



The Rosedalian

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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RDA honors community partners, presents citizen survey results at Annual Meeting

On Dec. 15, RDA held its 2008 Annual Meeting at Rainbow Mennonite Church. Approximately 40 residents, business and property owners, and elected officials attended.

The agenda consisted mainly of the annual awards presentation and a report on the results of a survey of 3rd District residents and business owners initiated by Commissioner Ann Murguia.

Rosedale resident and volunteer extraordinaire **Phil Gardos** received the Volunteer of the Year Award. Phil is an active member of Holy Name Catholic Church and is known for his "green thumb;" he has planted and tended several garden plots in Rosedale during the past several years, helping to beautify the neighborhood. He also happens to be the incoming RDA Board President.

KC Drywall received the Business of the Year Award for the company's charitable repair work at the Rosedale Congregational Church. Owner Eric Martincich donated materials and numerous hours of labor to help make critical maintenance improvements at the church, which is known for its community-based health programs for area youth and older adults.

Congratulations to Phil and KC Drywall for their outstanding contributions to the Rosedale community.

Attendees of the annual meeting also listened to a presentation by Karen Faulk from the ETC Institute, which conducted a citizen satisfaction survey within the U.G.'s 3rd District last August and September. The survey was mailed to residents and businesses within the boundaries of Rosedale and Argentine. It was designed to gauge their level of satisfaction with basic city services and to assist in planning efforts for the area.



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Participants at RDA's Annual Meeting listen to the results of the U.G. 3rd District (Argentine/Rosedale) resident and business survey. The findings will be used by elected officials, city staff, and community improvement organizations like RDA to determine needs and priorities for the area.

769 residents and 65 business owners completed the survey.

Key findings from the survey data and analysis:

- Most residents were satisfied with the quality of public safety services (police, fire, and ambulance), but were least satisfied with the quality of curbs and sidewalks.
- During the next two years, residents thought the city should prioritize the following three services: (1) maintenance of city streets; (2) quality of curbs and sidewalks; and (3) lowering the mill levy/property taxes.
- 56% of residents would vote "yes" on

a ¼-cent sales tax, if the revenues would fund improvements to key infrastructure, such as sidewalks, roads and curbs.

- 61% thought that their neighborhood was an excellent or good place to live.
- 51% of residents supported a fireworks ban and 50% supported a smoking ban.
- 25% of businesses were satisfied with the city's efforts to improve the physical appearance of their neighborhood and 40% were dissatisfied.
- 25% felt that the current tax structure in Wyandotte County was fair.
- 63% thought that their neighborhood was a "business-friendly" community. ☞

RDA's 2009 Goals & Priorities

With the start of a new year, RDA has an ambitious set of plans as it strives to fulfill its mission of building a strong and healthy community. Among our priorities are:

1. Create a bicycle and pedestrian-friendly network, as guided by the Rosedale Master Plan approved in 2005.
2. Improve and enhance awareness of transit options.
3. Update aging infrastructure to promote development, health and safety, including: sidewalks, curbs, roads, stoplights and crosswalks.
4. Boost safety and the perception of safety and promote a "crime free" area.
5. Increase the number of community gardens and encourage partnerships among area schools, churches, and neighborhood groups. ☞

Thank You...

... to those who contributed to RDA's end-of-year appeal for financial support.

RDA is a membership organization, and so we depend on your contributions to make a positive impact in Rosedale. RDA is your neighborhood resource and advocacy center. We are now accepting new and renewing memberships for 2009 (\$15/year for households, \$100/year for businesses).

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Working in partnership with residents, businesses, and institutions to build a strong and healthy community and to improve the quality of life for those who live, work, and play in Rosedale.

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Feed-a-Family program helps make the holidays a little brighter for families in need

RDA and numerous members of the Rosedale community teamed up last month to provide holiday gift baskets to 20 families and senior citizens (70 total persons) who needed assistance, as part of the 23rd annual Feed-a-Family program.

