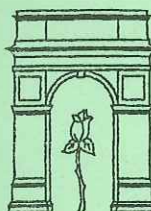


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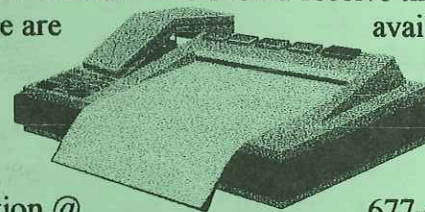
Greetings, members and friends of RDA! If it seems like it has been a while since you have received your last RDA newsletter, you are right; it has been a while. Happenings at the office and in the neighborhood have kept us hopping these past few weeks. Keep reading for news about what is going on in Rosedale and also to check out this month's business feature, which focuses on RDA business members Top Master, Inc. and Anthony Inc.

URGENT! TURKEY CREEK FLOOD CONTROL: Letter Writing Campaign

The Bi-State Turkey Creek Association is making an urgent request for local residents to take part in a letter writing campaign in order to secure monies for the continued work to address flooding of the Turkey Creek. Faxes to elected officials are also acceptable and requested. This effort is in support of the Water Resources and Development Act of 2002.



Organizers of this campaign are asking that persons, particularly business owners, voice how local flooding has affected their businesses, payroll dollars, minorities employed, property values, their business areas, and other information that seems appropriate. Names, addresses, titles, and fax numbers of the officials who should receive this correspondence are available at the RDA office. Please call RDA for additional information @ 677-5097.



NOTE: *If an appeal to secure funding for ongoing flood control of the Turkey Creek is not made immediately, we will have to wait until 2004 until the next request can be made.*

ATTENTION!!!
Community Meeting with Representative Rick Rehorn
Tuesday, June 25th
Koch Community Center
1401 S.W. Blvd.
7 p.m.

Representative Rick Rehorn will report on the past session of the Kansas legislature.

Uproar Festival: The Parade is Back!

That's right folks! The Rosedale Festival Parade is back for the summer of 2002. This year's festival will be held in Rosedale Park on Saturday, September 7 from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m.



RDA Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Walsh is working with several Rosedale residents who have stepped forward and volunteered to help head up this year's parade. The theme of the parade will be "Faces of Freedom." The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on the day of the festival. Call RDA or stop by the office to obtain your parade entry form. Also, booth space is still available for the Rosedale Uproar Festival. If you or your organization are interested in having a booth, please contact Amy @ 677-5097 to obtain a Booth Reservation Form.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Business Dues—\$100

Annual Household Dues—\$15

Name of Business OR Name of Household

Address City State Zip Code

Contact Person

Day Phone Evening Phone Fax

Please mail application along with check made payable to:

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Congrats Rosedale NSHF Grant Recipients!

\$ Congratulations to the following Rosedale neighborhoods groups for receiving Neighborhood Self Help Fund Grants:

Hanover Heights Historic Association, Hilltop Neighborhood Association, and McFarland Heights Neighborhood Association. The Rosedale Development Association also applied for and received a grant. RDA will use its monies to fund materials for Larry Rollin's continuing work with preserving the history of Rosedale and publishing a book of the final product, as well as for welcome baskets for businesses that are new to the area, and lastly to fund two additional stipends for youth participating in this year's Summer Youth Employment Program. A formal presentation of the checks was held in downtown Kansas City, MO on May 23, 2002.

Party Time!

Block party time, that is. Once again, a partnership among the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, the Missouri Arts Council, and the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance is providing funding for neighborhoods to have block parties. Blocks in the five-county area of Platte, Johnson, and Wyandotte are eligible for this individual neighborhood and homeowner associations are not eligible for these monies. Applicants must obtain 10 different signatures from 10 various households on the designated blocks. For an application call 816-753-8600, e-mail blockparty@kc-na.org or go to the website at www.kc-na.org/block_party.htm.



