The location is great. Right in the middle of both EU needs. The demographics of the area are wonderful. These people know what they want and they want it done well," says Jim Schebelen, owner and operator of Rainbow Brushless Car Wash.

The next time you are downtown in the South East corner of Rosedale, take a moment and have your car washed. The staff at Rainbow Brushless Car Wash is friendly and professional.

New Year, New Future

It's a new year and a new future for Rosedale. The community is looking forward to the upcoming events and projects that will take place in the coming year. The Rosedale Development Association will continue to work hard to improve the area and make it an even better place to live.

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The program has been successful in providing young people with the opportunity to learn valuable skills and gain experience in the workforce. The RDA would like to thank all the businesses and organizations that have participated in this program and offer special thanks to the youth who have participated.

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Free Hot Dogs in the Park

By Liza Swaantynader

Every Saturday evening in July, Rainbow Mennonite Church provides free hot dogs, condiments, and side dishes to the Rosedale community. Church members sign up in groups to host the event and provide the food. According to Pastor Robert Kaufman, the tradition began in the summer of 2001 when a church member began grilling hot dogs every Saturday for anyone interested, and has developed into an opportunity for the community and church to spend time together in the park. Please join us at Whitmore Park, 1444 SW Blvd., at 6:30 p.m. every Saturday in July! You may bring something to share if you like, or simply come and enjoy!

Summer Fun in Rosedale

There are new tennis courts at Rosedale Park. Bring your rackets and check out the new nets, fencing, and asphalt.

Come join the community at the 42nd and Mission Road Murals Project. Call Mikey at (913) 677-5097 for date and time of the next scheduled event.

The Kansas City Flying Disc Club hosts its FREE new player's disc golf night on Monday, 500, at Rosedale Park.

The Healthy Kids Camp will be held at Rosedale Congregational Church from August 4th through August 8th. The camp is for school-aged children (K-5) and will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are interested, please call the church at (913) 236-6337.

Mark your calendars for the 100th Birthday Celebration of the Rosedale Congregational Church. The Rosedale community is invited to celebrate this occasion on Saturday evening, September 27, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the church, 4316 Mission St., Kansas City, Kan. 66103.

The Healthy Hawks program at KU Med will be starting July 28th. This 12 week program is designed to help you and your child work together to become more physically fit and eat healthier. To participate in this free program please contact Shanna Phelps at (913) 945-6708 at for Spanish call Martha Gonzalez at (913) 945-6708.

The Rosedale Congregational Church hosted an Ice Cream Social on July 19th. All proceeds from ice cream sales went to the 100th Birthday Fund of the church. They will be hosting several more events in the coming months. Please join us for these and other events.

Book Nook

By Angel Doe

Home by Jeanie Rees is a wonderful picture book. An open window looks out into a neighborhood; with each turn of the page comes subtle change. This book is rooted in the idea that there is strength in community—especially when the community members come together in considering their surroundings.

Stealing Lincoln's Body by Thomas J. Craughwell. On the eve of the 1926 presidential election, several counterfeiters from Chicago attempted to steal President Lincoln's body from his enclosed glass and hold it for ransom. This rare event in history is revealed with great detail as the author spins the tale of who, what, why, how, and when. The book reads like a narrative and displays the vast history of counterfeiters, the founding of the Central Intelligence Agency in America, and the plight of many men to secure Lincoln's body.

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Community Awareness

Neighborhood groups
Depending on where you live or work in Rosedale, your neighborhood group may have regular meetings. These meetings will be full of useful information and a great way to meet your neighbors. Give Mikey a call at the RDA to find out more.

Unified Government Commission meetings
701 N. 7th St.
Full Commission: 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month
Planning and Zoning: 4th Thursday of each month
There are two types of meetings that meet at the G. The first is a general commission. These meetings will cover everything from budgeting to land-use. Special initiatives and projects are born through these meetings. The other type of meeting is Planning and Zoning. These meetings are very important if you care who your neighbors will be. Call 3-1-1 for more information. Online also is a good resource at www.wycokck.org.

