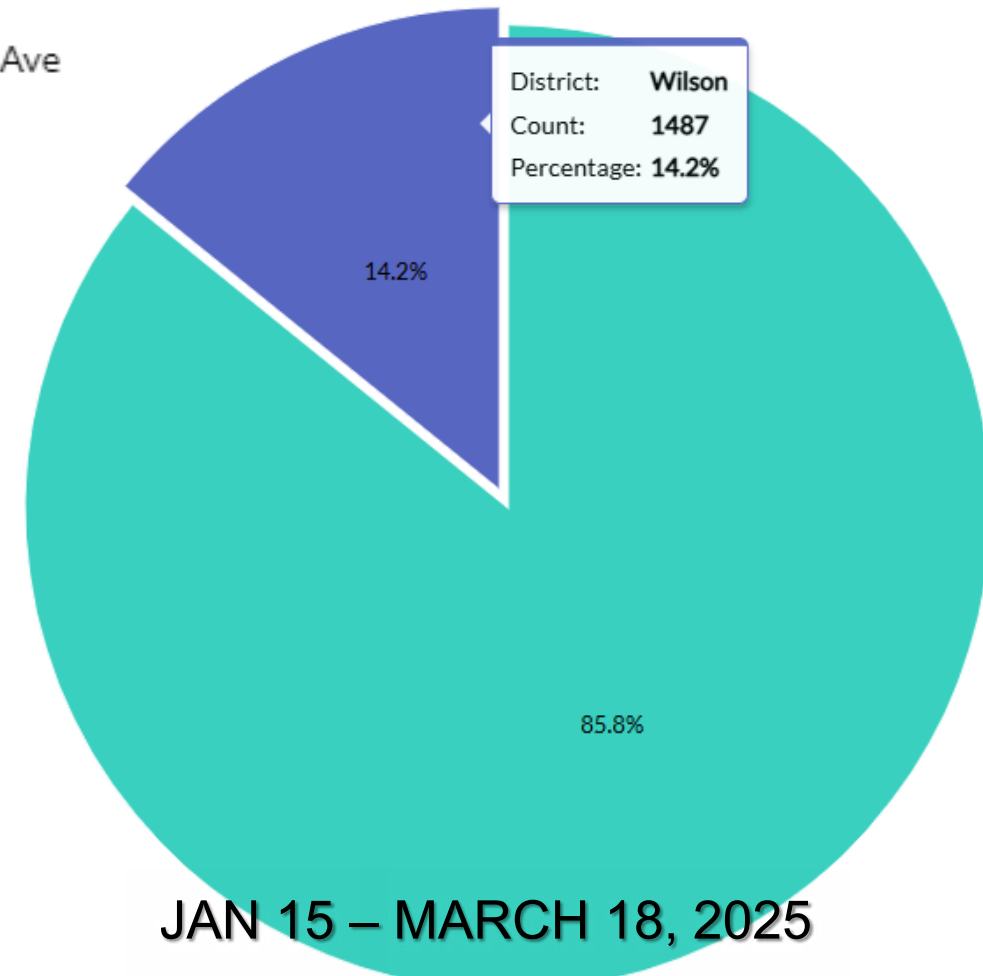
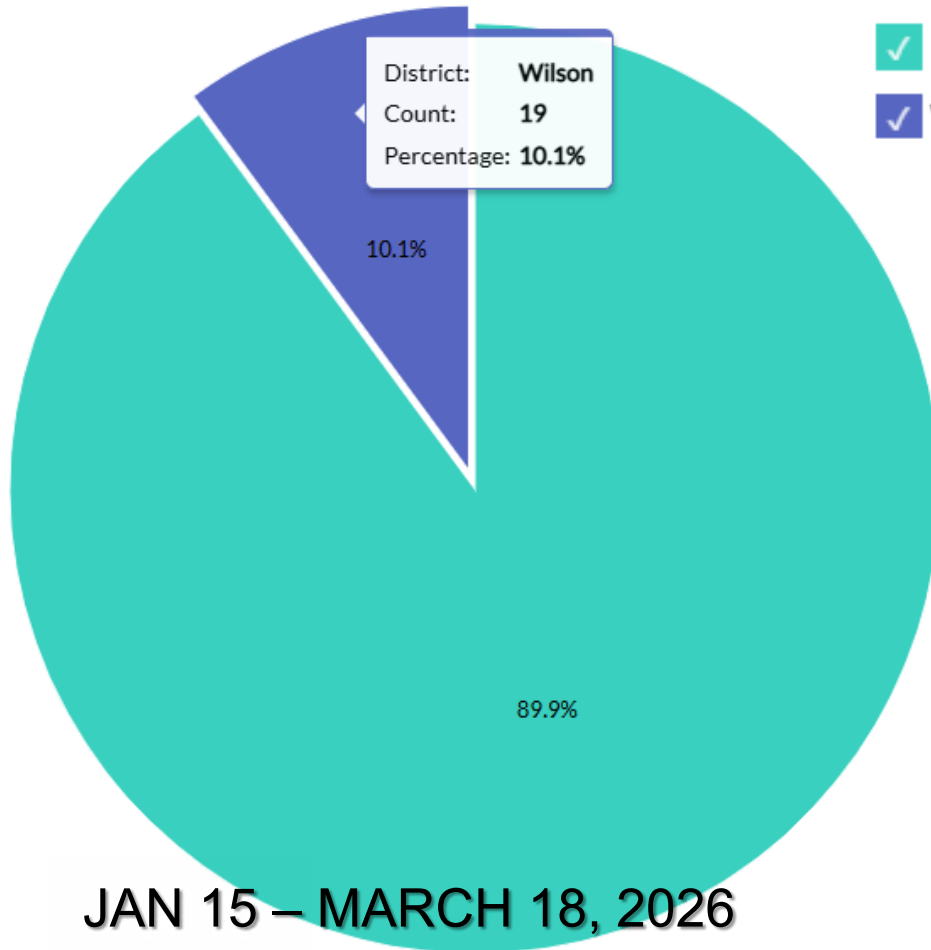
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TITAN REPORT



