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# Rosedale Developments

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## ROSEDALE NEWS AND VIEWS

### Hello to Officer Zamora

Welcome to Tom Zamora, Rosedale's new community policing officer. Tom's pager number is the same as Officer Mahr's, 989-7773. He can also be reached at the Indian Springs office, 596-7021. He is currently serving as a recruiter for the KCK Police Department, so is only available part-time for Rosedale. He will be finished with this in approx. four weeks.

Officer Zamora comes highly recommended. We look forward to the day he will be with us full time.

### Spring Cleaning / Operation Brightside

Mark Saturday, April 26th on your calendar for our annual large item trash pick-up. It is time to begin your clean-up projects so all items for pick-up will be on the curb side by 10 am on the 26th. As usual a trash bag with a flier will be tossed in your yard about one week prior to the 26th. The flier will detail what will and won't be picked-up. Large items, stoves, washers, mattresses, rugs, brush, etc will be collected. Tires, car batteries, paint, chemicals and anything with Freon in it will not be collected.

If you are elderly or disabled and need assistance placing items at the curb, need assistance with yard work, or minor painting please call the RDA office at 677-5097. We will have high school students available to help you. This is first come, first served.

If your neighborhood group is planning a special clean-up project, we can provide students to help. Let me know how many kids you will need. Your group will have to furnish the tools.

At noon or 1pm we will have a picnic at Rosedale Park with hot dogs provided by Operation Brightside to celebrate our morning's work. Plan to join in on this annual spring cleaning event.

### Wyandotte County History Classes at Grinter Center

The History and Culture of Wyandotte County spring semester began January 27th at the Grinter Heritage Center. Although offered as a three credit hour class requiring a tuition fee, the classes are free to senior citizens. Individual sessions may be attended for a \$6 fee. Classes are on Mondays. Of special interest to Rosedale residents are:

April 14 - "The Sauer Home and the Sauer Family" by attorney and local historian J.R. Russell.

April 28 - "The History of Rosedale," by author and local historian Margaret Landis.

For information on other classes or to attend a class call 342-9556.

### Celebrating Rosedale's Neighborhood Volunteers

You're invited to join us for an informal / let-your-hair down get together to celebrate National Community Development Week at 6 PM, Wednesday, March 26 at Fog's Court (39th and Rainbow). We will have dinner and merriment. This is a

time just to have fun, no serious business allowed.

For info or to RSVP call Carolyn at 677-5097 or leave a message. See ya.

### FREE Immunizations for Rosedale Children

The Wyandotte County Health Department will offer FREE immunizations for children on Wednesday, April 16th, 1-3 pm at 4042 Fisher (Bellrose Manor). Parents should bring the child's immunization records. If you do not have records or need more information, please contact Yvonne Hutton (573-6743) at the Health Department.

### Signs Signs Everywhere Signs Messin' Up The Scenery

Have you noticed the recent explosion of "Work At Home" and "Weight Loss" signs appearing on area utility poles? I am sick of looking at these "rip-off" business signs in our neighborhoods and besides they are illegal. I urge all of you to tear down any and all of these illegally posted

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME BUSINESS HOUSEHOLD

ADDRESS

ZIP CODE

CONTACT PERSON

DAY PHONE

EVENING (RESIDENTS)

Annual Business Dues - \$60

Annual Household Dues - \$12

Please mail application along with check made payable to: **Rosedale Development Association**  
1403 Southwest Blvd.  
Kansas City, KS. 66103

## Monthly Meeting

### Snoopy Dogs of the KCK Police Dept.

Tuesday, March 25, 1997  
7:00 PM  
Bell Community Center  
36th & Rainbow

We will have a special presentation by KCK Officer Briggs and his drug sniffing dog. We are lucky to have two such highly trained canines in our local police department.

Join us for this show and bring the kids and neighbors. Learn how these dogs are trained and how important they are to our Police. It will be a night to remember.

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signs. It is against codes. I have called several of the phone numbers on the signs and asked that they remove them and in the future stop cluttering up our community. If they wish to advertise their business let them pay for an add in local papers, newsletters, radio, billboards, fliers etc. Thanks for your help with this. I have been removing all that I can reach, but many of them are too high up on the poles for me to remove.

### Art Tile Installers Needed

Ceramic tiles were hand painted this past summer by Rosedale students who participated in a Summer Youth Program conducted by Sandy Allen. Now she needs help from adult volunteers to install the tiles in the hallway of Rosedale Middle School. If you can help please contact her at 432-5752 or page her at 818-5384.

