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Upcoming Developments Near Berkley Riverfront Park Leave Northeast Neighbors with Concerns

Julia Williams
Editor-in-Chief

In the past year since the KC Current (CPKC) Women's Soccer stadium opened in March 2024 at 1460 E. Front St., near Berkley Riverfront Park, Kansas City has experienced an upswing in traffic flow toward this area and developers have taken notice.

On March 26, the Kansas City Current — in conjunction with Palmer Square Real Estate Management, a financial services company, and Marquee Development, a real estate developer which specializes in entertainment districts — broke ground on what will be a \$200 million, mixed-use district at Berkley Riverfront.

Within this new district development, these companies have plans for 429 multi-family homes, 48,000 square feet of retail and over two acres of community space with a town square and paved,

public walking space, according to a release from CPKC Stadium, which is projected to see completion throughout the 2026 fiscal year.

In addition to this construction, RideKC's Streetcar has created an extension to its existing Main Street route, which will connect at Third Street and Grand Boulevard — offering free, public transportation down to the Riverfront from Downtown.

Coining the name "KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension," the track for this new streetcar route is anticipated for completion in early 2026 and its track is currently 100% complete; However, next steps include installation of overhead wires to connect to poles and route shelters, KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension Project Spokesperson Taylor Ngo shared in an interview.



KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension project, which is expected for completion in early 2026. | Photo by Julia Williams

On Tuesday, April 22, the Riverfront Extension Project hosted a 3 p.m. press conference, which was open to the public, to allow for viewing of the completed streetcar track as well as inviting media and the community to ask questions on this extension and the future mixed-use district, which will be under construction nearby.

"It's wonderful, it gives another way to [access the riverfront]," Ngo said in an interview. "We're hoping it will

lead to future [streetcar] connections.

However, with these current and upcoming changes, the Northeast community has voiced mixed opinions on this development, which has occurred and will continue within many neighbors' backyards ...

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A display, which was inside Chùa Quan Âm Temple (216 Park Ave.) on Saturday, April 26 as part of the Temple's celebration of the 2569th birthday of the Buddha or Siddhartha Gautama — who founded Buddhism between the fifth and sixth centuries, BCE in Northern India. Celebrations throughout the weekend included a parade, dinner and "Mulan" or a live show with a lion dance (See more info on page 11).

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Benny's decades-long career began at age 17 on the vaudeville circuit, leading to starring roles on radio, television and movies.



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Berkley Riverfront Project

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Current Progress of KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension. | Photo by Julia Williams

parking along Columbus Park streets during game days.

“Through traffic in the neighborhood, people come to watch a game and are unfamiliar with the area,” Columbus Park Community Council President and Resident, Kathy Valenti Maggio shared in an interview. “It would be nice to see more speed calming measures approved in the neighborhood.”

While Valenti Maggio said she is thrilled about the new development, which is projected for completion within the next year, she continues to have concerns on the parking situation and what it will mean for safety within the neighborhood.

As the KC Current works its way through its second season at the Riverfront stadium, she shared Columbus Park has seen a rise in the amount of traffic, which passes through — particularly on Charlotte and Campbell Streets as well as Troost Avenue.

“We have tried and can’t get anywhere with speed bumps; people will fly up the street with kids in the park,” Valenti Maggio said. “The word is out about parking in the neighborhood; There needs to be rules and regulations.”

A suggestion to help combat this traffic surge, Valenti Maggio shared, is permitted street parking in Columbus Park, which cities such as Los Angeles, CA, New Orleans, LA and Austin, TX utilize.

“A lot of people in the neighborhood don’t have driveways or a garage; lots of people use street parking,” Valenti Maggio said.

With permitted street parking,

she shared it would be a way for residents to ensure they would have a place to park on the street when they came home, and as a parking permit would come with the purchase of a resident’s home, it would not cost an extra fee each month.

Another request residents have expressed to accompany this new district implementation is a bridge to connect Columbus Park and the Riverfront to encourage walkability from the neighborhood to current and upcoming attractions.

Columbus Park Resident, Kate Barsotti shared the current walkability factor from the neighborhood to the Riverfront remains a source of frustration for herself and for other residents.

“It’s much easier to walk or bike down there; if I walked from my house, it would take about 15 minutes — right now, it takes at least an hour (walking) to get from my seats [at KC Current] back home,” Barsotti shared in an interview.

