May is National Bike Month, which means that Rosedalians of all ages will be celebrating bicycling this month. Thanks to Rosedale Development Association’s partnership with BikeWalkKC, Rosedale residents get three chances to show their love of bikes.

Rosedale’s Bike Month celebration kicks off with Frank Rushton Elementary at its annual Bike Rodeo on Wednesday, May 10. Frank Rushton students will learn bike safety skills by riding through obstacle courses and other activities. Everyone who completes each station in the rodeo will be entered to win various prizes — including a new bike!

On Tuesday, May 9, RDA and BikeWalkKC will host a special Earn-a-Bike program for adults. Community members will join us to learn bicycle mechanics and safety skills in order to earn their very own bike. The class has already filled up, but we would like to attend another session.

And what would Bike Month be without RDA’s annual Bike-In Movie? Thanks to your votes, this year we will show 1984’s “The Karate Kid” on May 25 at the Boulevard Drive-In. Games, activities, and other activities. Everyone who completes each station in the movie will start around 9 p.m., or whenever it gets dark.

The Bike-In is free to attend for cyclists and pedestrians, but all those arriving by motorized vehicle are asked to give a $5 donation.

Other Bike Month Events:

Life is a Cycle bike tour of Kansas City, Kansas
The 7 mile tour of KCK, hosted by the 20/20/20 Movement and the Parks and Recreation Department, has been postponed due to weather. The ride was originally scheduled for May 1 at 6 p.m.

To learn more and to view updates, visit facebook.com/202020movement/.

4th Annual Family 101 5K Bike/Run/Walk
Join the NBC Community Development Corporation for their annual 5K to promote community unity from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 20.

RDA hosts the Rosedale Disc de Triomphe tournament
On Saturday, May 6 RDA, in partnership with Dynamic Discs, held our first-ever disc golf tournament and fundraiser at Rosedale Park. The park is known across the region as one of the best places for disc golf, and we are excited to have hosted a tournament highlighting this Rosedale gem.

Sponsors for the event included Dynamic Discs, the University of Kansas Health System, West Plaza Tomato Company, Luigi’s Thai Noodle Shop, NorthWood Liquor, MKS Pipe & Valve Co., and RampUp Labor.

Players competed in teams of two for the opportunity to win prizes from local favorites such as Carmen’s Café, QuikTrip, Charlie Hustle, Einstein Brothers Bagels, and more! All registered players received disc golf bags from Dynamic Discs, which included three event discs and an RDA water bottle. Players also received breakfast and snacks, thanks to Einstein Brothers Bagels and Price Chopper.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit RDA’s work to build a strong and healthy community, and to improve the quality of life in Rosedale.

To learn more, call Alissa at (913) 677-5097 or email alissa@rosedale.org.

View all our amazing sponsors at rosedale.org/discgolf.
Experiencing the world of Girl Scouts
By Andrea Steere

Earning badges and selling cookies is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to Girl Scouts, especially for Rosedale Troop 1685. From field trips to the fire station and LegoLand, to volunteering with animal shelters, and meeting community leaders, Rosedale’s Girl Scouts are always busy. While most famous for selling delicious cookies, at its core Girl Scouts is about “building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.” Troop 1685 is doing just that by presenting its members with new experiences to help the girls learn and grow. In 2017 alone, the troop visited the Kansas capital and met Senator Pat Petry, participated in “Kids in the Kitchen” to learn about fueling their bodies, learned how to create a budget, and saw the Kansas City Ballet perform.

“RDA has given these [second through sixth grade] girls experiences of a lifetime,” Girl Scouts membership manager Courtney Rickert said. “They have gone above and beyond to bring new experiences to these girls.” Rosedale’s troop will continue to meet through the summer, with plans to go horseback riding, volunteer in the community, and even explore career possibilities.

Dinner with your Data: Continuing the conversation
By Andrea Steere

On June 23, 2016, more than 60 Rosedaleans joined RDA for our “Dinner with your Data” event to review the results of the Rosedale Community Survey. Now it’s time to continue that conversation.

Last year the community gathered together and reviewed the community survey data, with small groups discussing each section. After a formal data exhibit presented by Cheryl Gibson, associate professor at the University of Kansas Medical Center, attendees discussed issues like the built environment, community safety, healthy lifestyles, housing, parks and recreation, and transportation. This summer, RDA will host a follow up event to discuss its work over the past year and to get feedback from the community. RDA needs your help in determining which conversations we should continue, and if there are other issues important to you that need to be examined.

