



First Half January 2025 Newsletter

Be sure to read about your fellow North Kansas City businesses and other important news.

- **North Kansas City-based Express Employment Professionals franchise is one of the top staffing services in the KC metro area**
- **Mayor Bryant DeLong recap of accomplishments in North Kansas City in 2024**
- **“Thanks, again” to Christmas tree sponsors**
- **Frontline Leader Training Opportunity**

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Jerry Hickey, owner of three Express Employment Professionals franchises (Clay & Platte Counties, Downtown KCMO and Eastern Jackson County) ranked 3rd overall in the KC metro area based on number of employees but 1st in terms of placements. Also from North Kansas City, in the top 15, were QPS Employment and Ecco Select.

Mayor Bryant DeLong’s Recap of significant 2024 accomplishments in North Kansas City

Here are some of the many accomplishments by City Staff and City Council that Mayor DeLong highlighted.

- **NorthRail Streetcar Advanced Planning and Environmental Review:** In partnership with MoDOT, KCMO, and the KC Streetcar Authority, this project is currently underway and will include public engagement, bridge assessments, advanced planning, environmental review, and updated financial plans. It builds on the 2021/2022 NorthRail Refresh Study, which identified a preferred alignment and funding strategies
- **Riverfront Levee Trail Feasibility Study:** We completed the feasibility study to explore the potential for a new trail along the riverfront levee. This project aims to enhance connectivity and recreation opportunities for North Kansas City residents. Read the Full Report: (https://lnkd.in/g4cy_WsJ)
- **Missouri River North Trail:** Collaboration with KCMO, Riverside, and MARC continued to advance this regional trail project, which will link communities and provide recreational and commuter opportunities. (<https://lnkd.in/gqNqYvBU>)
- **Sidewalk and ADA Curb Ramp Improvements:** We made significant strides in improving sidewalks and curb ramps throughout the city, ensuring safer, more accessible pathways for all residents, especially

those with mobility challenge

- **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan:** Adopted a comprehensive plan to support EV adoption in NKC, laying the groundwork for sustainable transportation and future infrastructure upgrades. (<https://lnkd.in/gMvJXy9w>)
- **Bike Share Agreement Renewal:** Renewed our agreement to maintain bike-sharing services in NKC through December 2025, providing residents and visitors with sustainable transportation options.
- **Tree Inventory Updated:** The city tree inventory has been updated and a plan is now in place to ensure its long-term maintenance and health. Explore the inventory: (https://lnkd.in/gky_6mUJ)
- **River Forest Park and Hill Stabilization:** A construction contract has been awarded for the River Forest Park and Hill Stabilization project. Work will begin in 2025 to preserve the park and ensure safety for future generations. (<https://lnkd.in/gebzDVvY>)
- **North Kansas City Town Square Renovation:** Congressman Cleaver's office submitted a \$1.2M funding request through the Community Project Funding process to transform our Town Square into a vibrant, central community space.
- **Stormwater Master Plan:** Adopted the Stormwater Master Plan to mitigate flooding risks and improve stormwater management citywide. Work continues on the water and sanitary sewer master plans to enhance overall infrastructure.
- Welcomed new **Fire Chief Dan Williams**.
- **Community and Business Survey:** Conducted a comprehensive survey to gather feedback and guide planning efforts for the city's growth and development.
- Added **electric vehicles** to the city's fleet.
- Continued the **commitment to public art and beautification** with the city's latest mural "You Can Have It All", located at 1455 Iron Street.

“Thanks, again!” to the 52 sponsors of the City Sidewalks Tree Festival

Here is the list of the sponsors of the decorated trees we all were able to enjoy through December.

Accent Controls, Inc.	Foundational Concepts	North Kansas City Hospital & Meritas Health
Arkema, Inc.	Fry & Associates, Inc.	Opes Companies
Attic Storage	Helzberg Diamonds	Ora Apartments at One North
Bank of Blue Valley	Jefferson's	Paint4Less, LLC
Bell's Management Co (McDonald's)	K Warman Architecture & Design	ProPrint Digital
Blue Oak Technology Solutions	Keep-It-Clean Services	QPS Employment Group
Breakthru Beverage Missouri	Knockouts Haircuts for Men	Safe Haven Security
Cable Event Center	Lampton Welding Supply	Sail Away Wine
Cedar Ridge Services LLC	Life Unlimited, Inc.	Screenland Armour Theatre
Central Bank	Maxus Properties	The Oxbow
Cinder Block Brewery	McCrummen & McCullick Immigration Law, LLC	Tnemec Company
City of North Kansas City	McLain's Market & Bakery	United Rentals
Clayco Electric Company	MegaKC	Verimore Bank
Commerce Bank	Midwest Aortic & Vascular Institute	Vocational Services, Inc.
Donut King	MWD Construction	Windfield Real Estate
Erin Rose Boutique	NKC Underground	Yates Electric
Express Employment Professionals	North Kansas City Electric	

Frontline Leader Development Training

Sign up now to participate in this training for potential leaders on your team who could benefit from leadership training.

To register and pay for this training, go to this link. [Frontline Leadership Training - Jan 16, 2025](#)

Have you promoted the best person on the floor to a leadership position simply because they were the best at their job only to discover that being the best at that job doesn't automatically make them a great leader or supervisor?

Some are natural leaders. For the rest, North Kansas City Business Council, in cooperation with Missouri Enterprise, offers Frontline Leader Development training which is designed to develop workers into leaders. Leadership is a continual journey. Each course builds on the previous course. Four 4-Hour sessions on Thursdays, 10am—2pm (with lunch break)

- Jan 16 - Foundation of Communication, helping leaders recognize the role of emotional intelligence, engaging the 'head' and the 'heart' to build and retain your work force
- Feb 20 - Coaching in the moment to be able to approach most any situation
- Mar 20 - Resolve Conflict in a way to minimize potential damage
- Apr 10 - Setting Goals and Reviewing Results with SMART goals for a positive outcome for you and your employees.

\$295 Per Session, \$1,180 Total

Business Council Members receive a \$120 discount: \$1,060 Total

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If you have questions, contact Doug Schmitz at dschmitz@missourienterprise.org

Only North Kansas City Business Council member businesses will be featured in these newsletters, although the distribution goes to ALL businesses to get more attention for the featured businesses. Whenever any member business is mentioned, I will also include the website address of that business so people can inquire further about your business if they are interested.

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