ROSEDALE NEWS AND VIEWS

March 2000

Hello Again!
If you've stopped by the office lately, you've seen Wendy running around, up to her ears in work. We've been busy at the RDA this year and have been moved in sending the newsletter once again. We are delighted to send the newsletter once again, and tell you about all the exciting and challenging projects we've been involved with and are planning for the new millennium.

RDA Staff

Planning and Development

Community Meeting Space
We are in the exciting process of renovating the space next door to the RDA office in order to create a community meeting space. Wood floors have been patched and refinished, and track lighting fixtures which were donated by Bernie Electric, were hung with the help of, Fish Electric. Thanks to all who have helped with the project. Other changes are still underway, and more renovations lie ahead in the future. We plan to have a Grand Opening in April. The community center will be open for special events, meetings, and a youth enrichment program. Several programs have already been held at the center. Please call the office for more information or stop by and see the changes for yourself.

Wendy is a member of a committee working with a state planning grant to discuss improvements to the 47th and Mission Rd area which acts as a gateway to the three communities that the grant encompasses KCK, Westwood, and Roeland Park.

Sauer Castle Project
There are plans are to restore the historic Sauer Castle estate into a reception hall, winery, and family entertainment spot. Dan Riedemann, project coordinator, hopes to acquire and begin renovating the estate. An open house to discuss his plans was held at the RDA community center on Feb 2nd and also on Feb 3rd. He will be available to meet with community members every Wednesday night for the next two months, and he has a display up at the center. For more info please call Riedemann at (913) 963-1694, or call the RDA office.

Rushon Elementary with a nature study area along the trail for students. A detailed plan has been drawn up and has been submitted to the state for funding.

COMMUNITY HELP

Grants for Neighborhood Groups
With Commissioner, Don DeSear's help, RDA managed old District 3 sales tax funds designated to assist neighborhood groups in the Rosedale and Argentine areas.

Sen. Chris Stenger requested and received a grant from a major corporation to assist neighborhood groups in his legislative district.

Food-as-Family Thanksgiving
The RDA was joined with the K. U. Police Dept. to provide 10 families with all the fix-ins for Thanksgiving dinner. In all, 47 people benefitted from this project.

Rosedale Middle School
A family volunteer day was organized at the middle school last November. Students, parents, community members, K. U., and the RDA all participated in school improvement projects such as painting, building picnic tables, and organizing the school library. A special thanks to K. U. for their participation in the event.

Last summer, the RDA assisted the Spring Valley Neighborhood group in boarding-up an abandoned house at 4517 Francis St. The house has
since been purchased and is being renovated.

RDA provided a small grant to a woman in order to clean out debris in a ditch behind her house that was caused by flooding and property damage.

We assisted an 80-year-old woman with the purchase of a hot water tank in December 1999. She had gone without a hot water tank for some time, and through creative problem-solving, the RDA was able to purchase the water heater, and her son was able to install it.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Community Policing Unit

They have been a few changes in the community policing unit. Tom Zambora, former KCK community police officer, left KCK to take a position with the Lenexa Police Dept. We thank him for all his hard work and wish him luck in his new job. The KCK dept. is in the process of hiring someone to fill his position.

Also, two K. U. Med. Center police officers have been appointed to community policing, Jesse Brzandon and Troy Rice. We are excited to join with them in keeping our community safe.

Their boundaries include 36th to 47th, Mission Rd. to State line. They can be contacted at 588-5030.

The owner of McDonald's on 43rd and Rainbow Blvd. John Devera, has offered space and the use of a phone in his restaurant to local police officers.

Neighborhood Crime Patrol

The Neighborhood Crime Patrol is an essential and highly valued component of crime control. The NCPP is now equipped with police emergency radios to assist them in their crime patrol activities. They have been successful in their activities thus far, and have received recognition from the community policing unit. The road patrol would like to extend a thanks to all businesses who have contributed to their work. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Forrest Rhea at 362-8491.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carolyn Ruiz, who worked at the RDA from Sept. 1995 to Oct. 1999, left the RDA to pursue other work. We want to thank Carolyn for her time and work in the community and wish her our best.

