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The latest news about the KC Royals possibly choosing North Kansas City

I wish I could tell you there is a decision, but the KC Royals have not announced a decision yet.

However, the Missouri legislature and the Governor recently approved legislation to allow Clay County to create a **sports commission**. A sports commission would serve as the dedicated bridge between community resources and the sports industry, leveraging local assets to attract events, visitors, and investment.

As a move to keep both the Royals and the Chiefs in the state of Missouri the state legislature is going to be called back for a special session to, among other things, consider a bill to enable significant financing for construction of a new stadium. This bill was approved in its regular session by state representatives, but the state senate adjourned before voting on this bill.

If the Royals decide to select North Kansas City, it will almost certainly be necessary for Clay County voters to approve a sales tax increase. The size of such a sales tax increase has not been determined yet. But even though residents and employees in North Kansas City would be impacted, much of the total revenue from a sales tax would be paid by visitors to the city.

In news the last week of May it was revealed that an affiliate of the KC Royals purchased the mortgage on the former Sprint campus at 119th and Nall in Overland Park, Johnson County, Kansas. In addition to the many office buildings on that property originally built for Sprint there are many acres of vacant land as well as massive parking garages which were built for the offices. This is not a definitive answer about a future KC Royals decision but it certainly diminishes the odds that a Missouri site will be selected.

Thank You to Country Club Bank and other sponsors for the Mickey Finn Scholarship Golf Classic Thursday, June 5th

If you haven't signed up for a team at the Mickey Finn Scholarship Golf Classic, please let Kevin Worley know by Monday noon, June 2nd. kevin@nkcbusinesscouncil.com

Thank you to the many sponsors who are participating to make this a very successful annual event. A portion of the proceeds are used to fund 3 Mickey Finn Scholarships for deserving North Kansas City High School students. Special thanks to Presenting Sponsor Country Club Bank.

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		Location Tiffany Greens Golf Club

It's "Ribbon-Cutting" season at new North Kansas City investments

On May 29th the North Kansas City Business Council helped celebrate the opening of **The Commons at Cinder Block**, 110 E 18th Ave, [The Commons | Cinder Block Brewery](#) with a ribbon-cutting.

In the next two weeks the North Kansas City Business Council will welcome the official opening of two other significant North Kansas City investments with ribbon-cuttings:

- **23rd & Swift Apartments** on Wednesday, June 11th and 11 a.m. [23rd & Swift Apartments in North Kansas City, Missouri](#)
- **Blume NKC** on Tuesday, June 17th at 1 p.m. [Apartments in North Kansas City, MO | Blume NKC in North Kansas City, MO](#)

Please feel free to come join the celebrations.

Community Blood Drive offers free KC Royals ticket vouchers

If you participate in the Community Blood Center's blood donation event at Kauffman Stadium on Wednesday, June 4th, from 9 a.m. to 3:00, you will receive a **free co-branded T-shirt** and a **pair of ticket vouchers** for a future Royals game as a thank-you for your support.



Location: 1 Royal Way, Kansas City, MO 64129, Hall of Fame Suite



Parking: Lot J



Entry: Gate A



Hours: 9AM–3PM

Book an appointment at at https://donate.savealifenow.org/.../drive_schedule/85392.

Spots are filling quickly, so book your appointment soon.

North Kansas City's Mayor Jesse Smith featured at June 26th luncheon

As part of a very deliberate attempt to make important North Kansas City news more transparent, new Mayor Jesse Smith [Jesse D. Smith | Facebook](#) will be the featured presenter at the North Kansas City Business Council's June 26 luncheon at the North Kansas City Parks & Recreation Center. You can register and pay at this link:

[2025 June Membership Luncheon: Mayor Jesse Smith - Jun 26, 2025](#)

Proposition A pullback by Missouri legislature on paid sick time benefits

The Missouri legislature passed a bill in May to amend Proposition A's requirement for accruing and recording for paid sick time benefits. After August 28, employers will no longer be required by law to for a regulated number of hours worked by employees for earned paid sick time.

Under the terms of Proposition A, employers with business receipts greater than \$500,000 a year would have been required to provide at least one hour of paid leave for every 30 hours worked.

NKC Police Department Foundation is off to a great start

At the North Kansas City Police Department Foundation's Kickoff Event at Chicken N Pickle on May 15th an anonymous matching gift offer of \$10,000 stirred an additional \$15,000 in pledges.

Here is the Mission Statement of the Foundation:

The North Kansas City Police Department Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to supporting initiatives that strengthen police-community relations, enhance crime prevention efforts, and improve public safety.

