Rosedale Businesses Win Awards

Papagallo, a restaurant located at 4208 Rainbow Blvd. was selected as the "New Small Business of the Year" by the Kansas City, Kansas Chamber of Commerce. Owner Ray Katten was present to receive the award at a special Chambers After Hours event. Papagallo serves a wide variety of foods, mostly Mediterranean with some Italian and Vegetarian cuisine. Open for 14 months, it has recently redecorated and is expanding into the adjacent building. Papagallo has a friendly atmosphere and waiters that pamper you. Please plan on dining at Papagallo in the near future. Don't miss their Chocolate Cappuccino Cheesecake.

Silva Foods of Kansas City was the second runner up in the category of "Business of the Year 1993". Silva's is a success story. In 1989 a small family owned business was started in Rosedale. The owners rehabbed an old building and using doughnut fryers began manufacturing 1 product - nacho chips. From this beginning 12 years ago their product line has expanded to include 28 items with new products waiting in the wings. Sales have also risen on the average of 15% annually. Besides running a successful business Rick Silva finds time to give something back to the community. He serves on the board of the Better Business Bureau and as Business Vice-President of the RDA Board of Directors.

Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care at 506 S.W. Blvd.
was the second runner-up in the "Small Business With Outstanding Civic Contribution". They are a not-for-profit comprehensive medical care facility specializing in primary care for the entire family. FMC also provides an AIDS Clinic, home visits, offsite pre-natal education, a clothing bank, social service assistance and more. Started in 1989 they served 10-15 clients daily based on a ability to pay, now they serve an avg. of 40 clients daily. This will increase with the move to their new facility at 530 S.W. Blvd. FMC revenues have doubled annually since 1992 making them a financial success. They have also been the recipients of numerous awards. Scare of the people who work for FMC also donate their time to other projects in the community. FMC serves the community by helping to keep overall health care costs down and people employed.

New Program
RDA has officially begun a new program. We have had our first community service worker fulfill his time requirement by picking up trash in the Rosedale area. YEA!!

Wyandotte County Diversion Program and Municipal Court are referring persons sentenced to fulfill a certain number of community service hours to our RDA office. We plan to use these people to pick up trash, help with some office work and hopefully, assist some of the elderly with lawn maintenance and exterior painting.

If you know of someone who is truly in need of assistance, please call me at 677-5097.

Breakfast Meeting

Our next monthly membership meeting will be held on:
May 18, 1993
7:30 a.m.
Kansas Room
Best Western Inn
501 S.W. Blvd.

Our speaker will be Larry Clark, Wyandotte County Appraiser. Please attend this meeting to receive the answers to your questions on property tax reappraisals.
Clean-up

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make this year's Operation Brightside clean-up and neighborhood picnic a great success. We are currently overwhelmed with the amount of 'stuff' to be taken to the dump. They were still picking up trash on Tuesday, May 4th.

It was a successful community spring clean-up. This would not have been true had it not been for the volunteers and donors who made this by far the best ever. From the businesses who donated funds for the yard signs, the folks who constructed the signs, the people who rolled and threw approximately 3,500 bags, those who donated prizes, food, and drinks for the picnic, the volunteers who cooked and organized games at the picnic, to the people who spent their Saturday morning picking up trash throughout the Rosedale area. The RDA group of 8 picked up 30 bags of trash along Mission Road from Southeast Boulevard south to the top of the hill and about 15 bags of trash from a lot at 44th and Lloyd. I know that people in some other areas targeted alleys, roadways and vacant lots for clean-up.

The clean-up and picnic provided those present with an opportunity to visit on a one-to-one basis with Wyandotte County Commissioner Nancy Burns as she helped us pick up the 45 bags of trash and with City Councilman Dr. Eimer Sharp who spent quite some time at the picnic answering questions and socializing at the picnic even in the rain.

Thanks to all the responsible people who gave of their valuable time to improve our neighborhood.

Reception

Six area restaurants helped to make the City Councilors reception a success and a food fest. Eddy's Catering, Judy's Bakery Shoppe, Papaallo, Quick's Bar & Grill, Rosedale Barbeque and Sillo Foods of Kansas City all donated platters of fantastic food for the dining pleasure of all those attending the reception.

