Friends and neighbors to celebrate Healthy Halloween

by Erin Stryka

Rosedale kids, get those Wonder Woman and fidget spinner costumes ready — it is time for the eighth annual Healthy Halloween!

On Saturday, October 28, from 2-5 p.m., Rosedalians will gather in Whitmore Park to celebrate Healthy Halloween with friends and neighbors. The event is candy-free, but don’t get spooked! Popcorn from Strasser’s Hardware, local apples, and trail mix delight kids and adults alike.

Rosedale resident Becky Maricle has attended Healthy Halloween for years with her grandchildren. “The kids have a great time, there are lots of fun activities, and everybody gets together,” Becky said. “Everybody brags about it, it’s something they look forward to.”

Long time favorites like ghostly sack races, pumpkin decorating, face painting, and bean bag toss will make their appearance again this year. Look out for a spooky bounce house, and remember to get your picture taken at the costume closet. Try your hand at disc golf or shoot some baskets, or just spin yourself silly on the Whitmore Park merry-go-round. Community partners will visit Healthy Halloween, offering free flu shots and information about great programs in and around Rosedale. Healthy Halloween is a fun, active event where the snacks are healthy and the candy is saved for another day.

For the past three years, the Mayor has made an official proclamation declaring the festival date as “Healthy Halloween Day.” These proclamations emphasize the importance of nutritious options and healthy food access and more opportunities for kids to be physically active. During October especially, kids are often overwhelmed by candy being offered everywhere they go. Healthy Halloween is a fun, active event where the snacks are healthy and the candy is saved for another day.

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Rosedale kids enjoy ghostly sack races, face painting, bean bag toss, and pumpkin decorating (shown above) at Healthy Halloween.

The giving season

By Je T’aime Taylor

In November, Rosedalians will gather to assemble food baskets, winter outerwear and toiletry items for neighborhood families in need through the Feed-a-Family program. This has been a time-honored tradition in Rosedale for 32 years. Community members nominate families they believe could benefit from the generosity of their neighbors. Volunteers from near and far gather to sort donated items, shop for winter wear, and prepare baskets for families. Rosedale resident and volunteer Becky Maricle recalls nominating a neighbor last year who she believed was in need of extra support. “In my neighborhood, a single mom tried to make ends meet but did not know how she would provide for her family over the November holiday season,” said Becky.

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**No matter who you vote for, make sure you vote!**

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Local elected officials make an enormous impact on the Rosedale community, yet voter turnout rates in Wyandotte County are very low. In the primary election on August 1, only 18 percent of registered Wyandotte Countians cast votes. Voting is one of Rosedalians’ best tools for making their voices heard and improving their community. Help ensure a big turnout among Rosedalians in the general election! The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Rosedale residents will cast ballots for the offices of Mayor, UG Commission, At-Large, Sheriff, BPU Board, and USD 500 Board of Education.

The last day to register to vote in the general election is Tuesday, October 17, and advance voting by mail begins on October 18. Residents can pick up a voter registration application at RDA, or register by mail or in person at the Election Office at 850 State Ave. or the County Clerk’s office at 701 North 7th St. One can also register at Kansas Driver’s License offices, public assistance offices, or public libraries. If residents have a Kansas Driver’s License or Kansas Non-Driver Identification Card, they can register online at kclerks.gov/Apps/VoterReg.

Make your opinions known! Ensure Rosedale’s voice is heard by voting in local elections!

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**Girls and Moms on the Move kicks off**

By Nicole Fitzgerald

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To learn more about running, walking, or jogging with the group, email Nicole Fitzgerald at nicole@rosedale.org.

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By Erin Stryka

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Participants in the first public meeting identified five goals for the University Town district:

- To create a transit oriented development plan that allows Rosedale’s population to grow, increases amenities and services available to residents, and promotes a walkable, vibrant, urban neighborhood.
- To improve the area’s parks, trails, and recreational amenities by including options for a community center or library branch.
- To pursue housing strategies to accommodate diverse housing needs by including students, professionals, families, seniors, and affordable housing.
- To refine multimodal transportation strategies that accommodate pedestrians, cyclists, transit, and vehicles.
- To promote high quality development that enhances Rosedale’s image.

Residents, developers, and other stakeholders gave feedback on options for achieving the above goals. Posters around the room showed drawings of amenities that might be appropriate to add to Fisher Park, of a transit hub for the corner of 39th Ave. and Rainbow Blvd., and of possibilities for new types of housing along 39th Ave.

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Girls journal their post-run reflections.

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