**Good Neighbor**

**Christmas in October applications now open!**
by Erin Stryka

It’s time to apply for minor home repair through Christmas in October (CIO). CIO is once again partnering with the University of Kansas Health System (TUKHS) and CIO to repair the homes of up to 20 Rosedale homeowners who are elderly, disabled, or veterans. The program focuses on issues of warmth, safety, and dignity and provides repairs at no cost to the homeowner.

Since 1984, CIO has dedicated the first two Saturdays in October to home repair, now assisting 350-400 Kansas City area homes each year. To qualify for minor home repair assistance in the past year. The camp runs from June 17-July 26, 8 a.m.-3:15 p.m., Monday-Friday at Rainbow Mennonite Church. Before care is offered from 7-8 a.m. and aftercare from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

The summer curriculum emphasizes reading, financial literacy, and wellness. The program offers many exciting opportunities for hands-on learning. Each afternoon, scholars participate in gardening, entrepreneurship, cooking classes, and sports clinics. Students also have the opportunity to attend field trips to the Children’s Beanstalk Garden, the Kemper Museum of Art, the Johnson County Museum, and Burr Oak’s Nature Center. Lastly, the program ends with a finale and social action organized by the scholars.

To enroll a child in the program, attend Enrollment Night, May 7, at Rainbow Mennonite Church. Returning families should arrive at 6 p.m., and new families at 6:30 p.m. Bring a cash or check payment for the registration fee ($35 for one child or $70 for two or more children in the same household) and the activity fee ($150 for one child or $300 for two or more children in the same household), and each child’s health insurance ID card. To qualify for scholarships, bring a letter stating the child was eligible for free or reduced lunches from the National School Lunch Program during the 2018-2019 school year. If no such letter is available but a scholarship is still desired, guardians may bring proof of monthly income or proof of SNAP benefits for their household. We hope to see you there!

To learn more, contact Josh Ellermann at 913-677-5097 or josh@rosedale.org.

**Tips for enjoying Bike Month in Rosedale**
by Samantha Burton-Bosket

May is Bike Month, and in Rosedale it is also a beautiful month to take a bike out for a spin. And using resources and safety tips from local bicycle partners make for a safer, more enjoyable ride. Helpful precautions include bike safety checks, wearing helmets, and making sure one knows road sharing laws and etiquette to remain safe. Whether one rides a bike daily or just in the summer, BikeWalkKC recommends checking tires for air, securing brakes before riding, ensuring a seat is at least hip height and securely fastened, and choosing opportunities for hands-on learning.

More information on bike safety can be found at www.BikeWalkKc.org, where they offer not only safety information but also information on bike events, like RDKA’s Annual Bike-in Movie, National Bike to School Day, and Tour de Bier, which are all happening in May.

BikeWalkKC also coordinates an Earn-A-Bike Program, which teaches students basic bike mechanics and, if completed, awards students with a bike and a helmet. During Bike Month, be sure to engage in safe bike riding, especially on May 16 while in route to the Bike-In Movie at the Boulevard Drive-In Theatre.

To learn more, contact Alissa Workman at alissa@rosedale.org or 913-677-5097.
Go on an adventure this summer to Camp Wildwood

by Alissa Workman

Rosedale youth are invited to get outdoors and be ad- venturous this summer at Wildwood Outdoor Education Center. From July 29-August 2, youth will camp overnight in cabins, swim, canoe, try the zip line and adventure courses, participate in arts and craft and STEM activities, gather around the campfire for stories and songs, go fishing, and more.

Located in La Cygne, KS, Camp Wildwood is available to Rosedale and area youth who will enter grades 3-8 in the 2019-2020 school year. Campers will spend the week choosing daily fun activities, making new friends, and gaining independence and teamwork skills. RDA provides buses to and from camp at the beginning and end of the week, as well as a send-off event for families called “Wake up for Wildwood!” Wildwood staff work hard throughout the year to ensure many youth in the Kansas City region have the opportunity for this life-changing program. Annually, the partnership between RDA and Wildwood allows 75-80 Rosedale youth to attend the sleepaway camp.

Interested parents are encouraged to visit the RDA office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. to ask questions or submit an application. The cost to attend is $25 per child. Camp Wildwood spots are available on a first-come basis and can be secured with a completed application packet and camp fee payment. Applications are also available at rosedale.org/wildwood2019.

Welcome back, Victor

by Victor Michimani

Victor began his first term as an AmeriCorps member at RDA in 2017, during the spring of his freshman year at University of Missouri-Columbia. Currently, he is majoring in business administration with an emphasis in marketing and a minor in sociology. During his first term at RDA, he co-led youth sports at one of the Rosedale Development Association’s (RDA) Summer Youth Employment. After his first term ended last summer, he decided to stay close and intern for the Rainbow Summer Program as a classroom facilitator. Victor is now back to serve another term as an AmeriCorps member for RDA until August 31.

To learn more, contact Alissa Workman at 913-677-5097 or alissa@rosedale.org.

Fisher Park Dominoes Club invites neighbors to Family and Friends Day

by Kimberly Hunter

On Thursday afternoons, Rosedaleans driving past Fisher Park might notice several grandfatherly gentlemen gathered around a shaded picnic table on the park’s east side. Their contributions to Rosedale’s history are invaluable yet unknown to most students walking by; as children, two of the men led efforts to integrate Rosedale schools.

Though few still reside in Rosedale, they reuni e here every week over lunch and dominos, a tradition they planted over 40 years ago. First in Savage Park, later transplanted to Fisher Park, and finally rooted in an abandoned lot at the corner of Minnie St. and Lake Ave., which they tended and dubbed Shelby Park for one of their friends who had passed away. After a private developer bought the lot and removed the group moved to Fisher Park, where they continue to meet today.

Thursdays around 12 p.m., set up chairs and food, enjoy music, engage in dominos, and relax. To participate, contact Kimberly Hunter at 913-677-5097.

To learn more, contact Kimberly Hunter at kimberly@rosedale.org or 913-677-5097.

Community Calendar

ONE-TIME EVENTS:

June 13: Midsummer Musicale
Rainbow Summer Program
Enrollment Night
6 p.m., 1444 Southwest Blvd., KCK
Thursday, May 16
Bike-in Movie
7 p.m., Bannard Drive-In Theatre, KCK
Saturday, June 1
Rosedale Family and Friends Day
12-6 p.m., Fisher Park, KCK

RECURRING EVENTS:

Mobile Library
Every other Monday
10-11 a.m., bike lane Head Start
1444 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Every other Tuesday
2:30-4:30 p.m., Rosedale Towers
2314 W 38th Ave., KCK
Every other Wednesday
2:30-4:30 p.m., Refuse Manor
2924 W 40th Ter, KCK

First Mondays
Hilltop Neighborhood
6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK
Second Tuesday
Frank Rushton Neighborhood
6:30 p.m., 4336 Loyd St., KCK
Second Wednesdays
Shawnee River Neighborhood
6 p.m., 818 Shawnee Rd., KCK
Third Wednesdays
Kearney Hilltop Neighborhood
6:30 p.m., 4326 Lloyd St., KCK
Fourth Thursdays
Kearney Hilltop Neighborhood
8:30 a.m., 4953 State Ave., KCK

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