Christopher Webb Memorial Garden welcomes new gardeners

The Christopher Webb Memorial Garden sits behind Southwest Blvd.’s CrossFit Matters gym, near a Rosedale trailhead at the corner of S. Minnie and Seminary Streets. Neighbors cooperatively grow many seasonal crops. Gardeners often individually tend the rows, but all gather for a workday and picnic the fourth Saturday morning of each month and welcome anyone interested to join.

The garden, which sprouted from a neighborhood tragedy, has bloomed into a community asset. In October 2014, after a destructive house fire, Rosedalian Ralph Williams stops by with a tank and carved out long rows. Jo Ann and John — have filled raised beds, constructed compost bins, installed a water tank and carved out long rows. Sometimes neighborhood elder Ralph Williams stops by with ideas and encouragement. Together, they gather a healthy harvest of community and fresh, local food. Specifically, they could use help weeding, watering, mulching, repairing a small sink hole and obtaining on-site water access.

As their endeavor grows, they welcome new gardeners — Allison and Mike Gile — approached RDA to build a community garden in Christopher’s memory. Since then, they have organized the neighborhood to realize their vision. Across the street, Karen and Ron lend hose and water, while Allison and Mike share chicken manure compost. Allison’s parents — Jo Ann and John — have filled raised beds, constructed compost bins, installed a water tank and carved out long rows. Sometimes neighborhood elder Ralph Williams stops by with ideas and encouragement. Together, they gather a healthy harvest of community and fresh, local food. Specifically, they could use help weeding, watering, mulching, repairing a small sink hole and obtaining on-site water access.

RDA board member and local business owner, Pete Cashen, gives countless hours to Rosedale Park each year. By organizing disc golf players, he helps keep the course and the park clean and looking beautiful.

Rosedale business owner gives back to Rosedale Park

By Andrea Steere

You may know Pete Cashen as the owner of TMS, Inc., a mechanical contracting company at 701 Southwest Blvd., or as the co-owner of Dynamic Discs, a disc golf equipment company in both Emporia, KS and Rosedale. The staff at RDA know him as one of our dedicated board members, but Pete is a community leader in his own right.

“Whenver anybody needs anything, they call Pete,” Josh Harvey, manager of Dynamic Discs, said. “But when he needs something, he doesn’t ask anyone. He just makes it happen.”

In addition to being an RDA board member, Cashen serves on the board of the Kansas City Flying Disc Club (KCFDC). According to the KCFDC’s website, the club “is a non-profit, member supported organization with the mission to provide an exceptional disc golf experience in Kansas City while focusing on competition, conservation, education, partnerships, and philanthropy.”

With the help of local disc golfers, Pete Cashen helps reach both KCFDC’s and RDA’s missions by giving back at Rosedale Park.

“Pete helps maintain the baskets and the disc golf course [at Rosedale Park.]” Deputy Director Jack Webb said.

In addition to caring for the disc golf course at Rosedale Park, Cashen also works to leave the park better than he found it.

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“They help really. He’s a good guy.”

“We are so grateful to have such a dedicated volunteer on our staff,” Crowen said. “Pete is really integral to our park. He helps with everything from landscape improvements to helping with disc golf foresting and disk golf course management.”

It’s not surprising to me to learn that Pete dedicates so much time and resources to Rosedale Park and the disc golf community,” RDA’s development coordinator, Alissa Workman, said. “While planning the recent Rosedale Disc de Triomphe, I quickly learned that Pete’s dedication to Rosedale and our surrounding communities paired with his disc高尔夫 knowledge were the driving force behind organizing the tournament.”
**Double your money at the Rosedale Farmers Market**

By Erin Stryka

Did you know that if you receive SNAP (formerly food stamps) or are over the age of 60 and low income, you can double your food money at the Rosedale Farmers Market? The Market participates in the Double Up Food Bucks program, which matches dollars from SNAP and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) vouchers in extra money for fruits and vegetables.

How it works:

Come down to Rosedale Farmers Market with a photo ID and sign up for SFMNP vouchers. You will receive a book of vouchers to be used for fruits and vegetables. Come early in the season — limited funds are available for this program.