WILSON RD VERSES INDEPENDENCE AVE



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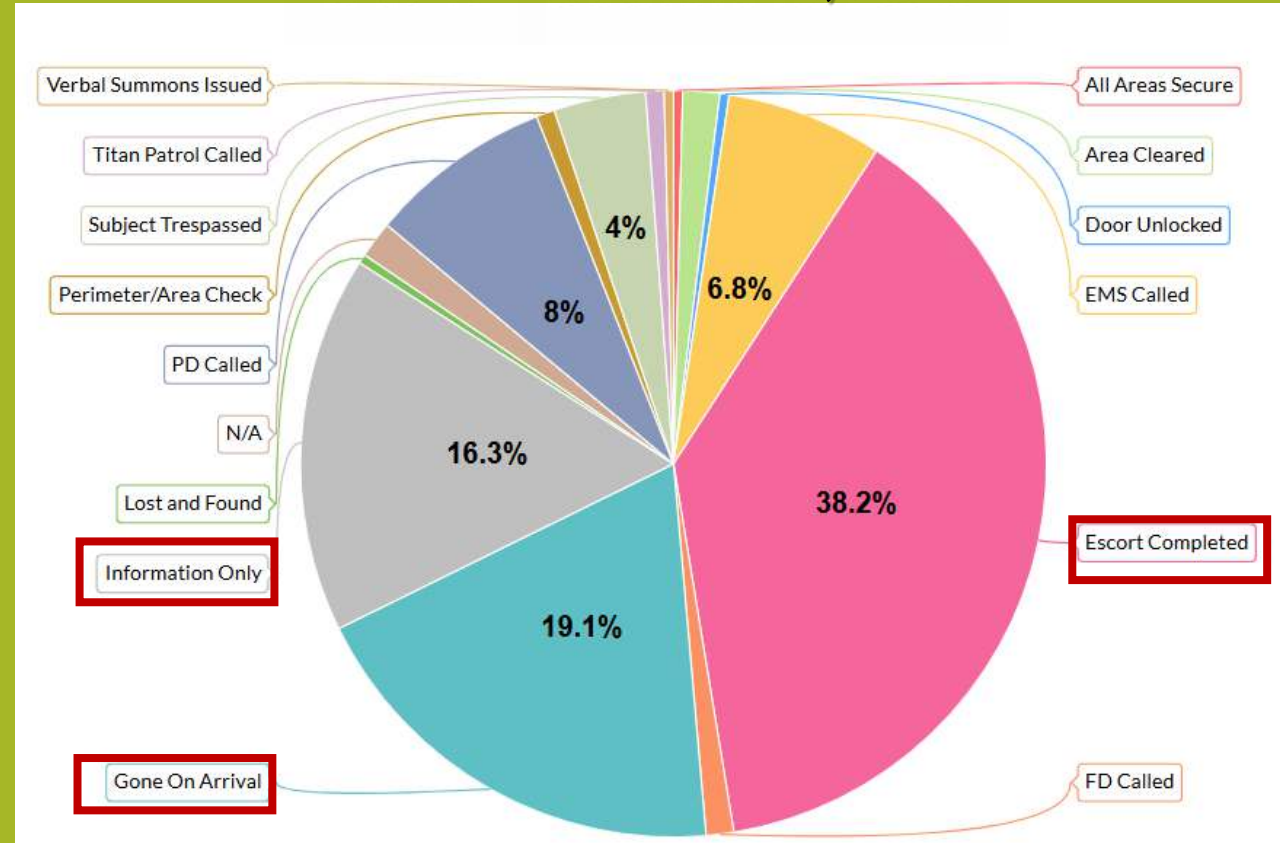
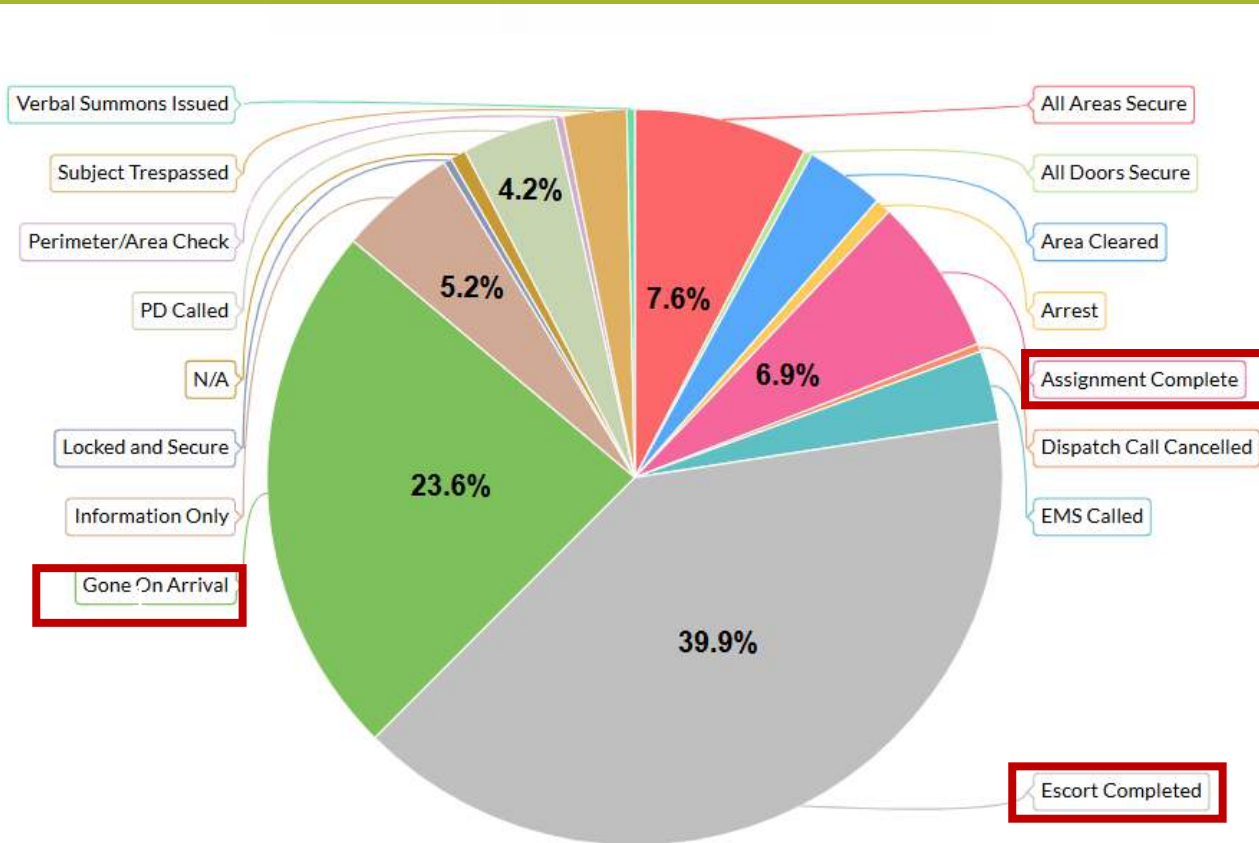


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JAN 15 – MARCH 18, 2026

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JAN & FEB 2026



3-13-2026 Mobile Solutions



3-6-2026 Pho Bowl



1-23-2026 Acapulco Comida



2-6-2026 Love Expressions



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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 once 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 Rahaman Mediterranean Market 2536 Independence Ave

Situated at the Prospect Center, Al Rahaman 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.