Jackson, Clay, Wyandotte are program. Individual neighborhood associations are not eligible for these monies. Applicants must obtain 10 different signatures

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

This year's Summer Youth Employment (SYE) program is now in full swing. The final placements for the participating youth are being established and some youth have already begun working. Pre-existing grant monies will fund the majority of this year's positions and additional grant monies from the Neighborhood Self Help Fund Grant will provide the necessary funding for two extra youth positions. SYE participants will take part in a few sessions of employment training to help prepare them to handle the responsibilities of employment.



For most all of the participating youth, their SYE placements are their first experiences in the working world. RDA is excited by the great potential of this year's candidates and the wonderful support of several of our business members.

Office Space Available

If you and/or your business are in need of more room, commercial office space is available for lease in the business park on Roe Lane, one block south of Merriam Lane. The existing space includes office, warehouse, loading, and parking areas. For more details, please contact RDA 677-5097 or Matt Wantland, of Prudential Commercial Resources Realty, Inc. at 816-931-3101, ext. 328.

Community TREE Project

The Rosedale Development Association is looking for a few enthusiastic young people on projects. Young people can receive \$50 - \$150 to carry out projects that they design to improve the Community. Adult sponsors are needed to mentor and coach them on their projects. The Community TREE program is an initiative intended to teach young people ages 11-16 leadership skills. If you are interested in becoming an adult sponsor or in other volunteer opportunities, call Amy Walsh at 677-5097.



KCK GREENMARKET RETURNS

The Greenmarket is back and is held every Saturday from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the west side of the Indian Springs Resource Center (the former Firestone building). The Indian Springs facility is located at I-635 and State Ave. The Greenmarket will be running weekly from June 8 through September 14. Highlights of this year's market are locally grown fresh fruit and vegetables, crafts from local artisans, family entertainment, and information about healthy families, homes, and communities. For additional information, contact Roberta Vogel at 913-551-7072.



"THE GOODIE PROJECT"

On Wednesday, May 29, Rosedale youth, Angel Robertson, delivered fifteen decorated packages of art supplies to KU pediatric patients. The goodie bags were decorated and assembled by Angel Robertson and Jade Freeman. The youths' venture was part of the Community TREE project. Angel and Jade presented a proposal to the Rosedale Development Association and then received a mini grant to buy supplies for their project. Monies to fund additional projects are still available. If you are between the ages of 11 and 16 and have any questions or project proposals, please call Amy Walsh at 677-5097.

Business Feature

Top Master, Inc. Do you know your business neighbor on Roe Lane by the name of Top Master, Inc.? If not, it may be because Top Master, Inc., though a business, is not what may come to mind when thinking of a commercial business - there are no smoke stacks or loud noises coming from Top Master's facilities. After having a chance to interview Top Master president, Jim Tharp, and to tour the plant, it was clear to me that Top Master is a clean, quiet, and neighborhood-friendly business. Tim Hovey, who began the business working out of his home, founded the company in July of 1984. Ownership of Top Master, Inc. is currently divided fifty-fifty between Tim Hovey and Jim Tharp. The primary focus of Top Master is the manufacturing of countertops for both commercial and residential settings. A top seller these days is Corian countertops, a product of Dupont. An appeal of these high-scale countertops is their seemingly "seamless" look. Natural stone countertops are also available at Top Master. Beautiful large slabs of stones are ordered from around the world to help Top Master create gorgeous finished products. On an average day, Top Master installs between 15-20 kitchens in the Kansas City area. In addition to Top Master's Roe Lane facility which employs approximately eighty persons, a second Top Master plant is located in Wichita, that employs roughly twelve workers. Having grown up in the Kansas City area, owning a business in Rosedale is not an unusual situation for Jim. Jim says that the appeal of Rosedale as a setting for a business is its central location to the freeway system and the availability of good employees who are not afraid to work

hard and get their hands dirty. Jim says the biggest downside of Rosedale as a business location is its high taxes. Being a growing business, at the rate of 20-25% per year, has caused company owners, Jim & Tim, to consider their expansions options. At present, the company is looking to relocate to a seventeen acre lot in the Friendship Heights neighborhood. Both Tim & Jim recently met with members of the Friendship Heights Neighborhood Association to discuss future building plans with them and to answer questions from the residents. Regular business hours at Top Master are 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you have questions, contact Top Master at 492-3030 or check out their website at top-master.com.

