The Rosedalian

Rosedale Development Association Newsletter

Learning made fun: 39th St. CREW a haven for Rosedale youth

Last school year, a handful of local children began showing up after school at the University of Kansas Medical Center Dykes Library, located near 39th St. and Cambridge in Rosedale. Many of the students lacked opportunities to participate in structured activities after school, so naturally, they were looking for something to do. The library staff tried to accommodate the young people as best they could, but without a plan in place, it became increasingly difficult to supervise the students and keep them engaged. Often times, they became a distraction to library staff, medical students and other patrons. The library staff faced a decision: Ban the students from using the library or figure out a way to incorporate them in a productive way. Thankfully, the staff chose the latter option.

Anne Huffman, Head of Public Services and Liaison to the School of Medicine at the Dykes Library, contacted Wendy Wilson, RDA's Executive Director, to discuss existing youth programs and resources in Rosedale and possible collaboration. Before long, meetings were scheduled and plans were being made for an educational after-school program at the library.

Following much preparation, the 39th St. CREW (Community of Rosedale Enrichment Workshop) was born. The program seeks to provide supplemental tutoring and supervised recreation, stimulate a desire for learning and excellence, and expose the children to opportunities in education and careers that are available at KU Medical Center. Resources of the medical center make the program especially appealing; there are lots of opportunities for the students to learn about science and health issues, acquire hands-on lab experience, and gain awareness of related career paths.

Most of the youth participants are from Rosedale Middle School. The group meets four days a week (Mondays after school), and is staffed by three students from the KU School of Social Welfare practice, plus additional volunteers. Currently, about a dozen students are enrolled, but attendance varies. According to Huffman, 3-6 students attend on any given day. The staff hopes to increase attendance as the year progresses.

RDA is excited about the growth potential of the 39th St. CREW and the type of collaboration it represents between KUMC and the Rosedale community. By working together, building relationships, developing common goals, and sharing expertise and resources, the sky’s the limit for KUMC and Rosedale. The youth of the 39th St. CREW are learning and growing.

To learn more, contact Donna Devine: (913) 627-0312.
New social workers in Rosedale

This is the 10th consecutive year for the Rosedale Community Project, a practicum site for the IU School of Social Welfare. For the past two years, the social work students have been based out of Rosedale Middle School. Their goal is to help under- and unserved students receive mental health services and overcome barriers to care. In addition to assisting the school and community with other projects to engage parents and improve the quality of life, they are a critical extension of RDA’s work in Rosedale and we value their efforts. Welcome!

From left to right: Andrea Cox, Sherrie Mason, Gaylo Wilson, Donna DeVine (supervisor), Ericka Suarez, Stephanie Elliott and Kathryn Hawkins.

Your voice, your vote

The 2020 national election on Nov. 3 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. By voting, you will be speaking out and making a difference in your community. Make sure you are registered. Kansas voters can verify their status by going to: https://myvoterinfo.voteks.org/. The registration deadline is Oct. 20.

For more information or to register, visit our homepage (www.rosedale.org), stop by our office, or call the Wyandotte County Election Office: (913) 523-8561.

Join the RDA Board of Directors

There are two at-large positions on the RDA Board that are filled annually. Our representatives the Rosedale business community: the other represents the Rosedale residential community. Nominations are now being accepted for these positions. Ballots will be mailed in November to current dues-paying members of RDA. The winner will serve 1-year terms beginning in January 2009. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone you know for either of the available positions, contact the RDA office.

RDA has a new website

URL: www.rosedale.org

Visit us online to get the latest information on Rosedale issues and events; find out the dates and times of community meetings, connect with schools, churches, neighborhood groups, community police and environmental codes officers; learn about our many programs and initiatives, and much more.

RDA is always open to feedback from our constituents. Let us know what you think of our website and if you have ideas on how to improve it.

Advertise with us!

The Rosedale reaches more than 600 businesses and residents in Rosedale. It is now possible to advertise within this page to your neighbors. Get your name out in the community; offer special discounts; attract customers. Ads will be available in all issues from business card to full page. For more information, contact RDA: (913) 677-5057.

Whitmore Park Review

by Angel Drew

This article is the first in a multi-part series on public parks in the Rosedale community.

On a warm afternoon in mid-July, I ventured out with my six-year-old son to explore the parks of Rosedale. Our first stop was Whitmore Park—one of the corner parks between 9th St. and Early St., on Southwest Blvd.

Spotted on a large rock, the park seemed like a playground with various areas to explore. Large swimming trees cast an appealing shade and the sunken metal slide, wooden climbing fort, and allowing tunnels added a unique feature. A paved path curved and twisted around the park, revealing more: swings, tunnels, and a merry-go-round.