The event was well attended by many dignitaries including the Mayor, City Administrator, all 6 City Councilpersons, 2 Wyandotte County Commissioners, 7 members of the Wyandotte County Sheriff, numerous city officials, Kansas City Area Chamber of Commerce officials, businessmen and representatives from other organizations. It was a chance for everyone to sample some of the wonderful food available in Rosedale and throughout K.C., Ks. It was also an opportunity for area business people to talk with city and county officials about their concerns.

I hope that those 6 generous businesses will realize a financial gain from the exposure of their foods at this event.

Crime

The area around 40th and Adams has been the site of several recent criminal incidents. All have involved guns.

1. Armed car jacking.
2. Woman robbed at gun point as she was getting out of her car.
3. Armed man shot up into an apartment complex on an apparently random basis.
4. Resident robbed at gun point on the street.

Most of these incidents have taken place around 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and the description of the perpetrators is very similar in 3 of the incidents.

DESCRIPTION
- 3 black males
- Late teens - early 20's
- Usually wearing Raider's jackets or long dusters
- Medium build - 5'10"
- Driving a dark red Honda, 2 door, Ks. tag # 7308 981.

Help

The RDA is trying to assist an area couple who are in need of a wheelchair and a concrete ramp. The couple seems to fall between the cracks of social service programs set up to assist persons with problems such as theirs. The husband receives enough in retirement payments that they are disqualified from most existing programs. Both husband and wife have numerous medical problems and the cost of medicines and doctor's bills cut severely into their funds.

If you can help or want more specific information, please call the RDA office - 677-5097.

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Property Taxes Are Killing Us and KCK

Over the past few months I have made numerous calls to the Wyandotte County Registrar Of Deeds office and the Delinquent Real Estate Tax Dept. to discover the ownership of certain problem properties. Most of the properties had obviously been abandoned and neglected for years. Some of these were commercial buildings on which taxes had not been paid for 10-12 years, others were large empty lots or residences that were structurally sound but rapidly deteriorating including the historic Sauer Castle. The more I looked into this the more apparent it became that something should be done to prevent this deterioration of our community.

A number of these "problem" properties seemed to be marketable real estate if they had not been allowed to rot for 10-12 years. If only someone had addressed their delinquent tax status at 3 or 4 years out they may have been saved and currently be valuable income producing property.

My next step was to determine how many of these delinquent tax properties existed in Rosedale. After some effort I finally obtained a list of properties that were 3 or more years delinquent in real estate taxes. I was shocked. There are over 620 of these properties in Rosedale in-cluding commercial buildings, residences, vacant lots and county owned property. Some of these are very valuable but the owners are getting away with not paying their property tax. In one instance, the owner of a beautiful stone home on Shawnee Road owes $24,000 in taxes going back to 1984.

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This beautiful house on a large lot at 1028 Shawnee Road is more than 3 years tax delinquent and could be put up for back tax sale.

Evening Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly membership meeting will be held on:
Tuesday, May 15, 1993
6:00 p.m.
3424 Rainbow Blvd.

Margaret Landis will be our guest speaker. Ms. Landis is the author of "The Winding Valley and The Craggy Hillsides, A History of the City of Rosedale, Kansas."

At this meeting I would like your input on several ideas I have to improve our community. I need to know your concerns and where you want this organization to focus its energies.

At our May meeting the members voted to extend the terms of four board members to 1995. These were Randy Bowden, Myrna Corpeny, Hal Basset and Ken Seibert.
Property Taxes and KCK

Property taxes on this property at 1042 Shawnee Road have not been paid since 1984. It should be placed in a tax sale.

City Budget

For those who are concerned about the way city spends its money, may I suggest that you attend the City Budget Workshops and hearings scheduled for July and Aug. at City Hall.

July 8 - 7:00p.m. Submission of proposed budget
July 15 - 4:00p.m. Budget Workshop
July 20 - 4:00p.m. Budget Workshop
July 22 - 4:00p.m. Budget Workshop
July 25 - Maximum Tax Levy published in Kansan
July 27 - 4:00p.m. Budget Workshop
July 29 - 4:00p.m. Budget Workshop
Aug. 3 - 4:00p.m. Budget Workshop
Aug. 5 - 7:00p.m. Final Public Hearing, Adoption of Budget

Ethnic Fest


Participants will start at 10 a.m. with a parade beginning on Orchard St. and continuing north on 6th to Ash Ave., east on 44th St., north on 4th to St. John's Park. You are welcome to join in the parade. There will be craft demonstrations, booths, and games that begin at 12 noon. Strawberry treats, ethnic foods, and beverages will be available all afternoon and evening. At 6:30 p.m. the Don Lippovice orchestra will play for a dance. ($5.00 ticket). St. John's Church will be conducting free tours.

