



# 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

Vital Signs at 1144 Southwest Blvd. is definitely a family business. After living in Texas for awhile, Bette McGill moved back to Rosedale and opened Vital Signs in 1994. Rosedale is the community where her mom graduated from high school. Now her, her husband, mother, and sister all work at the business. Bette says one of the benefits of their location is that the neighboring businesses are like family too. People are willing to help each other out. Another location benefit is people see Vital Signs on their drives home from work. Bette suspects this is how they receive much of their Missouri business. Vital Signs is a full service sign center that makes interior and exterior signs. Some techniques that they use are sand blasting, faux etching on glass, and hand lettering. Vital Signs made the RDA sign and has done work for Schutte Lumber, Dagwoods, and the Kansas Speedway. Bette has been an active member in the Rosedale community and is a new member of the RDA board. Vital Signs is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. and Sat. by appointment. To find out more about their services call (913) 262-4447 or email them at [vitalsign-sofkc@earthlink.net](mailto:vitalsign-sofkc@earthlink.net).

## New Houses in Rosedale

If you have driven on Minnie or Lloyd, you may have noticed some new houses being built. These houses are a part of RDA's partnership with City Vision Ministries. All four houses already built or under construction have been sold! We would like to welcome these new homeowners to Rosedale. Another exciting housing prospect has arisen. The KU School of Architecture will be building a home at 3800 Lloyd. RDA is providing the lot and City Vision Ministries will be financing the project. The School of Architecture has traditionally built homes in Lawrence using experimental materials and designs. This will be the first home they will build in Kansas City.

## Rosedale Middle School



Irene Caudillo of Y.O.U. gives a medal to a Rosedale Middle School student recognized through the Excellence in Education program.

On January 29th, the first Excellence in Education, recognition event was held at Rosedale Middle School (RMS). The Excellence in Education program rewards students for earning good grades, having few absences, and having good citizenship. The program wants such students to know that they have the support of the community and to encourage their success. Fifty-eight students were recognized at RMS. They received pizza, certificates, medals, and t-shirts. They were even allowed to wear their t-shirts instead of their uniforms on the next day of school. On February 12th, fourteen students at Holy Name Elementary School were also recognized. Congratulations to these students. We are very proud of you and encourage you to keep up the good work.

### \*\*\*\*\* Upcoming Meeting \*\*\*\*\*

On Thursday, **March 25** from **6 p.m. to 7p.m.**, there will be a presentation by Terra Technologies on using vegetation to reinforce the bank following the Turkey Creek modifications. The meeting will be held at **1401 Southwest Blvd.** All are welcome to attend.

## **Rosedalians Reaching Out**

### **Come March with City Vision Ministries**

The second annual Come March with City Vision Ministries will take place Saturday March 27. In a one-day effort, dozens of contractors, neighborhood volunteers and friends of Rosedale Development Association and City Vision Ministries donate their time to provide major repairs in Rosedale's Hilltop Neighborhood. Last year work included replacing a roof, furnace, windows, front porch, kitchen cabinets, and interior and exterior coat of paint gave the house a new look. This year similar repairs will be done to two more houses. You can help this year from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 27, with painting, landscaping, clean up, cooking and providing hospitality. People with electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and painting skills are especially welcome to contribute to the project. Donations are welcome. To find out how you can be involved contact Amy Stock of Rosedale Development Association at (913) 677-5097.

### **Landuse Planning Committee**

A committee has been formed to help with landuse planning for the area within State Line to Mission Rd. and 47th St to I-35. The purpose of the planning is to determine preferred land use with several alternative options, a footprint for future expansion of the Kansas University Hospital and the University of Kansas Medical Center, areas identified for commercial and new housing development, and the tools available to bring about the laid out changes. Once completed we hope the plan will be formally adopted by the Unified Government, accepted by the community, and attractive to developers. The committee is made of residents and business owners representing different sections of the area covered in the planning. Down the road we hope to have a meeting open to the public regarding this planning.

### **Road Construction**

Work to be completed in the 2004 construction season includes; the reconstruction of the I-35/ 7th Street Interchange, reconstruction of the south half of the I-35/ Cambridge Circle Interchange, and reconstruction of the Northbound I-35 lanes. To allow for construction, all I-35 traffic will be shifted to the southbound side of I-35 at the end of June 2004. During this period, I-35 traffic will be reduced to two lanes in both directions. I-35 will be open to normal traffic flow during the winter shutdown starting at

the end of November 2004.

Additional work to be completed in 2004 includes the realignment and widening of Turkey Creek from Southwest Blvd. to 7th Street. This work will greatly improve flood protection along Turkey Creek in the Rosedale Area. Extensive use of native plant species will be utilized for bank protection along this section of Turkey Creek. In mid-March the redecking of the Shawnee Road Bridge over 7th Street will begin. The bridge is scheduled to be completed in August.

### **New Businesses in Rosedale**

When you drive down Southwest Blvd., look for a few new businesses. Artisan Metalworks has opened up at 820 Southwest Blvd. Johnson County Stained Glass has opened at 1129 Southwest Blvd. We are glad to see some artists moving into the Rosedale area and opening up shop.

### **New Car-Jacking Scheme**

Imagine: You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car and get inside. You start your car and look into the rear-view mirror to back out of your parking space and you notice a piece of paper stuck to your rear window. You shift into park and jump out of your vehicle to remove that paper that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car, the car-jackers come out of hiding, jump into your car and take off. Be aware of this new scheme. Just drive away and remove the paper that is stuck to your window later.

### **H.E.A.T**

The Kansas City, KS Police Department runs a Help Eliminate Auto Theft (H.E.A.T.) program. Overall the program is a preventative measure. To participate in the program, you simply sign a participation agreement stating that under normal circumstances your vehicle is not operated between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. A department-issued reflective decal is then put on the inside of your rear window, which will signify that your vehicle is registered in the program. Officers are authorized to stop the vehicle with the decal if it is seen operating during the above hours. To enroll in the H.E.A.T. program you can fill out the necessary form at the following locations: Bureau of Community Support Services at 1228 N. 79th, Community Policing Office at 4601 State Avenue, and the Auto Theft Unit, Central Patrol Division, or Police Community Liaison Office at 701 N. 7th.