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Rosedale Businesses Win Awards

Papagallo, a resturant located at 4208 Rainbow Blvd. was selected as the "New Small Business of the Year" by the Kansas City, Kansas Chamber of Commerce. Owner Ray Kattan was present to receive the award at a special Chambers After Hours event. Papagallo serves a wide variety of foods, mostly Mediterranean with some Italian and Vegetarian cuisine. Open for 14 months they have recently redecorated and are expanding into the ajacent building. Papagallo has a friendly atmosphere and waiters that pamper you. Please plan on dining at Papagallo in the near future. Don't miss their Chocolate Cappucino Cheesecake.

Silva Foods of Kansas City was the second runner up in the category of "Business of the Year 1993". Silva's is a success story. In 1989 a small family owned business was started in Rosedale. The owners rehabed an old building and using doughnut fryers began manufacturing 1 product - nacho chips. From this beginning 12 years ago their product line has expanded to include 28 items with new products waiting in the wings. Sales have also risen on the average of 15% annually. Besides running a successful business Rick Silva finds time to give something back to the community. He serves on the board of the Better Business Bureau and as Business Vice-President of the RDA Board of Directors.

Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care at 506 S.W. Blvd.

was the second runner-up in the "Small Business With Outstanding Civic Contribution". They are a not-for-profit comprehensive medical care facility specializing in primary care for the entire family. FHC also provides an AIDS Clinic, home visits, offsite pre-natal education, a clothing bank, social service assistance and more. Started in 1989 they served 10-15 clients daily based RDA office. We plan to use on a ability to pay, now they serve an avg. of 40 clients daily. This will increase with hopefully, assist some of the the move to their new facility at 530 S.W. Blvd. FHC revenues have doubled annually since 1990 making them a financial success. If you know of someone who is They have also been the recipients of numerous awards. Some please call me at 677-5097. of the people who work for FHC also donate their time to other projects in the community. FHC serves the community by helping to keep overall health care costs down and people employed.

New Program

RDA has officially begun a new program. We have had our first community service worker fulfill his time requirement by picking up trash in the Rosedale area. YEA!!

Wyandotte County Diversion Program and Municipal Court are referring persons sentenced to fulfill a certain number of community service hours to our these people to pick up trash, help with some office work and elderly with lawn maintenance and exterior painting.

truly in need of assistance,

Breakfast Meeting

Our next monthly membership meeting will be held on:

> May 18, 1993 7:30 a.m. Kansas Room Best Western Inn 501 S.W. Blvd.

Our speaker will be Larry Clark, Wyandotte County Appraiser. Please attend this meeting to receive the answers to your questions on property tax reappraisals.

At our last meeting we became so involved with Nancy Burns, her talk and the following discussions that I goofed and we didn't hold our special election. So, at this meeting we will conduct the necessary special election to increase the term of office for 4 members of our Board of Directors.

See you at the meeting.

Clean-up

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make this year's Operation Brightside clean-up and neighborhood picnic a great success. We apparently overwhelmed the trash haulers with the amount of 'stuff' to be taken to the dump. They were still picking up trash on Tuesday, May 4th.

It was a successful community spring clean-up. This would not have been true had it not been for the volunteers and donors who made this event the best ever. From the businesses who donated funds for the yard signs, the folks who constructed City Area Chamber of Commerce the signs, the people who rolled officals, businessmen and repand threw approximately 3,500 bags, those who donated prizes, the volunteers who cooked and organized games at the picnic, to the people who spent their Saturday morning picking up trash throughout the Rosedale area. The RDA group of 8 picked up 30 bags of trash along Mission Road from Southwest Boulevard south to the top of the hill and about 15 bags of trash from a lot at 41st and Lloyd. I know that people in some other areas targeted alleys, roadways and vacant lots for clean-up.

The clean-up and picnic provided those present with an opportunity to visit on a one to one basis with Wvandotte County Commissioner Nancy Burns as she helped us pick up the 45 bags of trash and with City Councilman Dr. Elmer Sharp who spent quite some time at the picnic answering questions and socializing at the picnic even in the rain.

Thanks to all the responsible people who gave of their valuable time to improve our neighborhood.

Reception

Six area resturants helped to make the NBR City Council Reception a success and a food fest. Eddys' Catering, Judy's Bakery Shoppe, Papagallo, Quick's Bar-B-Q, Rosedale Barbeque and Silva Foods of Kansas City all donated platters of fantastic food for the dinning pleasure of all those attending the reception.

The event was well attended by many dignitaries including the Mayor, City Administrator, all 6 City Councilpersons, 2 Wyandotte County Commissioners, the Wyandotte County Sheriff, numerous city officals, Kansas resentatives from other organizations. It was a chance for food, and grills for the picnic, everyone to sample some of the wonderful food available in Rosedale and throughout K.C., Ks. It was also an opportunity for area business people to talk with city and county officals about their concerns.

> I hope that these 6 generous business will realize a financial gain from the exposure of their foods at this event.

Help

RDA is trying to assist an area couple who are in need of a wheelchair and a concrete ramp. The couple seems to fall between the cracks of social service programs set up to assist persons with problems such as theirs. The husband receives enough in retirement payments that they are disqualified from most existing programs. Both husband and wife have numerous medical problems and the cost of medicines and doctor bills cut severely into their funds.

If you can help or want more specific information, please call the RDA office - 677-5097.

Crime

The area around 40th and Adams has been the site of several recent criminal incidents. All have involved guns

- 1. Armed car jacking.
- 2. Woman robbed at gun point as she was getting out of
- 3. Persons shooting up into an apartment complex on an apparently random basis.
- 4. Resident robbed at gun point on the street.

Most of these incidents have taken place around 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. and the discription of the perpetrators is very similar in 3 of the incidents.

