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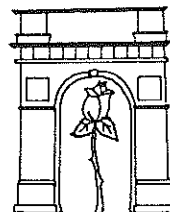
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LOOKING BACK ON '93

As the old year ended I thought of everyone who has supported Rosedale Development over the past year. You are RDA. I'm only here to work for you. I wish I could thank each and everyone of you by name here in this newsletter but, there are so many that the list would be the newsletter. Residents, business owners and employees, City and County officials and staff, Board members, and many others.

It was quite a year for me, never dull, a continual learning experience. Although it was a busy year I feel that there is so much yet to be done, so much to learn.

Some of this year's activities:

Completion of Rosedale Arch Masterplan.

A record amount of trash picked up during Operation Brightside's spring clean-up. (It took 4 days to pick it up.)

Aiding area businesses and residents after the Turkey Creek flood.

Our first parade in over 60 years and the renewal of our annual festival.

Using court referred workers to clean up Rosedale.

Assisting area residents with

materials needed for home repairs and making numerous referrals for assistance.

Providing over 100 items of food for the KU Police Feed a Family Program.

Working with the Liveable Neighborhoods Taskforce.

Improving relationships between area businesses.

Helping an area neighborhood fight a slumlord. Including helping two families move to better housing after their rental houses were declared "unfit".

This is only a partial listing of the things you, as a member have made possible.

We are looking to accomplish much more in '94.

BRIGHTLIGHTS WINNERS

Each year RDA assists with Operation Brightside's Brightlights Contest by selecting a winner in each of two categories. These winners from the Rosedale area are then judged against winners from other areas throughout KCK.

Congratulations to Bill and Deb Copenhaver of 2505 S. 13th Terr. for being chosen as the "Brightlights" winner in the Rosedale area. They have decorated their home with thousands of lights for the holiday season.

Congratulation to Charles and Ruby Chafen of 1110 Stine. Their home was chosen as the winner in the "Most Decorative" category.



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Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly membership meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, January 18, 1994
7:30 A.M.
3424 Rainbow Blvd.

Christine McMinn from KCK Community College will be our guest speaker for this meeting. Ms. McMinn works with the Wyandotte Co. Regional Prevention Center. She will tell us about the Center and a new program that she hopes will benefit our community.

Since this is our first meeting of the new year please bring your ideas for 1994:

Topics or speakers
Fund raisers
Fun raisers
Strengthening RDA
Projects RDA should work on

Thanks for your input on these matters.

POLICE

Hooray for the KCK Police Dept. Our crime rate for 1993 is **down 16%**. Along with this overall decrease in crime the Vice and Narcotics Dept. have made a series of large busts recently. These busts have netted a large amount of illegal drugs and weapons. The Police have also found the time to be very responsive to our needs in the Rosedale area.

If you have the chance to speak to an officer please take the time to tell them "good job". They have a very tough job and rarely do they hear compliments or are they told how much we appreciate them and the job they perform.

DUES DUE

Thanks to all of you who have supported RDA through your annual dues and special donations. You hold a special place in our hearts for without financial support RDA could not exist. Your involvement means a better, safer community for everyone.

We hope you will continue your support in 1994. If you paid your 1993 dues in Nov. or Dec. of 1992 then it's time to renew your membership.

Thanks to the following individuals and businesses for your new or renewed memberships:

Suntree Apts.
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COOKBOOK

Do you have any secret family recipes or fabulous feast dishes? Would you share them with us and others?

We are considering compiling a Rosedale Cookbook. We would love to include your special recipe.

If you wish to be a part of this project please send your recipes to RDA, 3420 Rainbow Blvd., K.C., Ks. 66103 or call 677-5097 for more information.

CRIME

Sometime late on December 13th or early on the 14th someone broke into Holy Name Catholic Church and School at 1007 S.W. Blvd. Their were some items stolen and a lot of damage done. Several stained glass windows were broken, doors were pried open, and the safe door was damaged. All of this will be expensive to repair but most important is the loss of a sense of security and trust.

If you have any information on this crime please call the Church or the KCK Police Dept.

BOARD OFFICERS ELECTED

On December 6, 1993 at the Board of Directors meeting the following officers were elected for 1994.

President	Gene Hill
Treasurer	Pat Brown
Secretary	LaVone Daily

The membership elected the following Board officers at the November 16, 1993 membership meeting:

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

All officers are elected to serve in their positions for one year, and may be reelected at the end of their term.

HOLIDAY DINNER HELPED NEEDY CHILDREN

The Salvation Army received over 50 toys to distribute to needy children from people who attended RDA's Holiday Dinner on December 10th.

Guests included Dr. Elmer Sharp and his wife Bonnie, Pat and Robert Woodbury, recipients of our Citizen of the Year Award for 1993, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Strasser and Ms. Lisa Gray to name a few.