Anthony Inc. Anthony Inc., is a second-generation plumbing, heating, & cooling company founded in 1951 in Rhode Island by Anthony D'Agostino. Today, Paul D'Agostino, son of the original founder, is president and owner of the business. Paul says that his father was the youngest master plumber ever on the east coast. Though the company was founded far from Kansas City, the D'Agostino family had previously established connections to Rosedale, with Paul's mother being from Kansas City. The current facility, located at 10 Lincoln St., was built in 1973 on land purchased from an estate sale. Anthony Inc. is equipped to provide customers with both service and contracting throughout the metro area. Anthony Inc. licensed in twenty-six cities and generally provides most of its services to customers within a thirty-mile radius. Although Paul now has sole ownership of the company, previously he and his brother shared ownership before splitting in 1999 to pursue separate business ventures. Paul grew up in a family of eleven children, five of whom worked in the business at one time or another. When he used to assist his father, he remembers having to start with the "dirty work" before he was able to begin helping with the more skilled tasks. Anthony Inc. provides services both residentially and commercially. Residentially common jobs include calls to repair water and drain piping and commercially, a variety of tasks including installing bathrooms, repair jobs, and much more. Company president, Paul D'Agostino, says that having his business located in Rosedale, offers easy access to the highway, as well as great neighbors, and good business people. Presently, Anthony Inc. employs between 20-25 persons, 6 in house, but most of whom are in company trucks out on the field. If you and/or your business need professional plumbing, heating, or cooling services, call 913-384-4440.

RDA Monthly Meeting

Have you seen the mural?

Love It, Hate It, Don't Care?
Does it impact how others see Rosedale?

We will be having a public discussion about the mural recently painted on 7th Street north of I-35.

Your input is critical to any decision made either to leave it as it is, or to make changes, if possible. The project coordinators of the mural project will be there to participate in this discussion. Please join us!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Tuesday, June 27th

7:00pm

**1401 Southwest Boulevard
(Next to the RDA office)**

For more information call Rosedale Development Assn. 677-5097.

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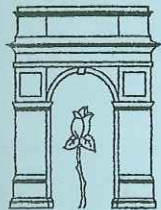
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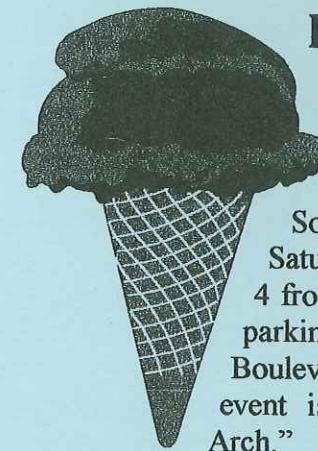
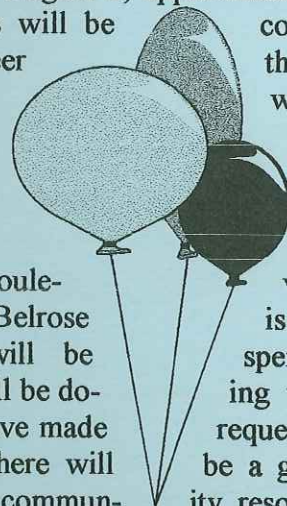
Update on Summer Youth Employment

This year twelve Rosedale youth are placed with local businesses in summer jobs. All of the positions are funded by grant monies that cover the \$5.15 an hour stipends. This summer each youth will have the opportunity to work 181 hours over the course of the summer. Area businesses that are hosting youth summer are: KU Medical Records Department, Law Offices of Robb, Taylor & O'Connor, Strasser Hardware, Nance's Deli & Catering, Rosedale Vision Center, Westwood Apple Market, Vital Signs, and Miller Image Group.