DESCRIPTION

- 3 black males
- Late teens early 20's
- Usually wearing Raider's jackets or long dusters.
- Medium build- 5'10" approx.
- Driving a dark red Honda, 2 door, Ks. tag # FOF 981.

Although the police have the license plate number and have found the car and owner, the victim was not able to make a physical I.D. of the driver.

So, be on the alert for any suspicious activity in your area and CALL THE POLICE.

The following information has been furnished by the Police Department. It may be of value to not only residents but also employees of area businesses.

CARJACKING SAFETY RULES

When Approaching of Parking

- 1. Move quickly, have your keys in your hand.
- 2. Check to make sure no one is hiding in or under your
- 3. Be aware of occupied cars nearby.

- 4. Keep your car LOCKED at all times.
- 5. Drive into your garage so that the headlights of your car illuminate the total area. Your garage is a perfect place to get mugged.
- 6. Be alert to what is going on around you at all times. Day dreaming or a moments inattention can be fatal.
- 7. If possible walk with other ask a security quard to escort you to your car.
- 8. Park in well lighted areas. Think ahead, is your car parked in an area that will be highly illuminated when night falls.

While Driving

- 1. Keep your doors locked and windows up at all times.
- 2. Do not tailgate. Allow room between your car and the car in front of you so you can maneuver quickly if you need to.
- 3. Avoid the curb-side lane whenever possible.
- 4. Always put your child in the front seat.

- 5. Avoid idling your car in neutral. Be ready to move quickly.
- 6. Keep your wallet/purse out of view, do not leave them on the seat next to you. This goes for expensive items also.
- 7. Keep your car in good repair. Try not to let the fuel gauge fall below half a tank.
- people, or if leaving a store 8. Be alert to what is going on around you at all times.
 - 9. Be aware of bump and robs. Carjackers often use another 4. Do not try to retrieve pervehicle to bump your car to simulate an accident. When you stop and exit your car because of the so-called accident, the carjackers make their move. If an accident seems suspicious to you, do not exit your car. Motion for the other driver to follow you and then drive at a slow but steady pace to the nearest gas station or police station or the closest populated area.

If Someone Tries To Take Your Vehicle

- 1. If possible, maneuver out of the way, hit the horn and step on the gas.
- 2. If the carjacker has a weapon give up the car. It is not worth your life. Do not fight or argue.
- 3. If your child is in the car and you are forced out and cannot grab the child, yell immediately, "There's a baby in the car!"
- sonal belongings from the
- 5. Try to remain calm and nonthreating.
- 6. Be observant, remember as much as you can about the suspect, any vehicles involved and the direction of travel the suspects took.
- 7. Contact the police immediately.

Above all remember to be observant, use common sense and call the police if you see any suspicious behavior.

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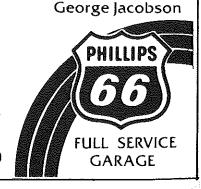


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Property Taxes Are Killing Us and KCK

Over the past few months I have made numerous calls to the Wvandotte County Registrar Of Deeds office and the Delinquent Real Estate Tax Dept. to discover the ownership of certain problem properties. Most of the properties had obviously been abandoned and neglected for years. Some of these were commercial buildings on which taxes had not been paid for 10-12 years, others were large empty lots or residences that were structurally sound but but rapidly deteriorating including the historic Sauer Castle. The more I looked into this the more apparent it became that something should be done to prevent this deterioration of our community.

A number of these "problem" properties seemed to be marketable real estate if they had not been allowed to rot for 10-12-15 years. If only someone had addressed their delinquent tax status at 3 or 4 years out they may have been saved and currently be valuable income producing property.

My next step was to determine how many of these delinguent tax properties existed in Rosedale. After some effort I finally obtained a list of properties that were 3 or more years delinguent in real estate taxes. I was shocked. There are over 620 of these properties in Rosedale in-

cluding commercial buildings, residences, vacant lots and county owned property. Some of these are very valuable but the owners are getting away with not

paying their property tax. In one instance, the owner of a beautiful stone home on Shawnee Road owes \$24,000 in taxes going back to 1984. Continued on page 2



This beautiful house on a large lot at 1028 Shawnee Road is more than 3 years tax delinquent and could be put in a back tax sale.

Evening Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly membership meeting will be held on:

> Tuesday, May 15, 1993 6:00 p.m. 3424 Rainbow Blvd.

Margaret Landis will be our guest speaker. Ms. Landis Valley and The Craggy Hillside, A History of the City of Rosedale, Kansas."

At this meeting I would like your input on several ideas I have to improve our community. I need to know your concerns and where you want this organization to focus its energies.

At our May meeting the memis the author of "The Winding bers voted to extend the terms of four board members to 1995. These were Randy Bowden, Myrna Corpeny, Hal Basset and Ken Seibert.

Property Taxes and KCK

He also ownes at least 3 other properties that he is not paying the taxes due.
L.J. Ray Co. ownes at least 20 parcels in Rosedale on which over 3 years of taxes are due. These are only 2 examples of people who own multiple properties and are not paying their taxes.

This costs all of us who are paying our taxes and care about our community. Our property taxes increase while city services decrease to make up for those who don't Weedy, vacant lots and deteriorating structures in our neighborhoods discourage new residential and business growth as does Wy. County's high mill levy. Wyandotte County ranks 101 in the state in per capita income, 14 in property value and FIRST in mill levy rate.

We must try to correct this downward trend. The City and County must find a way to collect these delinquent taxes, possibly by connecting the tax to utility bills or at least by insuring that a person's or corporation's financial record reflects their non-payment of real estate taxes so it becomes more difficult for them to continue buying properties and then not paying taxes.