Magodisha Market 2319 Independence Ave

A trusted local grocer, Magodisha 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.

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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, the Muslim Faith, and Lent in the Christian Faith. While the traditions differ, both periods emphasize mindfulness, discipline, and care for others — values that resonate throughout our community. Here's a brief look at other religious events, along with a spotlight on local businesses that help support these traditions through their daily efforts.

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 other indulgences. 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 products that meet the needs of those fasting for the last four months.

Ash Wednesday and Lent:
In the Christian tradition, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days leading up to Easter. Lent is a season of reflection, prayer, and sacrifice. Many Christians observe Lent by abstaining from eating meat on Fridays during Lent, except for Ash Wednesday. Catholic parishes throughout the community often host Friday fish fries during Lent, but many residents who rely on neighborhood businesses for convenient and affordable meal solutions, find great options for fish and seafood options.

McClary's: A familiar option for fish sandwiches during Lent.
In Topeka, McClary's is serving seafood favorites, including fish and chips that fit Lenten traditions.
In Wichita, 3705 Independence Ave., a quick-service location offering fish fries for those on the go.
In Overland Park, a neighborhood market where shoppers can find fresh fish and seafood options.
Magodisha Market: Another great option with a fresh seafood counter.
These businesses help make Lenten observances more accessible while keeping spending low.

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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 bakeries to family-friendly storefronts and apparel-and-sock gifts, Black-owned businesses along the Avenue are helping shape a stronger, more successful neighborhood community. This month, we're spotlighting three of these vibrant local businesses: World Mart, Furniture USA & Appliances, and Ted's Barber Shop.

World Mart
2022 Independence Blvd
Owned by Day World Mart has been a go-to spot for many in the neighborhood. They offer a wide variety of products, from fresh produce to household essentials. Their commitment to quality and customer service has earned them a loyal following. "We want to see our community thrive," says Day. "We're here to support you every step of the way."

Furniture USA & Appliances
4222 Independence Blvd
Owned by Samuel Okoro, Furniture USA & Appliances helps residents furnish their homes with quality, affordable furniture. "We're not just selling furniture; we're helping people create a better life for themselves," says Okoro. "We offer a wide range of products, from sofas and beds to kitchen appliances and home decor. We're committed to providing excellent customer service and helping our customers find the perfect pieces for their homes."

Ted's Barber Shop
3021 Independence Blvd
For many in the neighborhood, Ted's Barber Shop has been a place where they can relax and get a haircut. "I've been doing more than just cutting hair; I've been building relationships with my customers for over 20 years," says Ted. "We offer a clean, comfortable environment where you can get a quality haircut and a friendly conversation. We're committed to providing excellent customer service and helping our customers feel like they're getting a personal touch."

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Valentine's Day is just around the corner, leading this year on Saturday, February 14, and last month's Valentine's Day was a great success. Here are some ways to help you find the perfect way to say "I love you."

Love Expressions Florist & Gifts
2022 Independence Blvd
When it comes to Valentine's Day, love is in the air. Florist & Gifts offers a wide variety of floral arrangements and thoughtful gifts, from classic roses to unique, personalized bouquets. "We're committed to providing excellent customer service and helping our customers find the perfect way to say 'I love you,'" says the owner. "We offer a wide range of products, from bouquets and centerpieces to personalized gifts and services. We're committed to providing excellent customer service and helping our customers find the perfect way to say 'I love you.'"

Evire's Cakes
2022 Independence Blvd
If your Valentine has a sweet tooth, Evire's Cakes is the place to go. They offer a wide variety of custom cakes and pastries, from classic chocolate cake to unique, personalized creations. "We're committed to providing excellent customer service and helping our customers find the perfect way to say 'I love you,'" says the owner. "We offer a wide range of products, from cakes and pastries to personalized gifts and services. We're committed to providing excellent customer service and helping our customers find the perfect way to say 'I love you.'"

More Valentine's Day Shopping Options
In addition to shopping local florists, residents can also find Valentine's Day gifts and services at several other businesses in the neighborhood. From clothing and accessories to home decor and gifts, there are many options for residents looking to celebrate the occasion. "We're committed to providing excellent customer service and helping our customers find the perfect way to say 'I love you,'" says the owner. "We offer a wide range of products, from clothing and accessories to home decor and gifts. We're committed to providing excellent customer service and helping our customers find the perfect way to say 'I love you.'"

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Pho Bowl — A Neighborhood Favorite for Vietnamese Comfort Food

Located on the western edge of Independence Avenue's culinary corridor at 1847 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 and bun to fresh 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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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 landscape with the arrival of Tropicita Mex-CA, a new restaurant serving up Mexican favorites at 2016 Independence Ave in Northeast.

