MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME

BUSINESS

HOUSEHOLD

ADDRESS

ZIP CODE

CONTACT PERSON

DAY PHONE

EVENING (RESIDENTS)

Annual Business Dues - $60

Annual Household Dues - $12

Please mail application along with check made payable to:

Rosedale Development Association

3607 Rainbow Blvd.

Rosedale, KS 66103

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3628 Rainbow Boulevard, Kansas City, Kansas 66103

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November 1995

KU Day of Caring is Successful Joint Effort

The KUMC Make A Difference Day was a great success, thanks to everyone involved. Over 270 volunteers signed up for the one day project including KU students, staff, administrators, employees and some RDA members. Thirty-five (35) Rosedale homeowners, Rosedale Middle School, Franklin Center and the Ronald McDonald House became recipients of the volunteers’ labors. We did everything from plumbing, carpentry, masonry and painting to leaf raking and window washing.

The Mayor kicked-off the event by reading a proclamation to the crowd gathered at the Best Western Inn for breakfast. Councilman DeScure, in his K-State cap, was in attendance as was J-Doc and J-Nurse, mascots from the Medical Center. After the preliminaries we went to work until 1 pm when everyone met back at KU for a free lunch and a time to evaluate the project. The volunteers said they felt good being able to help the elderly residents and that they had fun while they worked.

A big thanks goes out to KU and all the volunteers who made this event possible. Organizing that many volunteers is a daunting task but one that KU was able to make look easy.

A special thanks goes to the area businesses who partnered with us to make this event work by donating materials and money.

Mayor Carol Marinovich

enjoying the kick-off celebration wearing a KU Generosity T-shirt.

Commercial Bank

Gragg’s Paint

Strasser True Value Hardware

Winnerloc Co. of K.C.

Without their support this project may not have happened at all.

RDA was involved from the start. We identified the homes needing repairs, helped with the individual assessments of the homes, acquired all materials through solicitation of area businesses. The RDA office served as command center on the day of the event. I worked as a go-for and coordinator on the day of the event and worked with the City to arrange a special trash pick-up.

Monthly Meeting

The RDA membership meeting for November will be held on:

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1995
7:00 p.m.

3424 Rainbow Blvd.

John Feeback, BPU Board member, will meet with us to discuss the status of the Water Division. What alternatives do we have to building a new water treatment plant? What will be the effect on our pocketbooks? What can we do to lessen the impact on our community?

Mr. Feeback will also be able to answer questions you may have on other matters related to the BPU. I know some of you have been concerned with the length of time it takes for the BPU to finalize street repairs after they have dug through the pavement to work on their lines.
Neighborhoods Help Neighbors

This fall several neighborhoods joined forces to remove a dangerous dead tree from the corner of 3940 Fisher. Local tree expert John Fenton, owner of Able Tree Service, provided the expertise and neighbors, including Forrest Rhea assisted with the project.

Working together these neighbors are able to solve problems on their own and build a better community. Congratulations!

Hats Off to Councilman DeSecure

Thanks to the efforts of our City Councilman, Don DeSecure, area NBR’s will have an extra $3,750 to work with for the remainder of 1995. At the suggestion of Mr. DeSecure the City Council recently voted to approve some reprogrammed funds to the four existing NBR’s and to provide start-up funding for the City’s newest NBR, State Ave. Business Revitalization Effort, SABRE.

Please, let Don, the Mayor and the other City Councilmen know you appreciate their support for RDA and the other NBR’s. Don has been very helpful this year in working with RDA and neighborhood groups to reach our various goals. It is important to let him know how you feel. Thanks Don!

Operation Brightside Lighting Contest!

Each year Operation Brightside sponsors a city-wide residential lighting contest over the holidays. Once again RDA is helping to judge the homes in Rosedale for this contest. Winners receive certificates good for money off of their BPU bills. If you see a beautifully decorated and lit home please call in the address to RDA so we may nominate it for this award.

RDA Election for V.P.

It’s that time of year when you as members must choose two people to serve as Executive Directors of our Board of Directors. The residential members elect a Residential Executive-Vice President and the business members elect a Business Executive-Vice President. We will vote at our November 28th meeting. If you can not attend this meeting you may use the ballot below to cast your vote before December 6th.