### Mouse Racing at Holy Name School

On your mark - get set - gooooo! The first annual Night of Mouse Racing at Holy Name School will be held on April 19, 1997. Along with the races a dinner is planned with a Mexican menu. The food will be served from 5 PM to 9 PM. The races will begin at 7 PM and run until concluded. **You must be 21 years of age or older to be admitted (No Children).**

The school is looking for donations and sponsorship for this event so that it will be a success as a fund raiser. If you would like to help or just want to purchase a ticket to the event call the school office during the day at 722-1032.

### Joe Davis - New Name in Codes

Rosedale has a new city codes inspector. His name is Joe Davis. Joe has a systematic method that he prefers to use when addressing code violations. He is working in various neighborhoods in a block by block blitz method.

I hope we will be able to get him to attend our bi-monthly CATS meeting and that area neighborhood groups will invite him to one of their meetings. I look forward to getting to know Joe and working closely with him to solve problems.

Several weeks ago the Codes Inspection portion of the Inspections

Services Dept. was reassigned to be under the supervision of the Police Department. Lt. Ohler is now the new supervisor for codes inspectors. It is hoped that this move will greatly improve the effectiveness of this division. Lt. Ohler needs our support and cooperation to make this transition a success.

### Planting a Garden? Free Seeds From Strasser.

If you are planning a vegetable garden or just want to plant a few simple marigolds RDA has the seeds for you. Strasser True Value Hardware has donated many packets of seeds (dated for last year, but still good). If you wish to try some of these seeds just stop by the RDA office and help yourself. We have peppers, squash, peas, collards, lots of carrots, lettuce, turnip greens, and lots of marigolds. Your neighborhood group is welcome to take some for your next meeting.

### House # 2 Boarded Up and Lot Cleaned

In January we were able to get our first house boarded up with donated lumber and help from an area resident. In February the house at 1513 Southwest Blvd. was secured, again with donated lumber and help from members of the Rose Alert Neighborhood Group. This property has been abandoned by the owner, (who neither I nor the City can locate), but is not yet three plus years tax delinquent. It is not too trashed and could be fixed up. It looks like a rehab job had been completed fairly recently, but since it was open and abandoned the appliances and fixtures have been ripped out. This house sits next to a home occupied by one of our very troubled youth. I fear that may be the reason the house was abandoned.

The yard of the home was solid trash but luckily a man who needed to complete some community service work was available to clean it up. He labored long and hard for two days to pick up all the debris. He even helped out the elderly neighbor to the west.

RDA has worked with codes and located the owners of several different vacant open properties to get the houses secured. If you know of any open vacant houses please call the RDA office. We don't want vagrants setting fires or kids "exploring" and possibly getting hurt.

### RDA Helps Neighbor Acquire Home in Need of Repair

The old house at 1018 Dodson had been neglected for years, but was home to a very independent elderly lady. The owners had inherited the house and let the woman live out her life in the structure. After her death this past fall the owners planned to demolish the home. A family who lives across the street wished to clean and fix up the house to use as a rental so they might make enough money to send their children to college. The family speaks little English but the wife is a very astute business woman. With the help of RDA the owner agreed to Quit Claim the home to the family. RDA made the arrangements with a local attorney to draw up and file the necessary legal papers and as of last week the property was transferred to the neighbors. They are now working on acquiring the neighboring vacant lot. We wish them the best of luck.

### Many Look for Tax Delinquent Properties to Purchase in Rosedale

In the past several months the RDA office has been busy providing information to area residents wanting to purchase tax delinquent properties. We are more than happy to help get these properties into the hands of people who will maintain them and pay the taxes on them.

Currently there are two methods of purchasing tax delinquent parcels. One is to write a letter to the County Counselor, Jeff Fendorf, requesting the parcel be placed in an upcoming tax sale. The county is now saying that this may take anywhere from **one to two years**. I have created a form letter to be used for this purpose and it is available in the RDA office.

The second method, which is supposed to be faster, can be used only if the delinquent property has a common border with a property you already own. This method uses K.S.A. 79-2811 to gain ownership. I have copies of this form in my office also. Three people are currently trying this method to get vacant lots that adjoin their homes. We will see if this works and if it is faster than the tax sale method.