From the end of November through mid-December, RDA collected donations of non-perishable food items, household products, children's toys, winter clothes, and cash (which was then used to purchase eggs, margarine, milk, and other food). Harvesters Community Food Network also contributed 20 turkeys – one for each gift basket.

Beneficiaries for the program were referred by local schools, churches, and neighborhood groups.

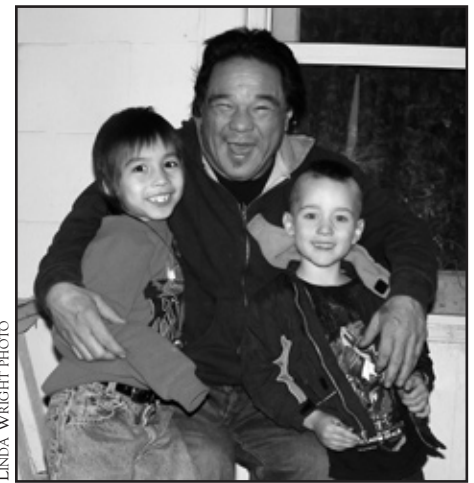
Many of the families and seniors experienced difficult circumstances last year. There were grandparents raising their grandchildren, single mothers trying to make ends meet, and older adults struggling to pay the bills. Despite hard times, the gift basket recipients remain hopeful. Many expressed deep gratitude to RDA and the community.

The Feed-a-Family program would not be possible without the generous support of many individuals, businesses, and other organizations in our community. It is heartening to know that Rosedale is a community that cares about its neighbors and will step up to

help others, even when the economic times are tough.

Thank you to the many friends of Rosedale who provided support for this program. Major sponsors were:

- Harvesters
- Haun Potato
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Westwood Apple Market
- John Rohrer Contracting Co.
- KU Police F.O.P. Lodge #37
- F.O.P. Lodge #4 ☞



These Rosedale residents were elated to receive one of the 20 Feed-a-Family holiday gift baskets last month. In the current economic conditions, the baskets were both timely and needed for many families.

KU's Studio 804 once again chooses Rosedale for construction of new residence

For the fourth time in six years, architecture students at the University of Kansas will design and build a new home in the Rosedale community, helping to bring cutting-edge techniques and residential features to the neighborhood while preserving the existing character of the area.

The students will complete their work through a hands-on class experience called Studio 804, which is an innovative design/build program at the University of Kansas School of Architecture and Urban Planning. Students are exposed to ideas and practices in the field of architecture and design, while simultaneously

benefiting a local community through the construction of new housing or other buildings.

The new home is planned for 3716 Springfield St., immediately south of Rosedale Middle School. The 1,900 sq. foot residence will feature three bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, a two-story atrium living area, and a walk-out balcony. Active systems, implemented in the building's design, include: grey water reclamation and reuse, a geothermal heating system, and solar panels. The finishes will employ sustainable and recycled products, as well as reclaimed wood.

The building will serve as a pro-

totype for the region and it is Studio 804's ambition for it to become the first LEED Platinum residence in Kansas. It will also be the first home to primarily use renewable energy sources in Wyandotte County. For more information and weekly updates on the project's progress, visit: studio804.com.

Studio 804's three previous homes built in Rosedale are nationally recognized and have brought positive recognition to the community. For the curious, they are located at: 3914 Lloyd St. (2007), 750 Shawnee Road (2005), and 3908 Lloyd St. (2004). ☞

CVS Pharmacy Update

Last month, developers of a proposed CVS Pharmacy at the southwest corner of 43rd and Rainbow (site of the former Quik Trip gas station) met with neighborhood residents and property owners to discuss their plans.

There were several concerns raised at the meeting, including: incongruity with the Rosedale Master Plan, access and traffic issues, proximity to residences on Adams St., the pedestrian unfriendly design, and lack of integration with the remaining commercial strip on the adjacent property to the south.

The developers and their representatives at the Polsinelli law firm agreed to consider our comments and schedule another community meeting prior to presenting it to the Unified Government.