To have a property placed in a delinquent tax sale you must contact the County and request that a specific parcel be placed in a sale and put up a deposit of from \$200 to \$500. The deposit is to insure that the County's cost of getting the property ready to sell will be covered in the event no one shows up to bid on said parcel. This deposit is returned to you if the owner pays his back taxes prior to the auction or you are not the high bidder at the auction. Once the parcel is sold the previous owner has no futher claim to the property. Your bid does not have to equal or exceed the taxes due, it only has to be the highest bid for you to own the property.

If you are interested in purchasing property or assisting with the marketing



Property taxes on this property at 1042 Shawnee Road have not been paid since 1984. It should be placed in a tax sale.

of these delinquent parcels please call me at 677-5097. I have put together maps that cover most of the Rosedale area and show, in color, the available parcels. These maps along with the County's list and other available info. from the County should provide you with a good overview of the available real estate.

The City obtains 30% of its annual income from property taxes. With over 620 properties being 3 or more years delinquent in the Rosedale area alone it's easy to see that the City is losing a big chunk of potential revenue. We, the tax paying residents and businesses are the losers, in reduced city services and potential loss of businesses and residents.

City Budget

For those who are concerned about the way the city spends our money, may I suggest that you attend the City Budget Workshops and hearings scheduled for July and Aug. at City Hall.

July 8 - 7:00p.m. Submission of proposed budget.
July 15 - 4:00p.m. Budget
Workshop.
July 20 - 4:00p.m. Budget
Workshop
July 22 - 4:00p.m. Budget
Workshop
July 25 - Maximum Tax Levy
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July 27 - 4:00p.m. Budget Workshop July 29 - 4:00p.m. Budget

Workshop
Aug. 3 - 4:00p.m. Budget

Workshop
Aug. 5 - 7:00p.m. Final

Aug. 5 - 7:00p.m. Final Public Hearing, Adoption of Budget

Ethnic Fest

The Strawberry Hill Ethnic Cultural Society presents its annual Strawberry Festival on June 19, 1993.

Festivities will start at 10 a.m. with a parade beginning on Orchard St. and continuing north on 6th to Ann Ave., east on Ann to 4th St., then north on 4th to St. John's Park, You are welcome to join in the parade. There will be craft denonstrations, booths, and games that begin at 12 noon. Strawberry treats, ethnic foods and beverages will be available all afternoon and evening. At 6:30 p.m. the Don Lipovac orchestra will play for a dance. (\$5.00 ticket). St. John's Church will be conducting free tours.

Come Celebrate the ethnic heritage of Kansas City, Kansas. For more info. call Helen Fotovich at 321-3238

Hometown proud

CBDG Fair

On Saturday, May 22, 1993 RDA participated in the CBDG Neighborhood Superbowl at Barney Allis Plaza. This was a family fair to show community strength thru ethnic diversity. It was sponsored by the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance.

RDA and Leavenworth
Road Assoc. shared a booth
and distributed information
about our communities and
promoted area businesses.
I had put together maps
showing the locations of tax
delinquent properties that
are eligible for purchase
thru a back tax sale in
order to actively market
this property.

Mayor Steineger and Councilman Corbett were present as were representitives of many community groups. Ethnic foods, dancers, musical groups, and clowns made for an enjoyable day.

RDA Support

Special thanks go out to the following businesses and residents for their new or renewed memberships.

Harold Coleman Janet Hodges Chuck Kowieski Marquita & Carlton Young Sam Dunn Oil Co.

Blitz '93

As a follow-up to our Operation Brightside clean-up on May 1st, I want to let you know that in Area 3 over 1,200 tons / 480 truck loads of trash were collected over a 4 day period. This is an ALL TIME RECORD for the Operation Brightside crews. Thanks for helping to make it a success.

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Illegal Dumping in Rosedale



During my travels in and around Rosedale I have seen some beautiful and surprising areas, such as a small valley with a stream running through it and 3 homes grouped in the valley bottom and high hills that provide the viewer with stunning views of KCK and KCMO. I have also discovered shockingly ugly areas. The above photo is an example of one of these eyesores. It is a shot of a small section of a dump located in a ravine at Garnett and 8th St. This is very representative of 3 other large ravine type dumps I have located in Rosedale. These dumps were not created overnight. It appears that people

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Breakfast Meeting

Our next monthly membership meeting will be held on:

> Tuesday, July 20, 1993 7:30 A.M. 3424 Rainbow Blvd.

Ron Cobb, Director of Housing Management for the Housing Authority of Kansas City, Ks., about the noise (qun shots) will be our quest speaker for that seem to be common in this early morning meeting.

Mr. Cobb is speaking in response to requests from area

residents to provide someone who could answer their questions regarding public housing in general and Belrose Manor specifically.

Please tell your neighbors about this meeting, or anyone you know who is concerned the area of Belrose Manor. This is your chance to ask questions and voice your opinions.

Illegal Dumping

have been dumping in these places for 40 or 50 years at

These dumps are shameful. They are not only eyesores, especially in winter, but they may very well pose a health hazard to the people who live in the area, to children who may play in the ravine and to any pets that may drink contaminated water from the ravine. The dumps are great breeding places for rodents and insects. They also devalue the surrounding property and leave a negative impression of our community on people from outside the Rosedale area.

In some of these ravines the dumping is continuing today, sometimes from the residents themselves and sometimes from unscrupulous contractors or people from other area wanting to dispose of trash without paying a fee. The best way to stop these people is to catch them in the act and report them to the city or Wy. Co. Health Dept. They can then be fined and forced to clean-up the trash they dumped.

In some of these ravines the dumping is still occuring. Sometimes it's from the residents themselves and sometimes from unscrupulous contractors or people from other areas wanting to dispose of trash withour paying a fee. The best way to stop these people is to catch them in the act and report them to the City or Wy. Co. Health Dept. They can then be fined and forced to clean-up the trash they dumped. But this still does not address the debris that has been collecting in these areas for many years.