Come Celebrate the ethnic heritage of Kansas City, Kansas. For more info, call Helen Potovich at 221-1238

CBDG Fair

On Saturday, May 22, 1993 CBDG participated in the CBDG Neighborhood Superbowl at Barney Allis Plaza. This was a family fair to show community strength thru ethnic diversity. It was sponsored by the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance.

RDA Support

Special thanks go out to the following businesses and residents for their new or renewed memberships:

Harold Coleman
Janet Rodgers
Chuck Kowalski
Marguerite & Carlton Young
Sam Dunn Oil Co.

Blitz '93

As a follow-up to the Operation Brightside clean-up on May 1st, I want to let you know that in Area 3 over 1,200 tons / 480 truck loads of trash were collected over a 4 day period. This is an ALL TIME RECORD for the Operation Brightside crews. Thanks for helping to make it a success.

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Illegal Dumping in Rosedale

During my travels in and around Rosedale I have seen some beautiful and surprising areas, such as a small valley with a stream running through it and 3 homes grouped in the valley bottom and high hills that provide the viewer with stunning views of KCK and RMD. I have also discovered shockingly ugly areas. The above photo is an example of one of these eyewores. It is a shot of a small section of a dump located in a ravine at Gurnett and 8th St. This is very representative of 3 other large ravine type dumps I have located in Rosedale. These dumps were not created overnight. It appears that people residents to provide someone who could answer their questions regarding public housing in general and Belrose Manor specifically.

Breakfast Meeting

Our next monthly membership meeting will be held on:
Tuesday, July 20, 1993
7:30 A.M.
3424 Rainbow Blvd.

Ron Cobb, Director of Housing Management for the Housing Authority of Kansas City, KS, will be our guest speaker for this early morning meeting.

Mr. Cobb is speaking in response to requests from area residents to provide someone who could answer their questions regarding public housing in general and Belrose Manor specifically.
Illegal Dumping

have been dumping in these places for 40 or 50 years at least.

These dumps are shameful. They are not only eyesores, especially in winter, but they may very well pose a health hazard to the people who live in the area, to children who may play in the dumps and to any pets that may drink contaminated water from the ravines. The dumps are great breeding places for rodents and insects. They also devalue the surrounding property and leave a negative impression of our community on people outside of Rosedale area.

In some of these ravines the dumping is continuing today, sometimes from the residents themselves and sometimes from unscrupulous contractors or people from other areas wanting to dispose of trash without paying a fee. It is often a problem to stop these people to catch them in the act and report them to the city or the Syosset Health Dept. They can then be fined and forced to clean-up the trash they dumped.

In some of these ravines the dumping is still occurring. Sometimes it’s from the residents themselves and sometimes from unscrupulous contractors or people from other areas wanting to dispose of trash without paying a fee. The best way to stop these people is to catch them in the act and report them to the city or to the Syosset Health Dept. They can then be fined and forced to clean-up the trash they dumped. But this still does not address the debris that has been collecting in these areas for many years.

I would love to see these areas cleaned up and kept clean. But this will take a lot of work by many people over a number of days, trucks to haul the trash away and possibly some heavy equipment to remove some items. In order to accomplish this we could organize residents for mass clean-up efforts in each area or still use prisoners from the Municipal Jail.

The City has a program that allows organizations such as RSA to supervise jail inmates on a work release type of program. This is a great opportunity for us to address the trash problem and to allow offenders to give something back to the community. City officials agree that this type of program could help maintain the area.

Since I began my duties as Executive Director in January, I have had the opportunity to organize a Rosedale Parade and Festival. This year I will be working with several of these dedicated Rosedaleans to discuss various ideas for a festival. As a result of this meeting we have chosen to hold this event on Saturday, Oct. 16th. We will begin the day with a pancake breakfast and parade followed by games, free medical screenings and craft booths. But if we are to make a success of such a large undertaking RSA will need the help of each and everyone of you.

It would be impossible for only a few people to pull off an event like this. Volunteers are needed to help and serve on various committees (parade, pancake breakfast, medical screenings, games and entertainment and crafts fair). There is no need to be a doer of this type of work force to clean-up our City.

