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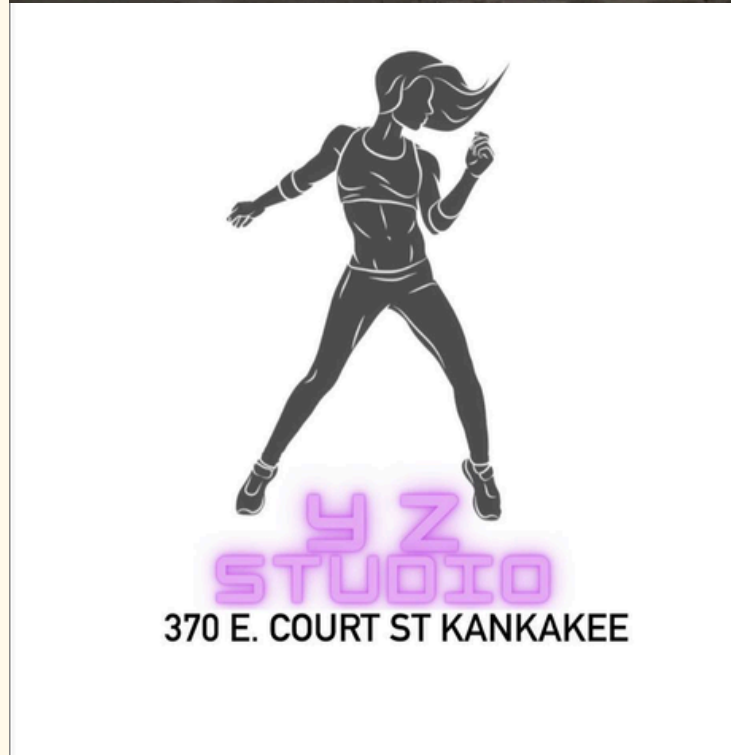


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

| PRESENTED BY |
BARBARA BREWER-WATSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

