

Rosedale Development Association

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May Developments 2000

Youth Advisory Board

We're planning a **3-on-3 basketball tournament** this summer for middle school and high school students. It will be held at the end of July in Whitmore Park. Call the office to reserve a spot or to get more information!

Business Announcements

Boulevard Drive-In: 50 years

The Boulevard Drive-in Theatre celebrates its 50th year of prosperity and the Boulevard Swap & Shop celebrates its 25th year. The drive-in opened its gates on June 30th, 1950 and has shown movies every year since then. It is the oldest continually operating theater of any type in the Kansas City area. Despite flooding virtually every year and sometimes twice a year, it always bounces back. It now has a new marquee sign and last year a brand new digital sound system was installed. The **50th year celebration** will be held on Friday, May 26th, 2000. There will be a low car load admission price, and limited snack bar items will be 50 cents each. The movies for that night will be "Mission Impossible 2," "Rules of Engagement," and the old original "Grease." Present that night will be numerous radio personalities and television stations. Join the Blvd. Drive-in for the celebration and fun.

New Rosedale Vision Center

The Rosedale Vision Center will be opening in mid-April at 3432 Rainbow Blvd. in the Rainbow Village Center (near Applebee's). New to the neighborhood are, Dr. Gerard Lozada, an Optometrist and Optician, Andrea Ladd, a certified Ophthalmic technician with 10 years of experience, and Dianna Smith, who has 17 years of experience and is certified by The American Board of Opticians. Dr. Lozada received his degree in 1987 from the University of Houston College of Optometry and practiced in Houston, Texas for five years before moving to the Kansas City area in 1992. He has worked on an Indian reservation, in a private practice, taught at the University of Houston Optometry, and he speaks Spanish fluently. Please call Andrea or Dianna at (913) 432-3937 or stop by the office for more information.

Summer Youth Employment

We're organizing a summer youth employment program again this year. We'll be accepting applications and interviewing for internship positions this month. If you're look-

ing for a summer job and you're between the ages of 14-16 (or you know someone who might be interested), please call the RDA office as soon as possible.

NBR Night at the Woodlands

Thursday, June 29th Armourdale, Central Ave., Leavenworth Rd. Assn., and Rosedale will have a night out at the Woodlands. There will be a race dedicated to Rosedale and a drawing to select two winners to have their photo taken with the winning dog. The cost for the evening is \$9.95 per person and that includes admission, preferred seating, an all-you-can-eat buffet, a complimentary racing program, clubhouse admission, and a souvenir group photo. The admission is at 6 pm, buffet at 6:30 pm, and race at 7 pm.

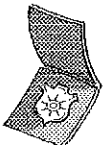
Rosedale Festival and Parade

The RDA is once again sponsoring the annual festival and parade. It will be on Saturday, September 9th. The theme this year is **Racing to the Finish** in celebration of racing in Wyandotte County. The NASCAR Pace Car will be on display and car clubs will participate in the parade. Also, this year we've added a pageant for a "Little Ms. & Mr. Speedway" which should be fun for both parents and entrants. A *successful* parade and festival requires a lot of hard work, dedication, and time from numerous volunteers in the community. We expect a larger than usual turnout this year because of the theme, so our need for volunteers will be increased. If you plan on attending the parade or festival, please consider donating an hour or more of your time. Remember this event is for your community and your kids and giving back has its rewards. Please contact the RDA if interested.



New Community Police Officer

We'd like to welcome officer Pat Callahan to Rosedale! Pat is the new community police officer for our area, and we're very excited to have him working with us. Pat has been with the KCK Police Department for 15 years and just finished 2 years as a community police officer in the Central Avenue corridor. He has worked on code enforcement, school security, and tag enforcements, so his experience will be a great asset to our community. Pat is married and has three kids, and he enjoys hunting, bicycling, and spending time playing sports with his children.



ROSEDALE NEWS & UPDATES

The Koch Community Center

The Grand Opening of Rosedale's Koch Community Center was held on April 16th. Many of the people who helped to restore the center came to the event. We would like to recognize all of the people and the organizations who made the community center possible:

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

At the opening, we had a ribbon cutting ceremony and dedication of the Bob Koch Memorial Center plaque. Bob Koch was involved in Christmas in October, and the RDA received a memorial grant in Bob Koch's name. Also, two young men from Rosedale Middle School performed their winning Martin Luther King Jr. oratorical speeches. They were excellent! Thank you Brian and E.J. We'd also like to thank those who gave an "extra" gift to the RDA at the opening.