Businesses Come to Rosedale

Salon Camellia

This new hair care salon is located at 4320 Rainbow Blvd. and offers a wide variety of services in a beautiful professional setting. In her first business venture owner Camellia Dean decided to locate in Rosedale because of her love for the community. She attended Rosedale Middle School and Harmon High. At the time Dean was 17 years old, she was living with her parents and attending school.

She attended University of Minnesota and now lives in the area with her husband and two children. She currently operates the only stylist shop in the area and is looking for another stylist to join her. The salon is open 5 days a week and does take walk-ins.

Dental Arts Building

Three dentists, R. W. Blumeyer, Ronald Clariborne and David M. Blumeyer have built a new dental office at 4527 Rainbow Blvd. which they opened on May 17th. They have moved from a smaller practice to our area from 4th and Minnepolis, bringing 98% of their patients with them.

They provide general dental care and are open weekdays and 1 day on Sat.

Web Products Inc.

This business has been in our area for some time but they have recently moved their office from RFD to their factory site at 11 Lincoln. Owner Mike Snyder patented the "Web" an adjustable, reusable electronic furnace/air conditioner filter kit. The latest issue of Ingram’s Magazine rated Web Products Inc. 3rd among Kansas City’s 100 fastest growing companies. They have 12 full time employees. "The Web" is available locally at Strasser Hardware.

Alpha Industries

Alpha Industries moved to 1150 A S.W. Blvd. on March 1st, having outgrown their Kansas City location. Owner Thomas Montgomery has been in business for 20 yrs. manufacturing cathode ray tubes including, TV tubes, display tubes & special application monitor tubes. Mr. Montgomery chose Rosedale because he found the "best space for the money" and is closer to his labors force and suppliers. He has 2 full time and 4 part-time employees.

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Fire, Flood, Ravage Rosedale

July of 1993 will be remembered by area residents and business owners as a time of hardship and loss. As if the flooding of Turkey Creek did not cause enough damage to our community a devastating fire wiped out A&M Machine Shop at 643 Southwest Blvd. on Saturday, July 30th. The cause of the fire has yet to be determined. Although this building was a total loss, Carriage & Motor Works on the east and T.J. Fleming Co. on the west, each with a common wall to A&M, were completely undamaged.

A&M owner Dave Spangler would like to rebuild his business in the Southwest Blvd. area. Mr. Spangler didn’t own the building and at this time he doesn’t know if the owner intends to rebuild or not. RDHA has offered to help him in any way possible. We can’t afford to lose any more area businesses.

Many Rosedale Businesses and residents were hard hit by the flooding of Turkey Creek in early July. Most of these are still working on cleaning up their places and three businesses lost everything and do not plan to reopen.

Dawooda’s, with the great tenderloins, will not reopen. Owner Chris did not have flood insurance. Chris lost everything and there was structural damage to the building he was
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Event Evening Monthly Meeting
Our next monthly membership meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, August 17, 1993
7:00 P.M.
3424 Rainbow Blvd.

Dr. Elmer Sharp, our City Councillor, will be the guest speaker for this meeting.

He will be able to tell about the City Council meetings where he has been asked to speak. The Council members who voted against the adopting the budget. He will be able to answer many of your questions regarding our city government and other ideas as to what we can do to improve our community.

Please pass this word to your neighbors and invite them to attend this meeting. Dr. Sharp is very busy and it has been quite some time since he has spoken at an RDHA meeting. So, this is your chance to ask your questions.

This is all that remains of the A&M Machine Shop located at 643 Southwest Blvd. The three alarm blaze started around 10:30 p.m. on Friday, July 30th and was finally out by noon on Saturday.
Shelter, Businesses Work Together

If you are a reader of the Kansas newspaper, and I hope you are for it's the only way to know what is happening with the community we are a part of. You are aware of the controversy surrounding the CASA homeless shelter and area business owners. RDA supported the businesses and area residents in their efforts to force the shelter to work with the community to eliminate some problems. RDA has since been arranging the negotiating meetings.

At the July 1st City Council meeting, petitions requesting the revocation of the Christian Foundation for Children & Aging's (CPCA) Special Use Permit to operate a shelter at 1 Elwood Ave. were presented. The Council, except for Dr. Sharp, who thought the position was not in the best interest of the community, were unable to reach a decision in this matter at that time and requested a 30 day delay during which time petition supporters and CPCA representatives were to meet and try to resolve their differences.

