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August 2002

Greetings members and friends of RDA! It's time once again, for a monthly report of what has been happening here in Rosedale.

Greater Rosedale Community Festival & Uproar Parade

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 7th at 10 a.m. to come to the Rosedale Uproar Parade, *Faces of Freedom*—a tribute to the police and firefighters who serve our community. The parade will begin at Roe and Merriam Lane and will make its way to Mill Street and Southwest Boulevard in Kansas City, Kansas. Come out to see the march-ing bands, Model T cars, floats, an armored vehicle and more. After the parade, be sure to come to the festival at Rosedale Park, 4200 Mission. The fest-ival will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At the 2002 Rosedale Uproar Festival, we will feature:

- A Petting Zoo
- Dale Earnhardt's Budweiser Car
- Games
- Frisbee Golf
- Moonwalk
- Music by The Black Roses Project, The Bluegrass Missourians, Phil and Gary and Jenny Heydon
- Kid's Karaoke Contest
- Great Food...and much more!

YOUR HELP is needed!!! TURKEY CREEK FLOOD CONTROL FUNDING:

Your input is crucial to help secure federal funding for this project! More details inside . . .



For more info. or to volunteer call Amy Walsh, Volunteer Coordinator at (913) 677-5097.

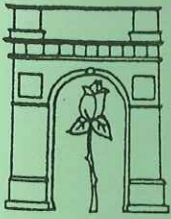
RDA Seeks Volunteers to Work on Habitat Home in Rosedale

The Rosedale Development Association is looking for a few good volunteers. On Saturday, August 24, Kaw Valley Habitat for Humanity, the Rosedale Development Association and H&R



Block Volunteers will begin to build a single-family home on 40th and Minnie. We are looking specifically for Kansas City, Kansas youth volunteers (ages 16-20) to work with

H&R Block volunteers on the house on Saturdays beginning August 24th. The house will take approximately 14 weeks to build. No experience is necessary. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills, meet new people and make a tangible difference in the life of a Rosedale family. To volunteer, contact Amy Walsh, RDA Volunteer Coordinator at (913) 677-5097 or e-mail her at amywalsh@crn.org.

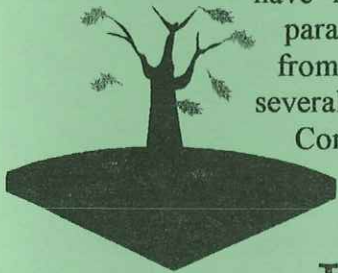


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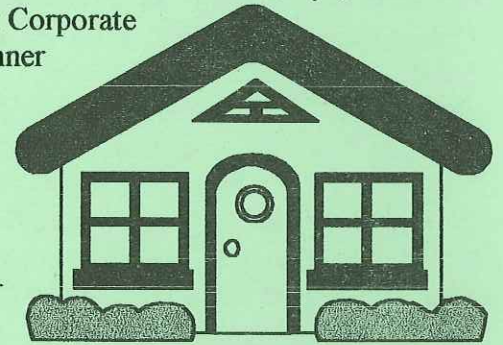


Introducing the "New Faces" at RDA

With the start of a new school year, RDA once again has the benefit of housing several new KU social work students in our office building. The School of Social Welfare works out of the upper level of our building. This year, we are fortunate to have four new students with us. Let's meet them . . . *Tara Carruth* and *Liz Snyder* join us as students in KU's BSW program. Tara is looking forward to the community aspect of social work that her time at RDA working with the Rosedale Community Project will offer. She is also hoping to gain experience on many different levels that community social work will provide. Liz has a personal interest in learning more about the relationship between individuals and their communities and in community organizing. In addition, two students from the MSW program are also with us. *Aundrea Bontrager* is a foundation level student in the MSW program who is eager to work with the richly diverse residents who comprise the Rosedale community. Included in this interest, is Aundrea's desire to work with various age groups of people as well. *Kim Brabits* is in the administrative track at KU's School of Social Welfare and is eager to gain exposure to grant writing, program development, policy, the way in which the city functions, and a knowledge of codes. A warm welcome to each of our new students who is certain to add to our capacity to better serve the community!

NEW HOMES GO UP IN ROSEDALE

Exciting things are happening on 40th and Minnie — two new Habitat for Humanity homes are going up. There will one two-bedroom home and a four-bedroom home on Minnie. The foundation and styrofoam blocks are already in place on one of the homes. During the weekdays, students from Harmon High School work on the house in the afternoons and on Saturdays, volunteers from H & R Block Corporate Headquarters, Sumner Academy, and Kansas City Kansas Community College have been building at the site. Construction will continue until



January or thereafter (until the homes are finished). Volunteers ages 16 and older are welcome to participate in this worthwhile and invigorating effort. For more information on how and when you can volunteer, please contact Aundrea Bontrager at 913-677-2561.

Dancing in the Streets!

