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and his sister decided to return to Kansas City by way of open research. After researching franchises, they found one that started as the first Bambu Desserts and Drinks shop. Giang came to the United States at the age of seven and since then has called Kansas City, KS 66103 his home. Recently he reopened a coffee shop. After researching franchises, they decided to bring some of their Vietnamese tradition to Kansas City by way of opening Bambu Desserts and Drinks. Giang predicts the shop’s favorites will be the traditional Vietnamese coffee. Chè is a traditional Vietnamese dessert that is both dairy and gluten free, with ingredients prepared daily from cutting dozens of young coconuts to capture their water and meat to make a fresh batch of one-of-a-kind Pandan Jelly and Red tapioca. Bambu Desserts and Drinks is open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m.-9 a.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Opportunities for employment are still open. To apply, send a resume to kansascity@drinkbambu.com.

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Design chosen for new Fisher Park playground
by Erin Stryka

One hundred kids and 44 adults weighed in on five different design options for the new Fisher Park playground in July. A large majority chose a custom-designed playscape by ABCreative. Rosedalians gave feedback online and in person that this design, pictured here, had a wide variety of things to do, was inclusive to kids of different ages and abilities, and looked like the most fun. Before the playground is built, ABCreative will incorporate some additional suggestions from the community, such as a toddler-sized slide and a small, rope-based climbing element.

One Rosedalian who filled out the online survey comments, “My four-year old picked this . . . She loves all the slides, I like the large variety of things to do.” Another Rosedalian, responding to a question about what they like about their preferred design, appreciates the “multiple ways of getting on the play structure, multiple slides,” and “the round suspended swing that will allow children with special needs to play on the playground.”

Volunteers are needed for a community build day this fall. Especially needed are five-to-ten people familiar with tools and able to lift over 60 pounds to assemble the equipment, as well as Rosedalians of any skill level to prepare the playground surface and help spruce up the park. Anyone interested in helping should contact Alissa at 913-677-5097 or alissa@rosedale.org.

In October, RDA will join six other regional organizations and individuals as a 2018 Thrive Honoree. Presented by Greater Kansas City LISC, the award ceremony will take place on October 11 at the Scottish Rite Temple in Kansas City, MO to celebrate the honorees’ contributions to community transformation. According to their website, “with residents and partners, LISC forges resilient and inclusive communities of opportunity across America — great places to live, work, visit, do business and raise families.” This is the second year LISC has hosted the Thrive awards. In addition to the award, RDA will receive a short, professionally developed film showcasing some of their work in Rosedale this summer.

It is an honor to be recognized alongside such great organizations and community leaders who are working to create positive change in the Kansas City region,” says RDA Executive Director Erin Stryka. She continues, “We’re very grateful for any opportunity to bring Rosedale into the spotlight!”

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Rosedale soaks up summer storm by service volunteers

by Kimberly Hunter

This season, thunder and rain are not the only forces of nature to take Rosedale by storm. In the short span of a few weeks, more than two hundred volunteers from seven organizations signed up to serve in seven neighborhood projects. The organizations represent Rosedale’s institutional diversity, with groups hailing from the faith, education, and business sectors.

Each year, University of Kansas Health System (UKHS) students arrive ready to work — usually by 8 a.m. RDA often relies on them for major seasonal work projects, such as maintaining the Rozaaks Nature Trails. The organizations represent Rosedale’s institutional diversity, with groups hailing from the faith, education, and business sectors.

During the course of their training, the students maintain the space; by the end of the week, they have helped to transform the trails into a welcoming area for residents and visitors alike.

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RDA credits Rosedalians for making their work possible by Alissa Workman

What is a Rosedalian? It is someone who simply lives within the 66103 zip code or something more? After 40 years of working together with Rosedalians, RDA has learned they share a common desire to uplift their community; connect with one another in community parks and public spaces; work hard to achieve their goals for the neighborhood; support positive youth development; volunteer their time generously; build community through participation in neighborhood groups and civic engagement; and help neighbors in need.

Rosedalians are one to be from 66103 and eager to play a role in shaping the community’s future. Most of all, Rosedalians are the heart of Rosedale and the inspiration for RDA’s work in the community. As RDA makes progress on community-driven 2018 goals, they invite Rosedalians to join their work to strengthen Rosedale for all who live, work, and play here by making a tax-deductible donation. Each gift allows RDA to:

- Rehab 20 homes for low-income seniors
- Feed 40 families and elders over Thanksgiving
- Sustain and expand out-of-school programming for Rosedale youth
- Advocate for zoning updates that meet the needs of residents and businesses alike
- Host health-minded community events and a community build for the Fisher Park playground

And more...