Vice-President, Residential
Tim Hamilton

Write In Candidate

Vice-President, Business
Rick Silva

Write In Candidate

Commerce Bank Gets Involved with Rosedale

Commerce Bank recently provided an opportunity for us to speak to 57 people, mostly bankers from KCK and KCMO about the Rosedale community. The Bank sponsored a Lenders Luncheon at the Best Western Complex on November 14th. This was a great chance for RDA to showcase Rosedale and encourage more lending activities in our community and for Sam Umscheid to bring about an event to get the word out.

The Bank is also working with Rosedale Middle School on establishing a Junior Achievement Program at the School.

Commerce Bank was a partner in the KU Make a Difference Day by giving RDA a donation of $400 to cover the cost of lumber and a few other materials that we didn’t have a ready supplier for in Rosedale.

Please take the time to let the Bank know you appreciate their involvement and support of our community.

S.W. Blvd. Family Health Care

Sherry Sullivan

R.W. Fryer

Steve Nicholson

Melvin & Michelle Robinson

Maj-R Thrift & Discount Store

Rogers Painting Co., Inc.

K.U. Medical Center

Christine Ferguson

Mercantile Bank of Ks.

Josephine Stoll

Ruby Jefferson

Dean Realty Co.

Janssen Glass & Mirror, Inc.

Joe & Rachel Hohendorf

Fairway North Shopping Center

Kiligore Industries, Inc.

The Gardener’s Gardener, Inc.

Rhodes Chemical Co.

Edna Richardson

Hatty’s Bingo Alley

You’re Invited to Join Your Friends and Neighbors for Rosedale’s HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1995

3413 Rainbow Extension (Behind Applebee’s)

HAPPY HOUR: 6:30-7:30 p.m. (cash bar) BUFFET DINNER: 7:30 p.m.

Citizen of the Year Award Entertainment by the DICKENS CAROLERS

We will be collecting gifts for children to be distributed by the Salvation Army

Cost: $16.00 per person or $30.00 per couple RSVP by Wednesday, December 6th 677-5097

(Make check payable to RDA, 3408 Rainbow Blvd, K.C., KS. 66103)
Neighboors Help Nab Bank Robbers.

Three bank robbers ventured into the wrong neighborhood while trying to evade the police several weeks ago. The three had just robbed a bank in Johnson County and were being chased by several police departments including the Fairway Police Dept. At the corner of 44th Ave. and Fisher the crooks failed to make a turn and crashed into a parked car. At this point they bailed out and ran, one hid under a neighbor's porch. But, the residents were watching and came out on their porches. They were able to direct the police to the one who was hiding and show the officers where the others had run to. Neighbors on the next block over got out their binoculars to watch. As a result of this amazing effort all three criminals were caught. The neighbors stood cheering as the police placed the handcuffed crooks in the police cars.

The Fairway Chief of Police was so overwhelmed by this show of community support and assistance that he had thanked letters handed delivered to the residents. He was impressed with the way the residents helped without getting in the way of the police.

Congratulations, Frank Rushon neighbors on a job well done.

ROSEDALE IS SUCH A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!!

Fa La La La La La La La La La La by Amy Burke

Did you hear them? On a beautiful holiday evening with the snow gently drifting from the sky, a group of about 20 residents from the Spring Valley Neighborhood Association set out with lanterns in hand and went caroling. A spokesman for the Association said, "Many neighbors heard such a cluster they sprung from their chairs to see what the matter was." We received such a positive response from our neighbors that when Jack Frost was nipping at our nose we were invited in to roast chestnuts on an open fire. This was a huge success and great fun for all. We are building a community one neighbor at a time where all is calm and all is bright, and looking forward to wishing you a Merry Christmas next year and to all a good night.

The neighborhood wishes to express their thanks to Officer Ron Mahr, our great Community Policing Officer, for sticking with the group to insure their safety.

This is a great example of a way to reach out to your neighbors. I was told that many of you in the area were overcome with joy at seeing this tradition brought back to life. People invited the singers inside, fed them and one person even drove by and gave them a can of flavored popcorn. What a great group.