The KU Inspirational Choir lived up to their name and provided truly inspired music. If you have ever have the opportunity to hear them don't miss it.

Thanks to Silva Foods for sponsoring the Choir, to the Best Western Inn for the beautifully decorated room and to everyone who attended. I also wish to thank everyone for their support and direction over the last year.

TULIPS

Thanks to a generous donation from Mrs. Robert Woodbury of approximately 100 tulip bulbs we should see some nice color this spring at Adams and Rainbow Blvd. The small flower bed on the northwest corner is maintained by the City Parks Dept. With their consent RDA recently planted the bulbs in a double circle near the center of the bed.

RDA has been investigating the possibility of designing and planting this bed with a combination of annual and perennial plants in order to make this an attractive bed year round. The Parks Dept. will have to approve our plan prior to spring planting. If approved it will save the Parks Dept. a small amount of money and become the beginning of an area wide beautification project.

Pancake Breakfast

RDA's pancake breakfast on November 14th, raised over \$400 for us. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets.

Chris Cakes did a great job of cooking regular pancakes and also Mickey Mouse and football shaped cakes. He has a pretty good pancake pitch, but we had some awesome catchers.

Thanks to Bichelmeyer's for donating 50 pounds of sausage for the breakfast. A special thanks to Pat Brown for pre-cooking all of the sausage. Thanks also to all of the other volunteers who cleaned tables, set-up and served.

It was nice to see new faces and old friends. I hope everyone had as good a time as I did. We will do it again.

JOBS AVAILABLE

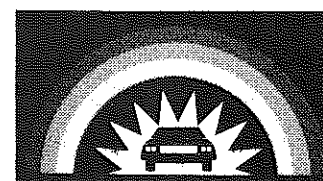
1. **Part time** with the Census Bureau. One week per month. Will be conducting employment surveys of KCK and/or KCMO. You will be using a lap top computer provided by employer. No experience needed. They will provide training on the computer. Must have car and home phone. **\$7.23 per hour & .25 cents per mile.** For more info. call Lori Walker **236-3752.**

2. **House cleaning.** Elderly area resident needs someone to clean her home once a week. If you are interested please call the RDA office for more info. **677-5097.**

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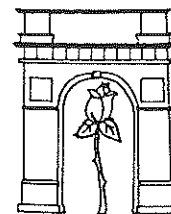
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NEW LIGHTS AT ARCH

Have you noticed the new lights at the Rosedale Arch? They are part of the continuing effort by RDA to improve the area and make it safer. They also fit into the Arch Masterplan for extensive redevelopment of the area around the Arch.

These lights were purchased and installed with the help of the City, Councilman Sharp and the BPU, specifically Bernie Wyman, Gary Schrader and Bob Sadrakula.

If you have a chance, drive up to the Arch and check out the antique reproduction street lights and the new standard lights that have been installed on Booth from the top of the hill to Rainbow Extension.

ATTENTION BUSINESSES

RDA will be contacting you in the very near future to let you know of a special meeting with the KCKS Police Dept. The Police want you to tell them what you need or want from them.

This will be the beginning of community oriented policing in the Rosedale area. The officers are ready to work with you, even walking a beat if that's what you think will be most beneficial.

GRAFFITI

On Saturday, Feb. 5th RDA removed graffiti from the walls of three buildings in the Rosedale area. Gragg's Paint donated the paint and painting equipment. A court referred worker provided the manpower.

Rosedale has not had a big problem with graffiti in the past, but in the last several months I have noticed this changing. The walls we covered were quite large. It is very important that any graffiti in our neighborhoods be painted over as soon as possible. It lets the gangs know that we will not tolerate their behavior in our community.

If you notice any graffiti in the Rosedale area please inform the RDA office so that we may deal with it quickly.

MUSIC WORKSHOP

The KU Medical Center Inspirational Choir announces their 4th year anniversary musical workshop.

Feb. 15th through the 19th.
\$10.00 for adults / \$5.00 youth

Classes include:
Songwriting
Vocal Technique
Youth Enrichment
Instrumental Music Comp.

Special Guests include:
V. Michael McKay from Houston, Texas

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For more information contact Elwanda Harvey at 588-1236



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Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly membership meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, February 15, 1994
7:00 P.M.
3424 Rainbow Blvd.

Emerick J. Cross, with the Wy. Co. Health Department, will be our guest speaker for the evening. He will present an educational program on radon gas and the Health Department's Wy. Co. Radon Testing Program. He will also discuss the County's Lead Testing Program.

Free radon testing kits will be given to the first 15 people who arrive at the meeting.

We will also discuss RDA's Scope of Services for 1994 and the philosophy behind community policing.