It is my hope that the County finds some means of speeding up the tax sale process, especially when we have

people who want these properties and will begin paying taxes. I understand that there is quite a backlog of letters requesting properties to be placed in a tax sale. Every month delay is lost revenue for the County and a property that remains a blight on our community.

### A Sad, Sad Story From Rosedale Middle School

Several weeks ago I had the chance to sit in on an eighth grade Science class. This was with the teacher's permission and that of the school principal, Mrs. Daniel. I was shocked and saddened at what I saw. For the duration of this class there was absolutely no education going on. The students were passing notes, goofing on each other and very bored. Many came to class without paper or pencils. The tops and sides of the lab tables are covered by gang graffiti, mostly done in pencil that could easily be removed. The teacher began the class by saying that no one in the room was making a passing grade. After class, in the hall, she told me that this was one of her "best" classes. The class period was consumed with taking roll, placing the students in work groups for some future project and asking the students to copy a few lines off the board that consisted of 'Teacher's Responsibility and Student's Responsibility'. Directions were so confusing that even I was having trouble trying to understand what she wanted the kids to do.

I literally left the room in tears. The sheer waste of time and lack of education was overwhelming. I felt so sorry for the students. Even if a student wished to learn it would be impossible in her class as nothing is taught. I had heard from parents that there were problems with this teacher and others at the school, but I never imagined it was so horrific.

The teacher is a nice woman but she has some medical problems that are having a negative impact on her ability to teach. This has been going on for at least 2 years and possibly 4 years. How many students has she "taught" in the past 2-4 years? How many of our youth have lost out and are now behind in school because of her.

According to current District 500 standards it takes at least 2 years to remove a teacher who is bad or incompetent and has tenure. Our youth and community can not succeed

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with such a system. There are many good and caring teachers and they are also upset at what is going on.

I strongly encourage you to take one hour out of your day, any day, and visit one or several classes at the Middle School. See what is happening in the halls, ask parents who the good and bad teachers are. Visit one of each.

Our youth are not prepared for High School let alone College or a job. This is a critical issue. The only way to change it is for enough people to know what is happening and then as a group take action. If you would like to get involved and help our kids and schools contact:  
**The Rosedale Education Committee  
Karen Brink - 362-4511**

### JOBS

Dagwoods Cafe is looking for help. Contact Ruby Hare at 677-0747

Elite Courier is looking for a driver. Stop by at 1425 S.W. Blvd. or call at 262-2222.

Red Headed Mexican Restaurant needs dependable help at 542 S.W. Blvd. - 384-2223

### Rosedale Roses and Susie Overman

Susie heads up our Rosedale Beautification Committee and as such

the group has received a small grant from the Reg. Prevention Center of Wy. County for a project. They have chosen to beautify Rosedale by planting roses on the now empty triangle lot at S.W. Blvd. and Mission Rd. The group is awaiting approval from the City before they can begin. I can't wait to see the plants in bloom at this busy intersection. They will be a welcome greeting to all.

### Membership/Those Who Make It Possible

Thanks to the following residents and businesses for their support.

**Dwight & Nancy Mathis  
Bob & Carroll O'Neal  
Needham Plumbing  
Mr. & Mrs R.O. Circle  
Mary Hope Wood  
Lucille Boydston  
Ralph & Ilo Lickteig  
Sen. Chris Steineger & Sherry Wilson  
Crocker/Brown Household  
Bill Ward Painting Co. Inc.  
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George & Marie Littlejohn  
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Carole L. Finlay  
Shawnee Rd. Neigh. Watch Assoc.  
Kate Oglebay White  
Forrest Rhea  
Anne Hill  
James & Grace Harper  
Joan Bauer**

## Bell Community Center Spring Programs

A new program guide is available through the RDA office or at Bell Community Center. In order to make a success of the community management of this facility it is important that we have your participation and input. This is your center. Please help us out by participating in any center activity that appeals to you.

