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from the executive editor

Lucky number seven. The seventh inning stretch. The seven years it takes the cells in a human body to regenerate—all seven billion or so of them.

For Kansas City, the past seven years have been a glorious renaissance. The art world welcomed the spectacular Bloch Building and the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art. We watched Mayor Peggy Dunn operate an earth mover to dedicate the site of Leawood's new town square, Park Place. Nearby, the shops and restaurants at One Nineteen and Mission Farms also gave Johnson Countians plenty of reasons to applaud, and Wyandotte County continues to amaze us with new retail and entertainment venues.

At New Independence Square, you can get a history lesson and a new outfit before slipping into a booth at any number of restaurants. Overland Park has picked up the pace with a resurgence of shopping and dining choices, and Prairie Village Shops and Corinth Square are following suit.

The Crossroads Arts District continues to thrive with new dining spots, growth in condos, offices and galleries, and expansion to the east. Union Station (finally in the black!) and locals with a vision on Pershing Road have added exciting enterprises including the Bolender Center, Portfolio Kitchen & Home and the fascinating World War I Museum at the Liberty Memorial. The Power & Light District—along with the Sprint Center—has re-energized our downtown, which has even more on the horizon. Hotel Phillips reveals a glamorous renovation this month that blows a kiss to its Art Deco past.

The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts opened with a splash in September. During his dedication speech, Governor Jay Nixon praised Julia Irene Kauffman and her team for their refusal to stop at good-enough, which makes the difference, he says, between “a good performer and a virtuoso; an ordinary building and an icon.” Mayor Sly James bequeathed the Kauffman something beyond cool when he called it “frosty.”

And *KC Magazine* has been there to document and celebrate them all. This issue marks our seventh year under this title, part of a legacy of more than 30 years of publishing excellence.

It's an exciting time to be our city's magazine, and the fireworks will continue as Kansas City accepts praise from national and international press, revels in productions by world-renowned and local performers at our outstanding theaters, and adds to our lifestyle venues throughout the metro.

So, happy anniversary to *KC Magazine*. You never know what wonderful surprises the next seven years will bring, but one thing's for sure: it'll be frosty.



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top 10 to-do's

1 **Sir James Galaway** flaunts his flautist talents for Kansas City, November 3 at 7:30 p.m. Visit follytheater.org for tickets and information.

2 **Over the Top** Don't miss the Women of Faith event, November 4–5 at the Sprint Center. Visit sprintcenter.com for tickets and information.



3 **Chanticleer** graces the halls of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, November 5. Visit chambermusic.org for information.



4 **"Altar"cations** Join the Mattie Rhodes Center as it showcases the altars created by local artists in observance of *Día de los Muertos*, November 6. Visit nelson-atkins.org.



5 **Drink up** for Harvesters as local bartenders face off in this coffee beverage contest, November 10 at Nick and Jake's. Visit theroasterie.com for information.

6 **HEARaid Gala** Join St. Luke's Foundation for "The Best of Broadway" to support those who are deaf or have significant hearing loss, November 18 at Hyatt Regency Crown Center. For details visit saintlukesgiving.org.



7 **Dance, Dine and Celebrate** at the Friends of Alvin Ailey gala at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, November 19. Visit kcfaa.org.

8 **Lace Up** for the Gobbler Grind marathon, half-marathon and 5K just in time for your pre-Thanksgiving workout, November 21 at Corporate Woods in Overland Park. Visit runkansascity.com for details.



9 **Midnight Madness** Thanksgiving is over, and you can officially begin your pre-Black Friday Christmas shopping at The Legends, November 24 at 10 p.m. Visit legendsshopping.com.



10 **A Ballet Benefit** Join me, along with guild members Amy Embry and Lauren LaPointe at the Deborah Liebman trunk show to benefit the Kansas City Ballet Guild, November 30 at Charlecote Antiques. I loved donning the Madera citrine pendant from Liebman's collection at this year's Ballet Ball.

