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.

January 2004

Business Feature

ABC Supply first came to Kansas City in 1991. Their location at 111 Southwest Boulevard is their fourth in Kansas City. ABC Supply sells roofing materials, wholesale to contractors for both residential and commercial locations. Their business has seen a lot of growth over the years. The Southwest Blvd. location is part of a national chain that includes 280 stores. They are the number one store in the district and have 45 employees. Because of their success, soon they hope to move from their current location. They will add siding, window, and guttering materials to their inventory. Even though ABC’s current location is no longer convenient to them or their neighbors, they have decided to stay in the Rosedale area, moving just off Southwest Blvd. Mike Lyle, the manager, explained that Rosedale is a good location because people are familiar with Southwest Blvd. and it is just off the highway. He said that there are multiple other businesses that draw contractors to the area and create a good customer base. Having strong companies in Rosedale is positive in its own way, but ABC Supply has also benefited Rosedale by donating materials to the Southwest Blvd. Family Health Clinic’s expansion. If you want to find out more about ABC Supply Co. call (913) 722-4747 or find information on the web at www.absupply.com

Youth’s View: Saturday Academy Update

We attended Saturday Academy, because we thought it would be fun. It was fun, because we went on field trips and we saw movies and we create stuff. We have two people come in every Saturday to help us be non-violent. Their names are Jeff and Sierra. They bring fun games and we like to do them. We love coming to Saturday Academy.

-Marc Villanueva
6th grade, Frank Rusthon

Frank Rusthon

On January 13 Frank Rusthon students celebrated math and science education. Students attended an assembly during the day where Gary Lezak spoke about his job as a weather man and how important math and science were to him. That evening from 6 to 7:30 students and their parents attended a Math and Science Night where students could show off their academic prowess. Such educational events seem to be paying off as 25 students were rewarded through the Excellence in Education program Jan. 22. Congratulations to these students and thank you to the community members who help promote success in education.

African American History Month

February is African American History Month. This year is significant because it has been fifty years since the Brown vs. The Topeka Board of Education case. To mark this important month, Kansas City Kansas Community College, Unified Government of KCK and Wyandotte County, National Association Advancement of Colored People, KCK, KCK Democracy InJEEP Project, and YWCA of Greater Kansas City are sponsoring the following events:

Feb. 2-27 – Special Exhibit: by Zolamo Galleries in KCKCC Intercultural Center featuring African
American Artifacts & African-American framed prints 
Feb. 3 (Tue.) -- First Annual State of Wyandotte Co./KCK Community Forum: 7-9 p.m. Performing Arts Center, KCKCC

Feb. 4 & 5 (Wed. & Thur.) -- "In Pursuit of Freedom and Equality": Video and Discussion 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. (Feb. 4); 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. (Feb. 5) in Room 2705 -- Ms. Virginia Freeman, Guest Facilitator

Feb. 10 (Tue.) -- Professional Development Luncheon and Roundtable: Teaching Anti-Racism and White Awareness in Academia: Private Dining Room KCKCC, Noon to 1:30 p.m. Please RSVP by calling 913-288-7672 by Feb. 6 at noon. Dr. Frances Condon, University of Minnesota, Guest Facilitator

Feb. 16 (Mon.) -- Essay Contest Deadline: Call 913-288-7672 for details.

Feb. 21 (Sat.) -- Unified Government's Annual Black History Program and Dinner: Keynote speaker: Ms. Deborah Dandridge, University of Kansas and Brown Foundation. 6 p.m., Reardon Center. Tickets $20. Call 913-573-5474

Feb. 24 (Tue.) -- Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education: Keynote speaker: Ms. Cheryl Brown Henderson, President of Brown Foundation. 11 a.m., in the Performing Arts Center. Public Reception to follow in KCKCC Intercultural Center

Community Rewards Program
If you have a Price Chopper Shopper Card, you can support RDA, while you shop. Price Chopper has a Community Rewards Program called Xtra Helpings. Through this program 1% of your purchase will be donated to RDA, until May 31, 2004. In order to designate the 1% to RDA, register online at www.mypricechopper.com. RDA’s name comes into RDA. Don’t forget that when you register you will need your Price Chopper Shopper Card.

Tax Preparation
It is that dreaded time of year again: tax time. This year you will have a little help sorting through your receipts. Beginning Feb. 2, the AARP will have a Tax-Aide site open in the Kansas City Kansas City Hall at 7th and Ann St. Assistance will be available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. until April 15. This assistance is free, but is on a first come first serve basis, so be prepared to wait in line. For more information call (913) 299-1799. You can also contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or find information on the web at www.irs.gov.

Strategic Plan
This month our focus is on the youth development aspect of our strategic plan. We hope to strengthen connections with youth and that youth who participate will show an increase in positive behaviors.