The two meetings have been held to date with very encouraging results. As an outcome of the meetings the following decisions have been made.

1. A "Hot Line" has been established at the shelter for the use of area business. This is to be used to assist in clearing looters out of the area and for assistance if a bilingual speaker is needed.

2. CPCA will no longer allow employers to pick up day laborers on their property as this may encourage illegal employment.

3. Dean Machinery is closing area caves that transpire sometimes gather in. These are near the Cambridge Business Park. Cargill Flour Milling Division is securing their elevators at 1550 K. 26th St. in order to keep transients out. Other "caves" will be closed as they are discovered. This will not only funnel homeless people into area shelters or cut out of the area.

4. Monthly meetings are to be held between CPCA and any all interested business or residents to evaluate conditions in the area and establish means of resolving problems as they arise.

Other ideas are currently being evaluated such as the possibility of CPCA and area businesses sharing the cost of a night security patrol. The shelter is considering a number of changes in the way they operate. This includes only housing people who are referred through other agencies and providing services that would reduce residency idle time (ie: English classes, education courses, preparation of immigration status, volunteer labor and referrals to other agencies).

Due to the relative successes of these first two meetings, the current improvement in area problems and to show faith and good will the petition backers have withdrawn the petition to revoke the CPCA Special Use Permit at this time.

The consensus is that we, as a community, try to assist those persons who want help and are willing to abide by certain codes of behavior. Those persons who wish to continue problems will be run out of the area by the cooperative efforts of the shelter and area businesses with police assistance. CPCA has realized that the bad elements in the community not only negatively impact area businesses but they may also greatly affect the shelter's ability to continue operations in the area.

It's important for all major players to be involved in the resolution of problems in their

It's important for everyone to be involved in the resolution of problems in their neighborhoods. Taking a hands off, it's not my problem stance will at best delay or complicate resolution of problems and at worst may increase problems by giving individuals the idea that they can do whatever they wish without repercussions.

Flood (cont.)

The news wire services reported that Alpha Industries at 1150 A Southeast Blvd. is a business that I reported on in the July newsletter. Tom Montgomery had moved his business here from Lenexa several months ago. Then the flood hit. Now his son is planning on taking over the business and will be moving it back to Lenexa.

Fire Station 10 suffered some structural damage which left us without 2 fire trucks for several weeks. Repairs have been made and the trucks are now back in the station and ready for action.


I thank all the companies for their quick action to help each other.

Please support these Balla businesses during these difficult times along with all the other businesses.

Planning has begun for our fall festival & parade to be held on Saturday, Oct. 16th. The parade will march down S.W. Blvd. The festival will be in Rosedale Park. We will be rent 10'x12' booth spaces to art, craft and food vendors. Trophies will be awarded for various parade categories. There will be games, a pancake breakfast and entertainers at the festival. But... we need more volunteers. Please consider donating some time.

Thank you to each and everyone of you.

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Turkey Creek Bridge Plans

If you read the Kansas Newspaper you know what's going on with the Southwest Boulevard bridge over Turkey Creek. If not, here's the story.

After the July 9 flood damaged the Turkey Creek bridge, the City closed it to traffic. This has caused a severe hardship on numerous businesses and residents in the area, since there is no easy direct route around this road block. Initially we were told it would be 18-24 months before the roadway would be reopened.

This, understandably, caused a tremendous uproar from those most affected. After an initial, tense meeting with City officials and others on Aug. 16th, the wheels began to turn to provide us with a temporary bridge and to promote the businesses west of the bridge.

Councillman Elmer Sharp arranged a meeting of City and State officials, including Mayor Steininger, David Isabell, representatives from KDOT, KEMA, the Corps of Engineers, Bob Bole's office, Jan Meyers' office and Nancy Kassebaum's office to draft a plan for the reopening of the bridge. As a result of this meeting work should begin soon to replace the bridge. It is scheduled to be completed in 3 months or less (hurrying another flood) from September 9th.

The plan is to allow the engineering firm of Boyd, Brown, Stude and Camburn two weeks to draft the plans, one week for the bid process and then another week for the chosen contractor to begin work. The City estimates that actual construction will take 6-8 weeks at the most. Dr. Sharp, Mr. Isabell, Meyers, Bole and Kassebaum's offices are pushing for a sooner completion date. Incentives are to be given to encourage a work schedule of 10-12 hours a day, 6 days a week.

