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North Kansas City Businesses in Ingram's Fastest-Growing List

The most recent issue of Ingram's magazine listed the fastest growing companies in the Kansas City area. Three North Kansas City businesses were on that list: **KMG Hotels** # 28, **Occu-Tec** #33 and **Garney** #59.

KMG Hotels has a significant presence in North Kansas City with its headquarters at 1645 Swift, the Holiday Inn Express Hotel, the Aloft Hotel, the Element Hotel, Old Chicago Pizza and the Diamond Conference Center. They also have multiple properties in other parts of Missouri and Kansas. www.kmg-hotels.com

Although little-known in North Kansas City, **Occu-Tec** is a significant presence in the environmental management industry throughout the United States. Occu-Tec's corporate headquarters is at 2604 NE Industrial Drive. www.occutech.com

Garney's achievement was particularly remarkable because it grew from an already high figure of approximately \$1.2 billion revenue to all most \$2 billion – an 86% gain. Garney's headquarters is at 1700 Swift. www.garney.com

Last Call to Register for Fall Session of Frontline Leader Development Training

Any type of business that has potential or new Frontline Leaders can benefit from the 4-part training series offered by Missouri Enterprise and the North Kansas City Business Council this Fall. It is urgent to register soon to be included.

The Frontline Leader Development workshop is training designed to develop workers into leaders. Leadership is a continual journey. Each session builds on the previous session. Four 4-hour sessions on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the conveniently located SEi training room at 1225 Swift. Thank you to Security Equipment, Inc. (SEi) for donating this space.

- Sep 11: Foundation of Communication, helping leaders recognize the role of emotional intelligence, engaging the 'head' and the 'heart' to build and retain your work force
- Oct 9: Coaching in the moment to be able to approach most any situation
- Nov 13: Resolve Conflict in a way to minimize potential damage
- Dec 11: Setting Goals and Reviewing Results with SMART goals for a positive outcome for you and your employees.

North Kansas City Business Council member rate: \$265 per person/session, \$1,060 total (\$120 discount)

Non-member rate: \$295 per person/session, \$1,180 total

Go to this link for more information and/or to register and pay: <https://bit.ly/FrontlineFall2025>

Contact Doug Schmitz at [816-705-7373](tel:816-705-7373) or dschmitz@missourienterprise.org if you have questions.

Game Day: A Smashing Beginning to Autumn: Team Charity Event at Chicken N Pickle

Smash, Serve, and Celebrate at Our Fall Team-Building "Game Day" Bash at Chicken N Pickle! Tuesday, September 9, 3:00–6:00 p.m.

Benefiting the **North Kansas City Police Department Foundation**, the Presenting Sponsor is Harrah's Hotel & Casino. The Supporting Sponsor is Express Employment Professionals.

Looking for a fresh way to build stronger teams and spark some friendly competition? Join the North Kansas City Business Council for an afternoon of high-energy games, great food, and community connection at Chicken N Pickle!

This action-packed event features:

- 🏆 Team-building games like pickleball, Paddle Smash, cornhole, and Jenga
- 🍷 Tasty bites and optional drink tickets
- 🎁 Raffles, prizes, and giveaways
- 🤝 Casual networking in a relaxed, social setting

Whether you're rallying coworkers or coming solo, you'll leave with laughs, connections, and maybe even bragging rights.

🔪 Space is limited to 80 players.

Go to this link to register and pay. <https://bit.ly/NKCBCGameDay>

Ideas on Tap: Business Insights and Brews After Hours

We've got a new -- and fun -- professional learning program starting on August 27 at Paul and Jack's Tavern.

We're teaming up with CPA Rob Humble (based right here in Northtown) for the first of these events. Rob will focus on an essential topic for every business owner or entrepreneur: Company tax filing status -- including S Corp, C Corp, LLC, Sole Proprietor, and more.

No fee, NKCBC members and non-members welcome.

Wednesday, August 27, 4 to 6 pm at Paul & Jack's, 1808 Clay St.

Be Part of the Action During the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Kansas City

Volunteer

FIFA World Cup 26™ volunteers will be the heartbeat of the tournament, venues and events across our Host City. Here in Kansas City, our community has an opportunity to leave a lasting impression in the summer of 2026 and even after the conclusion of the games. The FIFA volunteer journey is a memorable experience, and Kansas City will need many qualified individuals to make this a safe and seamless event for our region.

For the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Kansas City, volunteer duties will include greeting and guiding fans, providing directions, supporting media, and ensuring safety and security at various venues. Volunteers will also assist with match operations, referee services, spectator services, and sustainability efforts.

The FIFA volunteer process includes applying, interviews, attending a group recruitment event, accepting your role, confirming shifts, completing your training, receiving your accreditation and uniform, and lastly, being part of delivering a world-class event.

You can't wait until next year to volunteer. You need to sign up by September 15. Go to this link <https://kansascityfwc26.com/volunteer/>

Register your business

Get ready to put your business in play for FIFA World Cup 2026™! KC Game Plan is a new regional initiative designed to help small businesses prepare for and participate in the economic opportunities created by the tournament. From visitor information and event calendars to readiness assessment tools and training, they are building a program to help businesses shine on the world stage.

The Board of Directors of KC2026 has established a Procurement Policy to promote the efficient operation of KC2026 by establishing guidelines and procedures for the acquisition of products and services by KC2026.

KC2026 is committed to providing opportunities for small, local business communities to support official Host City events and regional activations. If your business is interested in supporting the numerous events planned across the metro area, please visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NH2BM6B>

Additional World Cup information is available on the NKC Business Council website at

<https://www.nkcbusinesscouncil.com/world-cup-2026-in-kc/>

Opportunity for Fall Newsletter Inserts

Many businesses have found inserts in the North Kansas City Business Council Spring and Fall newsletters to be a good way to reach the 900 businesses in North Kansas City. If you wish to have an insert in the Fall 2025 printed newsletter please contact Rich Groves at richard@nkcbusinesscouncil.com by September 5. The cost is \$200, plus you provide 1,000 copies (either print them yourself or pay ProPrint Digital to do it.) Inserts will need to be provided at ProPrint Digital for distribution by September 19.

Additionally, or alternatively, you can also apply to kevin@nkcbusinesscouncil.com to be a sponsor for his twice-weekly email reminders at a cost of \$200/month.

Friday in the Park – August 22nd

Tom's Town will bring Blues and Jazz favorites to Friday in the Park at North Kansas City's Festival Pavilion in Macken Park from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. All concerts are free and open to the public, and every event features a drawing for prizes donated by local businesses. Melissa and Company will bring Country music to Friday in the Park at North Kansas City's Festival Pavilion August 8 in Macken Park from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Festhaus Musikanten, an authentic German wind orchestra dedicated to the performance of German folk and polka music. will be featured on Friday, August 29th.

North Kansas City Business Council Events

- **Northland Coffee Connect, Wednesday, August 20** at Atlas Tube, 1000 Burlington, 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- **Ribbon-Cutting for All A'Bloom Flowers & Gifts, August 21**, 1:00 p.m. at 1130 Swift
- **Northland Coffee Connect, Wednesday, August 27** at 1401 Iron, Life Unlimited Training Room, 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

- **Ribbon-Cutting for Life Unlimited Training Room, August 27** at 1401 Iron, 9:00 a.m.
- **Monthly Membership Luncheon, Thursday, August 28** at Diamond Conference Center, 1875 Diamond Parkway (next to Aloft Hotel), featuring U.S. Congressman Emanuel Cleaver who represents North Kansas City. Beginning at 11:30 a.m. Register and pay at this link: <https://bit.ly/CleaverLuncheon25>

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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