- Youth programs will have been established at 3 schools in Rosedale to encourage positive behaviors and parental involvement.
- 450 youth will have participated in youth programs with the goal of building relationships with caring adults, developing leadership skills, developing strong community connections.
- 70% of youth who participate in the Rosedale Saturday Academy and the Community TREE programs will increase their GPA by 15, they will decrease unexcused absences, they will decrease the number of documented reports of disciplinary action in the quarter in which they participate in the programs.

We consider youth development to be an important part of our programming. Often times you can help us to reach these goals. Read the "Rosedale Reaching Out" segment to learn ways that you can help.

Rosedale History
Hattie Harfield has been a Rosedale resident all of his life. As a youth he remembers going to the Rosedale swimming pool near Rosedale High School. In the winter, when it would snow, Hattie would shovel sidewalks to earn money. Snow was also an opportunity for celebration, as people would light bonfires and kids would sled down the streets. Another popular activity was playing in the streets. Hattie remembers playing in Hudson Rd., which is now Rainbow Blvd. The depression hit Rosedale hard. "We were tickled to death to get anything in those days," Hattie said. Like many others, Hattie's family was in relief. Because both of his parents were ill, Hattie remembers that he had to make the trip to the fire station, which was the city hall, jail and police station all in one, every Tuesday to get the family's grocery order. Groceries cost $6.66 a week for three people and Hattie remembers eating a lot of beans and pork. Trash collection was done in a horse drawn wagon that had eight drums in it. Hattie remembers that the trash would leak all over the neighborhood. When Hattie broke his shoulder playing football at Rosedale High School, he went to Bell Memorial Hospital, which was in an old GI barracks and still had wooden sidewalks around it. The hospital bill was 25 cents, but during the depression even that bill was difficult to pay. Hattie's parents died when he was sixteen, he quit school and went to work for the Jones Store Co. Eventually Hattie was able to go into business for himself and built a bar at the site of an old filling station. He then opened a second bar and finally a bingo parlor. Bingo, however, was not always an acceptable pastime. When it was illegal, bingo was played at the VFW post. When Hattie and his friends were caught, they were fined $25, but they always knew when they were going to be caught. On such occasions, the police would say that they had to take all the money being gambled, but would only take $20 and leave the rest. The Chief of Police, after all, belonged to the VFW post. Hattie remembers one night in particular, when the head of the vice squad broke up a bingo session and cleared everyone out. He was then beat over the head with a purse by an irate woman who was yelling, "You're no son of mine!" The policeman's only response to his mother was: "The mayor's mother made me do it!" Bingo was legalized in 1966, and Hattie claims to have had the first bingo license in Kansas City, KS. Though many things have changed over the years some things have not. Hattie still has his bingo parlor, Hattie's Moo Cow, on 47th St.

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Words of Wisdom
"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is." Albert Einstein
view performance of the play, Seamushe, 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 building the sets and costumes for the play. The company is also working on a partnership with Sumner High School to put on a musical called, Brand New Day. Please call Julia Othmer at 816/221-PLAY for more details.

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.

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 Argentine 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 14 to 20. RDA will receive the grant again this year. Please call, Erica, at the RDA if you have any questions.

Paint-a-Barrel Project
In July, RDA held a pain-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 the community. We are very proud of the artwork that was done on the barrels, and they can be seen around the community.
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The Rosedale Sunday Academy

The Rosedale Development Association in conjunction with the Rosedale Community Project celebrates the Day of the Dead by sponsoring the annual day of the dead on October 27, 1998. The Day of the Dead was a traditional Mexican celebration, which took place in Mexico City, Mexico. Following traditions, the Day of the Dead is observed with a variety of activities, including parades, dances, and music. The event was organized by the Rosedale Development Association and the Rosedale Community Project to celebrate the Day of the Dead, and it was attended by a large crowd of people.

For Seniors' Eyes (and Stomachs) Only!

The Nutrition Site at the Sharing Community is now open! The Sharing Community at the Rainbow Memorial Church invites the elders of the community to join them any time from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm on any day of the week. Meals are served every Wednesday and Thursday from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm. The Sharing Community asks that people arrive at least 15 minutes before the mealtime. The Sharing Community is located at 8808 N. Keeler Avenue, Chicago, IL 60631. They can be reached at (773) 288-4644. Please note that reservations should be made 24 hours in advance.

Rosedale Saturday Academy

The Rosedale Development Association and the Rosedale Community Project are proud to announce the formation of the Rosedale Saturday Academy. The Rosedale Saturday Academy is a new youth program that provides opportunities for students to learn and develop their skills in a variety of areas. The program is open to students of all ages and is designed to provide a fun and engaging environment for learning. The program is located at 5301 N. Central Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60631. They can be reached at (773) 288-4644. Please note that reservations should be made 24 hours in advance.

If you believe we can be of some assistance to you or to your neighborhood, please contact us at (773) 877-2361. We welcome your contributions to the Rosedale Saturday Academy and your suggestions for improving our program. Thank you for your interest in our program.
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 Día 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 corner, 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 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!

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!

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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!