A 50's and 60's Country Street Dance will be taking place on Saturday, October 19th at 7 p.m. The event will be held at Hennessey's Sheet Metal of 1141 S.W. Blvd. There will be a live D.J., a Best Dressed Contest, beer, pop, and snacks as well as door prizes. A donation of \$5.00 and a toy is requested. All proceeds will go to the Dagwood's Annual Holiday Dinner. For more information, please call 913-677-0747.

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Update: 2002 Rosedale Festival and Parade

It was a sweltering day on Saturday, September 7th as folks lined up to watch Rosedale's *Faces of Freedom* parade march down Merriam Lane. Drill



teams from Rosedale Middle School, Citadel of Prayer Steppers, Silver City Steppers, a float from Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care, a choo-choo from Clinkenbeard Construction and political hopefuls led by the Color Guard and parade marshals, Fire Chief Tom DeKeyser and Police Chief, Ron Miller, all joined in the fun. Rosedalians do like a good parade, even on a hot day. Silver City Steppers danced their way to winning the Best Youth Entry, Dagwoods won Best Motorized Entry for their Red and Blue Jeep and Motor Bike, Southwest Boulevard Family Healthcare won Best of Theme for their "Diversity is our Future" float and Clinkenbeard Construction won Best Overall Entry (for the fourth year!!!) for their motorized choo-choo. All winners were awarded black and gold trophies donated by Corporate Awards Plus. The 10th Annual Rosedale Uproar Festival had the ingredients for a great event: rides, games, snocones and a petting zoo for kids, good entertainment, a variety of delicious food, and volunteer participation. The purpose of the Rosedale Uproar Festival is to bring the community out, to celebrate and to get to know one another. RDA will be examining ways to encourage more Rosedalians to attend the event. If you have any suggestions on how to do this or how we might improve this free community event, please call RDA at (913) 677-5097. We welcome your input. The festival is only possible because of the generosity of our festival sponsors. It is great to know we can count on community businesses for their support.

Thanks once again to our sponsors:

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Last, but never least, we extend a special thanks to our community volunteers who came out to help with the festival and parade and to the students of Charles Wilson's KCKCC class who volunteered. Thank you for your time and for enduring the hot weather to help with the event.

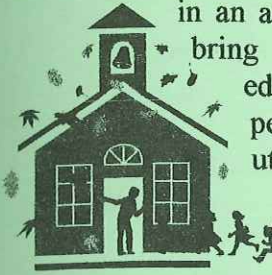
New Rosedale High School History Books Available

Local historian, Larry Rollins, has been keeping busy putting together the first of a two - volume set of the pictures of Rosedale High School graduates dating back to 1886. The first book including Rosedale High School graduates dating back to 1886 - 1955 is complete for purchase at the Rosedale Development Association office for a donation of \$25.00 each. Volume two will include and available for purchase at the Rosedale Development Association office for a donation of \$25.00 each. The second volume will be the same price. Larry has donated hours and hours to researching, compiling and scanning data for this project. We thank him for his ongoing role in continuing to preserve the history of Rosedale for both the graduates of Rosedale High School as well as for the community at large. RDA will continue to keep you posted on this project. To order, please call us at 677-5097.



Montessori School in Rosedale

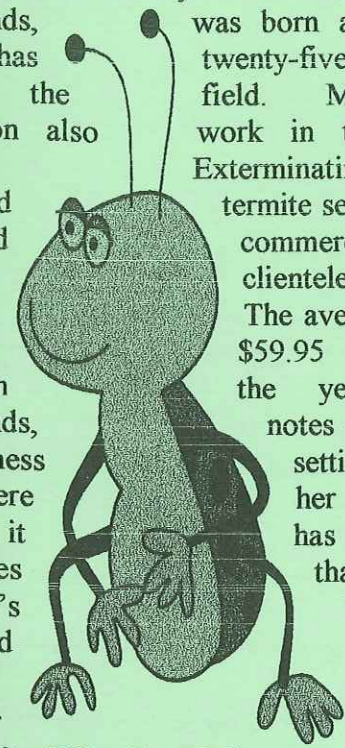
Our Lady's Montessori has recently moved to the Rosedale area and is here to serve students in Rosedale. The school is located at 3020 S. 7th Street, five minutes west of Westport and seven minutes from KU Med Center. Our Lady's Montessori School offers a well-rounded education to children ages two and a half to six years old in an aesthetic, academic environment to bring each child to the highest educational goals and standards, and personal development. The school utilizes Montessori individualized and hands on methods of teaching. Hot USDA lunches are available. School hours are from 6:45 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. Our Lady's Montessori School is now enrolling for the fall. For more information, please contact Angeline Rasoamialy at 913-403-9550.