Thank-Yous

Thank you John Wright for hanging the plaque in the new community center. It looks great!

Thank you Susie Overman, Andy Jackson, and Al for painting over graffiti in

the neighborhood and wading through Turkey Creek to do it!

Rosedale Saturday Academy

A huge thank you to those who contributed to the Saturday Academy program:

- Brian & Jennifer at Brian's Professional Auto-Cash donation
- Dairy Queen-Coupons
- Jana Graham & Kent Moore-Easel paper, markers, construction paper
- Francilla Hayes-Craft supplies
- McDonald's-Coupons
- Jack Miller of Miller Printing-Reduction of printing costs
- Rosedale Middle School-Administrative support
- Rosedale Optimist Club-Cash donation
- Mary at Sharing Community Church-Craft supplies
- Sharing Community Church-Use of Social Room
- Strasser's Hardware-Gift certificate
- Betty at Vital Signs-Sign and banner

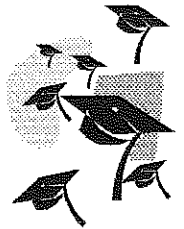
We would also like to recognize the guest instructors and community facilitators who spent a Saturday helping with the academy program:

*Mishkat Az-Zubair
Maria Vasquez Boyd
Cecily Henderson
Mark Manning
John Miles
Saturday Academy Staff
Rick Silva
Jennifer Stone
Karl Wenger
Charles Wilson
Wendy Wilson
Linda Wright*

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the participants and graduates of the first Rosedale Saturday Academy program:

*Robyn Butters
Jose Miguel Calderon
Ianna Garrett
Majayla Garrett
Kimberly Ann Leese
Aemilia Lucas
Courtney Mitchell
Tommy Peterson Jr.
Tiffany M. Peterson
Adam Sullivan
Amanda Sutton
Minnie Tripplett
Terry William III*



You've done a great job and we look forward to your continued participation with the program. For those interested, the next Saturday Academy series will run from May 20th to June 24th. Please call the Rosedale Community Project at (913) 677-2561.

Grassroots Leadership Institute

The next grassroots leadership meeting will host Jackie Williams, a U. S. attorney for the District of Kansas. Williams will discuss the role of a U. S. attorney and Project Felon, a gun initiative. It will be held on Monday, June 12 at KCK Community College Jewell Center Lounge (7250 State Ave.). There will be a dinner at 6 p.m., and the program will be held from 7-9 p.m. Call to make reservations by June 8th at (913) 596-9685.

WE GOT MONEY, HONEY!

We're proud to announce that the RDA just received a grant from Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance for youth programming. The money from the Self-Help Fund will be used to for the Rosedale Saturday Academy and for the new Youth Advisory Board. Part of RDA's vision is to involve youth in decision-making processes and community building. These programs are our first step to achieving this goal, and we're delighted to have the money to support them.

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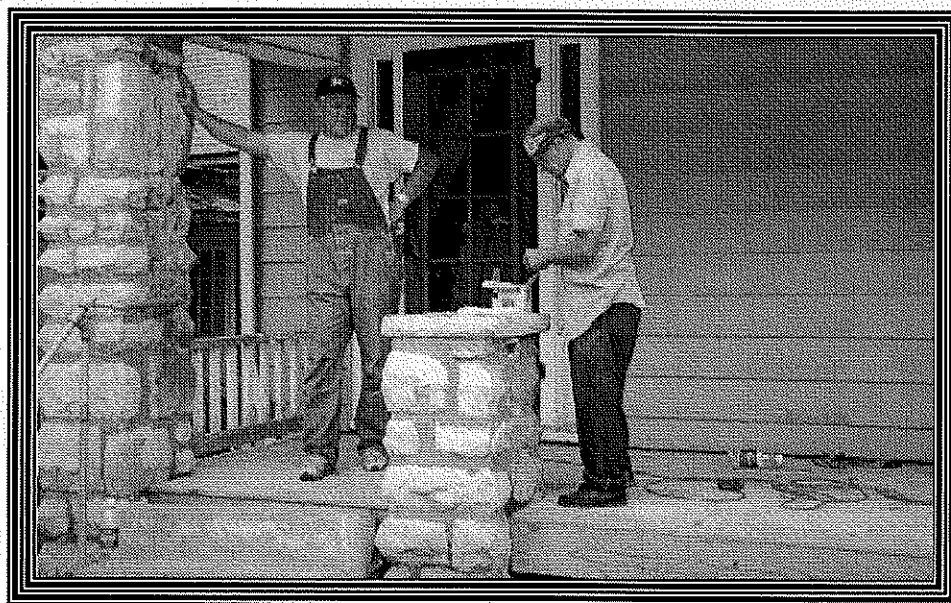
Summer Developments 2000