Celebration in Belrose

On Saturday, August 3, approximately 200 youth from area churches will be coming to Rosedale to volunteer their time and energy on various work projects. This event is being coordinated by the Rose-dale Development Association, Community Policing, and the Rainbow Boule-ward Church of the Nazarene. Belrose is one area in which the youth will be spending part of the day. They will be doing yard work for residents who have made requests for plants. Later in the day, there will be a grand opening celebration of the community resource center located at 4042 Fisher with food and games for all Belrose residents.

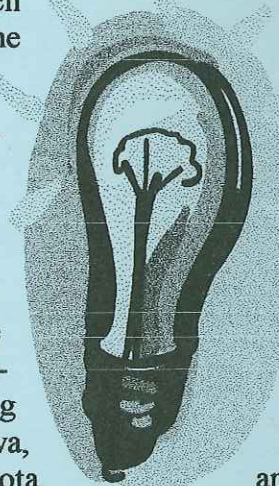


Ice Cream Social

Nothing goes better with hot weather than nice cold ice cream. Come to Holy Name's Annual Ice Cream Social! The event will be held on Saturday and Sunday August 3 and 4 from 5:30 – 10 p.m. in the church parking lot at 1001 Southwest Boulevard. The theme of this year's event is "Under the Shadow of the Arch."

Business Feature: R.F. Fisher Electric Co.

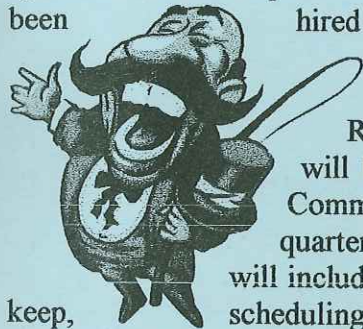
R.F. Fisher Electric Co. is no new business to the Rosedale area. Fisher Electric has been in Rosedale for thirty-five years. Gary Seeley, current owner and president, has been at Fisher about thirteen years and has seen much change since he started. The company is facing rapid expansion with a jump from \$1 million to \$1.5 million of business annually. With office and field staff of approximately three hundred employees, Fisher is able to provide services to a six-state region including Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Minnesota, and South Dakota. Most of Fisher's work, however, is primarily local. Company owner, Gary Seeley, notes that one aspect of Fisher that sets them apart from other comparable businesses is their strong commitment to taking care of their employees. Seeley says most employees stay at



Fisher for a number of years. He describes the work atmosphere that the company seeks to create as being casual and family like. Fisher works with fiber optics, telephone systems, data/computer cabling, fire alarms, and security systems. Fisher's customer base is a mixture of commercial and residential; however, most of their work is for businesses that need professional assistance with repairing or installing new equipment or with hooking up new electrical systems. According to Seeley, highlights of being a business in Rosedale are its comfortable homey feeling, its accessibility to the freeway system, and its central location. For your residential or commercial electrical needs, please contact R.F. Fisher Electric Co. at 384-1503. Fisher is located at 1707 W. 39th Ave. and is open to serve you from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m.

WELCOME JEFF!

As mentioned in our last newsletter, former RDA board member and "community maintenance extraordinaire" Karl Wenger, has moved on to greener pastures in Pennsylvania. A new replacement, Jeff Miller, has recently been hired to assume Karl's former duties. We are happy to welcome him to the Rosedale community. He will be working for the Sharing Community Church in a three-quarter-time position. Jeff's duties will include managing the building up-scheduling usage of the building, working with volunteer groups that come to the church and also seeking to maintain, reestablish, and strengthen the church's relationship with and involvement in the community. Jeff comes to Rosedale from Goshen, IN where he graduated from Goshen College with a degree in Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies, and a Bible and Religion minor. As part of Jeff's new position, he hopes to find out what the community's interests are. He would also like to evaluate the usefulness of existing programs that the church has in Rosedale and to make whatever alterations necessary to best meet the changing needs of the community. Jeff has a vision for developing programs that are progressive and that empower rather than enable. In addition, Jeff hopes to see the park transformed into a place that is less industrial and feels more soft and inviting. As Jeff works to become acquainted with the Rosedale community, he plans to attend various committee meetings at the church, to connect with Rosedale neighborhood groups, and to keep in contact with the directors of area agencies.