I would love to see these areas cleaned up and kept clean. But this will take a lot of work by many people over a number of days, trucks to haul the trash away and possibly some heavy equipment to remove some items. In order to accomplish this we could organize residents for massive clean-up efforts in each area or utilize prisoners from the Municipal Jail.

The City has a program that allows organizations such as RDA to supervise jail inmates on a work release type of program. This is a great opportunity for us to address the trash problem and to allow offenders to give something back to the community. BUT.. this program seems to have a flaw, the lack of someone in authority (a law enforcement offical) to oversee the workers. City officals have recommended that RDA not take advantage of this potential work force due to the problems other organizations have had in trying to supervise these workers. Some of the inmates have left the work site and then returned with alcohol, while others have left and not returned at all.

This is potentially a very worthwhile program if only it could be refined into a workable state. As a community and as individuals we should lobby our city officals to make the necessary changes in this program so that Rosedale and KCK can use this otherwise idle work force to clean-up our City.

Festival

Parade Festival

Parade

Since I began my duties as Executive Director in January various people have been lobbying me to organize a Rosedale Parade and Festival. So. recently I met with several of these dedicated Rosedalians to discuss various ideas for such an event. As a result of this meeting we have choosen to hold this event on Saturday, Oct. 16th. We will begin the day with a pancake breakfast and parade followed by games, free medical screenings and craft booths. But if we are to make a success of such a large undertaking RDA will need the help of each and everyone of you.

It would be impossible for only a few people to pull off an undertaking of this size. Volunteers are needed to head and serve on various committies (parade, pancake breakfast, medical screenings, games and entertainment and crafts fair). There is so much to be done and so little time. Without the support of you, the community, we won't be able to enjoy this event.

If you wish to help, please call me very soon at 677-5097. We need you and your input.

Help

Businesses Come to Rosedale

Salon Camelia

This new hair care salon is located at 4320 Rainbow Blvd. and offers a wide variety of services in a beautiful professional setting.

In her first business venture owner Camelia Dean decided to locate in Rosedale because to her this is home. She attended Rosedale Middle School and Harmon High. She is currently the only stylist but she is looking for another stylist and a manicurist to join her. The Salon is open 5 days a week and does take walk-ins.

Dental Arts Building

Three dentists, K.W. Blomeyer, Ronald Clairborne and David M. Blomeyer have built a handsome new dental office at 4527 Rainbow Blvd. which they opened on May 17th. They have moved a thriving practice to our area from 4th & Minnesota, bringing 98% of their patients with them.

They provide general dental care and are open week days and ½ day on Sat.

Web Products Inc.

This business has been in our area for some time but they have recently moved their office from KCMO to their factory site at 11 Lincoln. Owner Mike Snyder patented "The Web" an adjustable, reusable electrostatic furnace/ air conditioner filter kit. The latest issue of Ingram's Magazine rated Web Products Inc. 3rd among Kansas City's 100 fastest growing companies. They have 12 full time employees. "The Web" is available locally at Strasser Hardware.

Alpha Industries

Alpha Industries moved to 1150-A S.W. Blvd. on March 1st, having outgrown their Lenexa location. Owner Thomas Montgomery has been in business for 20 yrs. manufacturing cathode ray tubes including,

TV tubes, data display tubes & special application monitor tubes. Mr. Montgomery chose Rosedale because he found "the best space for the money" and it is closer to his labor force and suppliers. He has 2 full time and 4 part time employees.

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Special thanks go out to the following businesses and residents for their new or renewed memberships. We depend on the money from our annual memberships as our main means of support.

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Fire, Flood Ravage Rosedale

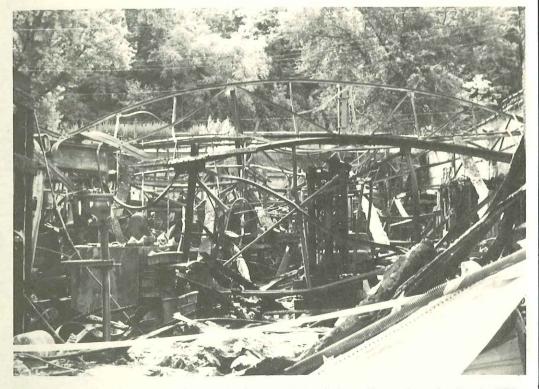
July of 1993 will be remembered by area residents and business owners as a time of hardship and loss. As if the flooding of Turkey Creek did not cause enough damage to our community a devastating fire wiped out A&M Machine Shop at 643 Southwest Blvd. on Friday night July 30th. The cause of the fire has yet to be determined. Although this building was a total loss Carriage & Motor Works on the east and T.J. Fleming Co. on the west, each with a common wall to A&M, were completely undamaged.

A&M owner Dave Spangler would like to rebuild his business in the Southwest Blvd. area. Mr. Spangler didn't own the building and at this time he doesn't know if the owner intends to rebuild or not. RDA has offered to help him in any way possible. We can't afford to lose any more area businesses.

Many Rosedale Businesses and residents were hard hit by the flooding of Turkey Creek in early July. Most of them have cleaned up the worst of the mess and many businesses have reopened. Several businesses are still working on cleaning up their places and three businesses lost everything and do not plan to reopen.

Dagwood's, with the great tenderloins, will not reopen. Owner Chris did not have flood insurance. Chris lost everything and there was structural damage to the building he was

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This is all that remains of the A&M Machine Shop located at 643 Southwest Blvd. The three alarm blaze started around 10:30 p.m. on Friday, July 30th and was finally out by noon on Saturday.

Evening Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly membership meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, August 17, 1993 7:00 P.M. 3424 Rainbow Blvd.