The construction will consist of a 2 lane temporary structure on the north side, constructed of girders and covered with a thin shell of concrete. This will carry vehicles of the same weight as the old bridge. The placement of this structure will allow work to proceed on the southern 2 lanes of the permanent bridge without disrupting the traffic flow. When the southern 2 lanes are opened then the temporary section will be removed and work will begin on the northern 2 lanes of the permanent bridge.

The cost of construction of the temporary bridge is $100,000. The permanent bridge will be a $20 million split with the City paying 20% of the cost.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

In order to offer some possible relief to the businesses most affected by the bridge closing a Public Relations advertising campaign has been launched. The City, KCA Area Chamber of Commerce, MDU, BPA, Cont. on page 3
Festival & Parade

October 16th is just around the corner and our plans for the first Rosedale Parade in over 50 years and our festival are coming together nicely. But there is one thing that remains to be done. We still need more booth and parade entries to help fill the remainder. Please pass the word to any craftsman or artist you know who would like to make some money or just show their goods at our festival. We also encourage anyone wishing to sell food or beverages to participate.

Included in the festival so far is a moonwalk and various games for the kids, the 24th Marines will have several vehicles with rocket launchers, and mounted guns plus other military equipment. Food, beverage, information, arts and crafts booths will also be available for your enjoyment. Our entertainment groups will offer a wide variety of music, County & Western, Folkloric, Caribbean, and possibly Big Band or 50's & 60's. A D.J. will fill in between the acts and keep the flow going.

Our parade begins at 10am at Rose and Meriman Lane and continues east to Mill Street. We will be presenting trophies to the top competitors in the parade. The 24th Marines will lead off the parade as our First Color Guard. They will be followed by the Bonner Springs VFW Post 4273 Second Color Guard. Our Grand Marshall is J-Doc from KMU Medi- cal Center. More news on this will be coming at us with the promotion of our event. Numerous politicians including Mayor Steininger, Commissioner Sam Onions and City Commissioner Nancy Burns will be joining us. Other entrants include a saddle club, motorcycle club, numerous old and custom cars, the Rosedale High School Band, drill teams, floats and more.

If you wish to join the parade please call me, Wendy Wilson at 677-5097 as soon as possible so that we may reserve a place for you in our line-up. RDA is also looking for businesses and residents who would appreciate in sponsoring this event. There are certain expenses involved in putting on an event of this type, especially for first time sponsors. Any donation no matter how small will help to offset our incurred costs.

People to help on the day of the event, with the parade and festival, are needed. If you have some time to give we could really use your help, and will give you a new Rosedale T-Shirt. Above all, we hope you will bring your family and friends on October 16th and have a wonderful time celebrating with all of us.

Shelter

On Friday September 30th, the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging's Homeless Shelter (CFOA) 1 Elmwood Avenue closed their doors. According to Shelter Director, Paco Martin, at a meeting held earlier that day a decision was made to cease operation of the soup kitchen and overnight shelter. Mr. Martin stated that this was due to a lack of funds to hire the necessary supervisory staff. CFOA's office and fund-raising programs directed toward children's education programs in other countries will continue operation at the present location. Mr. Martin stated that the CFOA hopes to continue caring for the needy in our community, but at this time we don't know what that will entail.

At the recent meeting, August 31st, of the house committee the shelter everything went very well. The hot line that had been established was working to address issues before they became problems. It was apparent that the rail line that had been closed due to flooding were once again open, bringing an increase in the number of new transients. This has resulted in any increase in loitering or problems due to the hot line and Mr. Martin's proactive stance in dealing with these new transients.

We hope that with the closing of this shelter we do not see an increase in loitering or crime. We do still see transient folk hanging around the restrooms in this area. This is a concern that area businesses plan to address if the practice continues.

New Business

Fundways Theme Park Warehouse, 625 S.W. Blvd, is a business that is now to the under the new area, owners Bob Tavnero and Harold Davis of Fundways of K.C. recently purchased the existing Theme Park Warehouse from the previous owners. They moved it from Merriam to their newly purchased building at 62S S.W. Blvd.

Fundways Theme Park Warehouse is a prop rental, theme party business. They have an amazing variety of props for Katz, Western, Hollywood 50's Sports, African, October Fest, Hawaiian, Beach Party, Circus, Les Wayne's Illusion Bill and Hillary Clinton, Fog and Bubble machines and more. They can even custom make props if given enough lead time. Rental is available from 7 days to months.