USD 500 Board meetings
625 Minnesota Ave., 3rd floor
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month
Are you concerned about taxes and education? If yes, then you should consider going to the School Board meetings. Each of them is public, and they need your input. Each month they make decisions that affect our schools and tax assessment. Call (913) 651-3200 for more information or visit them at www.kcps.org.

Parks and Recreation meetings
5033 State Ave.
2nd Wednesday of each month
The Parks and Recreation Department oversees all of the parks and activities throughout Wyandotte County. These meetings can be very informative and worthy of attention. For more information please call (913) 573-8237 or visit www.wycokck.org for more information.
Rosedale Church of the Month

St. Paul A.M.E Zion Church, sharing worship on occasion and coming together to plant and cultivate the Rosedale Community Garden. It also partners with the Iglesia Cristiana Interdenominacional, which worships in the church building, and with several community organizations, including RDA.

Rosedale Congregational Church is looking ahead with excitement to its next 100 years, as it strives to be a place where all are welcome, all are included, and all are loved. In celebration of its past, present and future, the congregation is putting on a memory-filled musical performance called "Rosalind Rose" on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Everyone is invited to share in this evening. Also, everyone is invited to the Centennial Worship Service on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a dinner. Along with these events will be a display of memorabilia from past decades. To make reservations for the Sunday dinner or for further information about the celebration activities, please call the church at 913-236-6337.

What's happening in Rosedale?

KU M1 Day

On July 31, twenty-eight first year medical students from the University of Kansas Medical Center and Rosedale youth Derek Looper and Kimberly Tursay helped clean and make repairs at Rosedale Congregational Church as part of the annual M1 Day. The group removed old carpet, took out deteriorated ceilings, cleaned pews, spackled cracks, primed walls, and did outdoor yard work.

The M1 Day provides first year KUMC students with an opportunity to learn about and make an impact in their new community, as part of their orientation to school and to Rosedale. Thank you, students, for your time and generosity in helping the Rosedale community.

RDA would also like to thank the following individuals and local businesses that donated supplies and/or services to the repair work at the church:
- Eric Martinson at KC-Drywall
- REW Materials
- Soft Glass
- John Wright

42nd Street Mural Project

The 42nd Street Mural Project is finally starting to take shape. A group of 11 volunteers from KC Trinity Nazarene church in Rosedale cleared brush and power-washed the mural wall, to prepare it for painting. RDA thanks Pastor Mindy Hancock and the other volunteers from the church for assisting with this exciting neighborhood project.

We have also been working with professional artist Holly Swingugu for the initial design of the mural. Holly is the director/curator for the Leedy-Voulkos Art Gallery, located in the Crossroads District near downtown Kansas City, Mo. The first two design sessions were held on Aug. 2nd and 9th. Eight youth came to share their ideas and sketches for the mural. Holly will incorporate the youth’s ideas into the final design and then paint the first phase of the mural, along with two of her assistants. The first phase will be a broker to unify the entire project. The plan for phase 2 is to join with Rosedale Middle School art classes in developing the design for the remainder of the wall.

Call Mikeo at (913) 677-5097 for more information.

Donations

Recently, an anonymous Rosedale donor gave RDA 324 brand new three-ring binders. Officer manager Linda Wright delivered them to Fran Ruhlist, Holy Name, and Rosedale Middle School. RDA continues to be the neighborhood source for dispensing supplies to the community. The commitment to the youth of Rosedale is essential for our future.

Neighborhood Trash Pick-up

The Urban Scholastic Center arranged to have 15 volunteers pick up trash along Minnie St. The group was coordinated by Pastor Chuck Allen, and Dave & Angie Stanley. If you have a group that would like to volunteer in the Rosedale area, please call (913) 677-5097.

Public Announcement: Open House for Turkey Creek Environmental Enhancement

Tuesday October 14th 4 to 7 p.m.
at the Landon Center on Aging 3901 Rainbow Blvd.

This will be an open house to display the proposed plan to create a trail system and other environmental enhancements to the Turkey Creek Project. All businesses and residents are encouraged to attend.
2008 Summer Youth Employment participants

We want you for Christmas in October!