Recycling

The Sharing Community Church (1444 S. W. Blvd.) will have a paper recycling bin in Whitmore Park starting early in February. Proceeds from the project will go to community projects, such as park maintenance, Rose Alet neighborhood organization and other needs. Office paper, newspaper, envelopes, junk mail, and colored paper will be accepted, but cardboard and paper board (cereal boxes) will not. You may also bring catalogs, but please no phone books or other kinds of books.

For more information, please call Mary at 913-236-8820.

A new recycling center was opened in Wyandotte county last summer. It is located at 5241 Park Dr. (just north of 1-70). They accept newspaper, magazines, office paper, corrugated cardboard, glass, plastic, cans, aluminum foil, household batteries, and ink cartridges. For more info, call the center at 561-1090.

Grassroots Leadership

The Grassroots Leadership Institute will hold a meeting entitled, "Our Children: Are They Safe in Our Community?" on Monday, March 13th from 6-9 pm at the Jewell Center Lounge at KCKCC. Please call to make reservations at 913-596-9685.

Theater for Kids

The Chameleon Theater Company for kids will put on a preview performance of the play, "Seamcains," which addresses the issues of grief, loss, and violence in schools this March. The performances, which target middle school-aged children, are free and open to the public. During the summer, the company will involve local children in the construction of the sets and costumes for the play. The company is also working on a partnership with Summer High School to put on a musical called, "Brand New Day." Please call Julia Oehme at 816-221-PLAY for more details.

LAST SUMMER

Summer Youth Employment

Last summer, the RDA received a grant from the BPU to employ area youth in summer jobs. Funds were given to Argente for vacant lot maintenance and city beautification projects, to a tutoring program at A.M.E. Zion church, and to provide area youth with internships of interest to their future careers. The program was a great success! In all, 22 youth were employed from the ages of 14 to 20. RDA will receive the grant again this year.

We would like to start including letters or pieces of creative writing from community members in the RDA newsletter. No age requirements; we’d like to hear from all corners of the community. Please send any letters to the office at the attention of Erica/Newsletter, and we’ll see what we can do.

A Tip from Hilltop

When leaving your car outside overnight in the winter, mix 3 parts vinegar with 1 part water and coat the windows with this solution. This combination will keep the windshield ice and frost-free.

Paint-a-Barrel Project

In July, RDA held a paint-a-barrel project to promote trash pick-up in Rosedale. Area youth came together for a day of colorful (and messy) fun painting trash barrels in Whitmore Park. Thanks to everyone who attended the project and helped beautify the community. We are very proud of the artwork that was done on the barrels. There were 19 barrels painted, and they can now be seen around the community.

For comments or questions, please call the RDA office at (913) 677-5097.
We're here! Nestled in the space above the Rosedale Development Association, the Rosedale Community Project has found its home. In collaboration with the community and the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare, the Rosedale Community Project is committed to revitalizing the community of Rosedale. More specifically, we hope to assist area residents in the areas of housing, education and community projects and celebrations. Also, we are invested in helping to provide assistance, linkages and referrals to help people attain a better quality of life. Our team is comprised of three Master's-level social work students as well as an MSW program coordinator. Allow me to introduce our team.

**The Team Members:**

Juliana Carlson is the project manager for the Rosedale Community Project. She has returned to Kansas City after living in Chicago for three years. The things she loves most about being back in Kansas City, KS are eating the great food at the Franklin Center and working with the community of Rosedale.

Peggy Chilton is a graduate student at the K.U. School of Social Welfare. She joins us from the Spring Valley neighborhood where both she and her husband reside. Although she is busy juggling both school and work, she enjoys refurbishing her 1930s bungalow and singing in her "spare time." Her personal tie to and expertise in the Rosedale community will be a great asset to this project.

