

# DOWNTOWN OKLAHOMA CITY YEAR IN REVIEW



# OUR ORGANIZATIONS



# Downtown OKC Partnership 501(c)6

To create and champion a vibrant and diverse downtown through placemaking, advocacy, and promotion



# Downtown Business Improvement District

To manage, maintain and market the downtown BID area



# Downtown OKC Initiatives 501(c)3

To foster an environment of creativity and culture through public art and activation

# OUR DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS















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### DOWNTOWN OKC STAFF



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District Manager



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Coordinator



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# **EVENTS & DEVELOPMENT**

### **FUNDRAISING**

### **EVENTS**

- Downtown in December
- Chocolate Decadence
- Starlight
- Dean A. McGee Awards





### COMMUNITY

### **EVENTS**

- Oklahoma City Tree Lighting Festival
- Saints Santa Run
- Downtown Employee Appreciation

### **DISTRICT**

### **EVENTS**

- Midtown Walkabout
- West Village Fourth Fridays
- Brick-or-Treat
- Lights On Broadway
- Fireworks at the Flagpole
- Santa Paws



### CAMPAIGNS

- 10 Buck Lunch Week Midtown
- Better Broadway Automobile Alley
- Destination Auto Alley Automobile Alley
- Downtown in December in July Downtown
- Merry Midtown Midtown
- Punch to Play West Village
- Spring Break Bricktown
- Summertime Shopping Spree Midtown
- Thunder Playoffs Downtown
- This Week in Midtown Midtown
- Underground Timeline City Center
- What's Up Downtown Downtown

Newsletter Emails Sent

336K

Social Media Impressions

14.2M

Social Media Followers

551K











### 2024 DOWNTOWN DATA

### **DOWNTOWN OVERALL**

VISITORS	4M
EMPLOYEES	51.2K
RESIDENTS	12.3K
VISITS	24.3M

(2.0%) YOY | (1.1%) YO2Y | 7.0% YO3Y



### **VISITORS BY DISTRICT**

DISTRICT	VISITORS	VISITS	VISIT FREQUENCY	AVG DWELL TIME	VISITS YEAR OVER YEAR
AUTOMOBILE ALLEY	812.6K	2.4M	3.05	115	(0.6%)
BRICKTOWN	2.6M	7.8M	3.00	183	(2.3%)
CITY CENTER	2.3M	8.0M	3.61	198	4.7%
DEEP DEUCE	279.2K	804.9K	2.85	220	(8.0%)
MIDTOWN	1.4M	6.4M	4.47	170	(3.4%)
WEST VILLAGE	622.9K	1.9M	3.09	143	9.0%

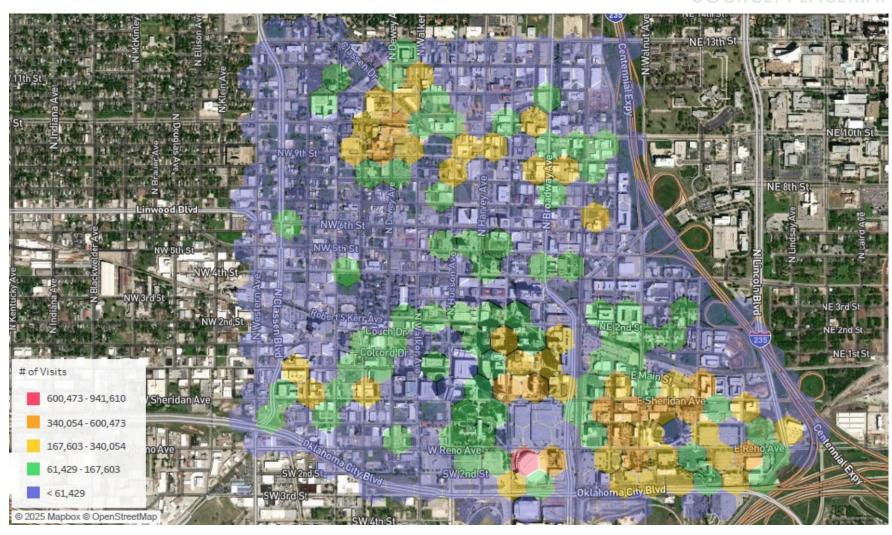
Downtown is defined by NW 13th Street to the north, Oklahoma City Boulevard to the south, N Western Avenue to the west, and Interstate 235 to the east.