After climbing several slides and see-sawing up and down, down and up, we happened upon a pair of silver feet. Looking closer, we discovered that the foosball was alongside a stainless steel metal honey bee. We'd discovered the amazing "Bee Trail!"

Following the clue of the trail, we quickly found ourselves traipsing all over the park, from the bee-saw to the basketball courts. What we discovered with each destination was a sweet piece of insight: to be kind; to be friendly; to believe. To be continued ... !

Dial 3-1-1 for all Unified Government services

Rosedale’s Community Police Officers

Serving south of I-35: Officer Amy Allen. (913) 573-8719

Serving south of I-35: Officer Carlos Rodriguez. (913) 573-8704

Rosedale’s Code Enforcement Officers

Serving north of I-35: Robert Meader. (913) 573-8540

Serving south of I-35: Joe Davis. (913) 573-9403

Rosedale History Quiz

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

Last month’s photograph and question:

Question: Where is this building located?答: Across the street from the current RDA office, at 1324 Southwest Blvd. The photograph is of George Gratnay’s convenience store.

Winners: Congratulations to Jo Clevenger for being the first person to answer correctly.

In this issue, we begin a special series on the three Rosedale fire stations (one is currently in service, the other two now have different uses). The oldest Rosedale fire station is the old No. 10 station, which previously was station No. 1. Before Rosedale was consolidated into Kansas City, Kansas in 1927. Prior to consolidation, the building also served as Rosedale’s City Hall and jail. Located at 1186 Southwest Blvd., old Station No. 10 is now an upscale residence.

Question: When was old Station No. 10 built?

Bonus: What was the name of the garden maintained by the firefighters next to the station?

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 person

Day phone

Evening phone

Fax

E-mail address

Please mail application, along with check made payable to Rosedale Development Association, 1403 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, Kan 66103.
Our Saviour Lutheran Church, located a few blocks south of KU Medical Center along Rainbow Blvd., has been a part of the Rosedale community for more than 80 years. The current facility was completed in the late 1970s, with some minor remodeling projects completed since that time. Rev. Frank Elberth has served as Our Saviour’s pastor since 1989. A congregation priority that has been consistently taught throughout Our Saviour’s presence in the Rosedale area is the Christian principle that we are moved through faith of God’s grace, which is revealed to us through God’s word. Our Saviour operated a Christian Day School for nearly six decades. In 1989, the church discontinued the elementary curriculum at the school, but still maintains the preschool classes to this day.

As a congregation, we respond to God’s love by reaching out to the community through:

- **hospitality house**
- **food pantry**
- **bible study**
- **ministry**

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- **food pantry**
  - The food pantry assists families in need who reside in the zip code areas of 66103 (Rosedale) or 66205 (Westwood, Kan.).

- **broad ministry**
  - A couple of bakeries donate bread and pastries and are available to the community throughout the week.

- **midweek**
  - Midweek activities include Tuesday night midweek activities of the sharing of a Bible story, games, songs, and crafts. The fun begins at 5:00 and concludes at 6:30 p.m. after dinner. A bus is available to pick up neighborhood children.

- **preschool classes for 3-5 year olds**
  - A Christ-centered program with a variety of different activities geared for children to grow and develop as a child of God.

- **VBS**
  - Vacation Bible School is a weeklong event held in either June or July.

- **devotion line**
  - A daily devotion is available by calling (913) 432-9191. You are cordially invited to join us for any of the upcoming events.

- **Thanksgiving worship**
  - November 27, 10:00 a.m.

- **Advent services**
  - December 10, 17, 24, and 31, 7:00 p.m.

- **Bethlehem Village**
  - December 7, 9:15 a.m.

- **Christmas Eve service**
  - December 24, 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

- **Weekend worship opportunities**
  - Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

Please call the church office for additional information regarding the community outreach opportunities or upcoming events.

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Out-of-state company targets small businesses

By Dr. Gerald Lounsby, Rosedale Vision Center

Does your business use a credit card processor? If so, you may have signed a lease with one of the subsidiaries of a company based out of New York, N.Y., called Northern Leasing Systems Inc. (NLSI). In 2003, privacy laws changed and all businesses had to update their credit card processing equipment. Lease Finance Group (LFG), one of the NLSI subsidiaries, came to Rosedale and signed a 60-month lease in July 2003. There were problems during the lease period, but the biggest problem began once the lease ended.

Unable to find an address to return their equipment, I ran an Internet search using the key words "lease finance group" which produced many web links detailing fraud by this company. The list of their questionable business practices was long and included:

- Deduction of additional lease payments after a lease has expired
- Businesses unable to prove the return of equipment
- Receiving replacement charges of more than $2,000, frequent "robot" calling demanding payment, and LFG damaging its clients’ credit.

