

10 OCTOBER 2025



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

| PRESENTED BY |
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

| PREPARED BY |
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NEW BUSINESS LICENSES | SEPTEMBER 2025



- HB Equities LLC | 9/12
- Green Real Estate, LLC | 9/12
- D&B Auto Repair LLC | 9/12
- M&P Auto Repair | 9/12

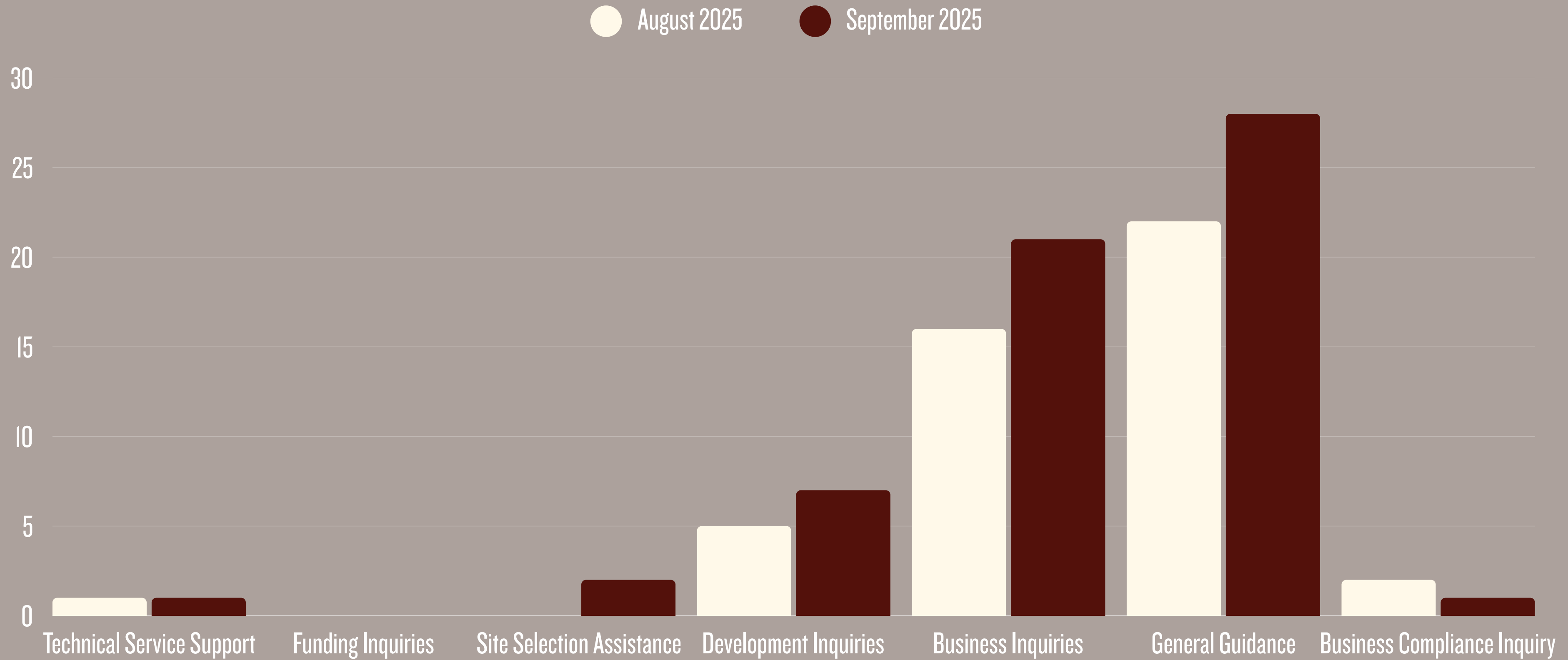


- 22 Tattoo Company | 9/12
- Kankakee Autism Care Therapy LLC | 9/15

39 TOTAL TO DATE

*indicates home-based

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NAVIGATOR REPORT



| **DEVELOPMENT INQUIRIES** |

- 12 NEW BUSINESS INQUIRIES
 - RETAIL
 - NON-PROFIT (2)
 - RESTAURANT (2)
 - HOME-BASED
 - MECHANIC
 - CONTRACTOR (3)
 - MARKETING
 - TRANSPORTATION/LOGISTICS
- 2 LAND
 - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PROCESS
 - SITE SELECTION
- 1 RELOCATION
 - BRADLEY

| **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:

- RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION
- LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA



HIGHLIGHTS:

CITY ASSETS

LARGE POPULATION COMPARED TO OTHER RURAL TOWNS, PEOPLE, STRONG LOCAL SUPPORT

CHALLENGES

PUBLIC SAFETY, COMMUNICATION ESPECIALLY AROUND COMMUNITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PLANS

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



**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY
CREDIT UNION**

| MARKETING & ATTRACTION |

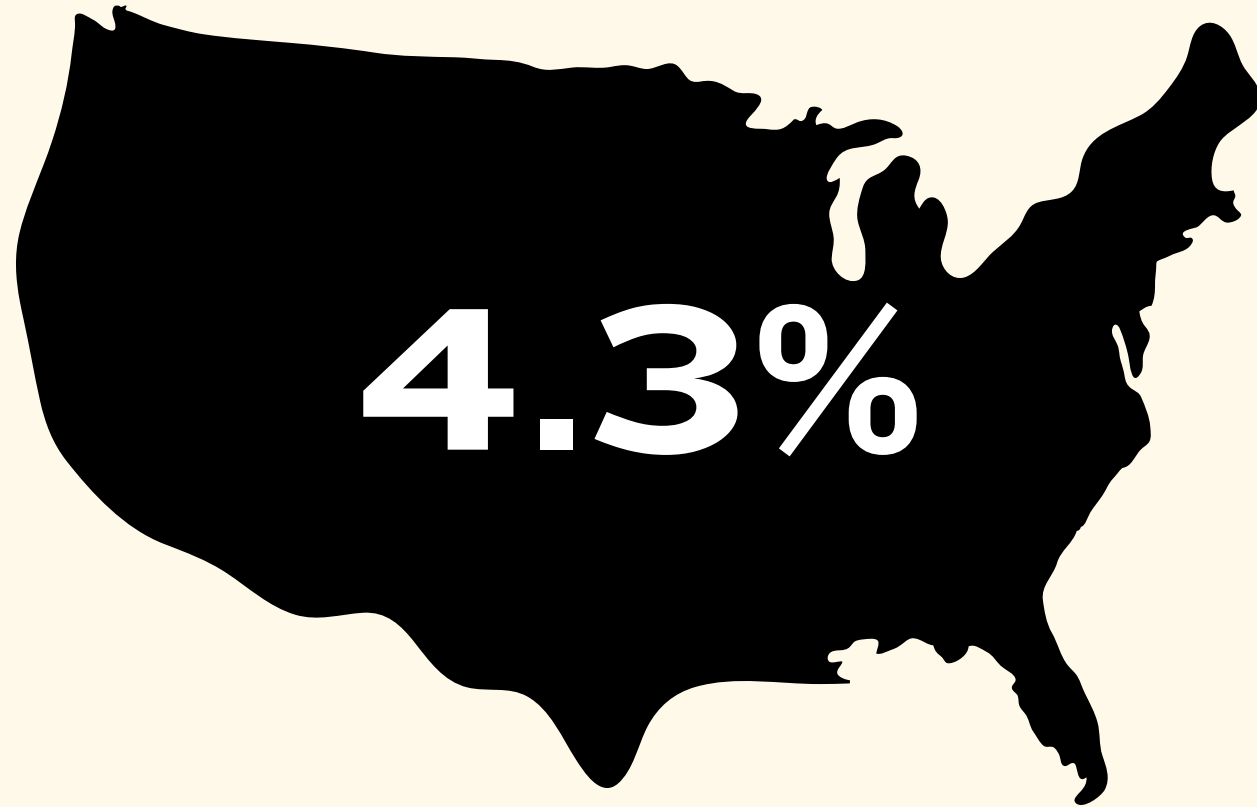
- ICSC@Midwest
 - Coordinated & facilitated
 - Scheduled meeting with 1 retailer; connected with dozens of developers, retailers
 - Follow up in progress including incentives, sites, and concept renderings
 - Updated booklet information - available on ECDA website
 - New marketing material concepts
- 2026 Luncheon planning underway
- Lunch n' Learns
 - Mapping out 2026 lunch n' learn series
- Working to organize site visits with 3 companies
 - 3 retail; 1 hospitality
- Website
 - Building out CAB page
 - Redeveloping LHC page
- Working with Director King to create Zoning videos
 - "In The Zone" intro video editing in progress
- "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
 - Ximena Sanchez Ramirez - October
- LinkedIn Company Page created - 125 followers (9/18)
 - City of Kankakee, Illinois (City Rising Logo)

| ICSC@MIDWEST |

- Morgan Manufacturing in Chicago, West Town
- Booth 203



PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE



6.9%



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

PRIORITIES

- 2025 Kankakee County Market Profile
- Quarter 3 Report
- **Angela Morrey Named Acting President/CEO**

2025 Q3 REPORT



Economic Alliance names
Morrey acting president/CEO



KANKAKEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Chamber Blitz - October 14, 15, 16
 - Company assignments
- Annual Gala planning
 - Last day to register: October 23

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 11/6: Annual Gala

| MEETINGS |
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

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



AMBASSADORS: DEVYN & LEO



KANKAKEE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

October 2025

- Mural Unveiling - North Schuyler Avenue
 - Michael Constanza, Mary Bass, Fermin Barbosa
- Marketing services will be hired based on list of events needing coverage
- Welcome Bags
 - Chamber can collaborate
- Christmas Events Discussion
 - Tree lighting, Mistletoe Market, Parade, Pub Crawl (tent)



| 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. The hard hat has a logo that reads "CITY OF KANKAKEE EST. 1853". She is wearing a dark jacket and has her hands clasped in front of her. 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 1st 4 units is completed.