Stop by 62S S.W. Blvd. for a tour or call 234-4242 for an appointment.

RDA Support

Special thanks go out to the following businesses and residents for their new or renewed memberships. We depend on the money from our annual memberships as one main source of support.

I've very happy with the recent growth in our membership and the great turn out at our monthly meetings. The more members we have the more we can do to accomplish our goal of improving our community.

Thanks to each and everyone of you.

Major-Left-Riff

R.P. Fisher Electric

European Motor Works

John Fenton

Steve Williams

Jim Jenkins

Jeffrey H. Linskyer

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Williams

Jenece & Todd

Tim & Lee Dye

Neighborhood Fights Back

There are slum lords in every city that get what they can out of a piece of property for as long as they can and put very little back into the property. One Rosedale neighborhood has a particularly bad slumlord who owns 10 houses in a 2 block area. Several of these homes are vacant due to past fires. One had an electrical fire created by someone who had put on yet people were living in the house. All of his properties have code violations and are a general cause of disrepair. To top it all off he is not paying the taxes on any of these properties. Some of his leases are on properties that are owned by their nightly drunkenness, shooting guns off for fun and using area sheds as outhouses.

Home owners in this neighborhood at Cherokee & Seneca St. have caught on to the slumlord's 'business practices' and are fighting to reclaim their community. They have formed several groups, each with other RDA, and the City to clean up their streets. Things are slowly beginning to change with the Council's help from the Police, City Codes Div., Co. Delinquent Tax Dept. and other City departments.

They should be proud of the way they are working together to reclaim their community. Other neighborhoods may be able to learn from them.
The morning of October 16th, 1993 began early for some of us. At 6:00 A.M., before sunrise, the truck bringing the canopy for the festival stage arrived and the men began to set it up. Within 30 minutes several vendors arrived and started setting up their booths using flashlights to see what they were doing. As the sun came up the pace picked up. Booth staff, vendors, soundmen and volunteers were busy preparing for the day. The sunrise showed a grey foggy morning but no rain.

Meanwhile at 14th and Merriman Lane the Parade Committee was busy setting up the check-in booth and organizing those who had arrived early for the parade. Gard Corp. let us use their parking lot for the horse trailers and extra parking. The shopping center at Roe and Merriman Lane was our main staging area. By 9 A.M. it was becoming hectic for the volunteers, only two of whom had any experience with parade organizing. Not only did all of the entries show up except for 2, but there were 3 last minute participants for a total of 47 entries.

As 10 A.M. arrived the parade began, marching east toward Mill Street led by the 24th U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard. They were followed by the Grand Marshall, K.U.'s J-Doc, Mayor Steineger, Councilmen Sharp and Corbett. BPU's John Feedback, High School Bands, other dignitaries, school groups, car and motorcycle clubs, saddle clubs, the Fire Dept., local business entries and others. As they filed past the Reviewing Stand Councilman Sharp, Tony Paddy, area resident, and Ed Beasly III, Assistant County Administrator judged the entries. Trophies were awarded in 3 categories: Mounted- winner, Saddle Sore Club, Motorized- winner, Marshall-town Central Betterment District, Overall- winner, Rosedale Middle School Pep Club.

We have already held a parade meeting to discuss what went right and what could have gone better and to begin planning for next year. There are definitely some changes we plan to make prior to next year's event. One is the date. It will be held on Saturday, September 10, 1994. Overall it was a very successful first parade thanks to everyone involved, especially the Parade Committee: Janette and Annette Strong, Marlene Cleverger, Shinn Anderson, Becky Mickey Pugh and Richard Moreno for a job well done.

As I arrived back at the Festival after the parade it was packed with cars and people. Kids were everywhere playing games and having fun. The Old Time Fiddlers and Pickers had just finished their wonderful performances. Gary Kirkland was beginning his performance of picking, singing and yodeling. Then it began to rain and it rained and rained and rained.

It looked like it wasn't going to let up any time soon. People tried to stay dry and wait for the rain to stop but after about an hour of continuous rain the vendors began to pack up and leave. Four vendors, a few visitors and some of the volunteers hung in there until 6 P.M. and listened to the band SDI. Thanks to all those who showed up and braved the weather. A special thanks to the people who stuck it out until 6 P.M.