Our funding provides resources for specialized equipment, advanced technology, training, and community programs that traditional procurement may not cover. Additionally, we aim to bolster officer morale and retention by investing in programs that enhance the well-being and professional development of our police force.

You can make a donation to the North Kansas City Police Department Foundation at this link: [NKCPD Foundation | North Kansas City Police Foundation | North Kansas City, MO, USA](#)

Kansas City Business Journal recognizes CRE "Heavy Hitters"

Two North Kansas City Business Council member businesses had a significant presence in the latest list of Commercial Real Estate (CRE) "Heavy Hitters" by the Kansas City Business Journal. Newmark Zimmer [Newmark Zimmer - The Midwest's Real Estate Powerhouse](#) was represented by 8 of the top 29 while Opes Commercial Real Estate [Opes Commercial Real Estate | Kansas City Real Estate](#) had 2 representatives. Opes, owned by Chuck Cuda, has its corporate headquarters in North Kansas City. Newmark Zimmer has a significant presence in North Kansas City with the properties it owns or brokers.

Kansas City Business Journal recognizes Tyler Wesselman at MegaKC

Tyler Wesselman, President of North Kansas City-based construction company MegaKC, [Home - MegaKC](#) was recognized by the Kansas City Business Journal as a "NextGen Leader". MegaKC has been very involved in numerous construction projects in North Kansas City, including the new Public Safety Memorial at City Hall. If you happen to drive by MegaKC's offices at 1491 Iron you will notice an impressive large mural adding to the public art in North Kansas City.

Ingram's Lists include some North Kansas City businesses

Five North Kansas City businesses are on Ingram magazine's list of Top 100 Private Sector Businesses: North Kansas City Hospital/Meritas Health, Garney Construction, Safe Haven Security, Tnemec Company and Oakes Auto.

Olsson was #5 on the Top Engineering companies list and Garney Construction was #5 on the Top General Construction companies list.

More about Country Club Bank's merger with FNBO

More news is emerging from the leaders of Country Club Bank about the planned merger with FNBO (First National Bank of Omaha). The acquisition brings together two unique and highly respected financial institutions, both of which are privately owned with multi-generational family leadership, into one trusted financial institution serving the Midwest.

FNBO (First National Bank of Omaha), a subsidiary of First National of Nebraska, Inc. (FNNI), is one of the largest privately held banks in the US and has been in business for more than 165 years. FNNI and its affiliates have over \$32 billion in assets and 4,500 employees. Primary banking offices are located in Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming.

Although proud of its 3 generations of family ownership, Country Club Bank has met its match with FNBO which is in its 7th generation of family ownership.

More Honors for North Kansas City Hospital

North Kansas City Hospital and Meritas Health was recognized as a Top Hospital by Castle Connolly in three procedures. The inaugural list recognized the health system as a Top Hospital for Gastroenterology and Bariatrics-Hernia Repair Surgery. The hospital also received the prestigious Top Hospital-Gold Standard designation in two areas: Obstetrics and Gynecology-C-section, and Gastroenterology and Bariatrics-Colon Surgery. Only 10 hospitals in each state can earn Gold Standard recognition for a given procedure.

Castle Connolly Top Hospitals was born out of an increasing need for transparency and trust in healthcare and to connect patients to premier providers. The list builds on more than 30 years of experience researching and selecting top doctors. Top Hospitals recognizes over 1,400 hospitals for their excellence in performing specific medical procedures. Each area of recognition is selected for analysis based on patient volume, level of specialization and the comparison of outcomes across health systems.

To be recognized as a Top Hospital, institutions undergo a rigorous evaluation that uses private and public medical claims data to capture the full patient journey. Hospitals are assessed on performance measures such as mortality and complication rates, patient safety, failure-to-rescue rates and physician expertise, measured in part by the presence and influence of Castle Connolly Top Doctors.

[Castle Connolly Honors NKCH and Meritas Health with Top Hospital-Gold Standard Award | North Kansas City Hospital](#)

North Kansas City Business Council Events

- **Mickey Finn Scholarship Golf Classic**, Thursday, June 5 at Tiffany Greens Golf Club. Register and pay at this link for one or more teams and/or a Hole Sponsorship. [2025 Mickey Finn Scholarship Golf Classic - Jun 5, 2025](#) The Presenting Sponsor for this event is the Country Club Bank in North Kansas City.



- **Monthly Membership Luncheon, Thursday, June 26** at North Kansas City Parks & Recreation Center, 1201 Clark Ferguson Drive featuring North Kansas City Mayor Jesse Smith. Beginning at 11:30 a.m. Register and pay at this link: [Purchase Tickets](#)

Note: Only North Kansas City Business Council member businesses will be featured in these enewsletters, 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 readers can inquire further about your business if they are interested.

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