CITY HALL

Action Center (for complaints regarding streets, code enforcement, public nuisance, etc.)  573-5190
Animal Control/Shelter  321-1445
Air Pollution Control  321-4803
Building Inspection Department  573-5620
Code Enforcement  573-5600
Community Development Division  573-5100
Disabled, Office of  573-5680
Domestic Relations (domestic problems, neighborhood feuds, destitutes, dance permits)  573-5225
Economic Development and Planning  573-5730
Engineering  573-5700
Fire Department  371-2121
Health Department  321-4803
Housing and Community Dev. Division (housing rehabilitation, emergency housing repairs, rental rehabilitation, section 312 loan, neighborhood assistance)  573-5100
License Department  573-5280
Operation Brightside  573-5135
Parking Control  573-5320
Human Resources Department (housing discrimination, Employment discrimination landlord/tenant disputes, contract compliance)  573-5460
Parks and Recreation  371-4418
Public Works  573-5700
Senior Citizen's Center  573-5515
Street Department  371-0183
Traffic Engineer  573-5770
Water Pollution Control  573-5400
Zoning (see Economic Development & Planning)  573-5730

Councilman Elmer Sharp  573-5040 or (work)831-2661
Commissioner Frank Lipovitz  573-2827
All Emergencies  911
Senator John Strick  342-3230 (Wyndot Paper)
Representative Herman Dillon  342-4426
STATUS OF THE RAILROAD CROSSING
SOUTHWEST BOULEVARD, WEST OF TURKEY CREEK

The Burlington Northern Railroad will be closing Southwest Boulevard at their crossing just west of Turkey Creek, on or about August 13, 1990, for a two week period. During the first week the Railroad will be installing a smoother, rubberized crossing as part of upgrading of their two main line tracks. Immediately following the Railroads work, the Cities contractor will start on the street approach work, reopening Southwest Boulevard to traffic on or about August 27, 1990.

Later this year the City will continue the asphalt overlay on Southwest Boulevard from 10th Street to the improved rail crossing.

Wayne S. Moody
Assistant City Engineer
AUGUST 1990

JANSSEN GLASS & MIRROR-A BUSINESS PROFILE

Tom Janssen became acquainted with the glass industry while working in Cook Paint Company's office in the early '60s. During free moments, Janssen did a bit of mechanical drawing which caught his supervisor's attention. He suggested that Janssen tour for the glass department's apprenticeship program. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Janssen Glass and Mirror began operations in 1986 and the company moved to its present location at 2754 Rose Lane, last summer. 1-35 drivers can easily read Janssen's large GLASS-677-5727 sign on the side of the building and Janssen greatly appreciates his business' accessibility to the greater metro area.

Janssen Glass and Mirror does every kind of glass and mirror glass, commercial and residential, except for auto glass. They will glass glass, provide bullet resistant security installations, and do new and replacement storefront glass. They install all orders. "If it's glass, we can do it."

Janssen appreciates the satisfaction of creating something he can look at when a job is done and say "there it is!" Janssen's wife Joyce lets him create while she is the company's secretary/treasurer. The company has one additional employee, Janssen's clients include the J.C. Penney Company, and the Blue Valley School District. They have worked at Kansas City Kansas Community College, Fort Leavenworth and the REMT Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine. The company recently completed all interior and storefront glass work at Boulevard Credit Motors, 340 Southwest Blvd.

Janssen Glass & Mirror is a member of the Rosedale Development Association.

ROSEDALE TRIVIA

Test your knowledge about the Rosedale area and the history of the RDA:

In what year was the city of Rosedale platted?
Who was the first president of the RDA?
How many postal addresses does Rosedale have?

*Answers on page 5.
OPEN FORUM

THIS IS RECYCLING?!?

by
Harley Marshall

Shortly after Christmas, a year and a half ago, several pieces of playground equipment were stolen from Whitestone playground on Southwest Boulevard. They were cute animal-shaped pieces that tiny kids ride. Thieves took them because they were made of aluminum and could be sold for scrap.

It didn’t take long to find the missing animals. They were in a pile in a junk yard in Armstrong. But they weren’t alone. Alongside them were 39 more riding animals. By the way, each piece cost $300. Nearly $13,000 worth of playground equipment had been stolen, mostly from city parks, and brought to one junk yard and sold for scrap.

Come to find out, those three young men, living near Whitestone Playground were guilty of the thefts. A witness had given the police enough information to track them down. When one of the thieves confessed and ratted on the other two, the case was cut and dry.

