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### SUSTAINABILITY, RECYCLING EFFORTS INCREASE IN SHAWNEE

Shawnee Chamber of Commerce member, First National Bank of Olathe, is host to a Ripple Glass, LLC, recycling bin in addition to being an active participant in Sustain Shawnee, the Chamber's member-value, environmental program.

SHAWNEE, Kan. – First National Bank of Olathe (FNBO) employees and tenants welcomed a new addition to their parking lot Wednesday morning, December 16; a big, purple addition. Working efforts of FNBO secured the location as a host to a Ripple Glass recycling bin, making it one of three hosts in Shawnee.

"It is corporate responsibility," Chamber Ambassador Robin Frazee, First National Bank of Olathe, said. "More importantly, it is a small contribution for the greener good."

First National Bank of Olathe is located at 15100 W. 67<sup>th</sup> St. in Shawnee. Dozens of local businesses and municipalities will participate by hosting glass recycling bins, and the public will be encouraged to save and recycle used-glass food and beverage containers at some 60 sites, strategically located throughout the metro area. Other Ripple Glass hosts in Shawnee include the City, 5800 King St.; Perceptive Software, Chamber member, 22701 W. 68<sup>th</sup> Terrace; and Johnson County Landfill, 17955 Holliday Drive. Price Chopper is selling small, durable-plastic bins for \$4.99 each to provide an easy way to store glass at work and home as well as to transport it to a glass-recycling location. Bins are available at both Price Chopper locations in Shawnee; 12010 W. 63<sup>rd</sup> St. and 22210 W. 66<sup>th</sup> St.

The Kansas City area sends approximately 80,000 tons of glass to landfills each year. Ripple Glass will help Kansas City by providing a method to recycling glass and multiple, convenient locations to do so. The recycled glass is processed locally. A local business is using it to produce fiberglass insulation – saving money, lowering emissions and creating more energy-efficient homes.

Through the City's and Deffenbaugh Industries', Chamber member, partnerships with Ripple Glass, the Shawnee community is able to work toward a greener tomorrow. The Chamber would like to thank its members for their efforts in sustainability. The Chamber recognizes the importance in sustaining the community and provides a member-value, recycling program through its partnership with Deffenbaugh Industries.

Sustain Shawnee provides Chamber members the opportunity to commercially recycle at a discounted, monthly rate as well as tips to creating a green-office environment and keeping the community clean. Program participants include the following Chamber members: American Family Insurance – Steve Taylor Agency; Brothers and Associates LLC; Farmers Insurance – Joe Vohs Agency; First National Bank of Olathe; Keller Williams Realty Legacy Partners, Inc.; Mattes Appraisal Company, Inc.; Shawnee West owners; Varnum, Armstrong and Deeter, LLC; Weaver's Auto Center;

and Your Wellness Connection. To become a green, Chamber member, contact Megan Hardwick, program coordinator, at the Chamber either by telephone, 913.631.6545, or email, mhardwick@shawneechamber.com.

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Ripple Glass is a private venture founded by three Boulevard Brewing Co. executives: President John McDonald, CFO Jeff Krum and plant engineer Mike Utz. UMB Bank, owned by UMB Financial Corp. (Nasdaq: UMBF), and DST Systems Inc. (NYSE: DST) also are investors. The Ripple Glass facility can process five tons of glass an hour and can expand to handle as much as 15 tons an hour. The facility will collect recycled glass, crush it into a raw material called cullet and then sell it to companies such as Owens Corning Fiberglass Corp., which plans to make insulation out of it.

Ripple officials indicated most of the 60 initial collection sites have now been identified. A current list of recycling locations is available on the Ripple Glass Web site, [www.rippleglasskc.com](http://www.rippleglasskc.com).