RDA is now accepting applications and recruiting volunteers for Christmas in October, an annual event that brings people together to make minor home repairs for elderly, disabled, and otherwise disadvantaged homeowners in our community. This year’s program will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11.

To qualify, residents must own their home and have their utilities turned on.

Register to Vote! Make your voice heard!
The 2008 national election on Nov. 4 is very important to our country’s future. Voters will be deciding the next president, as well as U.S. Senate and House races, state Senate and House races, and local ballot measures. Make sure you register to vote . . . the deadline is Oct. 20, 2008. Visit our homepage (www.rosedale.org) or call the Wyandotte County Election Office: (913) 572-8561.

Advertise with us!
The Rosedale reaches more than 600 businesses and residents in Rosedale. It is now possible to advertise within these pages to your neighbors. Get your name out in the community; offer special discounts; attract customers. Ads will be available in all sizes from business card to full page. Please contact RDA for more information.

Dial 3-1-1 for all Unified Government services
Rosedale’s Community Police Officers Serving north of 135: Officer Amy Allon: (913) 573-8719 Serving south of 135: Officer Carlos Rodriguez: (913) 573-8704

Rosedale’s Code Enforcement Officers Serving north of 135: Robert Morgan: (913) 573-8640 Serving south of 135: Joe Davis: (913) 573-8603

It’s a beautiful day in the neighborhood” 328
The neighborhood groups in Rosedale serve a vital role in keeping our community safe, clean, and orderly. Their localized efforts bring together residents to actively participate in creating a healthy environment and in shaping their neighborhood’s future.

The following is a list of the neighborhood associations in Rosedale, along with their approximate boundaries, meeting times and locations, leaders, and contact information. Find out which one is based in your neck of the woods and go to the next meeting. By participating, you will make a difference in improving the quality of life in Rosedale.

Frank Rusthon
Meets 3rd Tuesday of odd-numbered months @ Rosedale Congregational Church, 4200 Lloyd St.
Contact: Harold Weigel (913) 235-6356

Friendship Heights
Contact: Lisa Hill (913) 789-9433

Hanover Heights
No regularly scheduled meetings.
Contact: Bill O’Leary (913) 384-2310

Hilltop
Meets 1st Monday of each month @ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 4153 Rainbow Blvd.
Contact: Frances Rhee (913) 302-8491

McFarland Heights
No regularly scheduled meetings.
Contact: Virginia Dull (913) 831-6126

Rosa Alert
Boundaries: Douglas Ave., 135, 12th St.
Meet 1st Wednesday of each month @ Koch Center (next door to RDA), 1401 S.W. Blvd.
Contact: Jody Eyster (913) 371-8630

Shawnee Road
Boundaries: Shawnee Road – Springfield St., 14th St.
Meet 1st Tuesday of each month @ Shawnee Road Christian Church, 813 Shawnee Road
Contact: Sharon Pitts (913) 342-7577

Spring Valley
No regularly scheduled meetings.
Contact: Karen Hohendorf (913) 432-2776

Step Up KC
Boundaries: Metropolitan Ave., Merriam Lane, 12th St., 18th St., Everly
Meet 1st Thursday of each month @ Franklin Center, 1401 Metropolitan Ave.
Contact: Tracy Lewis (913) 291-8211

Rosedale History Quiz

In each issue of the Rosedalean, we will publish the Rosedale historical photograph along with an accompanying question. The first person to answer the question correctly will receive a prize. Submissions must be e-mailed to: joeingr@rosedale.org or called in to the RDA office: (913) 677-5057. Please provide your name, address, and phone number if you enjoy the historical photos of Rosedale, please visit www.rosedale.org for more.

Last month’s photograph and question:

Question: What building was this and what is it now?

Answer: Rosedale State Bank 722 SW Blvd. Currently this is the Boulevard Tires Co.

Winners: There were no winners this month, but the community police officers were really close, but no cigar!

This month’s photograph and question:

Question: Where is this building located?

The answer will be provided next month.

Membership application

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

Name of business or name of household

Address

City State Zip code

Contact phone

E-mail address

Please fill this application, along with check made payable to Rosedale Development Association, 1407 Southwest Blvd. Kansas City, Kan. 66103