Jocelyn Jackson is an MSW student working on this project as well. A native of California, Jocelyn came to Kansas to pursue her MSW. She enjoys reading, cooking and exploring historical sites in different cities. And, she is excited to be here and looks forward to learning more about the Rosedale community.

I am Bridgette Brooks. I am also a graduate student at the K.U. School of Social Welfare. I am new to the Kansas City area having moved here from Denver, CO this past August. While I miss home much, the people of Kansas City, especially the Rosedale community, have extended their warm hearts to me and have helped make the transition easier. In my free-time, I am an avid kick-boxer and I enjoy writing, baking and running.

**Swing-arama**

In January, we decided to host a swing dance for the community. We hired a professional swing dance instructor to teach us some moves, and we "broke in" the brand new hard wood floors at the center! We had nine people come to the event and swing the night away. There was a shortage of males in the group. Nonetheless, no one remained partner-less. Many of us learned to swing for the first time and discovered that, with some practice, swing dancing became second nature! And, even for those of us for whom it did not, our trials and errors prompted much laughter and fun.
Day of the Dead Celebration
The Rosedale Development Association and the Rosedale Community Project collaborated in sponsoring our first annual Day of the Dead celebration on October 27, 1999. The Day of the Dead (or Dia de los Muertos) is a traditional Hispanic celebration of the deceased. For our project, a community artist, Maria Vasquez Boyd, was invited to facilitate the celebration. She conducted an art project with the children of the community and explained the significance of the holiday. Various images of skeletons are often associated with the Day of the Dead. Holding to tradition, the children painted skull rattles and ate pan de muertos, or "dead bread."

Walking into the room, it probably looked more like a kindergarten art class than a carefully planned and coordinated project. It was so much fun! Paint was splattered everywhere and the majority of people were crouched down on the floor mixing colors to create their special masterpieces! Some neighborhood officers (we won't mention names), not wanting to appear as childish, stood quietly in the comer, secretly painting their skulls with precision and refinement. But, as one looked closely, one could see the childlike gleam in their eyes that made it pretty clear that they were really enjoying themselves. And, they completely gave themselves away when they playfully decided to decorate their police cruisers with the painted skulls!

By the end of the night, we had changed the color of the floor several times and, for some of us, the color of our clothes! We feasted on pan de muertos until our stomachs had stretched. And, then we ate more! We made new friends and some even discovered a hidden talent. I think it's pretty safe to say that a great time was had by all!

For Seniors' Eyes (and Stomachs) Only!
The Nutrition Site at the Sharing Community is now open! The Sharing Community at the Rainbow Mennonite Church invites the elders of the community to join them anytime from 8:30am till Noon, Monday through Friday. A hot meal is served each day at 10:45am. The Sharing Community asks that people over age 60 make a donation, and that people under 60 pay a fee of $3.50 per person. If you would like more information, or to make a reservation, please call (913) 328-4544. Please note that reservations should be made 24 hours in advance to ensure that there will be a hot meal for you.

COMING SOON...
ROSEDALE SATURDAY ACADEMY
The Rosedale Community Project, a partnership with the Rosedale Development Association and KU School of Social Welfare is sponsoring the Rosedale Saturday Academy, a new youth program. Basically, this is an innovative educational program that provides opportunities for middle school-aged participants to succeed and be recognized for their achievements, while engaging parents' involvement in the program. The program's curriculum combines the practical lessons of everyday life experiences and the wealth of community resources.

We are currently in the process of designing the curriculum for this program. As of now, we are considering having computer classes, art projects, crafts, skills-building courses, etc. And, we are open to your suggestions for courses or projects we could offer. We need your input and help to make this program successful. We hope to provide the Rosedale youth with a valuable and positive experience with learning. And, we are seeking your participation in achieving this goal. For example, you could contribute your knowledge and expertise of your field or hobby and be a guest instructor for our program. Or, if you are a professional who would be willing to visit and talk about your career, we would be grateful to have you come and do so. Perhaps, you could donate supplies, or equipment to help increase the resources for the program such as art supplies (e.g., construction paper, small boxes, yarn, fabric, etc.). Or, you could volunteer to help youth in the program on Saturday mornings. And, maybe you have other ideas of ways you could contribute to the program. Any effort would be greatly appreciated!