A Day of Caring

On Monday, July 3rd, the Day of Caring finally came to a little house on Iowa Street and Seminary Street in Rosedale. The original date was set for the week before, but was postponed due to rainy weather. The project consisted of tearing out an old, deteriorated porch, and building a brand new one for homeowner Delbert Owens in Rosedale. Clinkenbeard Construction volunteered their time and skill to help build the porch. Other participants included RDA staff, as well as Mr. Owens. Everyone worked hard despite the heat (and the novice-status of some of us). K.U. Medical Center and John Cook came to the house the following week and did the concrete work, and scraped and painted the railings. Now, the porch looks absolutely fabulous! Thank you to everyone who made this possible--you did a wonderful job!

Looking Good...

Looking Good! On Saturday, July 15th, the Rosedale Saturday Academy Class Reunion attendees participated in a community service project at the Rosedale Memorial Arch. Five reunion members and Saturday Academy staff spent two hours picking up trash and glass from the surrounding grounds of the Arch. The weather was especially hot



Day of Caring volunteer, Jim Clinkenbeard, and homeowner, Delbert Owens, survey the nearly-completed masterpiece.

that day, but they were able to keep cool in the shade of the Arch. We are thankful for their hard work in making the grounds a much nicer place for all of us to use and appreciate. The reunion attendees included:

**JOSE CALDERON
TERRY WILLIAMS
KIMBERLY LEESE
LINDSEY BARROW**

Thanks again! We hope to see you at our future reunions and projects!

Where Were You?

RDA's Business After Hours event went fairly well. But, we were surprised not to see more

businesses attend the event (especially considering the great company and food)! In the future, we hope to have a better turnout. So, please let us know what you would like this event to include. Perhaps you would like to have a guest speaker? Maybe you would like to make it less of a social event and more of a meeting? Please let us know what we could do to make this event more appealing to you! Thank you very much to those of you who did attend--we enjoyed sharing great food, drinks, and conversation with you! We hope you will continue to attend this event in the future. And we look forward to collaborating with you in the future!

Dear Jess & Troy

Ask the Officers...

Hey Guys! Wassuuup? Can you please give me the scoop on car plate and tag laws? I see people putting tags everywhere, and I just want to know what's legal.

--Elmer

Well, Elmer, here's a few things to keep in mind about tags:

- 1- Kansas tags must be attached to the mounting location on the car (not in the back window)
- 2- tinted plate covers are illegal
- 3- registration stickers must be clearly visible and in the correct place on the license plates

Some other tips...

- 4- it is illegal to have disabled/ unregistered cars on city streets
- 5- it is illegal to park your car on an unimproved surface

Officers Jess and Troy, K.U. police officers, have so graciously agreed to answer any questions the community has about police-related issues. Please address any questions to: Rosedale Development Association Attention: Dear Jess & Troy @ 1403 Southwest Boulevard, Kansas City, KS 66103.

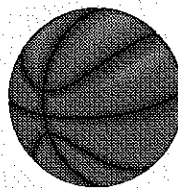
Are you having a garage sale?

If so, please remember that if you hang up signs around the

neighborhood for your sale, be courteous to the community and take them down ASAP once your event is over. Because of the large volume of garage sales in the summer, the signs become an eyesore to the residents and those who come to and through our community. We want to keep Rosedale beautiful and this is one more way that you can help!

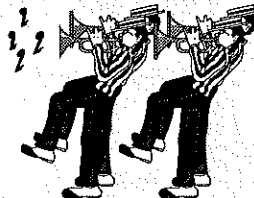
Got Game?