SOURCE: PLACER.AI

# DOWNTOWN VISITATION HEATMAP

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2024

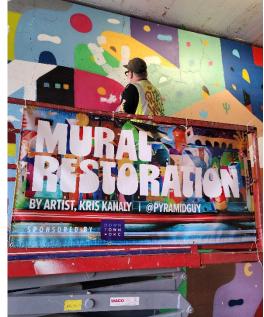
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# BEAUTIFICATION & PUBLIC SPACE

- Mural Restoration
  - Abstract Passages by Kris Kanaly Reno Underpass
  - Centennial Mural by Bob Palmer Bricktown Canal
- Expanded Holiday Light Displays
  - Automobile Alley
  - Bricktown Canal
- Neon Sign Grants (Automobile Alley)
- Awarded grant from OCCF to grow Broadway street trees to 40 (Automobile Alley)
- Underground improvements
  - Color tube guard replacement
  - 50th Anniversary Visual Timeline
- Pole banner replacement & repairs (Automobile Alley, Bricktown, Midtown, Deep Deuce)











# **GREEN TEAM**

Biohazards Removed Business Check-ins Pressure Washing 3,221 4,921 1,139 hrs

Hospitality Assists

82,582

Cigarette Butts Recycled

33<sub>lbs</sub>

Welfare Check-ins

10,192

Graffiti Removed

3,148

SOURCE: BLOCK BY BLOCK SMART SYSTEM
JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2024







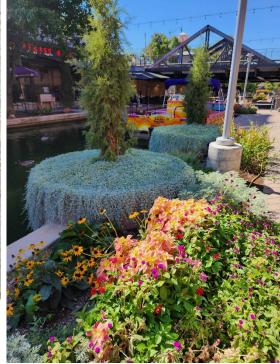


# **OPERATIONS**

- Bird Mitigation: Transitioned in-house to Green Team
- Rodent Control: Expanded program throughout the BID
- Project 180 Tree Audit: Identified trees and species in need of replacement for FY 25
- Terracycle Program: Expanded program to Bricktown; 40+ Terracycles maintained









# STRATEGY & PLANNING

- DOWNTOWN OKC STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT PLAN: Improve the alignment between DOKC, the BID and City of OKC to guide future organizational decisions and staff implementation. Completed December 2024.
- MIDTOWN MARKETING STRATEGY: Used research and stakeholder feedback to identify audiences and develop a marketing roadmap for 2-3 years. Completed summer 2024.
- WEST VILLAGE STRATEGIC PLAN: The 3-5 year plan identified the district's long-term vision, priorities, and provided recommendations to address brand confusion, and implement programming and tenant recruitment programs. Completed June 2024







# ADVOCACY AND POLICY

### DOWNTOWN-WIDE

- General Obligation Bond Priorities 2025
- Parking Benefit Districts: Continued advocacy for the creation of parking benefit districts for further investment in district public space.

### **AUTOMOBILE ALLEY**

- Better Broadway Streetscape in Automobile Alley: Advocacy for street design, parking, trees, pedestrian access and mediation of business impacts. (City of OKC, SRB, Rudy Construction)
- Bus Rapid Transit on Broadway: Advocacy to limit the number and placement of BRT stops along Broadway. Up to six locations were proposed, limiting the impact of the Broadway streetscape. Ultimately, one southbound stop was designed into the new streetscape. (City of OKC, Embark)











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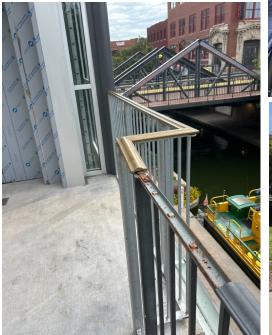
### **BRICKTOWN**

- Safety in Bricktown and curfew enforcement: Coordination with OKCPD and increase off officers dedicated to curfew enforcement, communications with media and stakeholders (City of OKC/OKCPD, Saxum)
- Bricktown Infrastructure Improvements: Advocacy and communications for canal elevator addition, Lower Bricktown lighting and landscape upgrades, Reno Avenue guardrail maintenance, Canal brass railing replacement after theft (City of OKC/Parks/Public Works)
- Women's College World Series Shuttle: Advocacy for an additional stop in Bricktown for the Women's College World Series Embark shuttle service, doubling ridership and ease of access for attendees staying in Bricktown (City of OKC/Embark)

### MIDTOWN

• Midtown Traffic Calming: Addition of 4 stop signs to improve pedestrian safety and slow down vehicular traffic. (City of OKC)

















# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION

- Midtown Focus Groups: Retail and restaurant focus groups to guide marketing and events
- Business Alliance Meetings: Bi-monthly meeting for district stakeholders to gather and share information and ideas (Automobile Alley, Midtown, West Village)
- District Mixers: Social gatherings for district businesses to connect (Automobile Alley, Midtown, West Village)

### DISTRICT COMMITTEES

- Automobile Alley: Chocolate Decadence, Better Broadway, Neon Sign Grants, Holiday Lights
- Bricktown: Marketing, Music Festival
- Midtown: Safety, Red Andrews Park
- West Village: Activation, Events, Creative Office

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# Looking Ahead: 2025 PRIORITIES

- Strategic Outlooks
- Communication and Collaboration between boards (DOKC, BID, Districts)
- Future Growth Preparation

