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communities, including Merriam. The reason given is that there is a group of organized criminals who deal in stolen checks. Sometimes they "purchase" merchandise only to return the items later for cash.

**Protect yourself:** These criminals are familiar with various store policies regarding check cashing and returns. They tend to strike at busy times when your clerks are most vulnerable. Make sure your policy is to see identification, preferably a driver's license or other state government issued photo I.D. Take the time to match the numbers on the check with the I.D. if all "pertinent" info is already on the check. Check the signature, a number of checks have been passed by the criminals signing Santa Claus to the check.

If you suspect that someone is trying to pass a bad check call the police and try to stall the person while holding onto the check. The person will probably demand the check back. If you refuse and the check is bad, the criminal will probably run out of the store. Try to get a good description of the person and if possible a vehicle description.

This is not a victimless crime, we all pay for it whenever we purchase any product.

### BOY SCOUT TROOP TO ORGANIZE IN ROSEDALE

For the first time in many years, the formation of a Boy Scout Troop is beginning in Rosedale. If you have or know of boys who are interested in having fun while at the same time learning life skills and how to become leaders, please contact Daryll King at 236-8781. Both boys and adults are needed to make this a success. The first meeting was held on January 21, at the Rosedale Congregational Church. Daryll, a co-leader of the Frank Rushton Neighborhood Assn., is waiting to hear from you.

### Grassroots Leadership Training: Grants

The first of this year's series of Grassroots Leadership Trainings by the Regional Prevention Center of Wyandotte County will be held on Monday, February 9, 1998 from 6 p.m. (for free dinner) to 9 p.m. The topic is "Applying for Neighborhood Self Help

**Fund Grants for Neighborhood Associations."** It will be presented by James Prim from Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance. The training will be held at the Kansas City Kansas Community College, 7250 State Ave, Jewell Building. **Dinner and training and free, but reservations are a must for dinner, call 596-9685 before February 3, 1998.**

### RDA Membership Dues Due New Schedule

This past year the RDA Board decided to change the membership dues payment schedule. As of 1998 all dues will become due on the first of January. This should help us plan our 1998 budget and goals. In order to do this fairly we have been prorating dues for the past six months. If you paid the full amount after March of 1997, this year's dues will be adjusted to get you on schedule.

All members should have received a letter from RDA recently with a reminder notice and the amount due. If you feel we have made a error (it could happen) please call the office at 677-5097 and we will be glad to fix it. Thanks for your support of our efforts to improve Rosedale.

### RDA Translates Code Info. into Spanish

RDA has noticed a growing need for basic information to be available in Spanish for residents, not only in Rosedale but city wide. We decided to start with the translation of basic city code regulations and include some information on what to expect (realistically) if you are an illegal immigrant. We included the name and pager number of our bilingual community police officer, Tom Zamora. Father Michael, of St. Josephs/St. Benedicts, assisted us with the basic translation. Several other Spanish speaking volunteers helped us refine our flyer.

RDA has made this flyer available to the Unified Government Inspection Services Dept., to NBR's in Armourdale and Central Ave. area and to anyone else who wants or needs to use this information. Groups may pick up copies at the RDA office, 1403 Southwest Blvd.

We are currently working on domestic

violence information for Spanish speaking residents. This was requested by our community police officers and by several area residents.

If you wish to assist with this project, please call the RDA office, 677-5097.

## Improved Housing: Big Focus in Rosedale in 1998

This year will see RDA working on several different fronts to improve our housing stock. We hope to have three to five new homes constructed, assist over 300 (yes, 300) owners repair their homes and work with a local church to make significant improvements to one block.

**Kaw Valley Habitat for Humanity**  
RDA has received notification that our bid for two tax delinquent lots has been accepted. Kaw Valley Habitat plans to construct three new homes on these lots on W.41st Ave. RDA has also requested three additional lots for the construction of two more Kaw Valley Habitat homes. The three additional lots will most likely go through the delinquent tax sale process.

We have been told that one of the new homes will be a women's project. This means that all construction will be completed by women. Construction is scheduled to begin this year, if all goes well.

**Christmas in October**  
It is now official, the non-profit group Christmas in October has selected the Rosedale and East Argentine community as the site of this year's projects. The group helps needy homeowners with necessary repairs. In the past two years they have focused on the Armourdale area, utilizing thousands of volunteers and last year repairing over 325 homes. RDA will act as the liaison with the community to identify those who need assistance. All homes must be owner occupied, no rental property will be addressed with this project.

RDA will need your help in making this a successful project and in reaching those most in need. If each of you will take the time to think of those in your neighborhood who could benefit from this project, jot down their names and /or

addresses and send them to the RDA office, it will be a big help.

