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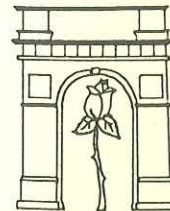
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ROSEDALE NEWS AND VIEWS

GET READY - ROSEDALE PARADE AND FESTIVAL - SEPT. 6.

The 5th annual Rosedale Parade and Festival is just around the corner. Round up the family and join in the spirit of celebration with us. "Strike Up The Band!" is this year's parade theme with hopes that the festive spirit will carry through this special day full of fun. We will have music, dancing, singing, games for the kids, food, moonwalk, a petting zoo, information, commercial vendors and more.

The parade, led by Parade Marshall Harold Strasser, begins its march eastward at 10 a.m. from 14th street & Merriam Lane to Southwest Boulevard & Mill Street. There is still time to be a participant in the parade if you wish. Just call the RDA office. Trophies will be awarded in four categories this year: motorized, theme, most unique and overall winner. Awards will be presented at the Festival. Families, youth and area businesses are encouraged to participate.

The Saturday Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Rosedale Park, 42nd and Mission Road. Admission and parking is free. We will once again have a stage with all day entertainment. One of our guest performers is Bill Laursen, formerly of Bill Henry and the Shouters. For those of you wishing to set up a booth we have a few remaining spaces, but you should contact us as soon as possible to be assured of a place.

The events are organized by RDA and neighborhood volunteers for you, your family and friends. "This is an opportunity to showcase our community spirit and cooperation," stated Rick Silva of Silva Foods. Rick is a local businessman, President of the RDA Board of Directors and entertainment coordinator for this year's event.

As always we need your help to make this a great event. If you have time to volunteer, we could use you for the

parade or festival. It takes a lot of people on the day of the event to make sure everyone has fun. We need a few special people to help with the kids games. This is a very important part of our event.

The point of this event is to bring our community closer together, to build a relationship between people that permits us to not only have fun together but to handle problems and difficult situations more easily.

If anyone wishes to help us but doesn't have the time, we could use financial assistance in the form of sponsorship for entertainment, sound system or tents,

Whitmore Playground Celebrates 20th Birthday

The evening was hot and so was the entertainment at a get together sponsored by the Sharing Community at Whitmore Playground. People danced to music, ate hotdogs and cake, reminisced and enjoyed the party.

Twenty years ago the Sharing Community, Vista volunteers and the City joined to create this wonderful park and playground in the 1400 block of

Southwest Boulevard at the site of the old Whitmore School. Many present on this evening had attended the school in their youth. This park, meticulously maintained by the Sharing Community for the Rosedale community, is enjoyed by a wide variety of people. On any given day I can see families with small kids, teens, older adults, black, white, Hispanic, and orientals mixing together in this park for a game of ball, to sit and talk or to play on the swings and slide.

It makes me proud of Rosedale to see so many diverse people coming together and enjoying this park so freely, without conflict. **Thanks to the Sharing Community Church for this gift to our community.**

RDA Office Gets a Face Lift

On Tuesday four angels arrived at our office dressed in white and bearing paint, plaster and skills to give the RDA office a new lease on life. The leader of this group was Bill Ward, owner of Bill Ward Painting on Merriam Lane. They were fast, neat and very professional. We invite everyone to stop by and check it out. **Thanks to Bill and his crew for brightening our home.**



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Monthly Meeting

Kaw Valley Habitat for Humanity

Tuesday, August 26
7 pm
Bell Community Center

Kelly Willoughby, Executive Director for Kaw Valley Habitat for Humanity, will be our guest speaker for the evening.

We will discuss any new info. on Bell Center and I will report on crime problems in several neighborhoods and what RDA is trying to do about it.

Rosedale News and Updates

River Cruise Refreshing

Eleven of us rolled down the river on Saturday, August 16th on the Missouri River Queen. This was the first time I had been on this cruising riverboat and it was GREAT! We had fun joking, telling stories and watching the river flow by. With three decks to choose from and a light crowd it was easy to have a quiet place to sit and relax if one wished. I hope we can plan another one of these trips in the future and more of our friends from Rosedale will join us. I encourage all of you to spend an evening on this boat, just for fun. The boat is currently for sale so you may want to book your trip soon.

Habitat for Humanity Looking for Lots

Kaw Valley Habitat for Humanity has contacted RDA to help with their search for buildable vacant lots in Rosedale. Their experience in building the house on 43rd Street was so pleasant they would like to build more homes in our area.