Veteran's Housing

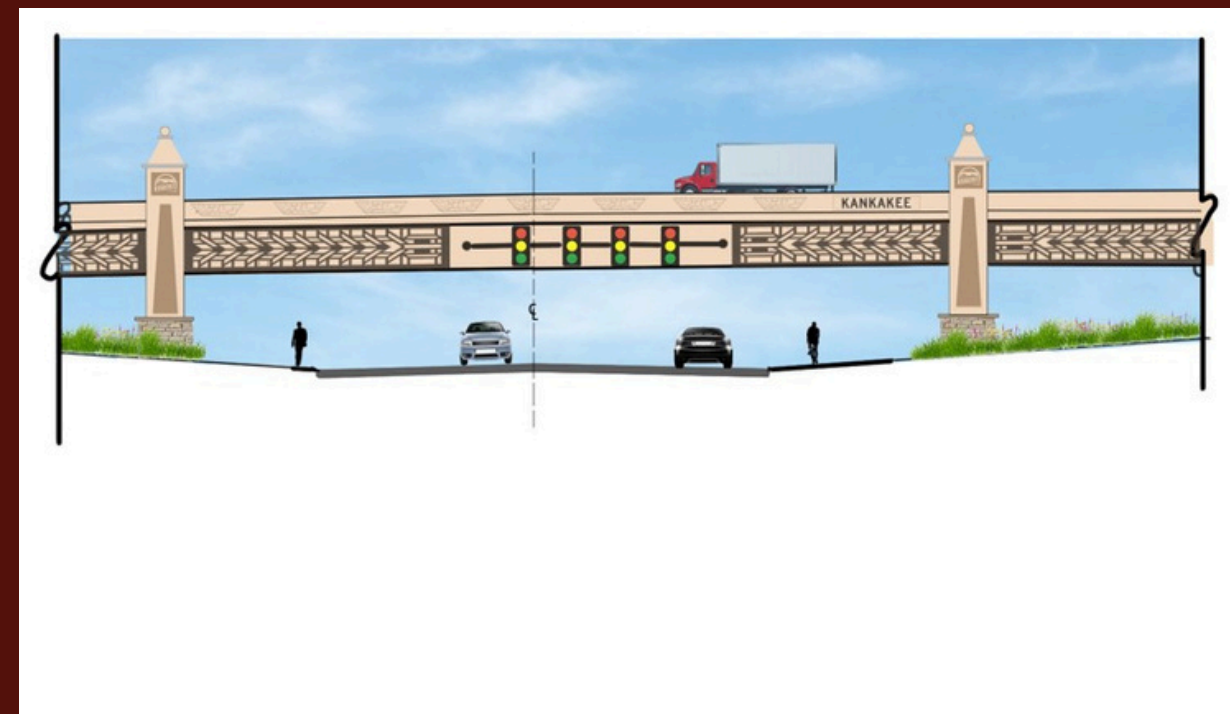
Applications are being accepted
via the Veterans Commission.

HOUSING

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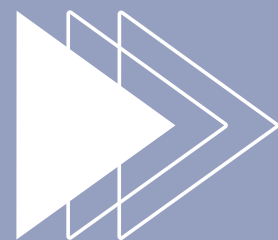
RIVERSTONE DEVELOPMENT ZONE





EAST COURT ST. DEVELOPMENT ZONE

|EXIT 312|



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A wide-angle photograph of the Starting Line Lounge building. The building is a long, single-story structure with a light-colored upper section and a stone-clad lower section. A prominent sign above the entrance reads "STARTING LINE LOUNGE" in a stylized font, with a green and white logo to the left. To the right of the entrance, a sign displays the address "1801". The entrance itself is a glass door with a small sign that says "MAKE EVERY PIN COUNT". The building is surrounded by a paved parking lot in the foreground and some greenery. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.





RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT ZONE

|EAST RIVERWALK|

Construction has started

WEST RIVERWALK

PROPERTY ACQUISITION PHASE

|WEST AVE|

STREETSCAPE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING PHASE

| 505 S. SCHUYLER AVE |

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CURRENTLY LISTED

The Shoppes at Meadowview Listing

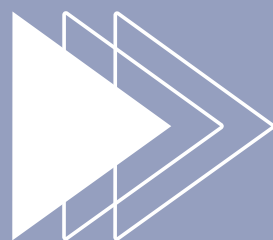
A long, covered walkway with a series of white columns supporting a white ceiling. The walkway is paved with light-colored concrete. To the right, there are large glass windows reflecting the sky and clouds. The walkway extends into the distance, leading towards a parking lot with several cars and a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

KEEP IN MIND

**RACIAL & ECONOMIC
DISPARITIES**

MOBILITY

**AGING & OBSOLETE
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**SWIFTLY CHANGING
TECHNOLOGY**

**DIVERSE & AGING
POPULATION**