**Classes Offered:**  
Discovery Through Art  
Gardening With Grandparents  
Multi-Cultural Enrichment Program  
Karate  
Basketball Clinic

Intro to Painting  
Hip Hop Modern Dance  
Mexican Folklore Dance  
All That Jazz II  
Totally Fit Kids  
Doodle With Noodles  
Small Impressions  
Stretch n' Flex  
High/Low Aerobics  
Self Defense  
Adult Painting  
Flower Making  
Beginning Sewing  
American Sign Language  
Herb Gardening  
Silk Ribbon Embroidery  
**and more**

**RDA Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 18, 1997**

**7:00 PM**

**BELL COMMUNITY CENTER**

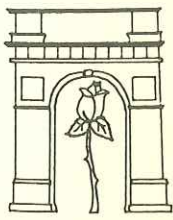
**36th & Rainbow**

**District 500 School Board**  
**Candidate Forum**

**This will be a very important election to the future  
of our schools and our community.**

**Many feel that our schools are in crisis and citizen input and  
involvement in District affairs is intentionally held to a  
minimum. Time and our youth are slipping away day by day  
and semester by semester. There must be a more effective and  
timely way of addressing problems in our schools and  
supporting those Principals and Teachers who are doing an  
excellent job.**

**This forum is an opportunity for you to question candidates  
and determine for yourself who will be most effective in  
improving our school system.**



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### Zamora Back in Rosedale

Tom Zamora has finally completed his stint as a recruiter for the KCK Police Department. During these past two months he has spent the majority of his time at area colleges looking for a few good men and women who might wish to join the KCK Police Department. He has also been working overtime hours to address community policing issues in Rosedale.

As of Monday, April 14th, he will be back with us as a full-time community policing officer. YEA! I look forward to working closely with him, as many of you do, to help us address some area issues. Summer is just around the corner so now is the time to focus on our youth and eliminate drug houses.

In order to help Tom, I ask that each neighborhood group prioritize the issues you wish to have his help on. He feels it will take his several months just to catch up. If we work with him to address the biggest problems first and wait on the smaller ones or seek alternative solutions we can look forward to a good summer.

With your help I am hoping to put together a list of "problem youth", both young and old, and their families so they can be targeted for help. I am discovering in many of the situations I hear about young children causing problems that there are also reports of domestic violence in the home. These children are only acting out what they see at home. If dad and mom interact by hitting and yelling the children do the same to other kids and to the neighbors. I plan to ask Tom to help us with this issue.

Domestic violence is a BIG problem. It has such a devastating effect on the kids. Let's work together to get out information on the effects of and help for victims of domestic violence. If only one family gets help it will be worth it.

### Spring Break Lock In - Success

On March 20-21 Bell Center was the site of an overnight party for middle school age youth from Rosedale. Susie Overman was the instigator, coordinator and main supervisor of this event. Susie had applied for and received a mini-grant from our friends, the Regional Prevention Center to put on this over nighter. She also had help from the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and some Americorp workers.

The 35 plus youth, boys and girls, had a great time playing volleyball, basketball, board games, watching movies, eating, dancing, participating in relay races, and a talent show. The plan was that at sometime during the evening the youth would become tired and get some rest. But no, they stayed up all night and didn't get sleepy until around 7am when some of them began to call their parents to come and pick them up. The scheduled end time was 8am. Everyone had a fun and safe, but tiring, time. **Thanks Susie, for caring enough to donate your time and energy for our youth.** You provided them with an experience that they will always remember and cherish.

### Clean-Up, Special Trash Pick Up Saturday, April 26th

Just a reminder to place your items for pick up at the curb side by 7am on the 26th. **Do not place items in a container or trash barrel unless you want the container disposed of.** The following items will not be picked up: tires, batteries, propane tanks, paint, solvents, flammables, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers or hazardous waste. These items can be disposed of through the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. The site is open from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on the following Saturdays: May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20 and October 18. It is located at 2443 S. 88th St. in KCK. For more info. Call the Water Pollution Dept. at 573-5400. This site will also serve as a recycling drop-off point on the same days.

On Saturday several neighborhood groups are planning special clean up activities in the morning. At noon in Rosedale Park we will have a picnic complete with free hot dogs, buns and drinks courtesy of Operation Brightside. We encourage everyone to come and bring a side dish and your kids.

## Monthly Meeting

Special Meeting This Month

### KCK Police Dept. Operation Reclamation

Tuesday, April 22, 1997

7:00 pm

City Council Chamber - City Hall

The KCK Police are hosting a special meeting for neighborhoods. Since this falls on RDA's regular meeting night I encourage all RDA members to attend this meeting ,

They will be providing "how to" info. on Citizen Patrol activities, drug marches and Operation CARE, a directed enforcement project. It should be a great meeting.

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### Parade and Festival, September 6

Once again this year we are planning on having a Rosedale Festival and Parade. It seems many people have a good time at this event and feel that it helps to pull the community together.