Dr. Elmer Sharp, our City
Councilman, will be the guest neighbors and invite them speaker for this meeting.

Please pass the word to you neighbors and invite them to attend this meeting.

He will be able to tell about the City Budget that was just passes by the Council. Dr. Sharp is one of two Council members who voted against the

adopting the budget. He will be able to answer many of your questions concerning our city government and offer ideas as to what we can do to improve our community.

Please pass the word to your neighbors and invite them to attend this meeting. Dr. Sharp is very busy and it has been quite some time since he has spoken at an RDA meeting. So...this is your chance to ask your questions.

Shelter, Businesses Work Together

If you are a reader of the Kansan newspaper, and I hope you are for it's the only way to know what is happening KCK., you are probably aware of the controversy surrounding the CFCA homeless shelter and area business owners. RDA supported the businesses and area residents in their efforts to force the shelter to work with the community to eliminate some problems. RDA has since been arranging the negotiating meetings.

At the July 1st City Council meeting petitions requesting the revocation of the Christian Foundation for Children & Aging's (CFCA) Special Use Permit to operate a shelter at 1 Elmwood Ave. were presented. The Council, except for Dr. Sharp who supported RDA's position, were unable to reach a decision in this matter at that time and requested a 30 day delay during which time petition supporters and CFCA representitives were to meet and try to resolve their differences.

Two meetings have been held to date with very encouraging results. As an outcome of these meetings the following decisions have been made.

- 1. A "Hot Line" has been established at the shelter for the use of area businessess. This is to be used to assist in clearing loiters out of the area and for assistance if a bilingual speaker is needed.
- 2. CFCA will no longer allow employers to pick up day labor- The consensus is that we, as ers on their property, as this may encourage illegal employment.

- 3. Dean Machinery is closing area caves that transients sometimes gather in. These are near the Cambridge Business Park. Cargill Flour Milling Division is securing their elevators at 1550 W. 26th St. in order to keep transients out. Other "camps" will be closed as they are discovered. This is to funnel homeless people into area shelters or out of the area.
- 4. Monthly meetings are to be held between CFCA and any or all interested businesses or residents to evaluate conditions in the area and establish means of resolving problems as they arise.

Other ideas are currently being evaluated such as the possibility of CFCA and area businesses sharing the cost of a night security patrol. The shelter is considering a number of changes in the way they operate. This includes only housing people who are referred through other agencies and providing activities that would reduce residents idle time (ie: English classes, education courses, resolution of immigration status, volunteer labor and referrals to other agencies).

Due to the relative success of these first two meetings, the current improvement in area problems and to show good faith and good will the petition backers have withdrawn the petition to revoke the CFCA Special Use Permit at this time.

a community, try to assist those persons who want help and are willing to abide by

certain codes of behavior. Those persons who wish to cause problems will be run out of the area by the cooperative efforts of the shelter and area businessess with police assistance. CFCA has realized that the bad elements in the community not only negatively impact area businessess but they may also greatly affect the shelter's ability to continue operations in the area.

It's important for all major players to be involved in the resolution of problems in

It's important for everyone to be involved in the resolution of problems in their neighborhoods. Taking a hands off, it's not my problem stance will at best delay or complicate resolution of problems and at worst may increase problems by giving individuals the idea that they can do whatever they wish without repercussions.

Flood (cont.)

leasing. So instead of incurring heavy debt he decided to call it quits. I hope Chris can find a way to open another resturant. I hate to see him leave and give up his dreams.

Ramsey Auto lost several cars as the rampaging creek tore them from his lot and carried them several hundred feet down Turkey Creek. Mr. Ramsey was also without flood insurance. He depends on drive by traffic for most of his business. The loss of the bridge over Turkey Creek next to his lot has put an end to any drive by traffic and thus to his businesses. He says he can't hold on for the estimated 18 months it will take to replace the bridge.

Flood (cont.)

Alpha Industries at 1150 A Southwest Blvd. is a business that I reported on in the July newsletter. Tom Montgomery had moved his business here from Lenexa several months ago. I didn't miss anyone. Then the flood hit. Now his son is planning on taking over the business and will be moving it back to Lenexa.

Fire Station 10 suffered some structural damage which left us without 2 fire trucks for several weeks. Repairs have been made and the trucks are now back in the station and ready for action.

The following businesses also suffered flood damage to varying degrees: Mruco, Inc., Sam's Signs, Bush Plating, Radial Grinding, Honda Only, Campbell Crankshaft, Fundways, European Motor Works, American Dish Service, Rew Materials, Hicks Electric, Gard Corp., Everseal Gasket, Harrington Roofing, John Roher Construc-

tion, B&C Inc., Hinckley & Schmitt Water, Starr Trophy, New Look Auto Detailing, Wayne Paper Co., Winnelson, and Power Equipment Sales. I hope

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE ROSE-DALE BUSINESSESS DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER AREA BUSINESSES.

Festival

Planning has begun for our fall festival & parade to be held on Saturday, Oct. 16th. The parade will march down S.W. Blvd. The festival will be in Rosedale Park. We will be rent 10'x12' booth spaces to art, craft and food vendors. Trophies will be awarded for various parade catagories. There will be games, a pancake breakfast and entertainers at the festival. BUT...WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE CON-SIDER DONATING SOME TIME.

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Turkey Creek Bridge Plans

If you read the Kansan Newspaper you know what's going on with the Southwest Boulevard bridge over Turkey Creek. If not, here's the story.

After the July flood damaged the Turkey Creek bridge, the City closed it to traffic. This has caused a severe hardship on numerous businesses and residents in the area, since there is no easy, direct route around this road block. Initally we were told it would be 18-24 months before the roadway would be reopened. This, understandably, caused a tremendous uproar from those most affected. After an inital, tense meeting with City officals and others on Aug. 16th, the wheels began to turn to provide us with a temporary bridge and to promote the businesses west of the bridge.