**Sharing Community Church**  
Each year for the past fifteen years this church at 1444 Southwest Blvd. has played host to several summer work groups. These groups are comprised of Mennonite youth from other communities, including rural Kansas, Iowa, Indiana, etc., who come to Rosedale for a week of intense labor and service to help their fellow man and build comradeship.

This year Karl Wenger, from the Church, will be responsible for identifying the work projects. In the past they have mowed and cleaned vacant lots, repaired and painted homes and helped beautify Rosedale. RDA has offered to provide some materials for those homeowners who can't afford them, if the youth will provide the labor. Since most of the youth are "farm kids" they seem to have an abundance of construction skills.

Karl is looking for one block in the area near the church that can become a focus for this year's project. It will become a "model block" and by the end of the summer will be an example of what could be accomplished on every block.

**RDA Grants for Minor Home Repair**  
Several months ago RDA was awarded \$15,000 in District 4 sales tax funds. These monies are to be used to assist qualified homeowners with repairs. RDA has developed an application process for those wishing to use some of the funds. Applicants must own their home, meet income guidelines, and have tried to access City funds for the repairs.

RDA has just completed our first project with these funds. A sturdy metal handrail was installed at the home of an elderly single man who could no longer easily climb the steps to reach his front door. A neighbor completed the work. Neighbors also watch over him and provide some of his meals. It is a great feeling to have money available to help people who for the lack of a few dollars would struggle unnecessarily. Thanks to the neighbor and to Commissioner Bruns.

If you or someone you know is in need of immediate assistance, contact the RDA office at 677-5097 to apply for help.

### Boardwalk Apts. Under New Management

Just last week RDA learned that the Boardwalk Apts., 1100 County Line Road, were under new ownership and management. In the past, this complex has been the site of numerous problems. Area residents have seen their stolen vehicles coming out of the complex. Statistical data from the police department records hundreds of calls for service over a one year period. Our community officer, Zamora, had tried to work with the former management to clean up the place, to no avail.

We are hopeful that the new owners will upgrade the units and improve the overall quality of the residents, by eliminating the criminal element as much as possible. RDA has written a welcome letter to the new management encouraging them to follow through with their plans for an upgrade. We have offered our help, the help of the surrounding neighborhood, and our community police officer, to accomplish this goal.

### New Urbanism Workshop

On Thursday, February 12, 1998 from 11:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. an interesting workshop on the "New Urbanism" will be held at Westwood City Hall, 4700 Rainbow Blvd. John Anderson will present the workshop focusing on neo-traditional town planning and sustainable development. It will cover ways in which communities can take the next step to implement their new urban vision. Focus will be on policy, physical development, regulatory issues and a hands on exercise.

There is a \$25 fee that includes lunch for this workshop. For more information or to make reservations call Carmellya Anderson at MARC, 474-4240 ext. 282.

### RDA Adds New Board Members

At the December Board of Directors meeting four new members were elected. All are Rosedale residents and are very involved with improving our community. Brian Everett, is a case worker for Community Corrections and has an office at Harmon H. S. Jeanie Gouchenour is a leader in the Shawnee Road Neighborhood Watch Group and

works for KUMC. Belinda Harper has, for many years, focused her attention on our youth as one of the leaders of the DMB Dance Group. Susie Overman, RDA's Leadership Award recipient, has dedicated much time and effort to improving Rosedale. In November, the Board elected Deb Ward as a member. Deb and her husband Bill own and run Bill Ward Painting Co. in Rosedale. They live here and have rehabilitated several homes on their block. Deb is also active in animal welfare issues.

### "Stuff" You Can't Live Without

Rosedale Arch Pins and Rosedale History books are available at the RDA office. The pins are a gold tone metal arch with a red and green rose in the center. They sell for \$7. The history books, by Margaret Landis, are fantastic and sell for \$10.

### Jobs: VISTA

The United Way of Wyandotte County has secured a grant to hire two VISTA volunteers. These are full time positions and you must serve a one-year term. The benefits are a living allowance of \$649 per month, health insurance, a \$300 child care allowance per month and at the end of a year of service, an education grant of \$4,725 or \$1,200 to be paid to you directly.

If you are interested or want more information, call Jean Nelson at 371-3674.

### Newsletter Sponsorship

Pastor: Rev. Ken Berg  
Rosedale Congregational Church  
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Kansas City, Kansas 66103  
236-6337 or 236-4009

**Sermon Topics**  
**Sun. Jan. 25** - 11am "The Voice of the Spirit"  
**Sun. Feb. 1** - 11am "Discouragement, the Christian's Worst Enemy"  
**Sun. Feb. 8** - 11am "Riches Without Sorrow"  
**Sun. Feb. 15** - 11am "The Sovereignty of God"  
**Sun. Feb. 22** - 11am "Evidences of Salvation"  
**Wed. Feb. 25** - 7pm "Mediocre Faith"  
Ash Wednesday  
**Sun. Mar. 1** - 11am "Christ Only Response Will Do"