If you believe we can be of some assistance to you or to your neighborhood, please contact us @ (913) 677-2561. Or you may also come to our offices above RDA at 1403 Southwest Boulevard. We welcome you to stop by and chat with us if you are in the neighborhood! We look forward to meeting you!
History of the Building

The curious thing about old buildings is the silent way in which they've observed the ebb and flow of people who have come through their doors. This building, in particular, has seen Rosedale grow and change since the early 1900s. It has endured many new coats of paint and changes in name. In its history, it has been a grocery store, a barber shop, a Nic-Nac shop, a bank, a health clinic, and now a community center.

This building has listened to years of laughter and struggle by people living in Rosedale. In 1928, it watched as the bank closed its doors for the last time due to the stock market crash that year.

The building was donated to the Rosedale Development Association in 1996 by the Board of Family Health Services who were then in ownership. After undergoing renovations and a few new coats of paint, it is open once again to the struggles and joys of the Rosedale community.

Grand Opening
Koch Community Center

Sunday, April 16th
2-4 p.m.
Special Thanks to Our Contributors:

ARNIF Grant Funds
The Bayer Corporation
Bayer Employees
Bernie Electric
Christmas in October
Citywide Heating & Cooling
Corporate Awards Plus
EPI Mechanical Contractors
Fisher Electric
Jordyce Concrete, Inc.
Glass Block Creations
IBEW
Kansas Builder's Supply Co, Inc.
Kansas City 150th Fund
Bob Koch Family & Friends
Lico Construction
LTD Electric
Millam Ditching
Newton Painting
O'Brien Interior Construction Service
Rand & Son Mechanical Contractors
Rodriguez Mechanical Contractors
Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 2
Ward Painting
Waste Management
Larry Winsky
John Wright

Program

Welcome

Speeches by Area Youth

Ribbon Cutting & Dedication of Plaque
Bob Koch Family & Commissioner Don DeSeure

Guest Comments

Refreshments
Here is a list of some of the ideas we have for classes at the Rosedale Saturday Academy. Please check what interests you.

- Basic auto maintenance
- Media awareness
- Community service projects
- Litter pick-up
- Conflict resolution skills
- Art projects
- Botany
- Family history/genealogy
- Cultural awareness
- Rosedale history
- Quindaro history/local history
- Computer/internet skills
- Public speaking
- Creative writing
- Understanding money issues
- Cooking
- Music
- Careers/mentors
- Current events
- Environmental awareness
- Consumer tips
- Community development
- Local botany
- Local field trips
- Friendship building
- Developing your emotional vocabulary
- Basic home repair
- Bicycle maintenance

We need your help! We want to have a program that is "your program." The Rosedale Saturday Academy believes that all kids and their families have skills, strengths, and other positive qualities that go unnoticed. We need you to tell us what those strengths are so we can point us in the right direction. The Rosedale Saturday Academy is a program designed to provide an experience where you can discover and use your skills to further your own quality of life and possibilities for your future. **Help us help you by telling us your ideas!**

1. What are your interests?
- Music
- Careers/mentors
- Current events

2. What would you like to learn more about?
- Environmental awareness
- Consumer tips
- Community development
- Local botany
- Local field trips
- Friendship building
- Developing your emotional vocabulary
- Basic home repair
- Bicycle maintenance

3. What do you think will make you a success in life?
- Basic home repair
- Bicycle maintenance

4. Would you be interested in a program like this?

   **These are our ideas. We would be very interested in what your ideas are. Please jot down your ideas anywhere on the page.**

5. What would prevent you from participating in this program?

6. Are you free on Saturday mornings?
SPECIAL MEETING

Proposed Construction of a Cellular Tower at 43rd & Lloyd Street

Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000
6 pm
Rosedale Congregational Church
(4326 Lloyd)

This is an open meeting for everyone who is concerned about the possible installation of a cellular tower at this location. Representatives from Cellular One will be on hand to answer questions and concerns.

