

Rosedale News and Updates

since been purchased and is being renovated.

RDA provided a small grant to a woman in order to clean out debris in a ditch behind her house that was causing flooding and property damage.

We assisted an 80-year-old woman with the purchase of a hot water tank in December 1999. She had gone without a hot water tank for some time, and through creative problem-solving, the RDA was able to purchase the water heater, and her son was able to install it.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Community Policing Unit

There have been a few changes in the community policing unit. Tom Zamora, former KCK community police officer, left KCK to take a position with the Lenexa Police Dept. We thank him for all his hard work and wish him luck in his new job. The KCK dept is in the process of hiring someone to fill his position. Also, two K. U. Med. Center police officers have been appointed to community policing, Jess Brizendine and Troy Rice. We are excited to join



with them in keeping our community safe. Their boundaries include 36th to 47th, Mission Rd. to State line. They can be contacted at 588-5030.

The owner of McDonald's on 43rd and Rainbow Blvd., John Devera, has offered space and the use of a phone in his

restaurant to local police officers.

Neighborhood Crime Patrol
The Neighborhood Crime Patrol is an essential and highly-valued component of crime control. The NCPP is now equipped with police emergency radios to assist them in their crime patrol activities. They have been successful in their activities thus far, and have received recognition from the community policing unit. The road patrol would like to extend a thanks to all businesses who have contributed to their work. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Forrest Rhea at 362-8491.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

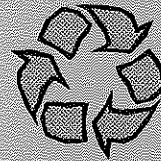
Carolyn Ruiz, who worked at the RDA from Sept. 1995 to Oct. 1999, left the RDA to pursue other work. We want to thank Carolyn for her time and work in the community and wish her our best.

Recycling

The Sharing Community Church (1444 S. W. Blvd) will have a paper recycling bin in Whitmore Park starting early in February. Proceeds from the project will go to community projects, such as park maintenance, Rose Alert neighborhood organization and other needs. Office paper, newspaper, envelopes, junk mail, and colored paper will be accepted, but cardboard and paper board (cereal boxes) will not. You may also bring catalogs, but please no phone books or other kinds of books.

For more information, please call Mary at 913/236-8820.

A new recycling center was opened in Wyandotte county last summer. It is located at 3241 Park Dr. (just north of I-70). They accept newspaper, magazines, office paper, corrugated cardboard, glass, plastic, cans, aluminum foil, household batteries, and ink cartridges. For more info. call the center at 561-1090.



Grassroots Leadership

The Grassroots Leadership Institute will hold a meeting entitled, "Our Children: Are They Safe in Our Community?" on Monday, March 13th from 6-9 pm at the Jewell Center Lounge at KCKCC. Please call to make reservations at 913/596-9685.

Theater for Kids

The Chameleon Theater Company for kids will put on a preview performance of the play, *Seanacahs*, which addresses the issues of grief, loss, and violence in schools this March. The performances, which target middle school-aged children, are free and open to the public. During the summer, the company will involve local children in the constructing of the sets and costumes for the play. The company is also working on a partnership with Sumner High School to put on a musical called, *Brand New Day*. Please call Julia Othmer at 816/221-PLAY for more details.

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A Note to Business Members

The Bi-State Turkey Creek Assn. is still holding meetings to address flood control in the area. Call the office for more information.

Please Submit



We would like to start including letters or pieces of creative writing from community members in the RDA newsletter. No age requirements; we'd like to hear from all corners of the community. Please send any letters to the office at the Attention of Erica/Newsletter, and we'll see what we can do.

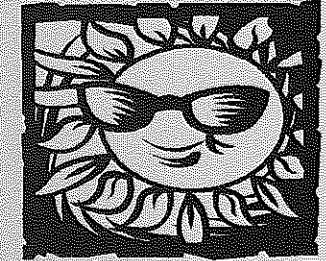
A Tip from Hilltop

When leaving your car outside overnight in the winter, mix 3 parts vinegar with 1 part water, and coat the windows with this solution. This combination will keep the windshield ice and frost-free.

LAST SUMMER

Summer Youth Employment

Last summer, the RDA received a grant from the BPU to employ area youth in summer jobs. Funds were given to Argentine for vacant lot maintenance and city beautification



Please call, Erica, at the RDA if you have any questions.

Paint-a-Barrel Project

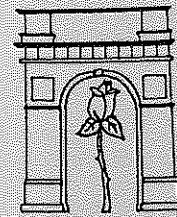
In July, RDA held a paint-a-barrel project to promote trash pick-up in Rosedale. Area youth came together for a day of colorful (and messy) fun painting trash barrels in Whitmore-Park. Thanks to everyone who attended the project and helped out the community. We are very proud of the artwork that was done on the barrels. There were 19 barrels painted, and they can now be seen around the community.



