Rosedale Help Day Successful

Thanks to the 78 seniors from St. Thomas Aquinas High School and a few Rosedale volunteers the Help Day was a great success. The group arrived earlier and early at Bell Center for their work assignments. The volunteers were split into groups of 3 to 6 depending on the individual project to be completed. Some youths worked with several neighborhood groups on special clean-ups, others were assigned to assist older area residents with minor home repairs, yard clean-up and planting flowers. A total of eleven homeowners were helped and several vacant lots and roadsides were cleaned up. Some of the youths were having such a good time that they didn’t want to quit at the end of the event.

The reports back have all been very positive. They enjoyed helping the residents and working in an area of town that many of them rarely visit. This type of project teaches youth the value of and good feeling that comes with helping others and giving back to a community. It was a good interaction for everyone involved and we hope to repeat this project next year.

We wish all the seniors the very best as they graduate from High School and move forward into adulthood.

For Sale! Rosedale Stuff

Pins: RDA is bringing back the Thomas Aquinas High Pins at your request. The pins, cast in gold metal with a red and green rose in the center of the arch, are a reproduction of the RDA logo. These are exactly like those RDA had made seven or eight years ago. They will sell for $7.00 each. We are producing a limited supply, but we would be happy to take your order in advance so you don’t miss out.

People have been asking me for these pins but until several months ago I had only heard about them never seen them. They are very classy lapel pins and I am glad we have the opportunity to obtain a small supply. Call RDA if you want us to reserve a pin for you.

Books: The RDA office has two copies of the “History of Rosedale” by Margaret Landsby for sale. We may be able to obtain a few more copies if we get enough requests. The cost is still only $10.00. If you haven’t seen this book stop by the RDA office. It is filled with old photographs of Rosedale and the people who were early leaders.

It is truly a wonderful book for any Rosedalians to own.

HELP Needed for Rosedale Festival and Parade

Yes, once again volunteers are needed to organize the annual Parade and Festival. This is not an event that can be successfully organized with only 2 or 3 people. If you enjoy this event and wish to see it take place again this year we desperately need your help. The more volunteers the less time each one will need to donate.

Melissa Smith has generously volunteered to head up the Festival Committee but as of now no one has contacted her to offer help. If you have a little free time and wish to see this event continue for the kids and Rosedale families, please call Melissa at 342-1110.

Paul Davidson will coordinate the Parade, but he too needs help. Call him at 262-2741 if you would like to help with the parade.

Suggestions for stage performers,
preferably those who will donate their time for free. This is because there is no money on this event each year and it is only because of a generous grant from the Regional Planning Council of Wyandotte Co. that we were able to hold the event for the past two years. This year we are not selected. The grant funds will be unavailable. We are thankful to the Regional Planning Council for their help in the past. Now we need your help.

Where Oh Where to Plant the Roses?

The site for the Rosedale Rose Garden. The garden has now been selected but it was discovered that the Rainbow Towers Apt. had received permission from the City to plant the flower bed at this site. So, we move to plant there. Actually, I think this will be the best site for the bed because of the high visibility of the building. Since the roses are on their way to the Rosedale beautification Committee it is one too soon to finalize a site. Gay Stubbins of the Public Works Dept. said the City had originally planned to do some landscaping this year, but no longer had the money to do so. Maybe it was meant to be this location all along.

Rosedale News and Updates: Brightside /Clean-up and Picnic

Once again Rosedale ‘got out the trash’ for this annual spring cleaning. It took several days for the City crews to collect all the debris set out for this year’s pick-up. I don’t have a tonnage report on area 3 yet, but for the past few years we have been in the ‘Victory’ category. I don’t know exactly what this says about Rosedale, but I hope it means that we have been doing some serious house and neighborhood cleaning.

We had a good group turn out for the picnic in Rosedale Park. It was a little chilly but we kept warm grilling almost two cases of hot dogs. A group of AmeriCorps workers joined us as did residents and our councilman. Bell Center scheduled a soccer clinic in conjunction with our picnic. Two representatives from the Wranglers and kids and adults through a series of drills. Everyone had a good time.

Thanks to all of those who volunteered to clean up and to those who put in the time. Forest Reef, Susie Overman, Jeff Binder (my husband), Andy Jackson, Judy Smith and many others.

First Youth Night at Bell Center

The band, Experiment Gone Bad, performed on justly for kids from Aspire, St. John’s Intermediate and Rosedale Middle Schools and Harmon H.S. tallied, ate, danced, shot hoops and played games on light turn out, about 30 kids, for our first Youth Night. This was not unexpected. We had no idea who would come, ages, what music they wanted to listen to or what to activities we would interest them. We may need a better idea, alternative music is out, or D.J. with Rap, R&B and some Salsa is in.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to monitor the youth: Susie Overman, JoAnn Hughes, Anthony Moreno and Teresa Wadeishi. Thanks to Rick Silva for the snacks and for being the official photographer. Thanks to the three reserve officers from the Sheriff’s Dept. for providing the security. A big thanks to the Rosedale Optimist Club members for organizing this event and for dropping by to check on us.