Please plan on attending. We will need everyone's input to successfully tackle the complex problems facing our community in 1994.

1993 ACCOMPLISHMENTS / SOME 1994 GOALS

1993 was an exciting and challenging year for Rosedale Development Association (RDA). When I came on board as the new executive director in January of 1993 I knew we had a lot of work to do and that I had a lot to learn. RDA needed to stir people to action, bring them together and help to resolve some tough issues in our community. I couldn't have begun to imagine all the help we were to receive. Help came from many directions, residents, businesses, the City, the County, the Police Dept., Dr. Elmer Sharp, Nancy Burns, Mayor Steineger, David Isabell, The Kansan and KMBC TV-9 to name a few.

Our first challenge presented itself in the form of area businesses that were having problems with the CFCA shelter & their clients. After an appearance before the City Council we were able to have a series of meetings between the businesses owners and the shelter to resolve the problem.

The next challenge was the damage caused by the flooding of Turkey Creek. This provided RDA with the opportunity to become more directly involved with flood affected businesses and residents. We were able to assist with the clean-up, act as an information clearing house, provide clothing to 2 affected families and with the assistance of the Wy. Co. Health Dept. provide free tetnus shots to 83 people at a location next to our office. One of our big concerns was the damage and subsequent closing of the Southwest Blvd. bridge over Turkey Creek. We were looking at this major artery being closed for 18-24 months and as a result the possible loss of several

businesses. But thanks to Dr. Elmer Sharp, Mayor Steineger, David Isabell and others the bridge was temporarily repaired and open within 4 months.

With the assistance of the Chamber of Commerce, WDI, Gas Service Co. BPU, and the City a major PR campaign was launched to encourage people to patronize businesses affect by the flood and the bridge closing.

A frustrated and upset neighborhood was to present our next challenge. They were experiencing crime and a landlord who owned multiple properties but did not pay the property tax or keep them up to code. Working closely with the KCK Police, the County Delinquent Tax office and the City Codes Dept., we have so far been able to resolve the crime problem and 6 of the unfit homes are currently boarded up awaiting rehab. This neighborhood has also begun their own neighborhood watch group.

As a result of working to find solutions to the above challenges RDA became involved with the Liveable Neighborhoods Taskforce from day one. We see this as a very important program in finding solutions to those large problems that affect the City and County as a whole. We are committed to seeing this program succeed.

Some of the other services RDA provided in 1993:

Helped Operation Brightside collect a record amount of 1,200 tons of trash in their annual clean-up in the Rosedale area.

Aided several families in finding suitable housing and helped them move after their rental homes were declared unfit.

Provided paint and roofing materials to needy area

homeowners.

Joined with the KU Police Dept. to feed 32 needy families at Thanksgiving.

Collected and donated 50 toys to be given to needy children in the KCK area.

Assisted 2 area neighborhoods and several area apartment complexes establish neighborhood watch programs.

Worked to identify area drug houses and provide the police with as complete a list as possible so that they can target them for increased patrols.

Provided over 100 hours of work to Court Referred Community Service Workers. Most of this time was spent picking up roadside trash.

Organized Rosedale's first parade in over 60 years and sponsored the first annual Rosedale Uproar Festival.

This year is shaping up to be even busier than 1993. RDA plans to continue networking to bring people and groups together to address issues and solve problems. We will continue to provide the same services as last year, address any crisis situations and embark on the following projects:

Develop a masterplan for the upgrading and beautification of S.W. Blvd./Merriam Lane from I-35 overpass to Roe. This will be done in conjunction with the residents and business owners in this area. If time permits we will begin on implementation this year.

Conduct a large scale voter registration drive.

Establish a Business Retention Group composed of business owners, City personnel and area bankers.

Establish a revolving fund to

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be used for forcing the sale of certain tax delinquent commercial property.

Focus on reducing the number of drug houses in the Rosedale area.

Push for community involvement in our schools. This includes the business sector and area residents along with parents and teachers.

We will continue to address community crime, reduce area blight and promote the Rosedale area.

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

We rely heavily on the financial support we receive from our annual membership dues.

Remember, this is your neighborhood organization. It is only as strong as the members make it.

Thanks to each of you.

1994 PARADE

We have begun planning for the 1994 Rosedale Uproar Parade and Festival. Entry forms for both the parade and festival are available for anyone who is interested. If you would like to have a stack of these to distribute to others, please contact the RDA office.

We would welcome anyone who wishes to help us in the planning of this year's event. The more ideas and helpful suggestions, the better our event will be. If you wish to aid us, please call Wendy at 677-5097.

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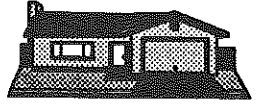
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