Crime might not have paid for the thieves, but the biggest culprit of all got away with free. I’m talking about the junk yard owner. The detective working the case said the junk yard owner’s claim that he didn’t know the animals were stolen was enough to make conviction difficult. So he wasn’t even charged. However, it stretches the imagination that the owner could buy 43 playground animals (not exactly a common hobby) and believe that everything was on the up and up. The same junk yard owner had previously bought clearly labeled city manhole covers from thieves all the while claiming he did not know they too were stolen.

The detective working the playground equipment case said that he was writing an ordinance that would make it more difficult for thieves to fence their hot goods to junk yards. It’s more that 11 years since then, and to my knowledge no such ordinance has surfaced yet. It’s too late past time. The crimes haven’t stopped.

If you aren’t aware of the problem, look at the handrails the next time you drive over a bridge. The Seventh Street bridge over the Union Pacific tracks is a good example. Many handrails have been stolen because they are made of aluminum. At least one junk yard must still be up to its old tricks.

(Rather, this section of the newsletter presents a forum for community opinions and concerns.)

RDA BOARD PROFILE—GENE HILL

Gene and Ben Hill met during high school in Jeannette, Pa. Gene entered airline school here immediately afterwards. Ben transferred from college in Pennsylvania to Kansas City Business College. Gene began working in Western Auto’s accounting department upon realizing that the airline could transfer her anywhere, and she liked Kansas City. Ben and Gene married in 1959 and Ben joined Spangler Printing.

Gene had never touched a printing press until Ben installed one in their basement during 1974 to accommodate an offer that Spangler couldn’t handle. Ben left Spangler three years later and Spangler’s top salesman began selling for the hills. They soon had more work that they could handle and gradually farming some out to Westport Printing. When Ben and Gene bought Westport Printing in March 1977 they had 3 employees. By 1980 the company had 15 employees.

On January 1, 1985 Westport Printing moved to their renovated Rosedale school building (previously Kansas City Christian School) at 2440 W. 47th St. They presently employ 25 people including in-house artists, typesetting, on-site camera department, plate room and silk-screen shop. The Hills’ daughter, Darla works in the sales department. Gene has handled the company books exclusively since 1979.

Also on-site are generally several very friendly, well-behaved dogs and often, grandson Benjamin. Gene owns 4 dogs and 3 parrots and has become quite involved with the Humane Society, including a tenure on their Board. Gene saw her daughter’s maternity clothes and especially enjoys making children’s clothes. She serves on the Board of the Master Printers Association and joined the RDA Board of Directors in 1989.

Congratulations to:
Kornfeld-Thorp Electric Company, 100 Greystone on their selection as a 1989 United States POSTAL SERVICE QUALITY SUPPLIER AWARD recipient—one of eleven companies selected out of 2000 nominees. They believe that "the USPS only to suppliers who have clearly demonstrated their ability and commitment to consistently deliver a quality product."—the USPS.

June Faussett, 2844 S. 8th Terrace, on publishing of her book of poems and verse, in verse and prose, titled "After-glow".

Lisa M. Gray on five years with the Rosedale Development Association this month.

Welcome to:
The Diet Center, 4136 Rainbow Blvd.
Tiffany’s Flowers, Cards and Gifts, 3408 Rainbow Blvd.

Thank you to:
Maxine Hanman, 4146 Cambridge, for selling Rosedale memorabilia at the Rosedale High School 20 and 30 year reunions on Saturday, July 21st.

Westwood United Super for their monthly donation of bread to the Crosslines Food Pantry.

Jean Pryor, 4717 Palomino, member of the Rosedale High School class of ’70, for suggesting that participants might be interested in purchasing Rosedale items.

Remodeling, expansion affect police

Following a major remodeling effort, the Medical Center’s University Police has expanded its offices.

The expansion was needed after the recent addition of new radio equipment in the dispatch area and the department’s outgrowth of its existing space, according to Jack Pearson, director of University Police.

While much of the department remains in the hospital basement near the dock area, Mr. Pearson said enclosing a hallway and reorganizing space have allowed the department to expand in squad room and office space.

The additional room also made it possible to move the dispatch area to the basement offices and add state-of-the-art radio equipment.

COURTESY OF RMD TOPIC—7/18/90

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With the new equipment, the University Police will now use the network computer for WPD/UPD's disaster communications. Mr. Pearson added.

Telephone numbers for the various services will remain the same. The police non-emergency number is ext. 5030, the administrative offices can be reached at ext. 5183, lost and found's number is ext. 5177, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the emergency number is 911.

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