Taking this information, I tried to avoid problems and sent the equipment back via UPS with proof of receipt and put a stop payment on the monthly deductions of the lease payment. According to the service representative who I spoke to, an additional lease payment would be charged within 30 days of receipt of the equipment. I sent the equipment back in early August, which was too late to avoid a September payment and thus I ended up paying an extra two months on a 60-month lease despite not using, nor possessing, the equipment.

In October 2003, Lease Finance Group attempted to deduct an additional lease payment three different times for three different amounts from my business checking account and sent an invoice by mail billing a fourth amount. I called the phone number on the invoice and was told that the equipment sent back was incomplete and that the lease would continue until everything was returned. Attempts to speak to a supervisor failed and, after running an Internet search using the invoice’s address for Lease Finance Group, the name of a medical equipment leasing company—a different division of LFG—appeared for that address. I spoke to Phillip Kemer, the manager of our local Mailbox in Rainbow Blvd., and he reminded me that even if I could prove that all of the equipment had been returned, LFG would find a different angle to keep billing.

If any of this sounds familiar to you, please contact RDA so that they can begin to measure the problem locally. Other business owners may think that they are alone, but quick Internet search shows that these are actually nationwide practices by this company. Even if the name Lease Finance Group does not sound familiar, be careful. The many subsidiaries of Northern Leasing Systems Inc. may have different names but all use the same fraudulent business practices.

Fortunately, resources are available to help business owners. Several business owners around the country, including a company out of Missouri, have spearheaded a class action lawsuit against Northern Leasing Systems Inc. and its subsidiaries and have started a website, www.merchantpointofsale.com, which provides many details about the fraud this company regularly commits nationwide, the names of its subsidiaries, and a copy of the 15-count class action lawsuit. Remember, if you are a small business owner and find yourself tangled up in this problem, you did not make a poor business decision, you have been fraudulently committed against you and your business by a company involved in "racketering and organized crime," according to the lawsuit.

For more information, visit the following websites: seatletimes.news.com/ktm/localnews/20081229_cardtrap.html and www.mer- chantpointofsale.com/mbfs/bcm.php.

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RDA’s 2007 Annual Report is now available online: www.rosedale.org
Feed-a-Family program returns next month

As the U.S. economy teeters toward recession — with accompanying layoffs, decreasing home values, and economic stagnation — many people in Rosedale and throughout the metropolitan area could be feeling the pinch this holiday season.

In response, as we have for the past 23 years, RDA will partner with the Ku Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 37, residents and businesses to provide holiday gift baskets to families in need. Local citizens in Rosedale as part of the annual Feed-a-Family program.

RDA receives referrals for the program from neighborhood groups, schools, churches, and others. After a brief screening process, RDA contacts each recipient and tries to determine the specific needs of each family or older adult. We then solicit donations of cash and non-perishable food items and compile the donations into baskets for each recipient. A few days before Christmas, the families then pick up their basket at the RDA office. Baskets are delivered to those who are homebound.

You can get involved in this important effort in the following ways:
- Donate non-perishable food items and household products.
- Make a cash donation.
- Sponsor a complete basket.
- Volunteer to assist with sorting and distribution.
- Stay tuned for more details and a list of needed donation items. To make a referral and to get involved in the Feed-a-Family program, call the RDA office: (913) 677-5097.

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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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Rosedale Briefs

Project Lead Safe KICK
The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, in cooperation with the United Government, can help you address lead paint hazards in your home for FREE in order to prevent lead poisoning in young children. A state-certified risk assessor will inspect your home and determine the services needed to stabilize or remove the lead-based paint in your home. Types of work may include painting windows and doors, as well as removing paint. To check your eligibility or for more information, call (913) 262-0799 or visit: www.leadks.com.

Rosedale School
Estella "Pick" Holton, 63, a beloved, long-time member of the Rosedale community, passed away Oct. 16. "Pick" was a native of Galion, Ohio, but lived most of her life in Kansas City, Kan. She devoted her life to her family, her church, and her community. She was an active member of the Rosedale Congregational Church and the Frank Rushton Neighborhood Association, and many knew her well, loving spirit. She will be sorely missed.

Microchip Clinic
On Sat., Dec. 6, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., the PAW Connection will sponsor a discount microchip clinic at RDA's Koch Center (1401 Southwelt Blvd.). Cost: $20. Microchips are an important way to recover your pet if it gets lost. Questions? Call: (913) 671-7387.

Thanksgiving Worship Service
The annual Rosedale Thanksgiving worship service, sponsored by the Rosedale Ministry Alliance, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m., at Rosedale Congregational Church 1428 Lloyd St., I. It will be an ecumenical service for the community. Come give thanks and celebrate with your Rosedale neighbors.

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