One reason for this, Valenti Maggio said, is because of road conditions on Lydia Avenue.

“You can’t walk to Columbus Park from Berkley Park; Lydia is dangerous, it doesn’t have a sidewalk, it’s not meant for that, it’s not safe,” she said in an interview.

While she shared Lydia Avenue is one of the streets, which is closed during KC Current matches, drivers go around the closures and continue to

travel along this street despite signage.

A bridge connection, both Valenti Maggio and Barsotti said, would increase Columbus Park’s likelihood to utilize this new district and increase safety for neighbors wanting to participate in Riverfront-related activities.

However, despite challenges with parking and access, both residents shared they are excited for these new developments and what it will mean for Columbus Park and the Northeast overall.

“I’m grateful that it has happened and it is happening,” Barsotti said in an interview. “Development downtown did not spill over to us, we have been waiting a very long time for positive development in the neighborhood; Berkley (development) seems to be what’s turned the tide.”

“I love that in my lifetime, I will see this,” Valenti Maggio said in an interview. “I’m a Lifelong resident of Columbus Park and the Third generation [to live in the neighborhood]; My Grandparents lived here all their lives, it’s Wonderful to see [this] development.”

For additional information on the Berkley Riverfront Development project — including the KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension, visit: <https://cpkce stadium.com/news/kansas-city-current-breaks-ground-on-riverfront-mixed-use-district> or <https://kcstreetcar.org/about-streetcar/streetcar-riverfront-extension/>.



Community gathers at Berkley Riverfront on Tuesday, April 22 for the unvailing of the KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension project progress. | Photo by Julia Williams



COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Friday, May 2- Don Bosco Block Party, 5 to 9 p.m., 526 Campbell Ave. Fun for all ages: live music, food & drink, bounce house, carnival games and face painting. Free entry. Visit www.donbosco.org for more information.

Saturday, May 3- Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Egg Hunt, 11:00 a.m., Maple Park, 1832 E. Missouri Avenue. The Easter Bunny will be on hand for photos at 11 am ; the hunt will begin at noon. Sponsored by Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association, free. Visit www.phkc.org for more information.

Saturday, May 3- Asthma Camp, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Keystone Community Center, 800 E. 18th St. This fun, interactive event will teach kids what to do during an asthma attack and help parents identify attack triggers. Free lunch with RSVP. Contact LDomingez@samrogers.org to register. Sponsored by Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center.

Saturday May 3- “Kaleidoscope” Youth Art Exhibit, 12 to 4:00 p.m., Super Flea, 6200 St. John Avenue. Each Saturday through May 31, view original artworks by students ages 13 to 21. Curated and sponsored by Mattie Rhodes Center. Free.

Sunday, May 4- Historic Churches of Northeast Guided Tour, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Three area churches will open their doors for free guided tours to showcase their history and architecture: St. Anthony’s Catholic Church (309 Benton Blvd.), Grace United (811 Benton Blvd.) and Independence Boulevard Christian (606 Gladstone Blvd.). Sponsored by Friends of Sacred Structures. Fee.

Monday, May 5- Teen Juice & Paint, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., North-East Branch Library, 600 Wilson Ave. For ages 12 to 18, come paint in this artist-led tutorial while sipping a juicy and refreshing beverage. Free.

I can’t wait to check out all of these events!



Healing House KC Unveils Racing to Recovery Partnership

Dorri Partain
Managing Editor

Participants in Healing House KC’s substance abuse program were on hand for the unveiling of a new partnership aimed to increase awareness of recovery programs and help remove the stigma attached for those combating addiction.

Taking center stage, an orange and white KTM RC 390 racing bike greeted participants and staff during lunch on Thursday, April 17, inside the Recovery Community Center at 112 N. Elmwood Ave. Owner Will Johnson brought his bike and was available to answer questions. Johnson recently added a new track body and Healing House KC logos in preparation for his involvement in the partnership.

In a press release dated April 16, Bobbi Jo Reed,

CEO and founder of Healing House KC said, “We are incredibly excited about this fun opportunity for Healing House and Racing for Recovery. This motorcycle race team is a new way to engage with the community and show how much work goes into the recovery process. We look forward to the continued support of everyone who believes in our mission.” Reed also complied with requests to pose on Johnson’s bike during the presentation.

