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Public improvements along 47th St. making progress

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spoken in 47th St. these days, it is evident that times are changing.

Boosted by a partnership between the cities of Kansas City, Kan., Westwood, and Roeland Park, several infrastructure improvements have been made on the 47th St. corridor from Mission Rd. to Rainbow Blvd.

The improvements include: repaving of 47th St., enhanced sidewalks on the Johnson County side of the road, and brand-new intersections at 47th and Mission and 47th and Rainbow.

The improvements are the result of an extensive collaborative process between the three aforementioned cities. The 47th and Mission Road Area Concept Plan, adopted by the three city governments in Sept. 2000, provides a framework for developing the area. Since the 47th St. corridor is at the nexus of three cities and two counties, a special zoning overlay district was created.

A committee, consisting of appointed representatives from each of the three cities, was formed to oversee the process. RD&A’s Executive Director, Wendy Wilson, served on the committee.

The improvements were paid for by public money from each of the three cities involved, with the goal of spurring new growth and investment in the surrounding area. Many municipalities, especially in urban areas, utilize public dollars and resources to stimulate economic development. This is the ultimate aim of the 47th St. infrastructure improvements.

There are further improvements planned for the area, including enhanced streetscape features like lighting, furniture, and trees, as well as vertical stone gateway markers. Look for those in the future as the 47th St. corridor continues to blossom.

Rosedale Master Plan approved by Planning and Zoning Commission

The Unified Government Planning and Zoning Commission gave a unanimous recommendation for approval of the Rosedale Master Plan at a special meeting on Monday, July 11. The plan next moves to the full U.G. Commission on Aug. 25 for final approval.

The proposed Master Plan is the product of a thorough process of community dialogue and partnership. Neighborhood leaders, business owners, representatives from local agencies, schools, churches, and the University of Kansas Medical Center, and other community stakeholders participated in the formation and development of the Plan.

If approved by the Commission, the Plan will serve as a roadmap for future development in Rosedale. It does not change current zoning or existing structures. Rather, it is a concrete guide to ensure that future development coincides with community wants and needs.

To view the proposed land-use map under the Plan or for more information, visit www.rosedaleassociation.org/landuseplan.htm.
Thanks for your support

Rosedale Development Association expresses deep gratitude to the many local businesses that have renewed their RDA membership this year. RDA depends on the support of financial and otherwise-of residents and businesses to sustain its work of building a strong healthy community and improving the quality of life in Rosedale. Every contribution makes a difference and we thank you for your investment.

As an added perk for our business members, RDA is now offering a free listing and link for each member on our website. To see a list of our current business members, visit www.rosetaledevelopment.org/business.htm.

Once again, thank you for renewing your business membership for 2005. Our goal is to make Rosedale the Place to Be for commerce and residence, a place where people choose to live and do business because it is a safe, vibrant community.

Sincerely,

Wendy Wilson, Executive Director

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Church members learn about RDA and Rosedale community

On Sunday, July 10, over 60 members of Rainbow Mennoitie Church (1403 Southwest Blvd.) attended "Getting to Know Rosedale," an RDA-organized event that was designed to educate participants about the developments, issues, and forces shaping the Rosedale community. It was also an opportunity for church members to explore ways to get involved in the community and to hear about RDA’s activities and mission.

For many who attended, the highlight of the event was a bus tour of Rosedale, led by RDA Executive Director, Wendy Wilson. There were two consecutive tours, and each time, the bus was filled to capacity. The University of Kansas Medical Center provided the 22-passenger shuttle bus. The tour demonstrated the diversity and vitality of Rosedale, covering the new Rainbow Park/PMHS/Altofts development, the historic Hanover Heights neighborhood, Sauer Castle and the recently-completed Studio 804 house on Shawnee Road, and publicly-funded housing complexes Belrose Manor and Rosedale Ridge.

Participants were also able to see the Knoth Center, the community room next door to RDA’s office (1403 Southwest Blvd.), as well as the new “Rosedale Paradise” courtyard area behind the complex, which was completed earlier this year during Join Hands Day. RDA staff members were available to discuss RDA programs and to answer questions, and a complimentary lunch was provided, as well. Participants were also encouraged to consider joining RDA as paid members and to get involved in community activities and programs.

