

THE ROSEDALLIAN

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Rosedale Master Plan headed to Planning Commission

By Erin Stryka

The Rosedale Master Plan is scheduled to appear before the Planning Commission at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 14, and public comment is welcomed. After almost a year of gathering data and community input, the full plan is now ready for adoption.

"It's a thoughtful plan that gives a variety of options and that has allowed plenty of input from Rosedale residents to help form it," Rosedale resident Pastor Tom Van Duzer said.

At 10 public meetings Rosedalians took a hard look at neighborhood strengths and weaknesses and identified community priorities like improving parks, green spaces and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, addressing blighted properties, bringing in new development that fits the unique character of Rosedale, and improving housing while maintaining affordability. The many and varied conversations were distilled down into the vision statement for the Rosedale Master Plan: "A vibrant, diverse and walkable neighborhood with metro-wide access that provides a delightful and safe place to live, work, shop, and play."

Meeting participants ranked possible solutions and plans for issues like increased traffic around the University of Kansas Hospital and

University of Kansas Medical Center area, development along 39th Ave., and the lack of a Rosedale community center. The community gave feedback on options for land use and density in different areas and ranked options for changes to 47th St., Rainbow Blvd., and the Southwest Blvd./Rainbow Blvd. intersection.

RDA was pleased to see many diverse individuals who live and work in Rosedale show up to make their voices heard. We appreciated the commitment of planning firms BNIM, InSITE, and TranSystems and the Unified Government Planning Department to listening to the community well and crafting a plan based on real community needs and priorities.

Rosedalians can read the draft version of the Rosedale Master Plan at rosedalemaster-plan.com, as well as the results of the traffic study and the presentations from the public meetings.

! Please join your friends and neighbors at the November 14th Planning Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 701 N 7th St., Kansas City, KS to make your voice heard in the adoption of the Rosedale Master Plan.



Melinda Ryder hosting Charity HamBingo in 2015 to benefit RDA.

Mark your calendars for HamBingo on November 19

By Andrea Steere

Bingo, prizes, and great food all served up by drag queens. It's not a typical night with Rosedale Development Association, but it's what attendees can expect at Charity HamBingo from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 19.

RDA is excited to be partnering once again with Hamburger Mary's through their charity bingo event.

"Charity HamBingo is a really fun way to get together with your friends and neighbors and support Rosedale," RDA's executive director, Erin Stryka, said.

For just \$10, attendees can purchase a bingo card

for the chance to win prizes from local businesses. Participants may buy additional bingo cards or enter the raffle for the chance to win even more prizes.

All proceeds from the event will support RDA.

"It's a good time and supports my neighborhood and community," Sarah Melgoza, a regular HamBingo attendee and Rosedalian, said. "I'm looking forward to coming again this year."

! To learn more, donate a prize, or RSVP, please contact Andrea Steere at 913-677-5097 or email andrea@rosedale.org.



Katie Green, former AmeriCorps VISTA and current Kansas AmeriCorps member, working with Noble Prentis students in their schoolyard garden.

Rosedale welcomes new AmeriCorps members

By Erin Stryka

Did you know the AmeriCorps National Service program includes five different service programs? RDA has partnered with two AmeriCorps programs to date, in which service members provided the human power for our small organization to make a huge neighborhood impact. Rosedale has already benefitted from 32 AmeriCorps VISTA and NCCC members who have helped with fundraising, volunteer outreach, minor home repair, gardening, and neighborhood cleanup. Now, RDA is working with Kansas AmeriCorps to launch a brand new Rosedale AmeriCorps program.

RDA's new AmeriCorps members will provide direct service in Rosedale year-round. The team will be assisting with youth programs like sports and Walking

School Buses, helping with community events, repairing bicycles, doing neighborhood beautification, and providing minor home repair.

We are delighted to welcome three new team members this fall. Katie Green, who has served two terms as an AmeriCorps VISTA member, is returning for a third year of service through Kansas AmeriCorps. Kimberly Hunter is an experienced community organizer and grower who is excited to bring her Spanish language skills to Rosedale. Phil Rhoads is a long-time Rosedale volunteer and youth mentor who is looking forward to continuing to serve this community as an AmeriCorps member.