If you need further information or have questions contact the Rosedale Development Assn. at (913) 677-5097.
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Introductions
If you've been down to the RDA lately, you may have noticed a couple of new faces in the office. I'd like to catch you up on who's currently working at the RDA. First, let me introduce you to Wilma Trail. Many of you may know Wilma. She is a landlord in the Hilltop and Frank Rushton areas and has lived in Rosendale for quite some time. She has volunteered with the RDA for 2 years and is now working part-time at the office. And now, let me introduce myself. My name is Erica Swanholm. I first came to the RDA as an intern from KU last summer. I spent my fall semester in Nepal and have returned to work here this spring. I will graduate from KU in May. Please feel free to stop by the office to chat with either Wilma or myself at any time!

Youth Advisory Board
We are launching a Rosendale youth advisory board this month. The board will give area youth a chance to share their opinions and plan community events. We have gathered 10 youth from grades 8-12 that live in Rosendale to participate. We will have our first meeting on April 11th. Brian Everett and Erica Swanholm will facilitate the group. Look for updates in the next newsletter.

Grand Opening
We've been working for over two years on renovating the old bank building next to the office into a community space. It is now open to use by the public. With help and donations, we've been able to complete the project. There are several other improvements that we would like to complete if funding allows. Please join us at the open house to celebrate with refreshments and entertainment and to honor our contributors.

COMMUNITY POLICING
Captain Harris stopped by the RDA to share changes in the KCK police accident report policy. The new policy states that:
1) Officers will respond to all accidents
2) They will check Driver's License, Registration, and Insurance of those involved
3) They will ensure that there are no injuries and that the vehicles

COMMUNITY WORKS
Senator Chris Steinenger made grant presentations to neighborhood groups on March 10th. Many neighborhood group leaders were in attendance at the event which was held at the new community center.

The RDA sends thanks to the Rosendale Optimist club for their donation to the Saturday Academy.

Wendy and RDA president, Rick Silva, helped judge the Martin Luther King Jr. oratorical contest at Rosendale Middle School on February 24th. Roland Perry organized the contest in which 10 Rosendale youth performed 'I Have a Dream' speeches. The contest was a great success—we have some very talented and inspirational youth in the area. All 10 youth received a prize for their performances. The Rosendale Saturday Academy provided juice and punch for the event.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Annual Business Dues - $100 Annual Household Dues - $15

NAME BUSINESS HOUSEHOLD
ADDRESS
CONTACT PERSON
DAY PHONE EVENING (RESIDENTS)

Please mail application along with check made payable to: Rosendale Development Association 1401 Southwest Blvd. Kansas City, KS. 64103

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are drivable.
4) If all involved are alright, the
crisis will obtain a complaint
and will sign the necessary
form.
5) Citizens involved will need to fill
in information on the form and
respond within 72 hours to the
Report Desk at Indian Springs
shopping center to complete the
report.

A CLEANER PLACE TO LIVE

1900 Project Blitz
April 29th is Rosedale's trash
cleanup day. Some neighborhood
organizations groups may organize special
cleanup projects. Please give us a
call at the office to let us know if
you plan to do this. Also, let Wendy
know where you will need the trucks
to go pick up the "special" trash.
You can also call the RDA or your
neighborhood leaders if you need help
removing items from your home
that need to be thrown away. The
only things that will not be accepted
are tires, batteries, containers with
unknown fluid, points, solvents, flamo-
mables, air conditioners, refrigerators,
or hazardous waste. The RDA also needs help delivering trash
bags and flyers to advertise the
cleanup day.

HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP
You may dispose of your hazardous
waste on April 15th and May 20 at
2443 South 88th St. with the Wys.
Co. Recycling Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents University
A seminar for parents entitled
"Families Growing in a Positive Di-
rection," will be held at Schleuse
High School on April 15th. The day
includes workshops, speakers, free
child care, breakfast and lunch, and
free transportation. The event runs
from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The
seminar is free if you pre-register
by April 7th.