RDA wishes to thank members of Rainbow Mennoitie Church for attending “Getting to Know Rosedale.” RDA hopes to replicate the event for other interested churches, businesses, stakeholders, and civic organizations. If you or your organization would like to participate in a future “Getting to Know Rosedale” event, contact our office: (913) 677-5097.

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Cheeseburgers in Paradise

41 people, including the children and young people shown at left, attended RDA’s cheeseburger appreciation event.

"Cheeseburgers in Paradise," held on Saturday, July 16, was a fun-filled occasion that was a way to thank our many dedicated volunteers, especially those that helped transform the formerly vacant lot behind RDA’s office into “Rosedale Paradise” on Join Hands Day earlier this year.

Healthy Kids Camp returns

Rosedale Congregational Church, 4326 Lloyd, is sponsoring Healthy Kids Camp again this summer. It will be held Aug. 8-12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is for children going into the first-fifth grade.

The day camp, aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles in young people, includes crafts, drama, singing, cooking classes, games, exercise, and lots of fun. Enrollment is limited, so if you are interested, please contact the church as soon as possible: (913) 236-6337.

Source: Frank Ruxton Neighborhood Association newsletter (July 2005) & Rosedale Congregational Church.

KCNA to offer next series of “Building 21st Century Leaders”

The Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance (KCNA), one of RDA’s organizational partners, is set to begin the next 10-session series of “Building 21st Century Leaders,” a critically acclaimed leadership development program for students, members of neighborhood groups, community activists, and others. If you would like more information, or if you wish to sign up for the next series, call (913) 751-8900, ext. 127, or email 21stcenturyleaders@kcna.org.

Good Music Festival postponed

The Good Music Festival, an event that was advertised in the June/July newsletter, was postponed until at least spring 2006. Unfortunately, the event did not have enough sponsorship revenue to proceed with the original July 28 date. The festival was to be held at the Rosedale Drive-In (1951 Miami Road) and was to feature live music from several musical groups. We regret any inconvenience the postponement may have caused.

Membership application

Annual business dues: $100
Annual household dues: $15

Name of business or name of household
Address
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Please mail application, along with check made payable to Rosedale Development Association.

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The company, with seven full-time employees, is currently owned by Dan Milliam, son of the company's founder, Jim Milliam. The company moved its office to Rosedale in 1995. Prior to that, it had been located in Clinton and Odessa, Mo.

Milliam Ditching is practically a next-door neighbor of Rosedale Development Association. The company's office is just a few doors down from RDAs office.

Earlier this year, Milliam donated half a day of labor and the use of the company's equipment for RDAs Join Hands Day project, which transformed the formerly vacant lot behind the RDAs office into a beautiful recreation area. He personally smoothed out the surface of the lot and dug holes for the fence posts, operating heavy machinery to do so. RDAs graciously thanks Milliam Ditching for this important contribution to the Join Hands Day project.

Dan Milliam, owner of Milliam Ditching, sits inside one of the company utility trucks during Join Hands Day (May 7).

The company has a fleet of four utility trucks and four transport trucks. Because of its central location, Milliam can quickly reach many destinations around the Kansas City metro area.

Construction update

In an effort to reduce traffic congestion and improve safety, construction of the Mission Cliffs housing development will begin. The Mission Cliffs development, along with the nearby Rainbow Park development, will bring 100 new single-family homes and townhouses to the bluff area of the University of Kansas Medical Center and the BWK St. district (near the intersection of Lake Ave. and Minnie St. in Kansas City, Kan.).

Eleven homes have already been completed in the area as part of the Rainbow Park development. The Mission Cliffs development is the next phase of the project. Both housing developments, which aim to provide a mix of low- and middle-income residents an opportunity for homeownership in the urban core, represent the fruition of many years of hard work by people and organizations, including: RDA; City Vision Ministries; the United Government of Kansas City; Kan./Wyandotte County; Brotherhood Bank; Pennie Mue; and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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Rainbow Mennonite Church to dedicate renovated building

Mark your calendar for a Rosedale celebration on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 1:30 p.m. The Rainbow Mennonite Church will be dedicating its recently renovated church at 1444 Southwest Boulevard, during a festive event open to the public. NOTE: Mill St., which borders the church’s west side, will be closed for about half-an-hour (1:30-2:30 p.m.) during the ceremony.