RDA and Fire Fighters Join to Provide Christmas for Tots

On December 21st the children who attend the Bedrose Head Start Center were visited by a very jolly Santa bearing gifts. While parents looked on Santa, (over)
really local resident Mike Moreno, was able to distribute a variety of toy packages to the 34 children enrolled in the program. This was made possible through donations by the Firefighters local and a Rosedale resident. Each child received several gifts including soft toys, a toy musical instrument, boy or girl type toy and a story book for parents to read to them.

City Councilman Don DeSear was present as was McGruff the dog. Entertainment was provided by the children who sang Holiday songs and by Mr. Moreno’s jokes and dancing. It proved to be a light-hearted and very enjoyable time for all.

RDA 1995 Citizen of the Year

Sandy Allen was honored as RDA’s Citizen of the Year at our annual Holiday Dinner. She was unanimously chosen by the RDA Board of Directors for her work with and through the children. Through a special summer program she organized. Sandy along with one other adult was able to have a variety of activities for the kids, including the publishing of a book. The book paper complete with stories, poems and photos created by the kids. The grand finale was truly grand with the children putting on a show for the community. Many who attended the event walked away with tears in their eyes, it was so inspiring.

Funding for this project was provided through the Wy, Co. Regional Prevention Center. The Center and Anne, Linda Stewart were also honored at the Holiday Dinner with a special award from RDA for their help in revitalizing the Rosedale community and their support of the Rosedale parade and festival.

Rosedale Suffers Loss

During the past several months the Rosedale community has suffered the loss of two well respected area residents.

Ed Matthews

Ed Mathews, a long time area resident and landlord passed away in December. Mr. Mathews was a very outspoken member of RDA and worked with us to remove drug dealers from the areas around his properties. He helped to provide information to other landlords on screening of tenants, landlord/tenant contracts and eviction procedures.

His daughter and son-in-law, Edwina and Darryl King still reside in Rosedale and have taken over the management of Mr. Mathews properties.

I will miss his direct outspoken manner and the assistance he provided to RDA.

Dennis Allen

Around the first of December Dennis Allen lost his short battle with cancer. Dennis was a well liked and respected comedian, actor and businessman in the Kansas City area. He and his wife, Sandy, were very involved with the Rosedale Congregational Church and the Rosedale community. His wife and two children continue to live in Rosedale and work to improve the lives of others, especially children.

The following letter is from the Allen family to the people of Rosedale.

Dear Rosedale Community,

Thank you for the kindness, love and generosity you have shown toward my family. During a difficult time like this, people like you have renewed our faith and encouraged us greatly.

May God bless you richly as you have blessed us.

In Christ’s Love,
Sandy Allen and Children

RDA Hires Director for Bell

Michael Carter has been hired by RDA as the Director of the Bell Community Center. Mr. Carter has a degree in Recreation from Emporia State College and recently worked for the Leawood Parks and Recreation Dept. Mr. Carter is married and resides in the Kansas City area. He has worked with physically and emotionally challenged youth at Center High School in KCMSO and tried out for the Kansas Rangers Basketball team in 1981. He was excited at the opportunity and challenged him to face in managing Bell Center.

RDA is glad to have him on-board and working to improve our community.

KUMC Needs Volunteers

If you are looking for a rewarding experience and a great way to support your community, please consider volunteering at KU Medical Center. We are in great need of someone like you to make a difference in the lives of the patients and families of KU Medical Center. Volunteer opportunities include surgery waiting room, patient transportation (in the hospital), cancer center, outpatient Pediatrics, patient admitting, senior center and more. Please contact Susan Donelson, Volunteer Coordinator, at 588-6582 to find out more about these opportunities. We are looking to Rosedale community to help us make a difference!

Rosedale Middle School News

If you’re thinking of volunteering but just haven’t found the place that’s right for you consider helping out at the Rosedale Middle School. They need help in the library, tutors and mentors for the students. Contact the school office if you can help.

The school band is growing and improving. Out of 60 places available for a city wide band, 22 of the students chosen were from Rosedale Middle School. With more youth wanting to get involved with music at the school there is a shortage of instruments. The music teacher is looking for donations of instruments. So far 9 have been donated. So get out that old flute, trumpet, trombone, triangle, oboe, snare drum whatever or whatever you have stuffed in your attic, closet or basement, dust it off and consider putting it to to use in this great cause.