Habitat prefers to build several homes in close proximity to each other as a cost cutting measure. I have located several such lots that are tax delinquent or the owners are willing to donate the lots. Although Habitat likes the lots and the locations they are very overgrown with large trees that will have to be removed. Since this can greatly increase the cost of the project we are looking at ways to join with other parties to clear the lots and provide a clean buildable site. John Fenton of Able Tree Service, and a Rosedale resident will look at the lots and provide us with a ballpark estimate for tree and brush removal. I hope we can make this project work. We will not only be cleaning up lots that have been neglected for years but will have new homes and new homeowners in our neighborhood. If you have any thoughts or concerns about this project call the RDA office.

ITS NOT TOO LATE TO JUMP IN THE POOL!

Although Rosedale doesn't have its own pool we have access to a new pool in Roeland Park. On August 17th they opened a new Aquatic Center at 4850

Rosewood. This pool will be open to everyone at a cost of \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under or adults 50 and over. The pool is open from 10 am - 7 pm weekdays and from 10 am to 8 pm on weekends. I know this is not the same as a Rosedale pool but it is close by and very reasonable. I don't know when they plan to close for the season but you can contact them at 236-4343 for more information.

They have a 120 foot water slide, a group slide, a drop slide, vortex pool, 1 and 3 meter diving boards, zero depth entry with fountain sprayers, a separate kiddie pool with a whale slide and "lemon drop" sprayers. Also included are concessions and of course, a bathhouse.

Grassroots Leadership - Sept. 8

Creating a Caring Community Through Communications is the title of the upcoming Grassroots Leadership workshop on *Monday, Sept. 8, 6 pm to 9 pm*. Stasia Wolcheski will present this program about human connections and how words *can* hurt us and our community.

The Regional Prevention Center of Wyandotte County sponsors these free educational workshops to help us build strong, positive relationships and neighborhoods. These workshops are open to anyone wishing to attend. All you are asked to do is call 596-9685 to make a reservation so they know to expect you for the free dinner at 6 pm. The deadline for reservations is Sept. The training is held at the Kansas City, Kansas Community College at 7250 State Ave.

Last month's workshop on Domestic Violence was fantastic. It provided me and several others from Rosedale with a better understanding of this issue and its impact on families and neighborhoods. It also gave us some good ideas on how we might work to reduce this problem. Our goal is to build a community that is safe from physical, emotional and environmental violence.

I have learned something new at each workshop, met new people and had a good time. I encourage anyone with an interest in learning new skills to attend.

Neighborhood Yard Sale

Shawnee Road Neighborhood Association.

837 Shawnee Road
Friday & Saturday
September 26 & 27
8 am to 5 pm

Crafts, Ceramics, Trash,
Treasures and much more.

Shawnee Road Group Produces Directory

With help from Councilman Don DeSeure the Shawnee Road Runners have compiled and printed a neighborhood directory. The multi-page book not only contains names, addresses and phone numbers of those residents wishing to be listed it has a quick reference guide. Included is a list of Wyandotte County attractions, area churches, important city and county phone numbers, local dentists, financial institutions, local elected officials, hospitals, hotels, libraries, meeting rooms and facilities, restaurants, schools and more. There is also a list of the Community Policing Officers and their pager numbers, state senators and representatives with corresponding maps of their districts, BPU officials, and a listing of most of the active neighborhood groups in KCK.

This is a nice book that would be a great gift in a welcome basket to new residents as well as for established residents. If your neighborhood has been thinking of doing something similar you may wish to look at this book to get ideas. The RDA office has a copy you may look through, or you can call the group at 321-5835 for more information.

Vote, Vote, Vote

Tuesday, September 9

Remind your neighbors and friends of this important election.

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Rosedale American Legion Post to Close

Rosedale Post 346, The American Legion, after 77 years closed its doors as of July 15, 1997.

The Post was formed in 1920, receiving its temporary Charter on September 14, 1921 and its permanent Charter on September 9, 1925. There were 31 names on the original application. Over the years the Post has had 52 Commanders. Twenty-eight were WW I veterans, twenty-two were WW II veterans and two were Korean Veterans. Col. John B. Smith was the first Commander. For years meetings were held in McGregor's Hall on SW Blvd. In 1953 they moved up the hill, into a new building, located at 4310 Pearl Street.

The Post played an important part in overseeing the construction and dedication of the Rosedale Memorial Arch and over the years had taken an active part in the upkeep and improvement of it as well as other community projects. It is with a great deal of emotion and a sense of loss that we say our fond farewells to comrades and neighbors in the Rosedale area. We trust that through our efforts, in a small way we have helped the community to be a better place in which to live.