| PREPARED BY |
DEVYN FORQUER
LEONEL B. JARAMILLO

NEW BUSINESS LICENSES | JUNE 2025

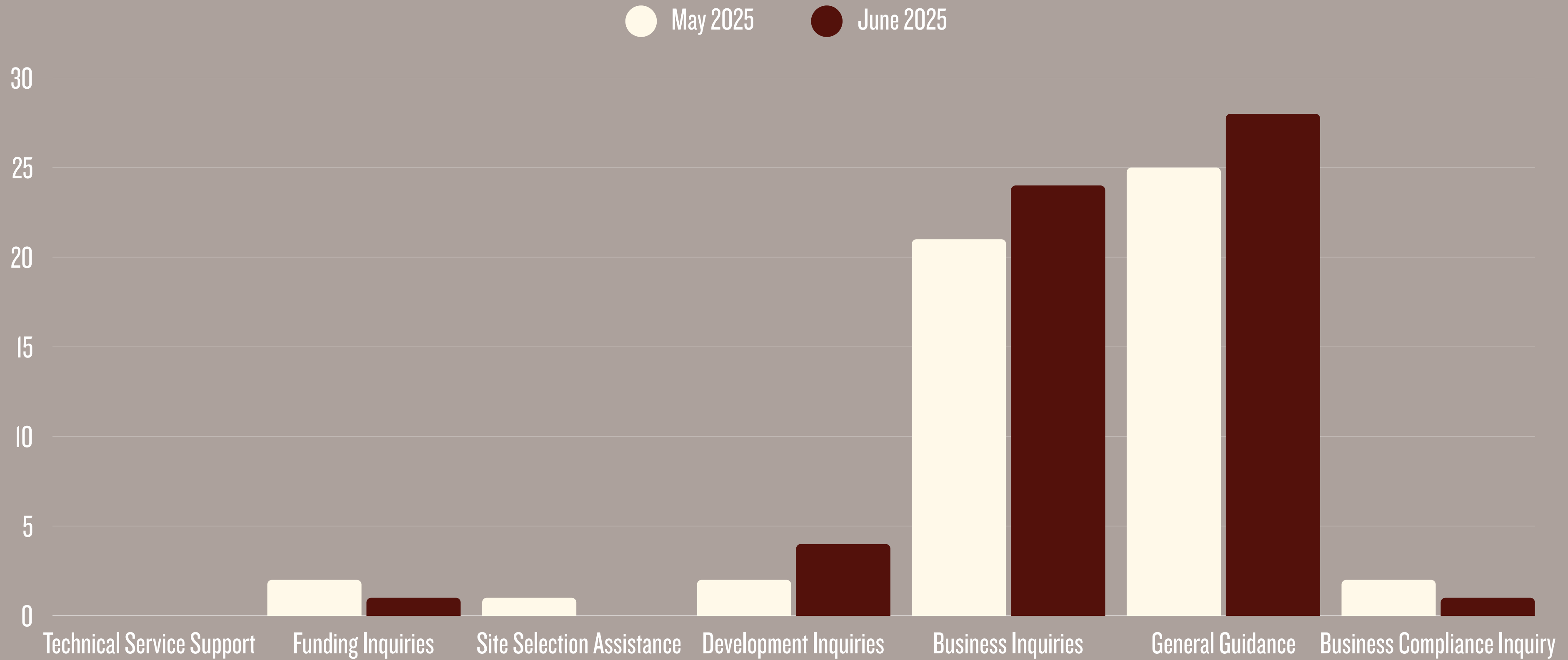


- Wet Cat Laundry | 6/13
- Great & Classy Barber Den | 6/13
- *The Junk Yardigans Junk Removal & Restoration LLC | 6/13
- YZ Studio | 6/13
- Glowing Beauty By Gennie | 6/13
- Beautiful Moments LLC | 6/13
- *Greenworks Lawncare | 6/13

13 TOTAL TO DATE

*indicates home-based

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NAVIGATOR REPORT



| **DEVELOPMENT INQUIRIES** |

- **11 NEW BUSINESS INQUIRIES**
 - RETAIL
 - NONPROFIT (3)
 - HEALTH CARE
 - FINANCIAL SERVICES
 - PROPERTY MANAGEMENT (2)
 - RESTAURANT
 - VEHICLES
 - PERSONAL CARE
- **3 RELOCATION**
 - BRADLEY
 - BOURBONNAIS
 - NEVADA

| **NLC CIE COMMITMENT** |

Working on MOU with Chamber and Community Foundation to distribute the grant funds to the CEO program and the student membership program.

ATTRACTION REPORT

BUSINESS RETENTION VISITS REPORT

COMPANIES SURVEYED:

- FASTSIGNS OF KANKAKEE
- OLIVER'S BAR AND GRILL
- HOEKSTRA TRANSPORTATION, LLC
- GREATER KANKAKEE AIRPORT
- MIDWEST METEORITES & MINERALS LTD
- HIGH POINT RESIDENCE KANKAKEE

HIGHLIGHTS:

CITY ASSETS

PEOPLE, GREAT COOPERATION WITH CITY DEPARTMENTS, LOCAL EMPLOYEES, SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH, INCENTIVES, LOCATION

