Neighbors invited to participate in Fisher Park renovation project

The Rosedale Development Association, Mission Cliffs Homeowners Association, and the Unified Government Parks and Recreation have raised funds to replace the playground at Fisher Park. Earlier this year, RDA initiated multiple funding requests after residents asked for help replacing the outdated and broken equipment. Funding sources for renovation include: Wyandotte County Parks Foundation, Neighborhoods Rising Fund, Meet Me at the Park (a highly-competitive national award), and in-kind support from the Parks Department to assist with labor, landscaping, signs, and seating.

The new playspace will contain features that make the park more accessible to individuals of all ages and abilities, including those with mobility issues, differing sensory needs, and more. This project follows several other recent community-led initiatives in Fisher Park, including the orchard, rainwater gardens, Rozarks Nature Trail trailhead, and a water fountain. The UG’s At Large, District One Commissioner Melissa Byrum says of the collaborative project: “More and more often, we see that when we work to improve social and economic conditions throughout our community, access to parks, quality of life, and livable neighborhoods are a priority for developers and residents alike. So, this new Fisher Park playground is yet another step we collectively are taking to not only bring this important fact into focus, but to work collaboratively to achieve this objective. I’m really proud of the partnerships that came together to work on this common goal; everyone wins when parks are improved.”

Neighbors are invited to learn more and give input about the new playground design on Saturday, July 7 from 9-11 a.m. at Fisher Park. In September, RDA will also seek neighborhood volunteers for a Community Build and Potluck, with assistance from Parks and Recreation. Those who cannot attend on July 7 are invited to share their opinions at rosedale.org/fisherpark.

Rosedalians could boost voter turnout in primary election

Local elections make an enormous impact on a city, yet voter turnout rates in Wyandotte County are very low. In the primary election on August 1, 2017, only 18 percent of registered Wyandotte County residents cast votes. Voting is one of a resident’s most effective tools to make their voices heard and improve their community. Rosedalians can help ensure a big turnout in 2018!

This year’s primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 7 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., while the general election will be Tuesday, November 6, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Residents of Wyandotte County have the option of voting by mail, voting early in person, or voting on election day. To vote by mail, visit wycovotes.org/voting-early-by-mail or stop by the RDA office for assistance. The last day to apply to vote by mail is July 27.

Early voting is available at 850 State Ave. beginning July 31 and at 2100 Metropolitan Avenue beginning August 1. Visit wycovotes.org/voting-early-in-person or call RDA for more information. Rosedalians are never shy about making their opinions known and can ensure their voices are heard by voting in local elections!

To view a sample ballot, visit wycovotes.org two weeks before the election.
Rosedalians’ input needed for UG Zoning Code rewrite
by Erin Stryka

Through the winter of 2019, the Unified Government is conducting a public process to rewrite the Zoning Code and seeks input from Rosedalians. The Code guides land development and is one of the keys to implementing the 2008 Citywide Master Plan as well as the Rosedale Master Plan. It can address many issues important to Rosedalians, such as ensuring an adequate amount of safe, affordable housing, determining how many parking spaces a business needs to provide, and setting guidelines for short-term rentals like Airbnbs. During the re-write, the Urban Planning and Land Use Department hopes to uncover ways to streamline the development review process, make it easier to accommodate new businesses, continue to preserve and enhance neighborhoods, and develop spaces the community can enjoy for years to come. RDA Board member Pete Cashen is on the Zoning Code Rewrite Steering Committee. “I expressed my concerns that the team working on the zoning rewrite read and follow the different areas’ master plans that the residents voiced their opinions on,” Pete said. “I also suggested they work on the walkable and walkable neighborhoods that the residents are asking for.” Rosedalians can give input online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/kckzoningrewrite before July 31. The UG held a first round of public meetings in June. Concerns and inquiries may be directed to Rob Richard- son, the UG Urban Planning and Land Use Director, at rrichardson@wyckock.org or 913-573-5774. Residents may also follow the project on UG social media with the hashtag #kckZoningRewrite.

To be notified about upcoming public meetings, contact Erin Stryka at erin@rosedale.org.

Community Calendar
assembled by Kimberly Hunter

RECURRING EVENTS:
Rosedale Walking Club
Monday at 5:30 p.m.
Call for meet-up location
Community Garden Workdays
Saturday 9-11 a.m.
Call for meet-up location
ONE-TIME EVENTS:
Monday, July 2
Kliffton Neighborhood meeting
6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK
Saturday, July 7
Fish Park Playground Design Meeting
9-11 a.m., 3800 Fisher St., KCK
Tuesday, July 9
Frank Rushton Neighborhood meeting
6:30 p.m., 4326 Lloyd St., KCK
Wednesday, July 11
Shawnee Road Neighborhood meeting
7 p.m., 818 Shawnee Rd., KCK
Thursday, July 12
Garden Workshop #5: Sourdough Starters
6-8 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK
Tuesday, July 17
Camp Willowood Parent Info Session
6-7 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK
Wednesday, July 18
Rosedale Leadership Council
5:30 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

To purchase tickets, visit rosedale.org/news/football-fund.

Finally, individuals, households, businesses, and institutions can join the Rosedale Arch Club by making a monthly or annual contribution suitable to their needs. Named for Rosedale’s renowned memorial to World War I veterans, members of the Arch Club support RDA’s community work. To recognize and promote this contribution, RDA offers Arch Club members recognition on the RDA website and in The Rosedalians: opportunities to provide input and feedback; an exclusive 66103 decal; a civic pride patch that the residents are asking for.”

Three ways to support RDA: Volunteer, enjoy football, and join the Arch Club
by Alissa Workman and Kimberly Hunter

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I attended through my service experience, important conference gatherings as an RDA representative, and non-profit organizations that work in that field. I don’t think people truly know how important and rewarding these organizations are until they are immersed in them.

Find a cause you are passionate about.
Find non-profit organizations that work in that field.
To apply for an AmeriCorps position, contact Janet Taylor at jetaime@rosedale.org.

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