RDA Seeks Candidates for Board of Directors

The Rosedale Development Association is recruiting candidates for nomination to serve on its board of directors. RDA, a not-for-profit, community development group, needs resourceful, critically thinking, fair-minded individuals who can participate in monthly mid-day meetings plus assist in a variety of projects. Grant research/writing and fundraising skills would be a plus. Call the RDA office at 677-5097 if you know of a good candidate.

Walk for Your Health and SW Blvd. Family Health Care

This is an annual fundraiser for SW Blvd. Family Health Care, a not-for-profit, family clinic. They are dedicated to serving patients with little or no money.

This event will take place just prior to the Rosedale Uproar Parade on Sept. 6 at 8 am. Registration will begin at 7:30 am at Roe and Merriam Lane. The walk is only two miles long. You may pick up pledge sheets at: Country Club Pharmacy, SW Blvd. Family Health Care, Rosedale Development Association, Dagwood's Cafe, or Statscript. All proceeds will benefit the Clinic. For more information call 722-3100.

Citizen Patrol Training

Rosedale neighborhood groups are joining together to form a Mobil Crime Patrol. This effort is supported by the KCK Police Dept. who will be conducting the training sessions required for anyone who wishes to participate. The training involves approx. 25 hours of workshops consisting of the following: Patrol responsibilities, code of conduct, Patrol preparation and techniques, observation skills, report writing, legal issues, conflict resolution and practical problem exercise. You will be trained on the radios donated by the BPU just for local crime patrols.

If you are interested in being a part of this group contact Forrest Rhea at 362-8491. Training will begin soon.

The Bell Center Story, Update

RDA with the recommendation of the Bell Board of Directors will cease management of the Bell Community Center on September 1, 1997 due to a lack of funding to pay staff. As a result of the special community meeting on Aug. 4, 1997 we have sent a letter to the City Administrator to inform him of the community's wishes regarding the Center. The Rosedale community desires access to a facility for youth recreation and space for community meetings and classes. (There are several options on this). If Bell Center is to be sold we have requested an appraisal be conducted on the center to determine its market value and it be sold at or above market value. We also ask that any revenue from this sale be put back into our community. RDA plans to conduct a survey of area residents to help determine the desires and needs, including realistic use and support, for recreational and educational programs. We will share these results with the City so we can make the best use of the funds

from the sale of Bell Center.

I see several possibilities and opportunities for Rosedale to get our needs met and help the City reduce taxes through the sale of Bell Center.

We plan to distribute the survey to registered voters only. This will reduce our cost and focus on those who at least take some interest in our community and its future.

At this time I have had no further contact with KU or the Center on Aging. We are awaiting the appraisal and a response from the City. Please call RDA if you have any concerns, ideas or questions.

Bits & Pieces

The KU Urban Design program has volunteered some expertise to RDA to help us with plans for our building. KUMC has also offered to help us produce a promotional brochure. (These commitments were made prior to the Bell Center project).

RDA is working on several problem properties and plans to board up another house as soon as the present tenants move out. This house has been declared unfit after the second bust for stolen vehicles.

Membership/Those Who Make It Possible

Thanks to the following businesses and residents for your support:

Joan Hickman
Philip Gardos
Barnes Funding
Rew Materials
Inez Swindell
Power Equipment Sales
Control Design Supply, Inc.
Steve & Katie McCue
Susan Mason
Vernon Green
Jennie Geer
Carlos & Sharon Lopez
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Michael DeVault
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Greg Bergman
Bank Midwest
John & Claudia Pew
Ruth Cross
Rundle Family
Smoot Co.

RDA Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 23, 1997

7:00 PM

1444 Southwest Blvd.

Sharing Community Church

**International Speedway Corp.
(NASCAR owners)**

Representatives from International Speedway Corp. and the City will be on hand to answer questions and update us on the status of the racetrack.

This is the first scheduled community meeting with officials from International Speedway. Bring your neighbors, friends and kids to find out the latest on this exciting development for Wyandotte County.

I will also have on hand photos of some people who are wanted by local and Federal law enforcement agencies. These guys are reputed to be in the Rosedale/KCK area. See if you can ID any of them.

For more info. call 677-5097

**Thanks to everyone who is working to make
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by Anne Quinly

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RDA Receives Funds

In the past several months RDA has been blessed with additional funding.