Under the Racing for Recovery Partnership, Johnson said he plans to participate in monthly racing events across the country. With a full time position in medical sales, bike racing has become his hobby and an activity he’s enjoyed since his teen years, when he acquired his first motor bike.

In an interview, Johnson said he first learned about Healing House and its



Photo by Dorri Partain

recovery program through a friend. He donated a car to the organization several years ago but wanted to do more because, he said, “I love what they do.”

He said his number one goal, as he races non-competitively and travels with his bike, is to increase awareness. Additionally, donations to Racing for Recovery of \$500 or more will add more logos to the bike’s body. Johnson will cover the cost of the logo decal, so that Healing House will receive the entire donation.

Donations can be made online through this link:

<https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/healing-house-inc/hh-racing>.



Johnson and his KTM RC390 at an event last year. Photo courtesy of Will Johnson.



Johnson (center) answered questions as program participants and staff gather around. Photo by Dorri Partain

Columbus Park’s Italian History to be Showcased in New Feature Documentary

Carter Galloway
Editorial Assistant

A new documentary covering Columbus Park history — formerly known as the North End — has begun production. It will focus primarily on the Little Italy community, which formed in the North End, the development of Guinotte Manor housing

development, its name change to Columbus Park and its eventual evolution to the neighborhood it is today.

This film will be titled “The Neighborhood: The North End becomes Columbus Park” and is planned to be previewed Oct. 26, 2025. Writer and producer Jody Valet

said she believes the film will showcase the neighborhood back in its prime.

“Most younger people don’t realize how large the neighborhood originally was,” said Valet. “And here we are today, rather than a huge neighborhood, it’s just a little bitty island in the middle of the city.”

Valet touched on the stereotypes

and misinformed views created about Kansas City Italians from documentaries heavily covering the Kansas City Mafia. She said she hopes this film can reverse those views and showcase the overlooked history of Kansas City Italians.

“People outside of our community only know about mafia stuff because of several documentaries

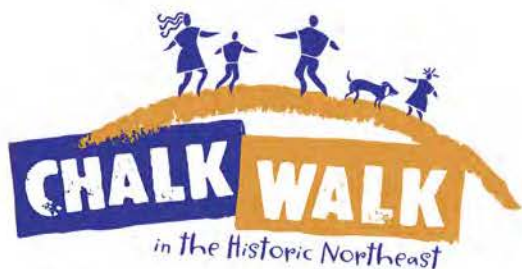
written about the Kansas City Mafia,” said Valet. “But the real secret history of Kansas City Italians are stories about good, hard-working, honest, educated people that came to the United States to work hard and prosper. That’s your secret history.”

However, the goal of this documentary isn’t just to educate. Profits from the film will be used to raise

funds to build a monument honoring Kansas City Italian immigrants in Columbus Park.

The original boundaries of Columbus Park were from Main Street to Woodland Avenue ...

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Northeast residents and art enthusiasts alike — join Northeast Arts KC and sponsors as we partner to host Chalk Walk and celebrate live music and StoneLion Puppets from **9 a.m. to 8 p.m., on May 10 at Concourse Park (200 Benton Blvd)** — a sidewalk chalk drawing and design event, which is open and FREE to the public.

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Somalia Entrepreneur Finds Success in Independence Ave



Exterior of Baraka Market at 1447 Independence Ave. | Photo by Julia Williams

Julia Williams
Editor-in-Chief

When Hayle Abdulahi moved to Kansas City from Somalia, East Africa in the year 2000, he said he always knew he wanted to open his own business in Historic Northeast Kansas City.

Abdulahi opened Baraka Market – a halal-based grocery store at 1447 Independence Ave. – in 2009 and it has operated out of this same location for the past 16 years.

“Baraka,” Abdulahi shared in an interview, is a family name, which he said is famous within his commu-

nity and means blessing or good attitude.

While Baraka Market is Abdulahi’s first store in Kansas City, business owning is not new for him. In fact, he shared that this market along Independence Avenue very closely resembles a store his family owned in the ‘90s in Somalia.

Abdulahi said he chose to open his store within the Northeast due to the community he has within the area.

Halal Products – or food permitted by Islamic dietary laws – that can be found at Baraka Market

include anywhere from rice and spaghetti to camel and goat meat products. He additionally shared he carries food at the Market that cannot be found in other grocery stores.

Baraka Market receives shipments from suppliers from all across the world including the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Abdulahi shared that most products come from other countries.