Councilman Elmer Sharp arranged a meeting of City and State officals, including Mayor Steineger, David Isabell, representatives from KDOT, FEMA, the Corps of Engineers, Bob Dole's office, Jan Meyers' office and Nancy Kassebaum's office to draft a plan for the reopening of the bridge. As a result of this meeting work should begin soon to replace the bridge. It is scheduled to be completed in 3 months or less (barring another flood) from September 9th.

The plan is to allow the engineering firm of Boyd, Brown, Stude and Cambern two weeks to draft the plans, one week for

the bid process and then another week for the chosen contractor to begin work. The City estimates that actual construction will take 6-8 weeks at the most. Dr. Sharp, Mr. Isabell, Meyers, Dole and Kassebaum's offices are pushing for a sooner completion date. Incentives are to be given to encourage a work schedule of 10-12 hours a day, 6 days a week. The City is committed to reducing this 3 month time frame as much as possible.

The construction will consist of a 2 lane temporary structure on the north side, constructed of girders and covered with a thin shell of concrete. This will carry vehicles of the same weight as the old bridge. The placement of this structure will

allow work to proceed on the southern 2 lanes of the permanent bridge without disrupting the traffic flow. When the southern 2 lanes are opened then the temporary section will be removed and work will begin on the northern 2 lanes of the permanent bridge. The cost of construction of the temporary bridge is 100% State reimbursable. The permanent bridge will be a 80/20 split with the City paying for 20% of the cost.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

In order to offer some possible relief to the businesses most affected by the bridge closing a Public Relations advertising campaign has been launched. The City, KCK Area Chamber of Commerce, WDI, BPU,

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Evening Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly membership meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, September 28, 1993 7:00 P.M. 3424 Rainbow Blvd.

This will be a chance for the membership to discuss their concerns and ideas for our community. I would like to update you on some of the things RDA has become involved in and I would like to have your input as to

the direction we should take as an organization.

Please bring a canned good to this meeting for the University of Kansas Medical Center Police Department's Feed-A-Family Program. RDA makes an annual commitment to collect at least 100 food items for this worthwhile program. Please be generous and help the needy in our community.

Festival & Parade

October 16th is just around the corner and our plans for the first Rosedale Parade in over 50 years and our festival are coming together nicely. But there is a lot of work that remains to be done. We still need more booth and parade entries, the more the merrier. Please pass the word to any craftsman or artist you RDA is also looking for busknow who would like to make some money by selling their goods at our festival. We also encourage anyone wishing to sell food or beverages to participate.

Included in the festival so far is a moonwalk and various games for the kids, the 24th Marines will have several vehicles with rocket launchers, the event, with the parade and mounted guns plus other military equipment. Food, beverage, information, arts and crafts booths will also be available for your enjoyment T-Shirt.) Above all else, Our entertainment groups will offer a wide variety of music, County & Western, Folkloric, Caribbean, and possibly Big Band or 50's & 60's. A D.J. will fill in between the acts and keep the flow going.

Our parade begins at 10am at Roe and Merriam Lane then continues east to Mill Street. We will be presenting trophies to the top competitors in the parade. The 24th Marines will lead off the parade as our first Color Guard. They will be followed by the Bonner Springs VFW Post as our second Color Guard, Our Grand Marshal is J-Doc from KU Medical Center. KU is also assisting us with the promotion of our event. Numerous politicans including Mayor Steineger, Councilman Sharp and County Commissioner Nancy Burns will be joining us. Other entrants include a saddle club, motorcycle club, numerous old and

custom cars, the Harmond High School Band, drill teams, floats and more.

If you wish to join the parade please call me, Wendy Wilson at 677-5097 as soon as possible so that we may reserve a place for you in our line-up.

nesses and residents who would assist us in sponsoring this event. There are certain expenses involved in putting on an event of this type, especially the first year. Any donation no matter how small will help to offset our incurred costs.

People to help on the day of and festival, are needed. If you have some time to give we could really use your help. (We'll give you a new Rosedale bring your family and friends on October 16th and have a wonderful time celebrating with all of us.

MACCOCHAQUE SCHOOL

Do you remember Maccochaque Grade School at 41st and Rainbow Blvd? If you or your children attended this school and have photos, mementos or stories to tell about the school or teachers please call Anita Strub at 677-1671. Or you may drop it by her home at 4417 Cambridge as soon as possible. She will assemble information for a booth at the Rosedale Uproar Festival on Memories from Maccochaque.

She would like someone to help her in the booth during the festival and someone to help her build a Maccochaque School on a float for the parade. Please call her as soon as possible. Thanks.

Shelter

On Friday September 3rd, the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging's Homeless Shelter (CFCA), 1 Elmwood Ave. closed their doors. According to Shelter Director Paco Wertin, at a meeting held earlier that day a decision was made to cease operation of the soup kitchen and overnight shelter. Mr. Wertin stated that this was due to a lack of funds to hire the necessary supervisory staff. CFCA's office and fund raising programs directed toward Catholic missionaries and programs in other countries will continue operation at the present location. Mr. Wertin stated that the CFCA hopes to continue caring for the needy in our community but at this time they don't know what that will entail.

At the recent meeting, August 31, of area businesses and the shelter everything went very well. The hot line that had been established was working to address issues before they became problems. It was apparent that the rail lines that had been closed due to flooding were once again open, bringing an increase in the number of new transients. This had not resulted in any increase in loitering or problems due to the hot line and Mr. Wertin's proactive stance in dealing with these new transients.

We hope that with the closing of this shelter we do not see an increase in loitering or crime. We do still see trucks picking up day laborers in this area. This is a concern that area businesses plan to address if the practice continues.