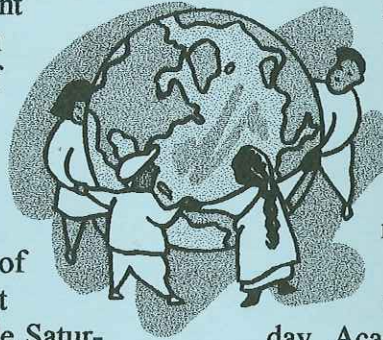


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Questions for Jeff may be directed to him at the Sharing Community Church @ 722-3793.

Rosedale Saturday Academy

We are excited to announce that the Rosedale Development Association in conjunction with the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare has received a grant from the Juvenile Justice Authority of the Government to continue the Rosedale Saturday Academy for another year. We had a great year this year. Fifty youth enrolled in five Saturday Academy series, and 43 graduated. We exceeded four of the five grant outcomes and were 4% points below the fifth.



Outcome 1: 70% of the students completing the Academy will show an average increase of .15 in the grading period in which graduation occurs.

66% of our students who completed Saturday Academy had an average increase of .15 in the grading period in which graduation occurred

Outcome 2: 70% of youth who enroll in a series will be active participants in four of six sessions and will graduate

74% of youth who enrolled in a series were active participants in four of six sessions and graduated.

Outcome 3: 60% of youth will complete their community learning project

71% of youth who attended Saturday Academy completed a community learning project

Outcome 4: 70% of students completing the Academy will have no unexcused absences or reduce their unexcused absences in the grading period in which graduation occurs.

71% of the students completing the Academy reduced or had no unexcused absences in the grading period in which graduation occurred.

Outcome 5: 70% of students completing the Academy will have no incidents or will decrease the

number of incidents of documented reports of disciplinary action in the grading period in which graduation occurs.

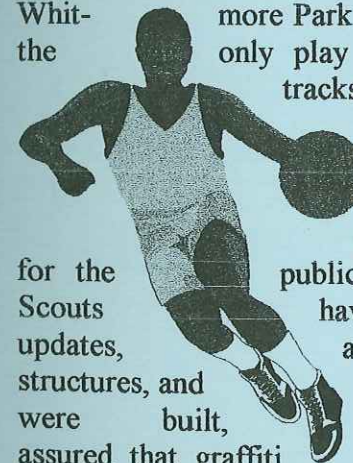
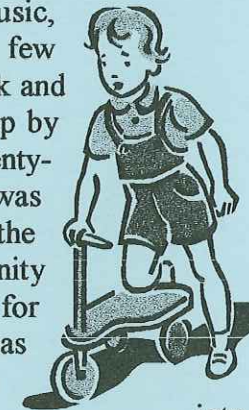
96% of the students completing the Academy reduced or had no documented reports of disciplinary action in the grading period in which graduation occurs.

We are very proud of our Saturday Academy students and all the good work they do. We are looking forward to a new and exciting year!

Rae Johnson, Saturday Academy Program Manager and KU School of Social Welfare student supervisor

Celebrating 25 Years of Play in Whitmore Park

On Sunday, August 25th, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., the Sharing Community Church is sponsoring a celebration for the community. We will have live music, food, great activities for kids, and a few words from friends of Whitmore Park and Rosedale. We hope you will all stop by to acknowledge this milestone. Twenty-seven years ago, Whitmore School was razed, leaving a scar in the neighborhood. The Sharing Community Church was able to purchase the lots for \$12,500 from the Kansas City Kansas School Board, with a commitment to reclaim the land, and transform it into something wonderful for the residents of this community. July 1977, thanks to wonderful public/private partnerships, and lots of volunteer labor, Whitmore Park was born. Whitmore Park is the only play space west of the railroad tracks. The Sharing Community Church congregations, Rainbow Mennonite and Disciples of Christ, continue to maintain the Park public's use. Over the years, Eagle Scouts have provided landscaping updates, artists have added play structures, and a memorial wall and fountain were built, while volunteers have assured that graffiti is quickly erased away. Periodic workdays take care of weeds, and volunteer groups from across the United States have helped with painting and maintenance. We see children and seniors enjoying this green space each in their own special way.