? Got neighborhood projects for the Rosedale AmeriCorps team? Let us know by calling Je T'aime Taylor at (913) 677-5097.

Call for Feed-a-Family donations

By Je T'aime Taylor

This Thanksgiving RDA is assembling Feed-a-Family baskets for the 31st year. During Feed-a-Family, RDA collects donations of nonperishable food items, household items, children's winter wear of all sizes, and cash or gift cards to purchase perishable items. Community members in need are then given all their items just in time for Thanksgiving celebrations.

Thanks to help from Rosedale's schools, churches, neighborhood groups, businesses, and volunteers, RDA has been able to provide more than 35 families with holiday baskets and coats each year. But now we need your support to help it all come together.

The Feed-a-Family program needs assistance in the form of cash donations,

35 turkeys, and winter for children and young adults. Winter wear for Feed-a-Family includes coats, scarves, mittens, gloves, and hats. If you would like to donate any coats, mittens, gloves, or hats, please call ahead for sizes before purchasing. All donations will be collected on Wednesday, November 16.

? Can't donate money or items? Interested volunteers are invited to join us on November 18 to help assemble food baskets for our neighbors.

i If you, your family, or your organization would like more information about how you can get involved with this Rosedale tradition, please contact Je T'aime Taylor at (913) 677-5097 or email jetaime@rosedale.org.

Don't forget to
VOTE!
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016
To find your polling place, call **913-573-8500** or **myvoteinfo.voteks.org**.
Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Board and Staff Members

Kimberly Hunter

Kimberly joins the RDA team as a new AmeriCorps member through AmeriCorps Kansas. As a member of our AmeriCorps team, she will work on youth programs, minor home and bike repair, and neighborhood beautification. Kimberly has worked as an ESL and elementary school tutor, as well as a community organizer outside of Kansas City. We are very excited to have Kimberly on our team!



Community Calendar

Monday, November 7

Hilltop Neighborhood Meeting
6-7 p.m.
1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Tuesday, November 8

Election Day
Tuesday, November 8
Frank Rushton Neighborhood Meeting

6-7:30 p.m.
Rosedale Congregational Church, 4326 Lloyd, KCK

Wednesday, November 9

Shawnee Road Neighborhood Watch Meeting
7-8 p.m.
818 Shawnee Rd., KCK

Wednesday, November 16

Rosedale Leadership Council
5:30-6:30 p.m.
1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Thursday, November 17

Early St. Community Garden Community Work Day
5-8 p.m.
2300 South Early St., KCK

Saturday, November 19

Charity HamBingo
4-6:30 p.m.
Hamburger Mary's,
3700 Broadway, #110, KCMO
All proceeds to benefit RDA

Monday, December 19

Annual Meeting
All are invited to celebrate the end of the year with us at our Annual Meeting 6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

i For additional information about upcoming events and other community happenings, call (913) 677-5097.

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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Rosedale Holiday Shopping Guide

by Andrea Steere

This holiday season, you don't have to look far for the perfect gift for friends and family. Check out the local businesses right in your own backyard to make this year's celebrations extra special.

We have put together this special Holiday Shopping Guide to help inspire you to shop local for your holiday gifts. While this list is by no means exhaustive, we hope it sparks some inspiration to support your local community and find some great gifts.

Poinsettias at Sunshine Flowers

■ Celebrate the season with the "Flor de Noche Buena," or the Christmas Eve Flower. These beautiful flowers are the perfect gift for plant lovers and anyone who loves this time of year. Sunshine Flowers also has delicious produce for any holiday feast and beautiful succulents to make your holiday brighter.

■ Find them at 4509 Rainbow Blvd.

Christmas at Strasser Hardware

■ Deck the halls with decorations from Strasser Hardware or surprise your favorite fixer-upper with a brand new set of tools.