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Board highlight: Dr. Robert Spaniol by Kimberly Hunter

This month, RDA thanks long-time Board member and Rosedale co-homeowner for serving not only as Treasurer but also Christmas in October co-coordinator. As the University of Kansas Health System (UKHS) Director of HIPAA Commit maximize your donation. Spinal cord first got involved with RDA through former Executive Director, Wrenn, Wilson, because he understood the medical institution has “such a big footprint it’s important . . . to know what Rosedale is thinking as well as RDA and residents to understand why do we do what we do, especially related to building, housing,” in 2019, UKHS recognized Spinal Cord as a HERO (Hospital Employee Recognition) for his leadership in connecting UKHS to RDA and broader Rosedale through service programs such as Christmas in October’s minor home repair.

Dr. Robert Spaniol

Rosedale Development Association

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Let’s be rock solid together!
Please accept my donation in support of RDA.

Name of business or name of household

City/State/ZIP code

Contact person

Preferred phone

Email address

Please mail or bring this form along with your gift to:
Rosedale Development Association, 1403 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66103
Or contribute online at rosedale.org/archclub

Community Calendar

assembled by Kimberly Hunter

RECURRING EVENTS:

Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Fish Market Walking Club
Call for meet-up location

Saturday at 7-7:15 a.m.

Community Garden Workdays
Call for meet-up location

ONE-TIME EVENTS:

Tuesday, August 8

Rosedale Neighborhood Meeting
6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Thursday, August 9

Community Potluck Workshop: Exercise in the Garden
Call for spots and/or childcare 6-8 p.m., 2314 W. 39th Ave., KCK

Tuesday, August 14

Arts & Entertainment
6:30 p.m., 4362 Blvd St., KCK

Wednesday, August 15

Rosedale Neighborhood Council
5:30 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Saturday, August 25

Community Picnic at Whitmore Playground
Includes ice cream, face painting, and photo booth
6-8 p.m., 1412 Southwest Blvd., KCK

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

Rosedale clinic leads effort to erase $1.4 million in medical bills for Kansas City patients by Dr. Allison Edwards of Rosedale-based Kansas City Direct Primary Care (KCDPC)

Hundreds of Kansas Citians headed to their mailboxes last month and found their past due notices and reminders for their unpaid medical bills had been replaced with letters declaring their debts forgiven. Even more surprising was a group of local doctors and nurse practitioners, The Midwest Direct Primary Care Alliance (MDPCA), was behind the debt relief.

Pulling from their own coffers, these independent primary care providers donated over $10,000 to buy $1,474,987.25 in unpaid medical bills. These medical bills belong to area residents who had been sent to collections by hospitals and clinics throughout the region. The providers partnered with the nonprofit organization RIP Medical Debt to turn around and forgive the entire $1.4 million in debt that had previously burdened 784 people in the Kansas City region. Letters noting the debt relief were mailed to recipients in July explaining the gift had no strings attached.

Medical debt affects every community and resident, Rosedale’s director of community relations, Kansas City Direct Primary Care (KCDPC) medical debt into sharper focus: in some parts of the metro, up to 30% of householders have medical debt in collections. And though these families aren’t yet at the point of bankruptcy, a 2009 research piece found that over 60% of bankruptcies studied were due to medical debt, and that the average balance leading to the bankruptcy was well over $2500.

“When I worked within the large hospital systems, I couldn’t tell you how much an M.R.I. was. Or what a lab would cost the patient. As doctors, we had been blinded to the cost of care, and — whether we like it or not — we bore some responsibility for patients’ bills,” noted MDPCA member Ryan Neuhoef, D.O., MPH of Lawrence, Kansas. He continued, “But now’s our job, as direct primary care providers, to prioritize thinking about health-care costs in the context of care and prevent debt like this from piling up in the first place.” In addition to providing affordable, transparent health care to their patients, MDPCA hopes to erase even more past debt for local people through an ongoing crowdfunding campaign found online at midwestdi- rectprimarycare.org/medical-debt.

Laurie Myers, P.T., takes the bled pressure of a KCDP patient during a recent visit.

To learn more, contact Rosedale’s Dr. Edwards at 913-730-0331 or allison@ kansascitydirectprimarycare.com.