Let the joyful sounds once again burst forth and provide an opportunity for a child in our community. Instruments may be dropped off at the school or at the RDA office.

The school library has recently been cleaned out of old, out-of-date books and newer non-fiction books are desperately needed. Books less than 10 years old that cover areas such as current autobiographies, sciences, geography, nature, atlases, dictionaries etc., will be welcomed. They could also use current issues of magazines like, National Geographic including maps, Audubon, Time, People, U.S. News, Smithsian etc. These can be dropped off at the RDA office or if you have a large amount, please call for a pick-up 677-8097.

Thanks to Dr. Timberlake

Dr. Timberlake, KUMC Ophthalmology Dept., recently donated 34 chairs to RDA for use at the Bell Community Center. The Dept. recently purchased new chairs for their waiting room and decided to donate the older, but still usable chairs to a local not-for-profit group. The chairs will make a nice addition to the center and provide a ‘soft seat’ for center users. Dr. Timberlake will keep us in mind for future donations as items become available.

Support such as this helps us to reach our goal of making the Bell Center an attractive, safe place for the community to enjoy a variety of activities and programs. Thank you, Dr. Timberlake for thinking of us and helping to improve the Rosedale community.

JOBS

New Wave Food Mart has a job opening at its store at 3440 Rainbow Blvd. Contact the manager at 677-7788 for more information.

JOB TRAINING

Donnelly College is offering two outstanding opportunities for developing job skills during January 20th.

"Own Your Own Business" is a course that is available day or evening hours and scholarships are available if you need them. Call 621-6777.

Project Rebuild is for young men or women at least 17 y.o. who may have dropped out of High School. This is a Construction Job Training Program in which you earn your G.E.D. and can earn money while you learn. Scholarships are available. Call 621-8761.

Thanks to the following residents and businesses for their new or renewed membership in RDA. You are a partner in building a strong, safe community.

Jim & Elizabeth Jenkins
Pat Sedlock, Inc.
Charles Wilson
Hunters Club
O’Neal
Brincie & Eula Johns
Edward & Joan Bauer
Fred & Cheryl Postlewalt
Tim & Dawn Barnes
Jennie Gehrke
Roads Enterprises
Commerse Bank
Mid-American Signal, Inc.
Vera Kaiser
Mary Anne Eisenhise
Vile Goller / Fine Arts
John & Lisa Dressler
Ray & Anne Pharis
Evans/Skoeck, Inc.
Holy Name Catholic School
Steven Bridgins
Rev. Jerry Spencer
Jay & Connie Spencer
LaVonne Daily
Anne & Lawrence Hill
K.C. Drywall Constr.
Janice Steffen
James Taylor
Lee & Tim Dye
Kate White
Doris Brown & Carolyn Crocker
JoAnn Hughes
Lucile Boydston
Services Offered at Bell Center and Open House on March 10th

Heart of America Family Services are offering a wide range of social services at the Bell Community Center on a daily basis. Counseling for anger control, domestic violence, drug & alcohol problems, family conflict, behavior problems, and many other issues. They offer individual, family, and group sessions.

They can provide classes in many different areas including: Parenting and Family Management. Heart of America also makes referrals to other programs and services that cover the gamut of social service needs, i.e. nutrition, adoption, area day care facilities, health care, special transportation needs, housing, education, etc.

For more info. call 789-8514 and ask for Louis or stop by the center at 38th and Rainbow.

AYS offers an alternative school program for middle and high school youth who are long term suspended from their regular school. In the near future they will be offering an adult GED program.

If you are interested call 262-5060 and ask for John or anyone with the AYS program.

Immediate need for volunteer driver(s) to transport students in AYS vans. Please call Debra Terrel at 831-2820.

Attention Rosedale Businesses

Michael Carter

As the new Director of Bell Community Center I wish to ask for your help in addressing a security issue at the center. In looking at the current security system we have found it needs to be upgraded in order to provide a safer environment for the children and seniors.