We plan to start this up in the fall when the teens are back in school. I hope we will be able to attract a crowd by providing the type of music they wish to hear, within limits (so Snoop Doggy Dog allowed).

Rosedale Office is a Pit, I Need Help to Make it Liveable

Okay, so this is not news to most of you. An Interior Decorator in many of your of have asked repeatedly when RDA was going to plan a work-clean-up day. Well here it is: Saturday, June 14th, 9:00 A.M. at the office. Just show up when you are ready to get dirty. We will focus only on the RDA office, moving and organizing stuff, rest the room, get the orange carpet and glued down, putting the fake shingled roof on the wall and painting (if we get that far).

If you wish to help, please call the office so I can have enough tools and transportation. I plan to have some fun too!

1948 Rosedale High School Reunion Scheduled

Members of the class of 1948 are planning a 50 year reunion for May of 1998. If you were a member of this class or know someone who was and how to contact them please call or write to:

Joanne Leaveld Goulding 1-913-631-6783
or
Ruth Walker Cross R.R. 2 Eva, Kansas 66078

Weekly Study & Support for Parents

To help parents cope with challenges involved in bringing up a family, the University of Kansas Medical Center will offer a weekly study and support group consisting of parents of children ages birth to 18 years of age for free from 7:00 p.m. in room 5101 at the KU Medical Center (in the Dental building). 3910 Rainbow Blvd. For more information, call 388-5640.

Belleville Meeting and Rally

Several weeks ago a meeting was held at Bell Center between area residents, landlords, social service providers, government officials and the KCK Housing Authority to look at reducing crime in and around public housing, specifically in Belrose Manor. As a result of this somewhat tense meeting and a second meeting, several ideas have come to light that might help with the problems.

The first, and most visible, was to hold the City’s First Anti-Crime Rally of the year in Belrose. Which we did on May 13th. Many of the residents came out to join us in the march. A number of the children kept the Mayor afterward to sign autographs. This march was a way to tell the criminal element that their behaviors would no longer tolerated and to support the majority of law abiding residents who are struggling to raise a family in Belrose.

The Hilltop Neighborhood Group, whose area includes Belrose, is reaching out to those who live in the complex and inviting them to join the neighborhood group. They plan to distribute welfare to families and new residents in the area including those in Belrose. We hope this will make law abiding people feel a part of the community while informing law breakers of a strong, watchful neighbor force with the police and city to make their lives miserable.

The Mayor and Housing Authority are also looking at the possibility of creating a restricted traffic flow in and out of Belrose Manor and to this end we will be making a survey of traffic flow and patterns.

The Housing Authority is considering setting up a Hot Line for residents to anonymously turn in information about criminal activity.

We are also looking at the possibility of changing in State law to allow faster and easier evictions for behaviors that endanger the welfare of others. Forrest Rheen is currently leading this effort.

Belrose property is well maintained and by the Housing Authority. It is the behaviors of a few residents and outsiders that is causing the problems. We fully realize that their also are problems in the area surrounding Belrose. Both of these areas must be addressed together if we ever hope to have a safe neighborhood without gunfire and violence.

I hope what we start here will have a positive impact on all public housing throughout the city. This includes privately managed properties such as Silver City Apt. Its not fair to the children and their families who live in or around public supported housing to have to put up with the violence. We must do whatever possible to stop the violence and crime that the children see every day.

Membership/Those Who Make It Possible

Thanks to the following residents and businesses for their support:

Willie M. Warren
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Robert McDonald House of KC
Robert S. Hanson
Jim Millman

A special thanks to Robb Basley for his contribution to RDA through his United Way Donor Choice option.

Election Time, Again, Primary is Tuesday, July 8, 1997. This is a very important election. It will determine the future of Wy Co. Every vote counts. Get informed and vote for your future.
Rosendale Developments
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ROSEDALE NEWS AND VIEWS

Mr. Johns works his magic on our office walls.

Volunteers Begin Office Rehab

Several people have graciously volunteered their time and talents to help RDA fix up our office. After last month’s clean-up and tear-out we were ready to begin making repairs.

Mr. Branie Johns, a long time Rosendale resident, patched our old plaster walls. This was no easy task since the old plaster was one inch thick in places. We were told the old mix was river sand and gyprose plaster. Mr. Johns mixed sand he gathered from the Kansas River with a plaster mix to match the old walls as closely as possible. It was a pleasure to watch him work. I think he may have done this type of work a few times before.

Mr. Bob Page and Mr. Bob Johnson cruised by to assess our electrical needs. The plan is to finish the walls and then add some new electrical outlets on the west wall. We hope this can be completed in the next several months.

Bob Ward Painting has offered to paint the office as soon as we are ready. Needham Plumbing recently fixed the bathroom pipes next door, at 1401.

Thanks to everyone who has helped RDA with our new old building. We don’t have much money but we are rich in friends who will give of their time and talents.