It is our hope that Whitmore will see many more anniversary celebrations, while future generations of Rosedale enjoy this transformed old lot. For more information about the celebration, watch the playground fence, or call the church at 913-236-8820. Sallie Page-Goertz, Sharing Community Church

RDA's Policy

As do most agencies, RDA has a policy to guide the way it operates. This policy enables the agency to be as effective as possible within the parameters of the work it does and helps to provide clarity to those who interact with RDA as an agency regarding what they can expect of us and what we expect of those who partner with us. The RDA Policy reads as follows: "We are a membership organization dedicated to the improvement of the Rosedale Community. We believe in partnerships to address issues/concerns. Our partnership with you is a two way street. You have expectations of us and we of you."

We can:

- Provide resources and skills that will help you to resolve concerns
- Link with others in the community for joint problem solving and celebrations
- Work with local business and government to impact change
- Make sure the community voice is heard

You can:

- Participate in your neighborhood group meetings
- Register to vote and vote at election time
- Become a paid member of the Rosedale Development Association
- Volunteer in the community

Thank You



**Greater Rosedale Community Festival
& Uproar Parade**
Coming Soon

It will be here before you know it, the Rosedale Uproar Parade and Festival is happening on Saturday, September 7th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now is the time for Rosedale businesses to reserve a booth and for Rosedalians to reserve a spot in this year's parade, *Faces of Freedom*. Mark your calendar to come out and enjoy this fun-filled day at Rosedale Park. The highlights of the festival include: a Kid's Karaoke Contest, Frisbee Golf, a Petting Zoo, games, great food and entertainment by The Black Roses Project and the Bluegrass Missourians and much, much more.

For more information on the festival or to reserve your booth or spot in the parade call Amy Walsh, Volunteer Coordinator at (913) 677-5097 or e-mail her at amywalsh@crn.org.

Rosedale Festival Booth Reservation Form

Saturday, September 7, 2002 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Rosedale Park --- 4200 Mission Road --- Kansas City, Kansas

Check all that apply: ___ Food Vendor ___ Not-for-Profit Booth ___ Business

NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE #s Day: _____ Eve: _____ Fax: _____

***Vendors are not to offer beverages for sale --- the beverage concession belongs to the Rosedale Development Association. THIS FESTIVAL IS AN ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT AND ABSOLUTELY NO BEER OR OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES.**

Please list the items you will be selling or exhibiting: _____

If cooking, will you be using any charcoal or wood burning grill? ___ Yes ___ No

Will you be bringing and setting up your own tent/canopy? ___ Yes ___ No

Booth Fee Schedule: Check options and total fees; enclose check or money order payable to Rosedale Development Association. Reservations will not be accepted without payment.

Options	Cost		
	Business	Non-Profit	
___ 12' X 10' Booth (space only)	\$ 35	\$25	\$ _____
___ Electrical Hook-up	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ _____
___ 2 chairs & 1 ea. 8' X 30" table	\$10	\$10	\$ _____
___ Tent 10' x 10'	\$70	\$70	\$ _____
Be sure to list electrical needs in description above.		TOTAL	\$ _____

All activities must be confined to booth space - overflow will be an additional charge.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: In consideration of your accepting this entry, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Rosedale Development Association, their representatives, successors, and assigns, for any and all injuries suffered by me in this event excepting only such injury or damage resulting from willful acts on the part of Rosedale Development Association or its agents. Further I hereby grant full permission to Rosedale Development Association and/or agents authorized by them, to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Complete and return this form to Rosedale Development Association, 1403 S.W. Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas 66103. Make reservations by August 24, 2002. Booth location is on a first-come/first-serve basis. For more information call (913)677-5097 or fax (913)677-3437.