We are seeking a total of $900 to make the necessary changes to the center. Since this was an unforeseen cost, I am asking for your help in raising the money for this upgrade.

To donate contact the RDA office at 677-5097 or mail your donation to RDA, 3408 Rainbow Blvd. K.C., KS. 66103. Thanks for your help.

Deter Graffiti with Beauty

A study by the University of California has shown that landscaped areas tend to be relatively graffiti-free, while long, unlandscaped walls are inviting targets for taggers.

The study, conducted in Riverside, Calif., found 90% of landscaped areas were graffiti-free while 90% on non-landscaped areas had graffiti. Areas with trees, heavy groundcover or even weeds were found to be relatively graffiti-free.

It may be a fear about walking into an area somewhere might crawl up your leg or just the fact that trees and scrubs tend to obscure views, but for whatever reason landscaping seems to be an effective deterrent to graffiti.

Monthly Meeting

TAXES, TAXES, TAXES

Tom Lally from the County Treasurer's office will share information on new programs and possible changes in other programs.

RDA meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1996
7:30 P.M.
3424 Rainbow Blvd.

Mr. Lally intends to run for the office of Wyandotte County Treasurer in the next election. This is an opportunity for us to get to know him and his ideas. It is also a chance for us to inform him of what changes we hope to see in the Treasurer's office.
Rosendale News and Updates

City Council to Hear Re-Zoning Request.

On Thursday, Feb. 29th at 7 p.m. the City Council will consider a request to rezone the property at 4612 Mission Road from C-1 Limited Business District to C-3 Commercial District. The owner, Enrique Rivera, is trying to sell the property, an abandoned gas station, to a person wishing to put in a car detailing shop and a used car lot.

The neighbors are opposed to this change in zoning and have signed a petition to this effect. C-3 zoning opens the property up for a large variety of business ventures including Class A and Class B private clubs, truck repair shops, adult-book stores, self-storage buildings, and many other uses.

This property is bounded on three sides by residential property. The neighbors need your help to ensure that the change in zoning is not granted. We need bodies at the City Council meeting on the 29th to show support for the neighborhood that is threatened. Come and bring a friend and your children.

At the Planning and Zoning hearing 2 board members voted for rezoning even with signed petitions from over 50 residents. I don't know their reason for this but I feel strongly that residents should have the right to determine zoning and planning issues that will impact their quality of life. It should not be thrust on them, against their will, by those who don't live in the area. Yes, we need business in KCK but we also need to retain area residents and build liveable neighborhoods.

Rosendale Properties to be offered in Delinquent Tax Sales

Several valuable properties in Rosendale will soon be on the auction block. One is an historic landmark and the other is a commercial property with a great location.

4218 Rainbow Blvd. This building currently houses a small cafe and a check cashing business. It is located between a Pizza Hut delivery business and a Jiffy Lube. I don't know the scheduled sale date for this property.

Sauer Castle 355 Shawnee Road
This historic home is once again on the tax sale list. It is slated to be in the March 20th sale. The City Codex Division has recently been after the owner to make needed repairs to bring the property up to code. He seems to be unwilling or unable to pay the taxes and maintain this historic property on 7 acres. It is difficult to watch the ongoing deterioration of this house while realizing the potential it has to become an attraction for visitors to Wyandotte County.

Although it will take a lot of money to restore this building, I hope the buyer will look toward immediate stabilization of the structure including a new roof, tuck-pointing, repairing broken windows and painting the exposed wooden porches and trim. The State of Kansas has grant monies available to help with this project. An estimate of one to two million dollars for total rehab had been proposed for this property.

As a word of warning to anyone who wishes to view this property, there is a caretaker who resides in the house and he does not like uninvited visitors. This property is also posted with no trespassing signs. If you are serious about purchasing this property you may call the RDA office and I will contact the caretaker to see if you may tour the house. The view from the tower is spectacular. One can see 360 degrees including both downtown areas, KU Medical Center and overlook the Kansas River.

The RDA office has a file on Sauer Castle including the history, contacts with the state Historical Society and some photographs of the building. Please call or stop by if you are interested in viewing this data.

For more information on these or other properties or to register to bid at a sale contact the County Delinquent Tax Office at 579-4445.