This year Melissa Smith and her family have stepped forward to take the lead in organizing the Festival. But, they will need everyone's help. It is a BIG job to plan for this one fun day. If you have ideas on how we can improve on the event, cut costs, know of entertainers or just have time to donate to the cause please, please call Melissa at 342-1110 (this is her number at work).

It is possible that Paul Davidson, as RDA Board Residential Vice President will pull together a group to plan the Parade for this year. If you have ideas or time to help please contact Paul at 262-2741.

Our event could be improved on in a variety of ways. Including the addition on special events, like last year's bike derby for the kids, or maybe a horseshoe pitching competition, or cow pie toss, or any of a host of other ideas. We need your help and ideas to grow this event. This is Rosedale's only large community event and we want it to be GREAT! No idea is too big or too small to be considered. Just call either Melissa or Paul.

### Mail Delivery Hindered

Due to groups or individual dogs running loose in the neighborhoods some people are not receiving their mail on a daily basis. Mail carriers do not have to deliver mail if they are fearful of being bitten by a dog, (this may be your dog or a neighbor's). In one area this has happened on several occasions and is causing tension between neighbors. If a mail carrier is bitten and they have not done "everything possible" to avoid it, including cutting off mail service to the area in question, they can be reprimanded or possibly lose their job.

If you have a dog it is your responsibility to make sure it is secure, and not running loose even for a few minutes. If your neighbor allows their pet run loose, please ask they not to or if you feel this will cause problems, you can ask your neighborhood group to take up the issue or just call Animal Control at 432-0669.

### Rosedale Litter Brigade Off to a Good Start

Off to an impressive start, the Rosedale Litter Brigade filled 23 large bags with trash at an elderly tenants home at 4112 Lloyd. They also cleaned the vacant lot next door, all on March 22. The following weekend, yes Easter weekend, one of the team members, Andy Jackson, lost control, had too much fun and single handed cleaned up Mission Road hill. The City Parks Dept. was called and picked up the bags on Monday.

This Litter Brigade is comprised of neighborhood volunteers who once a month get together to clean up an eyesore or help a neighbor. They usually do this on a Saturday morning. By all reports a good time is had by all. New friends are made and a good feeling invades the spirit, knowing that you have helped a neighbor or your neighborhood.

The group will meet next on April 26th, 9am in the Bell Center parking lot, 36th and Rainbow. They meet the 4th Saturday of each month. If you just can't resist all this fun, don't miss out, call Susie Overman at 236-6406 or Andy Jackson at 236-4077 or just show up on the 26th.

### Sharing Community to Provide HELP for Elderly or Disabled

Last year the Sharing Community Church at 1444 Southwest Blvd. hosted a group of high school age youth from outside the KCK area to work as community volunteers. They cleaned vacant lots, helped with painting and minor home repairs and generally had a good time.

This year the Church will host at least four groups of youth on different weekends. If you or a neighbor of yours need help with things such as: yard clean-up, outside painting, window cleaning, minor home repair, window repair, vacant lot clean-up or any other task which you are unable to do yourself, help may be available. The groups will be in Rosedale on May 27-29, June 9-13, July 14-18 and July 21-25.

To get assistance you must fill out a simple request form. These are available in the RDA office or by contacting Karl Wenger, Sharing Community in Rosedale, 1444 S.W. Blvd., 236-8820.

### The History of Rosedale Presentation

On Monday, April 28th, Margaret Landis, local author and historian, will give a presentation on the "History of Rosedale" at the Grinter Heritage Center, 1420 S. 78th Street, from 6 to 9 pm. Senior citizens are admitted free and others pay a \$6 fee. No advance registration is required. For more information call 342-9556.

### May Grassroots Leadership Training

On May 12, the next in a series of trainings provided by the Regional Prevention Center of Wyandotte County will be held. The topic will be Home Repair and Resources. The trainings are free but you must call and register in advance since a meal is provided as part of the training. The workshop begins at 6 pm with dinner and runs until 9 pm. To make your reservation call Jane Maier at 596-9685. These are great workshops. I always learn something new.

### Special Business Workshop in Rosedale

The Customer Connection is the title of an upcoming special workshop targeted toward retail businesses. On Thursday, May 8, Bill Park will show businesses how to design and produce ads that will attract customers, how to choose and display merchandise, and how to keep customers coming back. This workshop is primarily targeted toward small, independent retailers.

Commerce Bank is co-sponsoring the event along with the KCK Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held at the Best Western Inn, 501 Southwest Blvd. From 7:30 am to 9:30 am. Fees for the workshop are \$19.99 for Chamber members or \$24.99 for non-members. For an additional fee Mr. Park will conduct an In-Store Consultation.