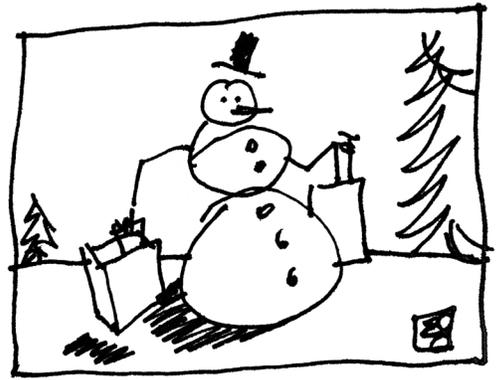
Strasser's has everything you need for people that love to do-it-themselves.

■ Find them at 910 Southwest Blvd.

Delicious local dining

■ Whether you want to surprise that special someone with a night out or give a gift certificate to the person on your list who already has everything, you can't go wrong with Rosedale's local restaurants. Here are a few places we think will satisfy any tastes:

- 1889 Pizza Napoletana, 2876 W. 47th Ave.
- Dagwood's Café, 1117 Southwest Blvd.
- Joe's Kansas City Barbecue, 3002 W. 47th Ave.
- Rosedale Barbeque, 600 Southwest Blvd.
- Sabor y Sol, 542 Southwest Blvd.
- Taqueria Mexico, 3300 Rainbow Blvd.
- Taco Republic, 500 County Line Rd.
- Topp'd Pizza, 3934 Rainbow Blvd.
- Vietnam Café, 2200 W. 39th Ave.



Petcentric gifts at Rainbow Pet Hospital

■ Rainbow Pet Hospital has several great gifts for any pet lovers in your life. In addition to their selection of treats, collars, and kitty toys, Rainbow Pet Hospital also sells artwork. These locally made pieces of art are a unique gift that also supports Rainbow's orphaned animals.

■ Find them at 4468 Rainbow Blvd.

Boulevard Tire & Service

■ Give the gift that keeps on giving: a serviced car that won't fail you during the winter weather. From new tires to tackle the road to oil changes and wheel alignments, Boulevard Tire has everything you need to keep you moving. Currently Boulevard Tire is also running a \$69.99 winterization special. Give them a call at (913) 262-0111 to learn more.

■ Find them at 722 Southwest Blvd.



RDA Support Form

Name of business or name of household

Address

City

State/ ZIP code

Contact person

Preferred phone

Email address

Please mail form, along with check made payable to:

Rosedale Development Association, 1403 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66103

Suggested support levels:

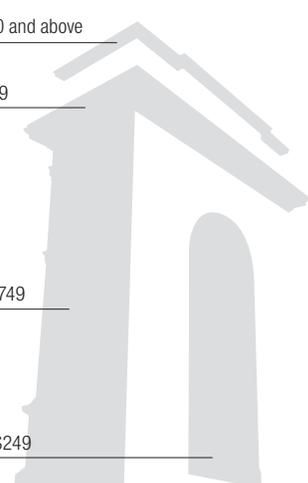
Keystone: \$1,000 and above

Crown: \$750-999

Column: \$250-\$749

Foundation: \$0-\$249

Other: \$



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Community Spotlight

Volunteers needed for RISE

By Andrea Steere

RDA is currently planning its annual RISE program, and we're looking for volunteers like you.

Every January for the past four years, RDA has hosted RISE, which stands for Reading Inspirational Stories to Empower. During the week following Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Rosedale volunteers sign up to read stories about the Civil Rights Movement and social justice issues to local elementary school students.

In 2015 alone, 26 volunteers read stories like "Freedom Summer" and "Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King" to 36 classrooms, or about 720 students.

"We appreciate the interest shown by our

community in volunteering to read to our students and lead a discussion about the importance of treating all people with respect and fairness," Frank Rushton Principal Mary Welsh said.

All are invited to join us for this special event. Volunteer sessions last for as little as 30 minutes, but make a lasting impression through stories and discussions. To get involved, RSVP for our RISE volunteer orientation at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11 at 1401 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS.

i To learn more or sign up to volunteer, contact Andrea Steere at 913-677-5097 or email andrea@rosedale.org.



RISE volunteer Iola Gattett reads "Marching for Freedom" to a class of 5th grade students at T.A. Edison Elementary.