Rosendale News and Updates

Say Goodbye to Your Old or Junk Cars.

The National Kidney Foundation has a program called Kidney Cars that will pick up old cars for free. If you donate your vehicle through this program you will not only help the Kidney Foundation save lives you can also qualify for a tax deduction while helping to clean up our community.

Cars are towed at no expense within one or two days from the time of the call. Almost all cars are accepted, providing the donor has a clear title for the car. This is a year round program. Oil, antifreeze, freon, tires and other hazardous wastes from auto's are recycled or disposed of responsibly. Just call: Kidney Car Hotline (816) 251-5353.

JOBS

The Best Western Inn at 501 S.W. Blvd. has a job opening for building & grounds maintenance, room set-up and patron transportation. Must have a valid drivers license and a clean driving record. Contact Larry 677-3060.

BELL COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1 P.M. TO 3 P.M.

Entertainment, food, fun and information.
Free Blood Pressure screenings

Bring the family and let us know what you want to have offered at the center for adults and children.

Special Plea

(Bell center needs a few people to help with the open house.) This includes decorating, donations of refreshments and staffing on the day of the event.)
Welcome to the March 1996 issue of Rosedale Developments, a monthly publication of the Rosedale Development Association.

### ROSEDALE NEWS AND VIEWS

#### HELP! WE NEED BODIES

Codes Trial ON 601 S.W. BLVD.

The property at 601 S.W. Blvd. is in a very sorry state and has been for quite a few months. The former Key and Lock Shop has been rezoned for use as a used car lot. The current tenant seems to be running a junk yard. The city has been trying to get him to clean up the lot, but have been unsuccessful even after taking him to Environmental Court, where he pled "not guilty". The City has also refused to issue him a business license until he cleans the lot up. But this doesn't seem to bother him. As a result of the "not guilty" plea a trial date was set for 10 am on Wed., April 3, 2nd fl. of City Hall.

We need as many people as possible who are concerned about this ongoing problem to show up on the above date for the trial.

#### BIKING BLUES

KCK Cops on Bikes

Community Policing officers in KCK may soon be pedaling their way around the city. Officers in all area that have instituted community policing are in the process of raising the $1,500.00 that is need to purchase a fully equipped Police Mountain Bike, helmet, uniform and a bike rack for each officer.

Rosedale’s officer, Ron Mahr, is looking for a few generous businesses to help him in raising the funds to purchase a bike and other necessary equipment. Donations can be made through the RDA office or direct to Officer Mahr. His pager number is 989-7773.

The idea behind putting officers on bike is that they get to know the area and people in a more intimate way. They can patrol areas inaccessible by car including area parks.

Money for seven bikes has already been raised by several other communities including Armourdale. Rosedale should not be left behind. Please consider the benefit a bike patrol would have in our area and help Officer Mahr in his fundraising effort.

#### ROSEDALE PARK PROBLEMS

Many of you may already know of the on-going problems at Rosedale Park involving sexual activity. With the onset of warmer weather we can expect an increase in this activity. For many years the park has been known as a

(over)

Weekly Wilson — Executive Director

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**NAME**

**BUSINESS HOUSEHOLD**

**ADDRESS**

**ZIP CODE**

**CONTACT PERSON**

**DAY PHONE**

**EVENING (RESIDENTS)**

Annual Business Dues - $60

Annual Household Dues - $12

Please mail application along with check payable to: Rosedale Development Association

3928 Rainbow Blvd.
Rosedale, KS 66103

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**Monthly Meeting**

PUBLIC WORKS - STREET REPAIRS

IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANSION IN

ROSEDALE

Fred Backus, director of Public Works, will discuss projects scheduled in our area.

Tuesday, April 2, 1996

7:00 PM

3424 Rainbow Blvd.

Find out what, when and where improvements are to be made.
pick-up park and meeting place for sexual encounters.

We need your help and advice in looking for new ways to reduce this activity. Currently the park is closed from dusk to dawn in an effort to eliminate some of the problems. The police have issued over 40 tickets for this curfew violation. But this policy also helps people from playing tennis or baseball after dark on the lighted court and fields. The problem behavior can be observed at all times of day and night.