While he said there are differences between owning a market in Africa and owning one in the U.S. – including products and customers – there is one thing that remains

constant: good service. This, he shared, remains at the forefront of Baraka Market.

“Whether here or in Africa you have to have good service and deal with customers,” Abdulahi said. “You have to be patient, you can’t have a bad attitude or get mad; It can be challenging sometimes.”

However, he shared he enjoys having his own businesses and the freedom that comes with being his own boss. In fact, he hopes to instill this entrepreneurship within his children and said he encourages them to follow



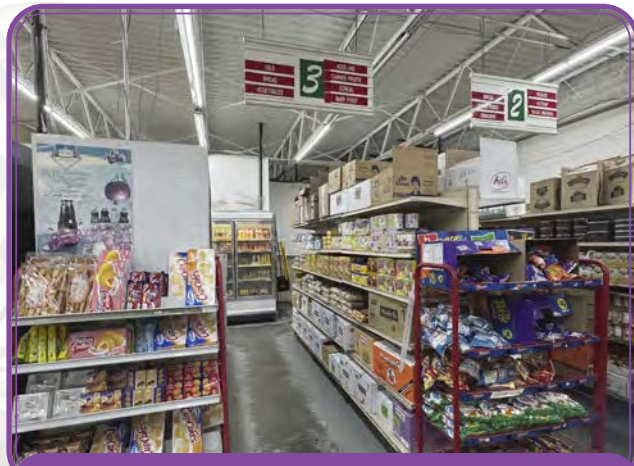
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Independence Avenue Market with Motto: Positivity

in his footsteps. In addition to keeping the community in food, Abdulahi said he will also assist new customers with free transportation.

To request services, he said for Market customers to just ask and he will drive them where they need to go, for free.

For additional information on Baraka Market, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Baraka%20Market/119032081482562/#>.



Aisles toward the entrance of Baraka Market. | Photo by Julia Williams



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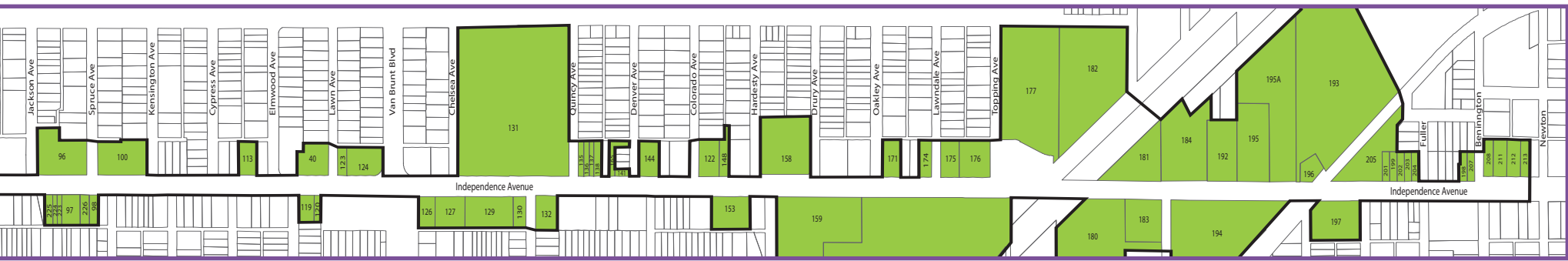
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Michael Johnson (District 23) represents an area of Historic Northeast south of Independence Ave.

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and from third to eighth Street — encompassing a large area of the City. The area has slowly shrunk due to the construction of major highways and bridges like Interstate 29 and the Paseo Bridge.

This film is directed by Toni Sgarlino-Farina and written by Toni DeLuca-Rinella and Valet. All three will be producing the project.

While this film is currently shooting, they are still gathering photographs, videos and interviewees to document as well as donations and sponsors. Any information relevant to the film can be shared at 816-807-7048 or via email at TheNeighborhood@KCIItalians.com.



A historical photograph at the Holy Rosary Church celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of the Audience (date unknown). | Photo courtesy of Jody Valet



A historical photograph of a dedication ceremony at the Don Bosco Center (1940). | Photo courtesy of Jody Valet

Disability Assistance Nonprofit Hosts 9th Annual Planting Independence Weekend Across Kansas City Metro

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One residence along Gladstone Boulevard bustled with activity on Friday afternoon, April 25 as The Whole Person Events and Marketing Coordinator Kiana Riffey gathered volunteers for its ninth annual yard clean-up day for people with disabilities across the Kansas City metro.