Virginia Hughes getting out the vote in Rosendale.

Exercising Right to Vote Is Important in Rosendale

On Tuesday, July 8, you may have seen RDA members standing on the sides of our main roads with “Vote Today” signs. Thanks to: Forrest Rhee, Gale Horton, Eric Adams, Paul Davidson, Bill Larson, Russ Brink, Jr. and Virginia Hughes.

Reminding people to vote and helping people to register to vote are two goals of the CATS Voter Registration committee. This group and others in RDA feel strongly that every vote counts and the more people who go to the polls, no
Rolling Down the River
...You’re Invited...

The Missouri River Queen may keep rolling down the river to St. Louis or New Orleans for good. River Queen representatives tell us that plans are being made to go on tour at the end of September and they are not certain if they’ll be back.

Please join members of Hilltop Neighborhood Assoc. and other Rosedale neighbors in a relaxing evening under the stars on Kansas City’s only cruising riverboat (no gambling). Let’s take advantage of this opportunity as we may never have it again. This cruise features live entertainment, full cash bar, and concession stand. Admission is $10 for adults; kids 12 and under ½ price; 3 and under are free with paid adult. You will be responsible for your own reservations. We’re shooting for the two-hour, 9:11 p.m., cruise on Saturday, August 16th. Location in 1 River City Drive, Kansas City, Kansas. Call 281-5300 or 1-800-373-0027 to make your reservation.

Rosedale News and Updates

On Tuesday, September 9, you may see some of these same people out again for the general election. If you would like to join them call the RDA office or Paul Davidson at 762-2741.

Urgent Notice
Meeting on Future of Bell Community Ct.

At 7 p.m. on Monday, August 4th, 1997, at Bell Community Center, RDA will host a special meeting on the future of this facility in our community. There are some outside interests that could affect the future of the Center. It is critical that we have your input as to what you want to see at the Center or if you even care if a Community Center exists in Rosedale.

Crime Watch Rally Friday, July 25

Join the Parkwood Colony Neighborhood Group and other groups for around the City for this event. Let’s show our support for our Northeast community by attending this rally at the Parkwood Park Shelter House, 950 Quindaro, noon till 8 p.m. Many people from other neighborhood groups joined us for our march in Belrose Manor so now it’s time for us to help another group. The Parkwood Colony members are disturbed by the perception that the Northeast area is not safe. They are calling on all neighborhood groups, businesses, churches, residents and concerned citizens to visit the Park and enjoy the day with positive activities and attitudes. They are asking groups to set up tables to promote positive activities.

If you are interested in future group day or overnight trips to places of interest please call Carolyn at 677-5097. She is the official RDA travel and party planner.

Grassroots Leadership — Aug. 11

Domestic Violence, For Better or For Worse! Is the title of the next Grassroots Leadership workshop, August 11, 6 to 8 p.m. The subtitle is “The children are watching.” The workshop will look at the myths and realities, cycles of violence, choices and freedom associated with domestic violence.

The Regional Prevention Center of Wyandotte County sponsors these free educational workshops for the community. They are especially valuable to members of neighborhood groups that must deal daily with the issues covered by these training sessions. All sessions include a free dinner. But reservations are a must - Deadline is Aug. 6, 1997. The location is the Conference Center by the duck pond at the Kansas City, KS., Community College, 7250 State Ave.

School Desegregation Exit Plan on Public Display for Comments

On July 12, 1997 USD 500 filed a motion with the United States District Court in KCK requesting that the school district be released from a 19-year-old desegregation order. The district has been working with the U.S. Department of Justice to develop this Exit Plan that would lead to the end of the court mandated desegregation order. The court will accept written comments about the Exit Plan addressed to U.S. District Court, 500 State Ave, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. The plan may be viewed at the Argentine Branch Library, 2800 Metropolian, Tues - Thurs, July 22-24, from 12 - 8 p.m., and Friday, July 25, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Housing Status

1513 S.W. Blvd. - Boarded up in January by RDA and the Rose Alert Neighborhood group it has recently been purchased by a young couple, they are fixing it up. It’s great to see this house saved from the vandals and being lived in once again. Good work Rose Alert!

RDA Speaks to Broadcasters Association

Last week as Director of RDA I was provided the opportunity to speak to a gathering of TV and Radio broadcasters from the Greater KC area. I told them I feel they are doing a better job of including positive stories about KCK and Wy. Co. I talked to them about how great Rosedale is (of course) but also on how devastating it is to all of the “good” people working to improve KCK when they focus on our problems and make negative comments about us. I suggested more positive stories on youth, and minorities and coverage of events or communities where many different races and ethnic groups are truly working together for a common goal. I also asked for their help in connecting the various communities of the metro area. Help us understand why Leone should care what happens in KCK and vise versa. It was a great chance to let them know the true power they have to improve communities or help in their decay.

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Greater Rosedale Community Festival & Uproar Parade

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Parade theme “Strike Up the Band”
Contact the RDA office for Festival Booth or Parade forms 677-5097