There is always next year. The potential for a great festival is there. We had over 40 booths and a great turn out within the first hour of the festival. If only it hadn't rained. Next year we plan to hold the event on September 10th.

I want to thank the businesses and individuals who helped to sponsor this first event. If it hadn't been for them RDA would be in serious financial trouble. Although we were rained out we still had many up front expenses.

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Liveable Neighborhoods

On September 2, 1993 the City Council established a taskforce to improve the livability of our neighborhoods. This is to be a partnership between government and citizens. As RDA's representative on this Liveable Neighborhoods Taskforce I have attended weekly meetings for the last 1 1/2 months, along with public officials and other citizens.

The taskforce put together a report setting out the taskforce process, guiding principles, problems, possible solutions and set the taskforce out for approval by the City Council and accepted by them.

Our guiding principles stress the cooperation between a wide range of government resources and citizens participation at the grass-roots level. They must adapt to the "can-do" attitude to overcoming some of the legal barriers that hinder our ability to address complex problems. And County and City government must work more closely together.

RDA Election

It's that time of year again when you as members must choose two people to serve as Vice-President of the Board of Directors. The resident members must select a Residential Vice-President. The Business Vice-President must be chosen by our business members.

We will vote at the November 16th meeting. If you can attend this meeting please use the ballot below to cast your vote. Send the completed ballot to RDA before Dec. 1. Results will be announced at our Holiday Celebration on Friday, December 10th. (More about this later, but mark this date on your calendar now.)

| Vice-President, Residential | Tim Hamilton |
| Vice-President, Business | Rich Silva |

Monument Unveiling

A wonderful monument has been added to the Rosedale Arch Memorial, thanks to George Armstrong’s idea and persistence. Ray Pharrs and others from the Rosedale American Legion Post 346 assisted Mr. Armstrong with the project.

The new monument contains the names of veterans from Rosedale who gave their lives for our country in times of war. The carefully re-searched list includes veterans from World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Everyone is invited to the formal dedication and will be held at 10-30 A.M. on Saturday, Nov. 14th at the Rosedale Arch. Shuttle buses will be available from the Rosedale High School parking lot beginning at 10:00 A.M.

This monument stands as a long overdue tribute to those who died in service to our country. The dedication is your chance to honor these brave veterans who died fighting for freedom.

Pancake Breakfast

Rosedale Development Association will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 14th as a fund raiser. It will be held at the Best Western Village Hall, 3409-3413 Rainbow Extension from 8:00 A.M. till 2:00 A.M.

The breakfast will feature the famous flapjack flipper Chris Cakes. The cost is $3.00 per person and includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee.

Please call Ruby at 677-5097 if you can assist with ticket sales or help serve the breakfast on Sunday.

This will be a fun opportunity to meet other members of the Rosedale Development Association and watch Board Members work.

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RDA Update on Activities

COURT WORKERS

RDA is continuing to get several referrals per month from the WNY. Co. Municipal Courts of people who have been sentenced to perform community service work. We have been assisting the courts with this program for approximately six months. We do this by finding jobs or tasks for these people to do to fulfill their remaining work.

The work is a great way to clean the streets, vacant lots and area playgrounds. We have also assisted area churches and residents with small jobs.

HELPING HOMEWOWNERS

During the past month RDA has provided roofing materials to 2 area home owners to repair leaky roofs. Western Roofing on Bell St. thanks the owners for donating the necessary materials. We were also able to supply recycled exterior latex paint to a homeowner through the Operation Brightside recycled paint program.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

Two Rosedale neighborhoods have recently formed Neighborhood Watch Programs.

The Shinnock Blvd. area has held three meetings and are preparing to form a neighborhood watch program.

Wet Fest.

The purpose of this event is to help celebrate Rosedale's spirit and pride and to promote Rosedale to people from other communities. The second is to raise funds for RDA so that we may continue to assist this community in the years to come.

The Seminary/Cherokee area just held their second meeting. Their Watch Program is scheduled to start under way with neighbors calling each other to pass along important information concerning suspicious activity. They are many new neighbors here, which is exactly what helps to reduce crime in any area.

Newsletter Sponsors:

The cost of printing and mailing over 500 newsletters each month is enormous. Without committed sponsors like these we could not afford to produce our newsletter.

Thank You

Alva Shipley

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