The Whole Person (3710 Main St.) — a private, nonprofit Kansas City institution, which works to provide resources and assistance for people with disabilities, according to its website — was founded in 1978 by Paul H. Levy with a mission to empower those with disabilities.

Its yard clean-up program or what is officially known as “Planting Independence,” began in 2016 — traditionally occurring around Earth Day each year — includes volunteers from The Whole Person, and its partnered organizations — which involved Numotion (a mobility equipment supplier) and Country Club Bank this year, among others — work-

ing to clean-up yards for people with disabilities who are clients of The Whole Person, and who have requested services.

Of the 15 total houses — with over 100 volunteers assisting on Friday and Saturday — which were selected to participate in the yard clean-ups over Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26, was one Northeast residence along Gladstone Boulevard — the home of Darlene Victoria de Lyon, a local artist and The Whole Person client of 31 years.

Victoria de Lyon shared in an interview, Friday that she has lived in her home since 2009 and has disabilities, which impact her ability to care for her yard on her own. She said this was her second year participating in the yard clean-up program, and that she found out about “Planting Independence” through the organization’s newsletter.

Victoria de Lyon prepared a map of her yard on Friday for volunteers to show which areas in her front and back yard she would like assistance with, including trimming of a Rose-of-Sharon,

Japanese Maple branches, Spirea shrubs and Virginia Creeper, among others.

“Yard clean-up makes it possible for someone like me to stay in their home,” Victoria de Lyon said in an interview, Friday. “It’s difficult to find affordable yard care that does a good job.”

As this yard clean-up is once a year — and volunteer based — the services are free and Riffey said with sponsorships from Westlake ACE Hardware and Synchronicity Bank, The Whole Person as well as accompanying organization participants, all equipment including lawn mowers, rakes and bush trimmers is provided.

Victoria de Lyon said she would love to find a more regular volunteer to help her with her yard work, as several organizations who used to offer yard care assistance — including Bishop Sullivan Center and Don Bosco Senior Center — have discontinued those services.

Riffey, who has worked with The Whole Person for one year,

shared her favorite aspect of the yard clean-up event is the impact it has on the clients.

“Calling them and telling them we’re doing this and hearing the joy in their voice, it feels good to know we’re helping them,” Riffey said in an interview, Friday. “A lot of people can’t get out and about, to know their space is cleaned up and to have support from volunteers — I’m very thankful for all of them.”

For additional information on The Whole Person and the services its organization offers, visit: <https://thewholeperson.org/>.



Home along Gladstone Boulevard. | Photos by Julia Williams



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Chùa Quan Âm Temple

the Temple hosted an opening ceremony — welcoming monks and nuns and saluting the Buddha flag, which features the seven

lotus flowers to represent the Buddha's seven steps, in song — as well as a meal. Cuisine featured included all vegetarian dishes from Pho — a classic, traditional Vietnamese dish, Dinhphan said —

to tofu, fruits and vegetables.

Nancy Dinhphan, an attendee at Saturday's event, shared her favorite aspect of the weekend included "Mulan" — a live

show performance, which occurred Saturday evening with a lion dance and music.

Events at Chùa Quan Âm Temple throughout Saturday, April 26 and Sunday April 27

Dinhphan said, were open to the public and anyone was welcome to attend.

"We're very excited to celebrate this with everyone, thank you to everyone [who helped

make this happen]," Dinhphan said in an interview, Saturday.

Azul Esperanza Brings “Art Without Borders” Workshop and Gallery for Neurodivergent Children

Daisy Garcia Montoya
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Local organization Azul Esperanza is bringing awareness to World Autism Month by hosting its “Art Without Borders” workshop and art gallery for kids who are neurodivergent — in collaboration with the Mexican Consulate of Kansas City.

Neurodivergent is used to refer to an individual who is on the autism spectrum and more specifically, someone whose brain processes information differently.

Miriam Gonzalez, founder of Azul Esperanza, says that the creation of inclusive events for children is fundamental because it provides them with a space where they can express themselves freely and develop their potential.

“Such an environment not only empowers children, but it also strengthens our families and our entire community, demonstrating that inclusivity should be present in all places;

schools, public spaces and daily life,” Gonzalez said.

For the “Art Without Borders” gallery, Azul Esperanza showcased the artwork created previously by the children during the “Art Without Borders” art workshop that took place earlier in the month.