Rosedale Girl Scouts volunteering with Unleashed Pet Rescue in 2016.

Community Calendar
Every Monday
Fisher Park Walking Club
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Fisher Park, 3800 Fisher St., KCK
☎️ Text “FISHERPARK” to 41411 for updates

Tuesday, May 9
Frank Rushton Neighborhood Group Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m.; 4326 Lloyd St., KCK

Wednesday, May 10
Shawnee Road Neighborhood Watch Meeting
7-8 p.m.; 819 Sharrow Rd., KC

Every Thursday
Fisher Park Walking Club
1-2 p.m.
Fisher Park, 3800 Fisher St., KCK
☎️ Text “FISHERPARK” to 41411 for updates

Thursday, May 11
Garden Workshop: Intro to Urban Beekeeping
6-7:30 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Saturday, May 13
KCCG Health Fair
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
2016 W. 43rd Avenue, Suite A, KCK

Sunday, May 14
Rosedale Farmers Market opening day
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
4020 Rainbow Blvd., KCK

Thursday, May 25
7th Annual Ride ‘n’ Movie: The Karate Kid
7 p.m., Boulevard Drive-In
1013 Merriam Ln., KCK

To learn more about upcoming events and other community happenings, visit rosedale.org or call (913) 677-5097.

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Join RDA gardeners and grow a healthy community
By Kimberly Hunter

As long winter nights give way to summer days, gardeners are already gathering regularly at Rosedale. During Saturday morning workdays they share breakfast, sow seeds, paint fences and pull weeds. At evening workshops every second Thursday, they share a potluck, study a skill or tackle a hands-on project. And whenever they gather, they not only grow greens but also cultivate community.

Whether you are an experienced home gardener or a hopeful beginner, RDA has a place for you. On Saturdays from 8 to 11 a.m., RDA organizes a monthly group workday at sites throughout the neighborhood. Every first Saturday, we tend to the 45th & Rainbow community garden at the corner of W. 45th Ave. and Rainbow Blvd., across from Sunshine Flowers. This site has 35 raised beds, which individual neighbors can rent annually for $15. A few spaces as well as scholarships are still available, if you would like to join.

If you prefer cooperatively grown plots, where neighbors share both work and harvest, consider joining or volunteering at one of these community gardens:

South Early St. works every second Saturday (at the corner of W. 37th Ave.), and rents a few individual beds, too.

Rosedale Towers works every third Saturday (at the corner of W. 39th Ave. and Adams St., near the University of Kansas Medical Center).

Christopher Webb works every fourth Saturday (at the corner of Minnie and Seminary Streets, behind Crossfit Matters).

Christina Holter is a new Rosedale resident, Menno-rite Volunteer Service member at Kansas City Community Gardens, and a first-time cooperative gardener at South Early St. She enjoys working alongside her neighbors because “there’s something special about working with the employees who helped start this community garden, who watered these very plants — and then going home and getting dirty with the same people who will tend to these plants every day as they grow.”

As Christa highlights, RDA often partners with stakeholders, like KCCG and AmeriCorps’ Kansas Volunteer Commission, to keep community gardens growing. For more local resources, attend RDA’s remaining monthly workshops every second Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Koch Community Center at 1401 Southwest Blvd.

May 11
Intro to urban beekeeping with Kansas Beekeepers Association
Easy backyard composting with KSU Extension
July 13
Freezing and canning with Fair Share Farm CSA
August 10
New backyard chicken rules with My City Hens

RDA gardeners help spruce up the community garden and surrounding neighborhood on Minnie St.

September 14
Taste ‘n’ tour harvest dinner at RDA gardens
October 12
Picking and fermenting with Fair Share Farm CSA
November 9
Savers KC

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Suggested support levels:

- Keystone: $1,000 and above
- Diamond: $750-999
- Star: $500-749
- Shining Star: $250-499
- Super Star: $100-249
- Friend: $0-99

Contact person
- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Email
- City
- State/ZIP code

Organization name
- Name of business or name of household

Address
- Address
- City
- State/ZIP code

Donations
- In memory of
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