Jim Hentzen Dies

Jim Hentzen, co-founder of CFCA, passed away Monday night, September 13th. His death occured at home and was due to an apparent heart attack. He had a history of heart problems and had been uncomfortable for some time. Although Mr. Hentzen and RDA had been on opposite sides recently, we wished him no harm. I wish to express my deepest sympathy and offer condolences to his family and friends and to the CFCA. CFCA will continue to operate with Paul and Bob Hentzen at the helm. We wish them the best.

Bridge (cont.)

Gas Service Company and Marketing Resources of America Inc. have joined forces to let the public know that these businesses are open and to publicize the best best routes into and out of the area.

Print ads are being developed and will be run in the Star, Kansan, Dos Mundos, Wyandotte West and Suburban newspapers. Copies of this as will be made available to all area businesses for use as a mailer to their customers. A 30 second radio ad will be aired on all the top radio stations. Television ads will be aired on KSMO-TV (62), KSHB-TV (41), KMBC-TV (9), and WDAF-TV (4).

In addition, the City is producing special signage to be placed at both ends of the affected area to inform people that the business in between are open for business.

New Business

Fundways Theme Party Warehouse. 625 S.W. Blvd. is a business that is new to the Rosedale area. Owners Bob Tavernaro and Harold Davis of Fundways of K.C. recently purchased the existing Theme Party Warehouse business from the previous owners. They then moved it from Merriam to their newly purchased building at 625 S.W. Blvd.

Fundways Theme Party Warehouse is a prop rental, theme party business. They have an amazing variety of props. Jazz, Western, Hollywood, 50's, Oz, Sports, African, October Fest, Hawaiian, Beach Party, Circus, Las Vegas, life size Bill and Hillary Clinton, Fog and Bubble machines and more. They can even custom make props if given enough lead time. Rental is available from 1 day to months.

Stop by 625 S.W. Blvd. for a tour or call 236- 4242 for an appointment.

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Neighborhood Fights Back

There are slumlords in every city that get what they can out of a piece of property for as long as they can and put very little back into the property. One Rosedale neighborhood has a particularly bad slumlord who owns 10 houses in a 2 block area. Several of these homes are vacant due to past fires. One had no utilities turned on yet people were living in the house. All of his properties have codes violations and are in a general state of disrepair. To top it all off he is not paying the taxes on any of these properties. Some of his tenants cause problems by their nightly drunkeness. shooting guns off for fun and

using area sheds as outhouses.

Home owners in this neighborhood at Cherokee & Semimary St. have had enough of this man's 'business' practices and are fighting to reclaim their community. They have joined with each other, RDA, and the City to clean up their streets. Things are slowly beginning to change with the focused help from the Police, City Codes Div., Co. Delinquent Tax Dept. and other City departments.

They should be proud of the way they are working together to regain their community. Other neighborhoods may be able to learn form them.

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Wet First Festival, Great Parade

The morning of October 16th, 1993 began early for some of us. At 6:00 A.M., before sunrise, the truck bringing the canopy for the festival stage arrived and the men began to set it up. Within 30 minutes several vendors arrived and started setting up their booths using flashlights to see what they were doing. As the sun came up the pace picked up. Booth staffers, vendors, soundmen and volunteers were busy preparing for the day. The sunrise showed a gray foggy morning but no rain.

Meanwhile at 14th and Merriam Lane the Parade Committee was busy setting up the check-in booth and organizing those who had arrived early for the parade. Gard Corp. let us use their parking lot for the horse trailers and extra parking. The shopping center at Roe and Merriam Lane was our main stagging area. By 9 A.M. it was becoming hectic for the volunteers, only two of whom had any experience with parade organizing. Not only did all of the entries show up except for 2, but there were 3 last minute participants for a total of 47 entries.

As 10 A.M. arrived the parade began. marching east toward Mill Street led by the 24th U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard. They were followed by the Grand Marshall, K.U.'s J-Doc, Mayor Steineger, Councilmen Sharp and Corbett, BPU's John Feeback, High School Bands, other dignitaries, school groups, car and motorcycle clubs, saddle clubs, the Fire Dept., local business entries and others. As they filed past the Reviewing Stand Councilman Sharp, Tony Paddy, area resident, and Ed Beaseley III, Assistant County Administrator judged the entries. Trophies were awarded in 3 categories: Mounted- winner, Saddle Sores Club, Motorized- winner, Marshall-

town Central Betterment District, Overall- winner, Rosedale Middle School Pep Club.

We have already held a parade meeting to discuss what went right and what could have gone better and to begin planning for next year. There are definitely some changes we plan to make prior to next year's event. One is the date, it will be held on Saturday, September 10, 1994. Overall it was a very successful first parade thanks to everyone involved, especially the Parade Committee: Janette and Annette Strong, Marlene Clevenger, Shann Anderson, Becky, Mickey Pugh and Richard Moreno for a job well done.

As I arrived back at the Festival after the parade it was packed with cars and people. Kids were everywhere playing games and having fun. The Old Time Fiddlers and Pickers had just finished their wonderful performances, Gary Kirkland was beginning his performance of picking, singing and yodeling. Then it began to rain and it rained and rained and rained.

It looked like it wasn't going to let up any time soon. People tried to stay dry and wait for the rain to stop but after about an hour of continuous rain the vendors began to pack up and leave. Four vendors, a few visitors and some of the volunteers hung in there until 6 P.M. and listened to the band SDI. Thanks to all those who showed up and braved the weather. A special thanks to the people who stuck it out until 6 P.M.

There is always next year. The potential for a great festival is there. We had over 40 booths and a great turn out within the first hour of the festival. If only it hadn't rained. Next year we plan to hold the event on September 10th.

I want to thank the businesses and individuals who helped to sponsor this first event. If it hadn't been for them RDA would be in serious financial trouble. Although we were rained out we still had many up front expenses.

