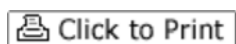




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Corner Store Meeting

A lot can change in a month.

The Idora Neighborhood Association held its block watch meeting in August to get city officials to commit to cleaning up the corner stores on Glenwood Avenue.

And now, "Everything's been going fantastic. All the city officials have done exactly what they said they'd do, and I thank them very much," says Jim London.

Officials have inspected every store, and most have already made repairs to comply with fire codes.

Police have also made thirty one arrests for charges like selling liquor to minors and loitering.

But a new initiative on the November Ballot would get rid of the alcohol problem for good.

"On one little quarter mile section, we have five places and most all of them sell alcohol, so we don't need that many," says London.

The Dry Precinct Initiative asks voters to say no to the sale of alcohol in precincts G and I in Ward 5, which includes three corner stores to include Gina's, Park-N-Shop, and Party Pantry.

Owners of Big A's Drive Thru also say they're not renewing their liquor license next year.

"I want to change. I see the affect of the product people consume, and I don't want to be a part of it no more," says Saladdin Imeishat.

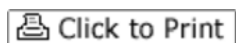
And with change comes the opportunity to expand hopefully with a Nemenz grocery store.

London says, "Maybe the Glenwood corridor might be in our favor. And maybe the picketers wont come, and we are in full support of Henry Nemenz bringing something to our community."

A community that's come together to get its neighborhood in order.

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