American Legion, Rosedale Post 346 officially closed its doors in July after 77 years. As a result of this action they donated over \$5,300 to RDA to help us assist the people of our community. RDA has also accepted the Post's Charter and other historical documents for safe keeping. We hope to display them in our new office when renovation is complete.

RDA along with CABA, LRA and Concerned Citizens of Armourdale were each recipients of \$15,000 in District 4 sales tax money recently. The funds are to be used to assist elderly or handicapped residents with minor home repairs. The four NBR's have met and drafted procedures to help us maximize the benefit of this money to our communities. RDA will have a formal application process for those homeowners who wish to access these funds. Some match on the part of the homeowner will be required.

Commissioner DeSeure has allocated \$20,000 of District 3 sales tax money to RDA for housing project use. This will allow us to move forward on a new housing development project in Rosedale.

RDA has also been awarded a \$1,000 grant from Community Policing to be used to enhance our copier and create signs for use by neighborhood groups and our Community Action Team committees. The signs will be placed on vacant lots or roadsides cleaned by the groups, or to announce a special project or volunteer beautification efforts.

With all this additional funding it would appear that RDA is on Easy Street, wrong. Very little of these funds can be used to keep our office going. Almost all of the money is designated for new special projects that take additional time to manage. Yet, we are very grateful for the monies because it allows us to increase our service to the people of Rosedale.

Translating Info. to Spanish

As we go about our business of making Rosedale a better place to live and

connecting people and resources it is becoming increasingly necessary to have basic information available in Spanish.

As a result of discussions with our Community Police Officer Tom Zamora, RDA has begun work on the translation of basic codes information into Spanish. Some of our problems with codes violations are the result of residents not being informed of what the standards are in KCK. We are including a cover sheet to let undocumented immigrants know that they do have rights, responsibilities and resources to help them while they are here.

We hope the flyers will be ready before the end of the year. They will be available to neighborhood groups, our police officers, and codes officials. We are working on a resource card in Spanish and information on Domestic Violence. RDA is willing to share what we create with anyone who wishes to use the information.

Holiday Lighting Competition

Once again, RDA will assist Operation Brightside with their Holiday Lighting Contest. Rosedale winners in each of the Brightlights and Originality categories will be entered in the city-wide competition. Winners of the city-wide contest will receive BPU credits on their utility bills. So, get busy and light up your home for the holidays. Good luck!

Feed-A-Family Project Rewarding

For the twelfth consecutive year RDA has worked with the KUMC FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) to provide food to needy Rosedale families for Thanksgiving.

This year we were able to provide 26 families with food. Several families had more than six children. Each family received a turkey, milk, eggs, bread, canned goods, dry goods, cookies, cake mixes, and fresh fruit. Each received more than enough food to make several large meals for their family.

RDA identifies the needy families, provides the site to sort out the food and helps with the delivery. The FOP picks up the food, buying what they can't get donated, sorts the items (not a small job) and also delivers to the families.

This year the RDA office was full of food and people. It was a busy and rewarding experience. About one third of the families did not have telephones and several did not speak English. The families were truly reflective of our community's diversity. We helped Black, Anglo, Hispanic and Hmong families.

Election Ballot for RDA V.P.s

Each year in November RDA is required by our bylaws to let you, the paid members, vote on who you wish to represent your specific interests. Residential members vote for a Residential Vice President only. Paid business members vote for a Business Vice President only. The ballots are below. This year it is only a formality as we have only one candidate for each position. We will be adding several new members to the board by January, 1998 representing both the business and residential sectors. Next year we should have several V.P. candidates to select from in both categories.

Residential Vice-President

Paul Davidson

Business Vice-President

Myrna Corpeny

Crime Alert!!!

The holidays are upon us. Don't become a crime victim. In the past several months there has been a rash of break-ins at area homes. It is very important that you watch out for yourself and your neighbors. Please call the police if you see anything unusual. Check on your dogs if they are barking to see what or who they are barking at. Most of these break-ins are fast hit and runs. Some have occurred in the middle of the afternoon. Most of all, talk to your neighbors, let them know if you will be gone for several days and who if anyone may be at your house while you are away.

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see you there and learn from you.

Dottes to Advise Americorps

Connect the Dottes has agreed to act as the advisory board for the 1998 Wyandotte County Americorps Project. With several members of the 1997 advisory board to assist us in undertaking this task we hope to direct the Americorps workers toward more involvement with neighborhood groups and making the best use possible of volunteers.