The workshop, which was also in collaboration with the Mexican Consulate of Kansas City, took place on Saturday, April 5 at Scuola Nuova Charter School (535 Garfield Ave) and was catered for neurodivergent children ages eight to 13.

The free workshop featured three different stations, where children could create and explore different textures, materials and art methods. Translators were also present at the event for families who needed bilingual services.

Luz M. Duran, a community member and teacher for divergent children said that having organizations like Azul Esperanza is helping other families to get involved and detect autism early on.

“Sometimes as Latinos, we don’t see or want to see that kids may be acting or seeing things differently. It’s not that they’re different but they just process the world in a different manner,” Duran said. “These activities help create new spaces that are sensitive to their sensory overload, where it does not limit their creativity, where screams are normal and they can see the world through their eyes. It helps bring the community together and forge new friendships.”

That artwork was brought on display for the community during the “Art Without Borders” gallery that took place at Revolucion Educativa (2203 Lexington Ave.) on April 25 from 6-8pm.

Members of the community walked through the gallery as they enjoyed music from DJ Jarochito, food and snacks, as well as complimentary face painting services for children

available.

The art featured brief backgrounds and explanations from the child artists and their pieces of art. The pieces ranged from acrylic paintings to others that held 3D textures.

Yuridia Saenzpardo, mother of Aaliyah, says that having these events has helped her learn more about neurodivergent children and ways in which to best support her daughter.

“The hope is that the community will take the time to understand so that they can support the children and not disregard them or think that the children are a problem, but rather being patient,” Saenzpardo said. “I want her to continue to explore what she wants to be when she’s older but she needs help and that’s something that I want to provide for her and support her.”

Gonzalez said that she thanks the community and the Consulate of Mexico in Kansas City for making her feel supported in this cause and everyone who has contributed to ensuring

that more events and exposure is being done for Autism.

“For everyone, art is a powerful tool of expression that allows children and adults to communicate their emotions and thoughts in a unique way. Azul Esperanza believes in the power of art as a bridge to strengthen self-esteem in an inclusive manner”, Gonzalez said. “We invite the community to be part of this effort, creating and sup-

porting spaces where children, independent from their abilities, are seen, heard and valued and where diversity is celebrated as an asset that unites us.”

For more information on future events and how to get involved with the organization, visit Azul Esperanza on Facebook.



Artwork on display. | Photo by Daisy Garcia Montoya

Spring Cleaning in Northeast:

Area neighborhood associations are hosting alley cleanups and providing dumpsters to prevent dumping in alleys and parks. Here’s how you can help:

Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association is looking for volunteers to assist with its alley-cleaning project. Volunteers will pick up trash and trim vegetation. Youth can earn hours for their community service requirements and adults can win gift cards from area businesses for the time they contribute. Dates and locations are as follows:

9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 3: Shamrock Alley (100 block between Park & Brooklyn Avenues; Meet up at south entrance on Pendleton Avenue)

9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Sunday, May 4:

Mantis Alley (200 block between Park & Brooklyn Avenues, meet up at entrance between PH Coffee & Chua Quan Am Temple at Lexington Avenue)

9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, June 7: Moss Alley (100 block between Brooklyn Avenue & Garfield Place; meet up at north entrance of Brooklyn Avenue behind New View Apartments)

Indian Mound Neighborhood Association is providing dumpsters the first Saturday of the month, beginning Saturday, May 3. Dumpster will be located at Indian Mound Park (Belmont Boulevard at Gladstone Boulevard) from 8 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will monitor the dumpster and help place items inside.

Independence Plaza Neighborhood Council will provide dumpsters from 8 a.m. to noon on beginning Saturday, May 3 inside the parking lot for Inde-

pendence Boulevard Christian Church (606 Gladstone Blvd).

Lykins Neighborhood Association will provide dumpsters from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 3 at Lykins Square Park (7th St & Norton Ave).

Sheffield and Blue Valley Neighborhood Associations are teaming up to provide dumpsters the first Saturday of the month, from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 3. This dumpster will be located at 1247 Hardesty Ave.

East 23rd St. PAC Neighborhood Association will provide dumpsters at East High School (1924 Van Brunt Blvd.) from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 3.

NOTE: Alley cleanups are weather dependent — rain will cancel. Dumpster locations are rain or shine and may be removed/closed prior to noon if full.