Several ideas have been offered including: leafleting the cars, more police patrols, protest gatherings, and increased park usage by residents and their families. If you have any ideas or comments on the above suggestions please contact the RDA office.

SPRING CLEAN-UP FOR RODESALD

Quite a few of you have been asking when the annual spring clean-up and large item trash pick-up is scheduled. As of now Operation Brightside is looking at Saturday morning, April 27th for our area. This date is not yet finalized, but they seem fairly sure of this date. As usual we will need help in distributing the trash bags one week in advance of the 27th.

This would be an ideal time for your neighborhood or block to schedule a special clean-up project. The city trucks will haul brush and trash. Planning of your project should begin soon. You may wish to schedule your project for two weeks prior to the pick-up date since the trucks begin their routes at 9 am. In the past we have targeted area roadways for special clean-up efforts in the morning and at noon held a brief picnic in Rodesdale Park. You may wish to do something similar in your neighborhood.

Operation Brightside will work with your group to coordinate a special pick up time on that day for your project. Please let the RDA office know if you plan a special project and I can provide you with extra bags, set up the pick up time and place and assist with any other special requests.

BELLE OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Bell Community Center Open House. We had a great turn out, larger than expected. Tom Hamilton cooked a case of hot dogs. I thought we would have lots of left overs but we could have used even a few more packages. Rick Silva of Silva’s donated chips and salsa. Florida Looksnaks and decorated a cake for the occasion.

Mr. Willie Warren, the O’Neals, the Hortons, Darrell Dye, Jane Vogl and others (I’m sorry if I have forgotten anyone, please let me know if I have.) donated food and time to help make this a success.

We gave away a lot of door prizes and balloons. Thanks to the students from Rodesdale Middle School who provided free face painting and hair dying for the many youth at the event.

By-Laws Change Proposed

The RDA Board of Directors plan a change in the RDA By-Laws. The current By-Laws require a simple majority for a quorum. The change would require only one-third of the members to be present to constitute a quorum.

If you have any comments on this proposed change call RDA.

ROSEDALE IRISH IN PARADE

The Irish settlement of Rodesdale, Kansas was represented by members of the Fitzgerald, O’Brien, and McDonald families in this year’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Their float emphasized the need for peace in Ireland.

The Fitzgerald family settled on Federal St. high on the hill in Rodesdale in the 1860’s. The first Catholic masses were said in the Richard Fitzgerald home until Holy Name Church was built. The old Fitzgerald home is still visible from I-35.

The O’Brien family settled in Rodesdale prior to the turn of the century and the McDonald family shortly thereafter. Although the families now live in all parts of the metro area, they have never abandoned their roots in the Rodesdale community.

Rodesdale’s own Art McDonald, age 90, rode on the Rodesdale Irish float in the parade. He has a wealth of information on the history of our community. We are proud to have him in Rodesdale.

TREES, TREES, TREES

Jane Vogl of the Spring Valley Neighborhood Assoc. has ordered 175 seedling trees for residents of the Rodesdale area. She has Red Maple, Dogwood, Redbud, White Pine, Red Oak, Green Ash and a variety of shade trees coming in. These trees are being offered free of charge to anyone in the Rodesdale area who will use them to beautify our community. Approx. 30 trees will go to T.A. Edison school for planting. If you would like some of these trees please contact the RDA office as soon as possible since the stock is limited.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses for their donations toward an enhanced security system at Bell Community Center.

H. J. O’Neal
K.C. Winnelson
Strasser True Value Hardware

We have received $356.00 toward our goal of $900.00. Donations of any size will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the following residents and businesses for their new or renewed membership in RDA. You are a partner in building a strong, safe community.

Deb Wald
HomeTeam Repair
Gale & Peggy Horton
Forrest Rhea
Woodview Apts.
Merrian Lane Flea Market & Swap & Shop
Fonna Young
T.J. Fleming Co.

SPECIAL FREE "BUILD OUR NEIGHBORHOODS" WORKSHOP

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 30TH, FREE LUNCH
8:30 am till 12:30 pm (including lunch)
BELL COMMUNITY CENTER, 36TH & RAINBOW

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