Free Clerical and
Computer Training
Classes
You can now learn Win-
dows 95, Word & Excel,
improve your typing
skills, and get help with
job placement all for
free at El Centro if you
are a Kansas resident.
Contact Jennifer at El Centro North
(281-1146) or Sister Linda at El
Centro (677-0100) if interested.

For Bird Embuscades
and Mosquito Hunters

Are there buzzing little insects driv-
ing you batty? Mosquitoes were out
in alarming numbers last year, and it
appears that they're already com-
ing back this year. So, what can
you do to save your sanity and your
skin? A couple of suggestions. First
of all, mosquitoes breed in standing
pools of water, such as old tires,
watering cans, or pools that have been
there for more than 4 days. If you get
rid of those sources around your
home and in your neighborhood, the
mosquitoes won't have as many con-
venient places to breed. Also, an
environmentally-friendly way to con-
trol mosquitoes is to build a purple
marlin house in your yard. Purple
marlins eat thousands of mosquitoes
day. You can get information about
how to build marlin houses in the
library or online at places such as
www.purplemarlin.org.

Rosedale Community Project
The Rosedale Saturday Academy has begun! We had
an open house on March 16th for parents and youth.
At the open house we had a yummy lasagna dinner
and we answered questions for the youth and their
parents. Our first session was April 1st, and we are
now off and running. The first series is full, with 15
youth enrolled, and the second series is starting to fill
up. We have a lot of exciting projects planned
from cultural identity, to cooking, to photography
and filmmaking, among others. Below is a schedule
for the academy series. Please call if you are inter-
ested in signing up. Also, we have printed a wish list
of much-needed items for the academy projects. Any
of those things that you could donate would be much
appreciated.

Saturday Academy Schedule

Series 1:
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6.

Series 2:
May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24.

Series 3:
July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12.

Series 4:
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14.

Series 5:

Grazaroots Leadership Institute
The next meeting of the leadership
institute will be "A Look at Litter,"
Roslyn Brown, from Mayor Mariko-
wick's Office will talk about how
other communities have handled litter
problems in creative ways. It will
be held on Monday, April 19 at the
Jewell Center Lounge of the KCK Com-
munity College (7220 State Ave, KCK).
Reservations are required. The number
to call is (913) 596-9685.

2000 Rosedale
Parade and Festival
Volunteers Needed to help plan this
summer's parade and festival.
The events will be held on Saturday, Sep-
tember 9th. Please call Wendy at the
office if you're interested in helping out.

RDA Member Meetings
The RDA will hold informational
meetings and discussions for members on the
4th Tuesday of every month. They
will be held at 7 p.m. at the Koch Com-
munity Center (1401 S. W. Blvd.) which
is next door to the RDA office. If you
have any ideas for discussion topics
or speakers contact the RDA office.

Plant Exchange
This is for everyone who has "extras" of
any garden plants but hates to just dig
them up and throw them away. This is
a chance to share those plants with your
neighbors and to try some new plants in
your garden. These events are a win-
win for everyone and they are so easy!
You can either pot up the plants to trade
(In paper cups, old plastic pots,
etc.) or dig them up that morning or the
day before and place them in a plastic
bag with wet towels in order to keep
the roots moist. Please label your
plants, then just bring them to the
exchange and have some fun. We can
swap plants, stories, and information.
Join us for a fun, free morning, then you
can go home and dig right in!

Saturday, April 29, 2000.
9a.m.-11a.m.

Whitmore School Playground
(across the street from the RDA office
at 1403 S. W. Blvd.)

WISH LIST
Cups-small paper
Plates-small paper
Bowls-small paper
Markers for eraser paper
Post it-Notes
Pens/Fine-line
Scissors-10 pairs
Found Objects (small things for Art projects that could be attached to masks/cloths)

Call 677-2561