PAINT-A-BARREL PROJECT IN WHITMORE PARK

projects, to a tutoring program at A. M. E. Zion church, and to provide area youth with internships of interest to their future careers. The program was a great success! In all, 22 youth were employed from the ages of 14 to 20. RDA will receive the grant again this year.

For comments or questions, please call the RDA office at: (913) 677-5097.



Rosedale Developments

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ROSEDALE NEWS AND VIEWS

Hello Again!

If you've stopped by the office lately, you've seen Wendy running around, up to her ears in work. We've been busy at the RDA this year and have been remiss in sending the monthly newsletter. Our apologies! We are delighted to send the newsletter once again and tell you about all the exciting and challenging projects we've been involved with and are planning for the new millennium.

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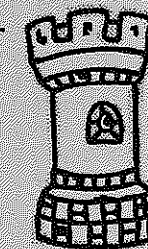
events, meetings, and a youth enrichment program. Several programs have already been held at the center. Please call the office for more information or stop by and see the changes for yourself.

Wendy is a member of a committee working with a state planning grant to discuss improvements to the 47th and Mission Rd. area which acts as a gateway to the three communities that the grant encompasses: KCK, Westwood, and Roeland Park.

Sauer Castle Project

There are plans to restore the historic Sauer Castle estate into a reception hall, winery, and, family entertainment spot.

Dan Riedemann, project coordinator, hopes to acquire and begin renovating the estate. An open house to discuss his plans was held at the RDA community center on Feb. 2nd and also on Feb. 3rd. He will be available to meet with community members every Wednesday night for the next two months, and he has a display up at the center. For more info, please call Riedemann at (913) 963-1694, or call the RDA office.



Hike/Bike Trail

The RDA has worked together with K. U. Urban Planning students to create a vision for the future of Rosedale. This vision includes a hike and bike trail for the area between Rosedale Middle and Frank

Rushton Elementary with a nature study area along the trail for students. A detailed plan has been drawn up and has been submitted to the state for funding.

COMMUNITY HELPS

Grants for Neighborhood Groups
With Commissioner, Don DeSeure's help, RDA managed old District 3 sales tax funds designated to assist neighborhood groups in the Rosedale and Argentine areas.

Sen. Chris Steiniger requested and received a grant from a major corporation to assist neighborhood groups in his legislative district.

Feed-a-Family Thanksgiving
The RDA joined with the K. U. Police Dept. to provide 10 families with all the fix-ins for Thanksgiving dinner. In all, 47 people benefited from this project.

Rosedale Middle School

A family volunteer day was organized at the middle school last November. Students, parents, community members, K. U., and the RDA all participated in school improvement projects such as painting, building picnic tables, and organizing the school library. A special thanks to K. U. for their participation in the event.

Last summer, the RDA assisted the Spring Valley Neighborhood group in boarding-up an abandoned house at 4517 Francis St. The house has

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Wendy Wilson - Executive Director

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Annual Business Dues - \$100

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EVENING (RESIDENTS)

Please mail application along with check made payable to: **Rosedale Development Association**
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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Community Meeting Space
We are in the exciting process of renovating the space next door to the RDA office in order to create a community meeting space. Wood floors have been patched and refinished, and track lighting fixtures which were donated by, Bernie Electric, were hung with the help of, Fisher Electric. Thanks to all who have helped with the project. Other changes are still underway, and more renovations lie ahead in the future. We plan to have a Grand Opening in April. The community center will be open for special





We're here! Nestled in the space above the Rosedale Development Association, the Rosedale Community Project has found its home. In collaboration with the community and the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare, the Rosedale Community Project is committed to revitalizing the community of Rosedale. More specifically, we hope to assist area residents in the areas of housing, education and community projects and celebrations. Also, we are invested in helping to provide assistance, linkages and referrals to help people attain a better quality of life. Our team is comprised of three Master's-level social work students as well as an MSW program coordinator. Allow me to introduce our team.

The Team Members:

Juliana Carlson is the project manager for the Rosedale Community Project. She has returned to Kansas City after living in Chicago for three years. The things she loves most about being back in Kansas City, KS are eating the great food at the Franklin Center and working with the community of Rosedale.

Peggy Chilson is a graduate student at the K.U. School of Social Welfare. She joins us from the Spring Valley neighborhood where both she and her husband reside. Although she is busy juggling both school and work, she enjoys refurbishing her 1930s bungalow and singing in her "spare time." Her personal tie to and expertise in the Rosedale community will be a great asset to this project!

Jocelyn Jackson is an MSW student working on this project as well. A native of California, Jocelyn came to Kansas to pursue her MSW. She enjoys reading, cooking and exploring historical sites in different cities. And, she is excited to be here and looks forward to learning more about the Rosedale community.

