Rosedale Development Association

Working in partnership with residents, businesses, and institutions to build a strong community and improve the quality of life for those who live, work, and play in Rosedale.

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Business Feature

Rosedale Floor Covering at 1122 Merriam Lane is a nice addition to the Rosedale community. Owner Rod Hartle thought it was time to open his own store, after working in the flooring business for nineteen years. He built the business on property he owns. He reports that soon another business owner will be building storefronts next door. Hartle feels Rosedale is an up and coming area and likes having the Kansas University Medical Center in the area. It is a good central location for his business, which is important since Hartle does business all over Kansas City. Rosedale Floor Covering provides sales and services in carpet, vinyl, wood, laminate and ceramic tile. Basically Hartle and his four employees can cover your floor with whatever you want. They do mostly residential work and have done work for the Shining Community Church. Hartle hopes to do work on the new development in the Rosedale area. The company's business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. You can call Rosedale Floor Covering at (913) 238-RUGS. The Rosedale Floor Covering truck made an appearance in the Rosedale parade on Sept. 27.

Welcome New Rosedale Community Project Team

The Rosedale Community Project has many new faces. The Project brings KU students who are working towards their Masters in Social Work into the Rosedale community. The students work with programs such as The Saturday Academy and Community TREE and also interact with Rosedale residents. Students gain practical experience for their profession.

Welcome Donna Devine

Donna Devine is the new program manager for the Rosedale Community Project. In this position she will be supervising KU students who will be working as community social workers in the Rosedale community. Donna admits that a challenge in her new position is becoming familiar with the community. She is, however, enthusiastic about working in Rosedale. "We feel honored to be allowed to be part of the community," she says. Donna was drawn to social work because she enjoys working with people. She also wants to support new social workers, such as her KU students. Donna received her Masters in Social Work from Kansas University in 1995. She is from the Kansas City area and is returning after three years away.

Welcome Melanie Davis

Melanie Davis is from the Kansas City area and also received her undergraduate degree from KU. Her
leaves eight children, twenty-four grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren. Our condolences go out to her family. Donations can be made to Rosedale Congregational Church in Wilhelmina’s memory.

Drug Bust
On August 27 police conducted a drug bust at 2210 Ball Lane. Drugs were found in the house and an arrest was made in connection. The person arrested was said to have links to a local motorcycle gang called the Galloping Goosers. He was convicted felon, who was found to be in possession of a gun.

Apple Mart Shooting
The shooter who held up the Westwood Apple Market on August 15 is still at large. An employee at Apple Market was tragically killed in the incident. The reward for information leading to an arrest is now $15,000. The suspect is a light complexioned male, approximately 5’5”, small to medium build. If you have any information please call: Johnson County Sheriff’s Office (913) 761-5560
Westwood Police Department (913) 362-3737
Tips Hotline (816) 474-TIPS (8477)

Children should know and follow traffic rules and should be extra careful in the rain, fog, and snow.

Children should walk to school with others. If car-pooling they should be dropped off close to school and the driver should stay to see that they enter the building safely.

Children need to be taught never to talk to strangers or accept gifts from them. It is always best to be too cautious with a child’s safety. It may be better to have to call 911 or be approached by a stranger. However, if they are, remembering a parent’s or guardian’s warnings and advice can save their life. We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable school year.

Licensing Your Pet
Dogs and cats can be great companions. However, owners need to remember that they are required by law to have a license for each pet. In order to get a license for your dog or cat you need proof of rabies vaccination. Not only is this needed for licensing, but is also important for the health of yourself and those in your neighborhood and many businesses that are $7 a year for spayed or neutered pets, and $30 for pets that are not fixed. You can go to the Animal Control Division at 3301 Park Drive, Kansas City, KS 66102 to get a license. You can also mail a request to a license by sending a current rabies certificate and a check or money order made out to the City Treasurer. Call (913) 321-1445 for more information. Once you have your license attach it to the collar of your pet. Doing so assures that if your animal is picked up by the Animal Control Division, they can be returned to you. If you have a complaint about an animal or would like to adopt a pet contact Animal Control at (913) 321-1445.

Lost and Found
Several months ago some property was found in the Whitmore Playground. If you believe it might be yours contact Jeff at (913) 290-8820 to identify and claim it.

School Safety Tips
Another school year has begun. Following some easy tips can help keep children safe.

• Children should know their home phone number and address, that of another trusted adult, and 911. They should have enough change to use a pay phone.

• Children should have a well-known direct route to school with the fewest street crossings. They should stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields, and other places where there are few people.

Wilmelina Masters Passed
Sadly, on September 10, Wilmelina Masters passed away. She owned Bernie Electric Wholesale. She grew along with the railroad. The Rosedale Post Office was established in 1872. The railroad continued to roll six times a week. More growth came to Rosedale when it was established to coincide with the completion of the Kansas Rollover Mill in 1875. The Mill produced iron rails for the railroad. A number of families came to Rosedale along with the Rosedale米. It created a boom for Rosedale and by 1877 there were 600 residents, which meant Rosedale could become a city of the Third-Order. The first election was held on August 28, 1877. The Rosedale Coal and Mining Company had 7000 acres of land in the area. They were looking for a site to build a coal mine. However, when they went to the area, they found the land was not suitable. The Coal and Mining Company then turned its attention to the railroad tracks and the Mill. The railroad company was not eager to allow the coal to cross their property as trains brought twelve cars of coal a day to the Mill. The Coal and Mining Company tried to build a railroad through the town, but this was not possible. Fortunately, the Mill continued to operate, and the Rosedale Coal and Mining Company was forced to close. The Mill was a major factor in the growth of Rosedale. Today, Rosedale is a community with schools, churches, and businesses that serve its residents. This was not always the case. Like many towns Rosedale had to begin some, and its beginning was the coming of the railroad. The Kansas City & North Dakota Railroad came through the area. The railroad was able to move merchandise to and from the town. As a result, farmers found new markets and new towns.