The project has been placed on the Feb. 9 meeting agenda for the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

For additional information, contact the RDA office: (913) 677-5097. ☎

Local Election Candidates Forum

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Armourdale Recreation Center
730 Osage Ave.
Kansas City, Kan.

Come hear from the candidates for Mayor/CEO, Commissioner, Sheriff, Register of Deeds, USD #500 Board of Education, and BPU.

Become an informed voter and practice your democratic rights.

Primary Election: March 3

General Election: April 7

Rosedale History Quiz

In each issue of *The Rosedalian*, we will publish a Rosedale historical photograph along with an accompanying question. The first person to answer the question correctly will receive a prize. Submissions must be e-mailed to: rosedalehistoryquiz@rosedale.org or called in to the RDA office: (913) 677-5097. Please provide your name, address, and phone number. To see more historical photos of Rosedale, please visit www.rosedale.org.

Last month's photographs & questions:

Question: When was new Station No. 10 built?

Answer: 1996 (at that time, old Station No. 10 and old Station No. 12 were consolidated and moved to the new Rosedale station).

Bonus: What is the name of the captain at Station No. 10?

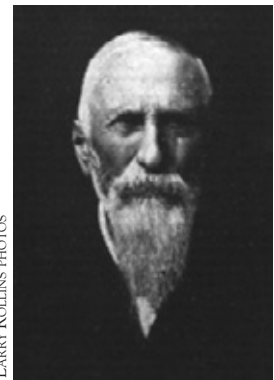
Answer: Steve Howard.

Winner: No one answered correctly last month.

This month's photograph & question:

Who is this man and what is his relevance to Rosedale?

The answer will be provided next month.



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Membership application

Annual business dues: \$100 ☎ Annual household dues: \$15

Name of business **or** name of household

Address City State ZIP code

Contact person

Day phone Evening phone Fax

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Please mail application, along with check made payable to:
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Rosedale Church of the Month:

St. Paul AME Zion

Address: 4000 S. Minnie St., Kansas City, Kan. 66103, **Phone:** (913) 384-6738, **Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m., **Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting:** 6:00 p.m., **Wednesday Choir Practice:** 7:00 p.m.

As members of one of the oldest churches in Rosedale, parishioners at St. Paul AME Zion have stayed true to their roots and continue to be involved in significant ways in the community. Founded in 1893, the congregation has been a long-time force for good in the neighborhood.

The church is currently part of an exciting partnership with the Rosedale Congregational Church, sharing fellowship and ministries together and overcoming racial barriers (St. Paul's is predominantly black, Rosedale Congregational is predominantly white). The two churches occasionally participate in joint worship and they also started a community garden, the Healthy Kidz Garden, near St. Paul's church building last year.

St. Paul's is engaged in other ministries, as well. The church donates clothes and other items to the Willa Gill Multi-Service Center and the Salvation Army to assist persons struggling with homelessness, mental illness, financial constraints, and/or other issues. St. Paul's also distributes



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food once a month to residents in need through the Angel Food Ministry, and passes out holiday gift baskets during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Furthermore, the congregation hosted the "World Day of AIDS" public education seminar last Dec. 13, which

provided information and testing to residents.

The current pastor is Rev. Ruby Watson, who has served the church since 2003. During Rev. Watson's tenure, the church has made several capital improvements, including a new parking lot, refurbished interior, new tile in the bathroom and a new mechanized chair on the staircase for disabled persons.

Rev. Watson is also involved in the Rosedale Ministerial Alliance, an ecumenical coalition of pastors and lay people from various Rosedale churches. "We've always been a part of the community," says Rev. Watson. "Our mission is to bring the community together and win souls for Christ."

St. Paul's will celebrate its 116th anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 8. There will be normal Sunday morning worship, a dinner, and special afternoon service that day. The community is invited to attend.

For questions about ministries or the 116th anniversary event, call: (913) 384-6738. ☎



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