CHALLENGES

HISTORY, PERCEPTIONS, HIGH PROPERTY TAXES, WATER & SEWER TOO HIGH, ROAD/SIDEWALK CONDITIONS

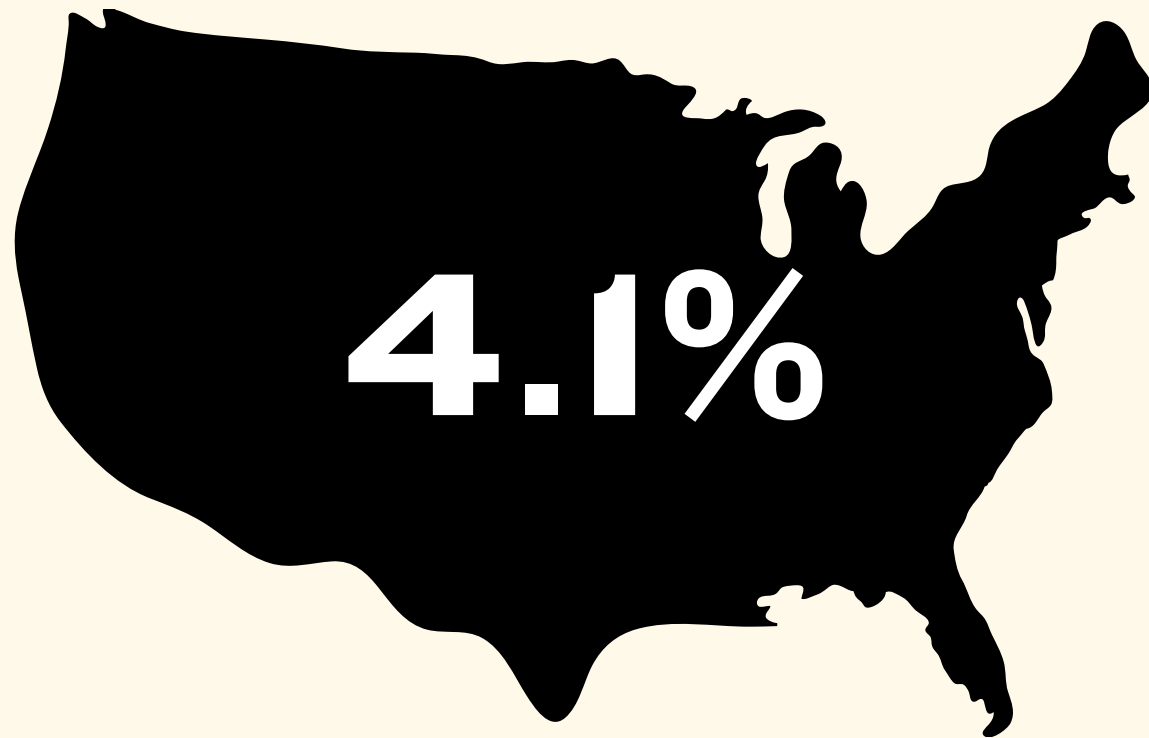
UPCOMING PLANS

MAJORITY DO NOT HAVE PLANS TO RENOVATE, EXPAND, OR RELOCATE

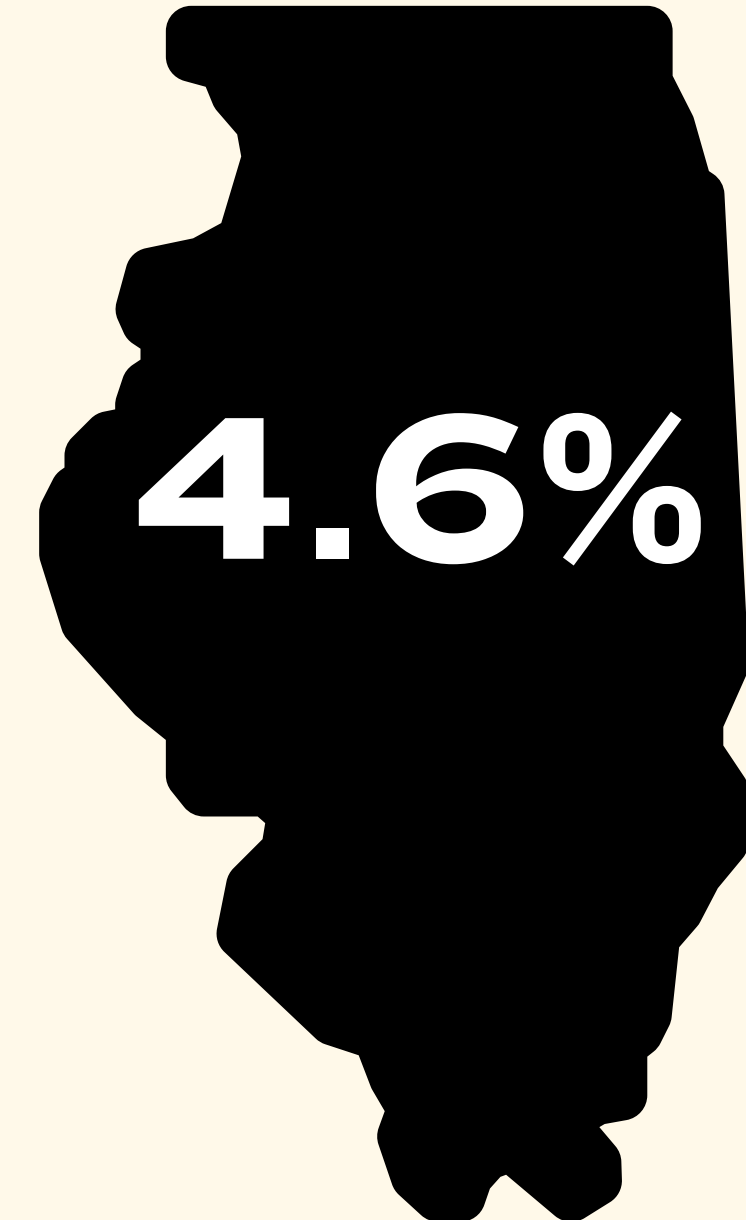


| MARKETING & ATTRACTION |

- ICSC@Midwest Prep - 10/9 - Morgan MFG, Chicago
- Luncheon planning underway
 - Keynote speaker booked: Zachary Benedict, AIA
- Lunch n' Learns
 - Upcoming Lunch n' Learns
 - September 17: Succession Planning - Partnered with Chamber of Commerce
 - October 7: Pitch Competition
- Working to organize site visits with 3 companies
 - 2 retail; 1 hospitality
- Working with Director King to create Zoning videos
 - "In The Zone" intro video to release in August
- "I Am Kankakee" recruitment concepts and survey created - working on recruitment
 - Kevin Smith, KFD - May feature
 - Eric Lawrence, ASIP Local 150 - June
 - Vince Clark Jr. - August
- Social media content in progress
- Website is live
 - Creating new page for businesses & developers
- LinkedIn Company Page created - 92 followers (7/21)
 - City of Kankakee, Illinois (City Rising Logo)