I am **Bridgette Brooks**. I am also a graduate student at the K.U. School of Social Welfare. I am new to the Kansas City area having moved here from Denver, CO this past August. While I miss home much, the people of Kansas City, especially the Rosedale community, have extended their warm hearts to me and have helped make the transition easier. In my free-time, I am an avid kick-boxer and I enjoy writing, baking and running.

Swing-orama

In January, we decided to host a swing dance for the community. We hired a professional swing dance instructor to teach us some moves, and we "broke in"

the brand new hard wood floors at the center! We had nine people come to the event and swing the night away. There was a shortage of males in the group. Nonetheless, no one remained partner-less. Many of us learned to swing for

the first time and discovered that, with some practice, swing dancing became second nature! And, even for those of us for whom it did not, our trials and errors prompted much laughter and fun.

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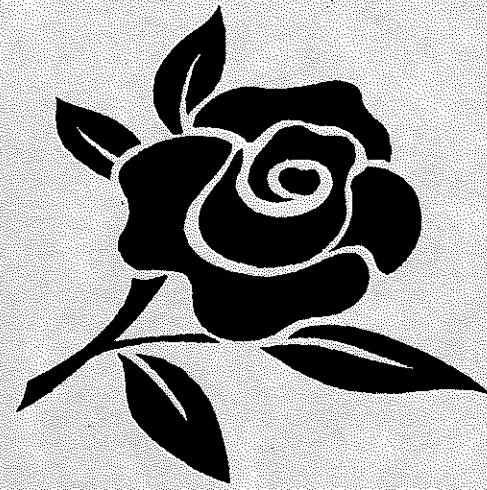
Refreshments

History of the Building

The curious thing about old buildings is the silent way in which they've observed the ebb and flow of people who have come through their doors. This building, in particular, has seen Rosedale grow and change since the early 1900s. It has endured many new coats of paint and changes in name. In its history, it has been a grocery store, a barber shop, a Nic-Nac shop, a bank, a health clinic, and now a community center.

This building has listened to years of laughter and struggle by people living in Rosedale. In 1928, it watched as the bank closed its doors for the last time due to the stock market crash that year.

The building was donated to the Rosedale Development Association in 1996 by the Board of Family Health Services who were then in ownership. After undergoing renovations and a few new coats of paint, it is open once again to the struggles and joys of the Rosedale community.



Grand Opening Koch Community Center

Sunday, April 16th

2-4 p.m.

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Bird Enthusiasts and Mosquito-Haters



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April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6.

Series 2:

May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24.

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July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12.

Series 4:

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- are drivable.
- 4) If all involved are alright, the officer will obtain a complaint and will sign the necessary form.
 - 5) Citizens involved will need to fill in information on the form and respond within 72 hours to the Report Desk at Indian Springs shopping center to complete the report.

A CLEANER PLACE TO LIVE

2000 Project Blitz

April 29th is Rosedale's trash cleanup day. Some neighborhood groups may organize special cleanup projects. Please give us a call at the office to let us know if you plan to do this. Also, let Wendy know where you will need the trucks to go to pick up the "special" trash. You can also call the RDA or your neighborhood leaders if you need help removing items from your home that need to be thrown away. The only things that will **not** be accepted are: tires, batteries, containers with unknown fluid, paints, solvents, flammables, air conditioners, refrigerators, or hazardous waste. The RDA also needs help delivering trash bags and flyers to advertise the cleanup day.

HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP

You may dispose of your hazardous waste on **April 15th** and **May 20** at 2443 South 88th St. with the Wy. Co. Recycling Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIPS

Parents University

A seminar for parents entitled "Families Growing in a Positive Direction," will be held at Schlagle High School on April 15th. The day includes workshops, speakers, free

child care, breakfast and lunch, and free transportation. The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The seminar is free if you pre-register by April 7th.

Homestead Act

Interested in getting tax refunds on your home and your food sales tax? You may apply for a refund if you meet certain requirements.

You must meet **ONE** of the following:

- 1) You are 55 years of age or older.
- 2) You are permanently disabled or blind.
- 3) You have one or more dependent children under the age of 18 living with you.

You must meet **ALL** of the following requirements:

- 1) You have been a resident of Kansas for the entire year.
- 2) Your total household income cannot be more than \$17,200 for a homestead refund and \$13,000 for a food sales tax refund.
- 3) For a homestead refund you must have owned or rented, and lived in your home or nursing home where taxes were assessed. You must not owe any delinquent taxes or have had taxes paid by public funds.

How to get one of these forms:

- You can pick up a claim booklet at offices of county clerks, city clerks, banks, and libraries.
- You can call taxpayer assistance: (913) 296-0222.

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Grassroots

Leadership Institute

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Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9.

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Saturday, April 29, 2000.

9a.m.-11a.m.

Whitmore School Playground
(across the street from the RDA office at 1403 S. W. Blvd.)



Call 677-2561