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EDWINS TIMELINE OF EVENTS AT SHAKER SQUARE

- Feb. 2023: Chrostowski speaks with Joe Pagonakis to raise concerns over vacant storefronts, namely the former Balaton, Bigby, and T-Mobile spaces. Brandon also complains about awnings ([News 5](#))
 - *The facts:* Each of the then vacant storefronts have been filled with new tenants, including Kamron Khan photography (former T-Mobile space), Cafe Indigo (former Bugby space), and Coyoacán Taqueria & Brew (former Balaton space). Additionally, new awnings, facade woodwork, and painting has since been completed around each of the storefronts thanks to capital improvements funds raised by Shaker Square ownership
- Jan. 2024: Chrostowski speaks with several TV outlets to raise concerns over break-ins at Shaker Square, points blame at Shaker Square ownership ([Fox 8](#), [WKYC](#), [Channel 19](#))
 - *The facts:* The individuals who committed the series of break-ins at Shaker Square were swiftly apprehended and detained, with a perpetrator ultimately sentenced this summer. This was made possible by safety and security investments around the property, including equipping Shaker Square with over 60 cameras (in addition to any private merchant camera or security systems) that are regularly reviewed and a working relationship with Cleveland Police Department's Fourth District. A partnership with SafeChoice was launched in November 2023 to increase foot and vehicle patrol around the property, and \$278,000 has been invested in the installation of new, bright, and warm lighting across Shaker Square to promote safety at night.

- Sept. 2024: Chrostowski speaks with Katie Tercek to raise concerns about crime at Shaker Square. Chrostowski suggests break ins are happening on a weekly basis and that Shaker Square has hit a new low. Solutions offered by Brandon include populating Shaker Square with tenants, have ownership present, and to not ignore the issue ([Channel 19](#))
 - *The facts:* There have been no reports to substantiate Brandon's claims about the frequency of the crimes he mentions. EDWINS staff did not contact property management until a week after the alleged crimes took place, making it difficult to utilize security footage. Further, Shaker Square is at a 90 percent overall occupancy rate with new storefront tenants coming between fall 2024 and winter 2025. Deliberate efforts have been made to activate Shaker Square's public space through summer and holiday community programming.