5.9%



KANKAKEE COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (KCCVB)

| Board of Directors Meeting |

3rd Wednesday of each month | 4pm

Economic Alliance of Kankakee County Board Room

| Executive Committee Meetings |

2nd Wednesday of each month | 9:30am

KCCVB Board Room

KCCVB City Representative

& KCCVB Board Chair
Alderman Dave Baron



KANKAKEE RIVERFRONT SOCIETY (KRS)

Priority notes from Executive Director, Bill Yohnka:

- Working on Community Fundraising Events
- New Goal: \$250,000.00 in fundraising

| Board of Director Meetings |
2nd Tuesday of each month | 11am
At KVPD Offices

KRS City Representative
Alderman Mike Cobbs

**THE OUTREACH
OF KANKAKEE**

2025 Q2 REPORT

PRIORITIES

- New Market Profile Released February 5
 - 2025 Kankakee County Market Profile
- Q2 2025 Report



KANKAKEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

JULY 2025 MEETING:

- Annual Gala Video Brainstorming
- Golf Outing
- Stuffing/Labeling Member Letters

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 8/8/2025: Chamber Classic Golf Outing
- 8/14/2025: YPN: Connections that Count 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm – Cork Wine Bar
- 8/21/2025: WIN: Sip & Chip Golf Clinic 5:30 pm – 7pm – Country Club
- 8/22/2025: Coffee & Connections 8:30 am – 10:00 am – Adventure Commons
- 8/27/2025: RC: States Attorney Office Community Division – 10am – 11:30 am
- 8/28/2025: Lunch and Learn WEBINAR: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

| MEETINGS |
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

| COMMITTEES |
WORKFORCE & EDUCATION:
DEVYN (CO-CHAIR)
DEI: LEO



AMBASSADORS: DEVYN & LEO



KANKAKEE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

JULY 2025

- MSMF Review
- Landscaping Discussion
- Marketing Contracts - Website, Branding, Social Media

| MEETINGS |
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

| MARKETING COMMITTEE |
1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

REPRESENTATIVES:
DEVYN & LEO



A black and white photograph of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a hard hat and safety glasses, smiling. She is holding a dark jacket over her shoulders. The hard hat has a logo that reads "CITY OF KANKAKEE EST. 1853". The background is a construction site with a large pile of dirt or gravel.

PROJECT UPDATES



Harbor Place

Units are occupied.

Indian Meadows

Construction on new units is underway.

Veteran's Housing

Applications are being accepted
via the Veterans Commission.

HOUSING



EAST COURT ST. DEVELOPMENT ZONE

|EXIT 312|

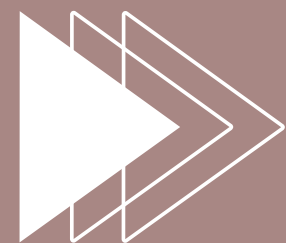


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| 1801 W. STATION ST |

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT STAGE



COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE ON WEST STATION STREET

WEST COURT ST. DEVELOPMENT ZONE



CURRENTLY LISTED

The Shoppes at Meadowview Listing

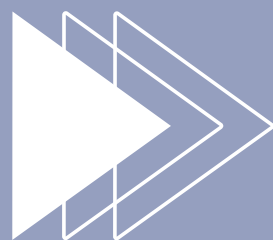
A long, covered walkway with a series of white columns supporting a white ceiling. The walkway is paved with light-colored concrete. To the right, there are large glass windows reflecting the sky and clouds. The walkway extends into the distance, leading towards a parking lot with several cars and a building in the background.



DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ZONE

|PROJECT CATALYST|

Waiting on River Edge Redevelopment Zone Certification



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BUILDING, PLANNING, & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

|PRIORITY COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES|

|JAFFE DRUG| ON COURT STREET

|RIVERSTONE CONVENTION CENTER| PART OF PROJECT VENTURE

|SOUTHWEST| CORNER OF COURT STREET & SCHUYLER AVE

|1933 E. COURT ST| DEMO COMPLETE



400 N. BLOCK OF 5th AVE
816 S. SCHUYLER AVE

KEEP IN MIND

**RACIAL & ECONOMIC
DISPARITIES**

MOBILITY

**AGING & OBSOLETE
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**SWIFTLY CHANGING
TECHNOLOGY**

**DIVERSE & AGING
POPULATION**