Then get geared! We were bummed that we had to cancel the 3-on-3 basketball tournament. BUT, **never fear** --we are in the process of rescheduling it! More than likely, the rescheduled date will be some time in September (we'll let ya' know). In the meantime, we would like to get more teams to sign up. If you have any questions, or are between the ages of 11 and 18, and are interested, please call RDA.



It's Coming...

That's right--the eighth annual **Rosedale Parade and Festival** will be here before you know it! We are so excited for this event! **Please remember that we need your reservation for a booth or a place in the parade by August 25th.** We'd like to get an idea of how many people plan to participate, so if you know you are going to do so, please call as soon as possible. You are going to love our events this year! The parade will begin at 10 a.m. sharp, so be there to cheer for the



marchers! Then, at 11:30 a.m., live entertainment from Bill Laursen and TNT will be rocking the park. Other festivities will include: lawnmower races, a dunk tank, Sumo wrestling, a bungee run, karaoke, race cars, pony rides, and many others. So, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 9th! We'll be looking for ya'!

We're Talking Trash

Summer time is a great time to empty your house of old furniture, appliances, etc. But, please remember that the city will only pick up items that can fit in their trucks during their weekly rounds. If you do need to dispose of larger items, you can call (913) 573-5400 for special pick-up, with no additional charge.

What Grows There?

Have you been driving or walking near 37th and Early lately? If so, you probably noticed a huge garden patch of something, and may have wondered what it is. The Mennonite Volunteer Services house, Rosedale Saturday Academy, and several neighborhood residents have teamed together to bring life to the abandoned lot. The garden is being sponsored by Kansas City Community Gardens. A youth from the Rosedale Saturday Academy donated her time to paint a beautiful sign advertising the garden. Other youth help with upkeep of the pumpkin patch. If you're in the neighborhood, come take a peek and share your gardening secrets!

Local Celebrities...

Local business, Original Juan, has been honored with the Visa Start-Up 2000 award, a national program to help small businesses get a firm foundation for growth. This is a tremendous honor, bestowed only on three businesses nationally this year. The award includes a \$25,000 start-up fund, as well as \$50,000 in products and services. In addition, Original Juan will participate in free training from Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. We're proud of the fact that a Rosedale Business is receiving such high recognition. We support their efforts and hope that you will too! For those of you who haven't experienced Original Juan salsas and sauces, you're missing out! You can buy directly from the factory at 647 Southwest Boulevard, and at some local grocery stores.

Saturday Academy News...

The Rosedale Saturday Academy has completed its third series and is beginning enrollment for the fall. The dates of the fall series have yet to be decided. However, if you are interested in enrolling a child who is between the ages of 11 and 14 in the program, please call Juliana Carlson @ (913) 677-2561. For those of you who do not already know, the Rosedale Saturday Academy is a non-academic youth enrichment program. In the past series, youth have enjoyed such activities as photography, cooking, video-making, art projects, and others. The program is free of cost to you, and the youth are fed breakfast and lunch. We've gotten great feedback about the program, so don't miss this opportunity for your children.



(From left) Dana Coriell, Rick Silva, Paul Feagen, Joe Polo, R.J. Samuels and Nina Ward proudly present a plaque depicting Original Juan's remarkable achievement.

Thank You!

We are extremely grateful for the Sharing Community's financial support. The Sharing Community has been a vital and active organization in the community and in the work we do at RDA. We appreciate their efforts!

Also... Officer Pat Callahan would like to thank those of you who have so graciously donated money for his cell phone. It is assisting him greatly in contacting/ responding to people in a more timely manner. Please note that we have not reached our goal amount yet, so donations are still being accepted. A special thanks to Wendy who greatly helped to coordinate this effort.

Block by Block

The RDA is currently conducting a block by block improvement program in an effort to improve neighborhoods and increase property values. RDA has joined

forces with area neighborhood associations, community policing officers, social service providers, Unified Government Codes Officers and other Unified Government Departments in this effort. We will be looking at codes violations, criminal activity, animal control issues, disruptive/ problem youth and families, and other issues which negatively impact our community. This project will initially target one block per neighborhood. Preliminary surveys of each property are being completed and residents are notified of any identified problems or violations. Additionally, residents who are either handicapped, elderly, or who are unable to remedy the problem are encouraged to contact RDA for assistance/ references. RDA hopes that this project will encourage residents to work together to reduce crime and blight, and improve living conditions for our children and families.