RDA, KUMC and KCK/Wy. Co. Collaborate to Improve Rosedale

A new initiative is under way to take a long range view of our community and how we can work together to make improvements.

The group, called the Community Partnership Planning Committee is composed of RDA, KCK/Wy. Co. Gov., UMKC and the KU School of Architecture's Urban Design Studio. We began meeting several months ago to decide how this project would come together, who should be involved, how much funding would be needed and where would it come from. We are now at the how much and where stage.

The group has initially decided that this will be a 21 month project, through the spring of 1999. We plan to accomplish a series of interlocking goals. They are Organization and Fund-raising; Project Initiation; Project Packaging; Urban Design Framework; and Community-based Architecture.

The partners are looking at a broad range of initiatives designed to enhance the quality of life in the Rosedale community, from housing needs to continuing education, from citizen involvement to enhanced safety. We will look at current zoning and possible future zoning and development. How do we retain a sense of identity as a community and not "anywhere USA". How can we help our children bond with our neighborhoods, improve our housing stock, look at each new commercial development to see how it fits into a larger picture to make sure it helps not hurts our neighborhoods in the future.

We will be needing your help on this project, how do you envision your street

and neighborhood in five, ten, and fifteen years? We want to have a plan for all of Rosedale. A good plan that does not just sit on a shelf. One that has doable projects, large and small, so we can take them on and succeed. We are committed to moving from plans to action.

Bits and Pieces

RDA has coordinated the boarding up of two houses in Rosedale. One in the 1600 block of S. 15 Street. Americorps provided the labor and materials for this one. Sauer Castle was also boarded up, not by the owner but by a neighbor and other volunteers. Mr. Lopp, the owner has had his probation revoked by the court for not maintaining the grounds or keeping the home secure. Area resident Jeff Lysinger has been mowing the property and he helped with the boarding up. The City attorney is aware of area residents efforts to save this home from further destruction.

Thanks to Mayor Marinovich for taking an active interest in RDA's call for help in closing down three long running drug houses. RDA sent a letter to the District Attorney asking him to look at confiscating the homes as public nuisances. The Mayor received a copy of the letter and called a special meeting to see what could be done and how. She has City staff working on the problem.

New Developments

Rosedale is alive with new construction and plans for new construction. Fundways Theme Party Warehouse has sold their building on S.W. Blvd. and plans to construct a new building in the parking lot across from Sonic Drive-In. Work has begun on the self storage facility at 7th & S.W. Blvd. A Realtor has made inquiries on building a drug store at 43rd and Rainbow that would require demolition of the fire station and homes on the east side of Adams. (RDA and residents are opposed). Plans are being drawn up for a new building at 43rd and Pearl to house families short term who have relatives in the hospital at KUMC. KUMC is beginning demolition of the old nursing building on Rainbow.

JOBS

Need a job? Stop by or call RDA at 677-5097. We can provide you with a list of area businesses needing workers.

If you are going out of town: set your home lights on an automatic timer; ask a neighbor to watch you home, shovel snow, and park in the driveway from time to time; have mail and newspaper delivery stopped until you return. If you are out for the evening turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone is home.

Should you be victimized and have some of your stuff stolen it may be a good idea to pay a visit to the nearest weekend flea market to see if any of your items are for sale. I have noticed lots of TV's, CD players for home and car, sound systems, computers, tools and more for sale at the flea market on 14th and Merriam Lane. There are two main dealers who seem to have a lot of this type of stuff.

Neighborhood Leadership Forum - Monday, Dec. 8th

Want to know how to solve a problem in your neighborhood, what are your resources, who can and will help you, how have other groups solved similar problems? Maybe you have a unique method of problem solving or connecting people in your area. If so, join us for sharing and learning at this Neighborhood Resource Forum.

Connect the Dottes, a coalition of neighborhood leaders and resource providers, (RDA is a Dotted member) and the Regional Prevention Center are hosting this event.

This is the first of what we hope to be twice annual resource sharing forums for all Wyandotte County Neighborhood Groups. Our focus at this meeting will be on local government resources for neighborhood groups. On hand will be representatives from numerous departments of the new Unified Government. There will be time for you to meet with these officials on a one to one basis and for you to meet leaders of other neighborhood groups to see how we can learn from each other.

The event will be held at the Kansas City Kansas Community College, 7250 State Ave. A free dinner will be served at 6 pm. but you must call in your reservation for dinner (596-9685). The program will begin at 7 pm. I hope to