Though the eatery keeps a low profile, its local listings and social media posts highlight its focus on fresh, flavorful Mexican fare. The menu celebrates dishes like tortillas de trigo, flautas with conchita, quesadillas with chorizo and beef, freshly made corn quesadillas, and other traditional Mexican dishes inspired by the vibrant culinary heritage of Oaxaca, Mexico. Patrons also enjoy pinto beans, sopes, and tacos made with fresh tortillas, all prepared with authentic recipes and ingredients.

Tropicita Mex-CA is more than a place to eat — it's a space, family-oriented spot where good food and friendly, smile-forward service come together. Early reviews and local chatter show strong community support, and visitors describe the atmosphere as welcoming and cozy — a place where patrons can enjoy authentic flavors and hearty portions.

The name "Mex-CA" is a tribute to the eatery's roots. Whether it's an Independence Avenue staple or the Mexican capital of Mexico, nearby in the state of Oaxaca, entrepreneurs bringing both capital and vibrant traditions they share through their food.

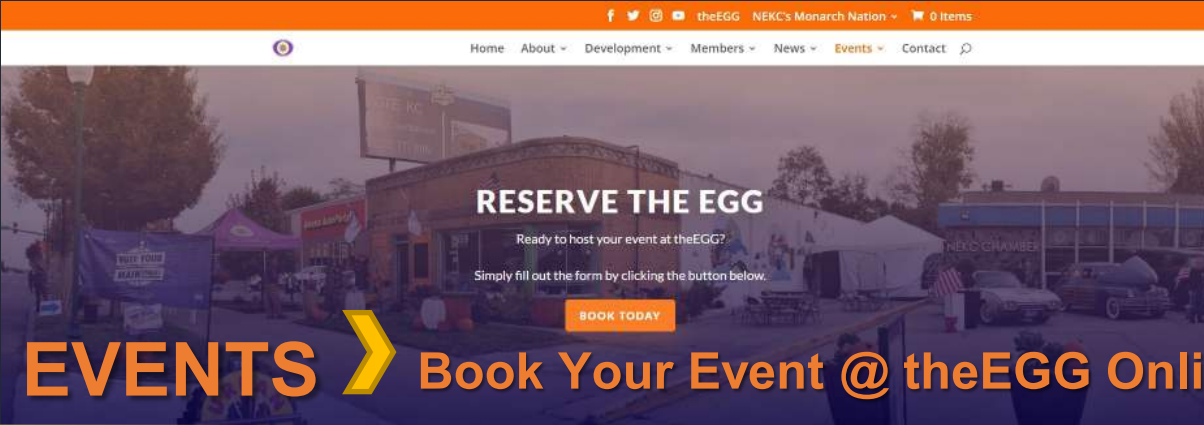
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1-30-2026

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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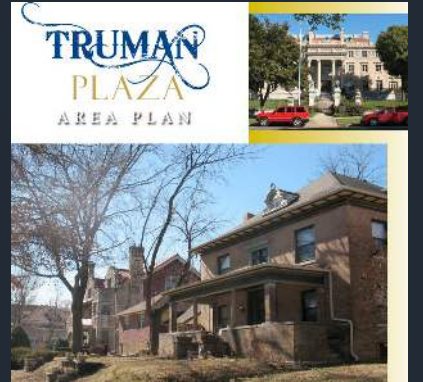
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COFFEE, CUTLURE & CONVERSATION

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

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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

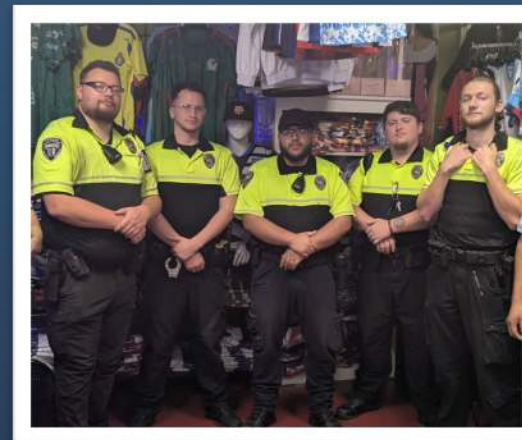
Economic Development Corporation of KC HAPPY HOUR

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
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64124



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Provide access to Senior Development Specialist Bob Long in underserved communities.

For?
ANYONE, seeking business development, expansion or rehabilitation projects.

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

Where?
Northeast Kansas City
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2657 Independence Ave.

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- 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

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

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