The theme for the program is "Framing the Past, Celebrating the Future." Richard Friesen, former Outreach Director for the church, is the featured keynote speaker to talk of the church’s past, while Wendy Wilson, Executive Director of the Rosedale Development Association, will address the role and impact the church will have on the future of Rosedale. Following the keynote speakers, a ribbon ceremony will be conducted at the new west entrance of the church. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will move indoors to the 300-seat sanctuary.

Refreshments will be served downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after the dedication. Children will have an opportunity to have their picture taken wearing 1927-period clothing, the year when the original church was built. Guided tours will also be offered of the new addition and remodeled areas.

Rosedale Development Association

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

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RDA wraps up Summer Youth Employment Program

RDA annual Summer Youth Employment (SYE) program, which takes Rosedale-area high school youth and places them in a local job for the summer, closed in 2005 season with two important events: an End-of-Summer Party and a public presentation at the Board of Public Utilities (BPU).

The End-of-Summer Party, held on Aug. 11, was a time to celebrate and recognize each youth’s accomplishments in the summer program. Youth, parents, job-site supervisors, and instructors from the week of job training were all invited. Approximately 23 people attended. Each youth and business/agency received a certificate for participating in the program.

On Aug. 17, about 20 youth and family members attended the bi-monthly BPU meeting to publicly thank the utility company for providing the funding for the SYE program. RDA is one of several community organizations in Woodson County that receives money for Summer Youth Employment. Without the funding from the BPU, the program would not exist.

At the BPU meeting, two youth and one parent who were in the program testified to their experience and shared the effectiveness of the program. Joel Greving, RDA’s Mennonite Voluntary Service worker, highlighted several successes of this year’s program:

- Four of 14 youth in RDA’s programs have been offered part-time jobs by their employers.
- One supervisor, who has been involved in similar summer youth employment programs for the past 13 years, said that his two youth employees this summer were “the best he has ever had.”
- The 14 youth worked approximately 2,000 cumulative hours during the summer, that’s 5,200 hours of labor for businesses and agencies in the community.
- The End-of-Summer Party was well attended, and the young people were having a good time.

The Hindu and the Cowboy comes to Rosedale

RDA encourages members of the Rosedale community and others in the Kansas City metropolitan area to attend a public performance of The Hindu and The Cowboy on Sunday, Oct. 9, 3-5 p.m., at the University of Kansas Medical Center’s Barnesford Auditorium (corner of 5th Street and Rainbow Blvd. in Kansas City, Kan.). Following the performance, there will be a facilitated discussion on community issues raised by the play.

The play is a story of two men from rural Kansas who are drawn to Rosedale by a job offer, and explores themes of diversity and cross-cultural relationships. The story’s impact is powerful; healing, humor and reconciliation — were collected through personal stories and interviews telling circles. People of all ages and from many religious traditions were involved in the project.

The performance on Oct. 9 is sponsored by the KU Med Center, the Rosedale Ministerial Alliance, and other community partners. We hope to see you at this important event in our local community.

KU Med asks for community input on study

The University of Kansas Hospital and the University of Kansas Medical Center are soliciting comments and responses from the broader community in regard to a proposed clinical research study to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of PolyHeme, an oxygen-carrying blood substitute, in treating critically injured and bleeding patients. The hospital and medical center want the community to be informed about the study and to provide feedback about any concerns.

Under the study protocol, treatment would begin when arrival at the hospital, either at the scene of the injury or in the ambulance, occurs, and continue for 12 hours. Since blood is not presently available in air-cushioned ambulances, the use of PolyHeme in these settings could add an untested critical need for an oxygen-carrying solution where blood is currently not available.

PolyHeme has not yet been proven to be effective and may have unknown risks — hence the need for the proposed study.

The hospital and medical center are required to obtain opinions and comment before proceeding with this study. To learn more and to submit a feedback form, visit www.ukmhs.org/polyheme.

For more information, contact the study coordinator, Suzanne Forras, R.N. (913) 588-3035.

RDA volunteers go full force in August

Thank you to almost 70 volunteers who made major improvements throughout Rosedale last month. In total, 281 volunteer hours were invested in projects involving youth, senior citizens and community spaces.

Membership application

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