Businesses should receive a flyer in the mail soon. If you don't get a flyer you can call the RDA office and we will send one to you. For more information contact the Kansas City Kansas Area Chamber of Commerce, 371-3070.

Thanks to Commerce Bank for agreeing to Co-Sponsor this event.

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### YOUTH NIGHT TO START AT BELL CENTER—MAY 3

People get ready, there's a good time a comin' on Saturday night May 3rd, from 7 pm to 11 pm. This is the first Rosedale Youth Night for kids from 12 to 16 years old. Thanks to sponsorship from the Rosedale Optimist we hope to make this a regular event during the school year.

A live band and a D.J. will be on hand for this first Youth Night. The kids can dance, play basketball, volleyball or just hang out and talk. Snacks will be available. This is all FREE for the youth. We are modeling this off of the Argentine Youth Night started by Diane Aguirre. She has been having safe, successful events for over a year now. Four to five Sheriff's Dept. Reserve Officers provide security. They use a hand held metal detector on each youth as they enter, check for drug or alcohol use and deny entrance to anyone wearing gang colors. Each entrant must have a pass that will be distributed by area school counselors. There are no ins and outs, once a kid leaves the center they are not readmitted that evening. We will need 8 to 10 adult volunteers to act as chaperones at each Youth Night. (I'm hoping some of you may want to help.)

We hope to provide a safe yet fun spot for our young people to get together on a Saturday night. There is not much for kids to do in KCK on a Saturday night especially if they don't drive. We want to keep them from "hangin'" on the streets or at another kid's house, unsupervised. If we can make this as successful as Diane's then the youth will have two nights a month that they can choose to attend a Youth Night.

If you have any ideas on how we can make this a better event, provide more activities or host special nights, please call the RDA office. If you have three hours on Saturday night May 3rd, we could use your help. Us, old folks can dance too! It just might be fun.

### Cinco de Mayo Parade & Fiesta

This year's celebration will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 3 & 4 at Shawnee Park, 7th and Osage. The fiesta runs from noon till 8pm on the 3rd. The parade will be at 10 am on Sunday the 4th, fiesta from noon to 7 pm. Call Azteca Cultural Society, 931-8869 for booth and parade entry info.

### Friendship Heights, New Neighborhood Group to Meet

The first meeting for this group is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 7 pm at the Kiddy University Day Care Center on S. 7th. The initial boundaries for this group will be from S. 6th to 10th Street and from County Line Rd. to I-35. This is a BIG area, but we will start slowly.

If you live in this area watch for a flyer in your door. If you part of another group and would like to help get this group going you are very welcome. I feel that this is going to be a very strong group just from the 10 people I met at the planning meeting.

This is a major step toward RDA's goal of having every home in Rosedale in an area covered by an active neighborhood group. See ya at the meeting.

### Current Crime Stats Available

The RDA office has a print out of crime reports in the Rosedale area for the past 3 1/2 years. If you or your neighborhood group wishes to look at the list stop by our office at 1403 Southwest Blvd. It is a very revealing list.

### RDA Helps Homeowners

This past month RDA has used court workers to assist an elderly property owner who was in trouble with codes for her vacant house at 1014 Ball Lane. The worker spent many hours cleaning up the trash around the dilapidated house.

Another lady from the Spring Valley neighborhood was out of town when her home caught on fire. She was also without insurance. A court worker spent a day helping her clean up the mess so repairs can be made.

### Up With Parents and The Partnership

The Partnership is a group of area agencies, business owners, residents, church leaders, and police that are meeting at RDA once a month to make the dreams we have for our community come true. One of our first tasks or cooperative events will be with KUMC on May 21 and 22nd. On one evening a nationally known speaker will be at KU to provide parents with information on handling children and getting them ready for tomorrow's world. On the second evening he will speak to educators on dealing with discipline in the classroom (CEU's will be available for this training). These two workshops will be offered FREE. I will have more on this event in the next newsletter.

### RDA Building Committee to Start Clean-Up and Renovation

The RDA Board's Building Committee has begun planning for renovation of our building at 1403 S.W. Blvd. An initial clean-up is planned for April 19th. I will keep you informed on the progress and in the near future be seeking some volunteer workers. I can't wait to have a decent office and meeting room and I know that many of you are also looking forward to an improvement in our space.

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