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Evening Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly membership meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, November 16, 1993 7:00 P.M. 3424 Rainbow Blvd.

Our guest speakers will be two officers form the Kansas City, Ks. Police Dept. Rex Garner, Vice and Narcotics and Sonny Callahan.

This will be a chance for us to ask questions concerning area drug houses and how we can assist

the police in ridding our community of these crime centers. We do have a number of known and suspected drug houses in the Rosedale area. A major push should be made to clean these places out.

We need to collect a few more non-perishable food items for the K.U. Police Department's Feed-A-Family Program. Please bring a canned good if you have not already contributed.

Liveable Neighborhoods

On September 2, 1993 the City Council established a taskforce to improve the livability of our neighborhoods. This is to be a partnership between government and citizens. As RDA's representative on this Liveable Neighborhoods Taskforce I have attended weekly meetings for the last 1 1/2 months, along with public officials and other citizens.

The taskforce put together a report setting out the taskforce process, guiding principles, problems, possible solutions and next step suggestions. On November 4, 1993 the report was presented to the City Council and accepted by them.

Our guiding principles stess the cooperation between a wide range of government resources and citizen participation at the grass-roots level, government must adopt a "can do" attitude to overcoming some of the legal barriers that hinder our ability to address complex problems, and County and City government must work more closely together.

At the first meeting we identified 15 major problems facing neighborhoods. We then reduced this to the top three: Tax Delinquent Property, Crime and Drugs, Enforcement of Property Codes.

As part of our suggestions for possible solutions we asked for the formation of a permanent taskforce. This is to be comprized of representatives from neighborhood groups, schools, City and County government agencies and other organizations concerned with efforts to improve our communities. We will attempt to create a program similar to the Minneapolis C.A.R.E. Program. and develop a resource directory of info. to assist citizens. We also plan a "war on blight" blitz on targeted neighborhoods.

A Catalog of Action Ideas to improve our neighborhoods is included in the report. Some of these ideas are "quick fixes" others are long term projects.

RDA Election

It's that time of year again when you as members must choose two people to serve as Vice-Presidents of the Board of Directors. The residential members must select a Residential Vice-President. The Business Vice-President must be chosen by our business members.

We will vote at the November 16th meeting. If you can not attend this meeting please use the ballot below to cast you vote. Send the completed ballot to RDA before Dec. 1. Results will be announced at our Holiday Celebration on Friday, December 10th. (More about this later, but mark this date on your calendar now.)

Vice-President,	Residential	
Tim Hamilton		
Vice-President,	Business	
Rick Silva		

Monument Unveiling

A wonderful monument has been added to the Rosedale Arch Memorial, thanks to George Armstrong's idea and persistence. Ray Pharis and others from the Rosedale American Legion Post 346 assisted Mr. Armstrong with the project.

The new monument contains the names of veterans from Rosedale who gave their lives for our country in times of war. The carefully researched list includes veterans from World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Everyone is invited to the formal dedication and will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, Nov. 13th. at the Rosedale Arch. Shuttle buses will be available from the Rosedale High School parking lot beginning at 10:00 A.M.

This monument stands as a long overdue tribute to those who died in service to our country. The dedication is your chance to honor these brave veterans who died fighting for freedom.

Pancake Breakfast

Rosedale Development Association will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 14th as a fund raiser. It will be held at the Best Western Village Hall, 3409-3413 Rainbow Extension from 8:00 A.M. till 2:00 A.M.

The breakfast will feature the famous flapjack flipper Chris Cakes. The cost is \$3.00 per person and includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee.

Please call Wendy at 677-5097 if you can assist with ticket sales or help serve the breakfast on Sunday.

This will be a fun opportunity to meet other members of the Association and watch Board Members work.

It will also be a chance to get one of the new RDA tee-shirts. I hope we see you there.

Alva Shipley

Alva C. Shipley, 84, long time member of the RDA Board of Directors passed away on October 1, 1993. Mr. Shipley along with his wife, Nadine was an active participant in all RDA projects. He was a former Treasurer of the Board.

Mr. Shipley owned Business Systems from 1948 until his retirement in 1991. He was also a member or the York Rite Masonry and the Corinthian Lodge in Burlington, Ks. He was also the former treasurer of the Ararat Shrine Temple.

We will miss Alva and his contributions to the improvement of our community. He was always there whenever help was needed to do a job. His death is a loss for the whole community.

RDA Update on Activities

COURT WORKERS

RDA is continuing to get several referrals per month from the Wy. Co. Municipal Courts of people who have been sentenced to perform community service work. We have been assisting the courts with this program for approx. 6 months. We do this by finding jobs or tasks for these people to do to fulfill their required hours of work.

The work has center around cleaning litter from roadsides, vacant lots and area playgrounds. They have also assisted area churches and residents with small jobs.

HELPING HOMEOWNERS

During the past month RDA has provided roofing materials to 2 area homeowners to repair leaky roofs. Western Roofing on Bell St. generously donated the necessary materials. We were also able to supply

recycled exterior latex paint to a homeowner through the Operation Brightside recycled paint program.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

Two Rosedale neighborhoods have recently formed Neighborhood Watch Programs.

The Shawnee Blvd. area has held several meetings to address their crime concerns and other problems. They have a number of good ideas for improving their area. If they stick together and work they can make their dreams become reality.

The Seminary/Cherokee area just held their second meeting. Their Watch Program is well under way with neighbors calling each other to pass along important information concerning suspicious activity. There are many nosey neighbors here, which is exactly what helps to reduce crime in any area.

Wet Fest.

The purpose of this event is two-fold. First to celebrate Rosedale's spirit and pride and to promote Rosedale to people from other communities. The second is to raise funds for RDA so that we may continue to assist this community and the people in it.

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