BUSINESS FEATURE:

Bound's Exterminating

The Rosedale Development Association is happy to welcome Bound's Exterminating to its membership. Bounds Exterminating in a family owned and operated business that is in its sixth year of business. Owner, Monte Bounds, was born and raised in Rosedale and has twenty-five years of experience in the field. Monte's wife, Mary, and son also work in the business. Bound's Exterminating provides pest control and residential and commercial facilities. Most of its clientele, however, is residential. The average price for pest control is \$59.95 and coupons are available in the yellow pages. Mary Bounds, notes that Rosedale is a good business setting because Rosedale is where her family lives and because it has significantly lower rent prices than other places. Bound's Exterminating are licensed and insured technicians and are available to provide service to you or your business. Bound's will generally be able to respond to a request for service in about a week. Please direct your questions about services to Bound's Exterminating at 831-7553.

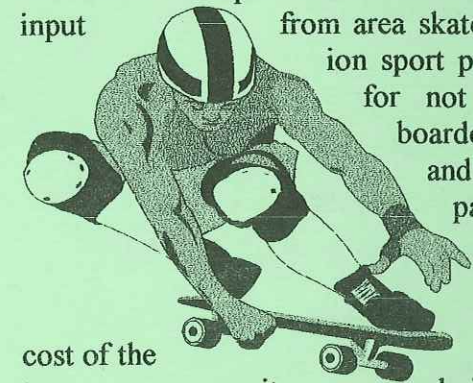


RDA Board Changes Bylaws

The RDA board is planning to amend its current bylaws at its next monthly meeting on October 15, 2002. If you are interested in learning more specifically about what these changes entail, please feel free to contact RDA at 677-5097.

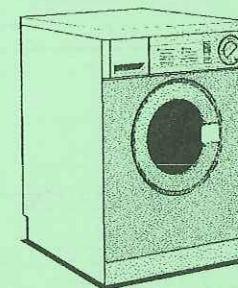
HELP BUILD SKATEPARK

This November at Rosedale Park, you will see a new, permanent attraction—the UG Parks Department has contracted Fry & Associates to build a premier skateboard park. The skateboard park will be built with Woodward Ramps & Rails and is being designed with input from area skateboarders. This action sport park will provide fun for not only young skateboarders, but also cyclists and roller bladers. The park will only take two days to build. We are also able to significantly cut the cost of the park by committing to a community build. We are now looking for adult volunteers to help with equipment installation. If you would you like to help build the Rosedale Skateboard Park, please call Wendy Wilson at (913) 677-5097 for more information on dates and how you can help with this community build.



Thank you to Wholesale Sheet Metal

Thank you to Wholesale Sheet Metal for agreeing to work on cleaning up the area behind their building which includes the removal of trees, brush and other materials. Hopefully this will also help to eliminate some of the illegal drug sales that have been going on as well as to clear the area of persons who have been sleeping in this area in a makeshift camp.



New Laundromat Coming

Looking for a laundry facility? RDA is happy to announce the arrival of a new top-notch laundromat located at 4310 Pearl. The laundromat is tentatively planning a grand opening in November 2002.

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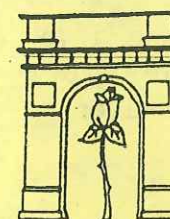
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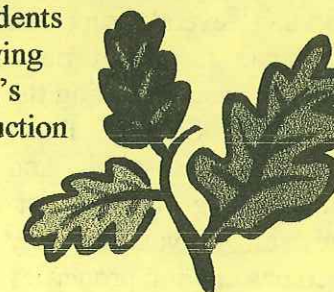


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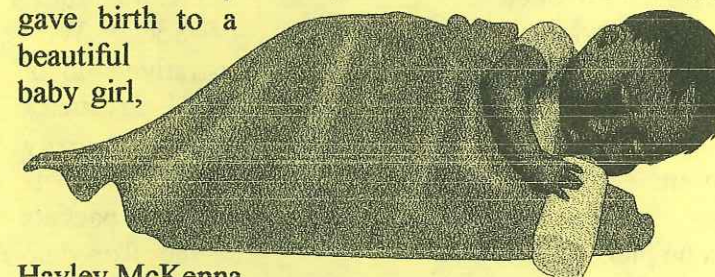


RDA's Newest Board Member

The Rosedale Development Association is pleased to announce the addition of Rosedale resident, Ricardo Garcia, to its Board of Directors. Mr. Garcia is the pastor of a local Spanish-speaking congregation, works at Top Master Inc., and is also actively involved in creating programming and recreational opportunities for area youth. Ricardo Garcia has recently begun serving his three-year term. We are happy to have him join us and welcome him to RDA's Board!

Baby Hayley is Here!

RDA is excited to announce the arrival of its youngest "member." Amy Walsh, RDA's Volunteer Coordinator, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl,



Hayley McKenna, on September 26 at St. Luke's Hospital. We welcome her to the RDA family and look forward to seeing her often!

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!
RDA encourages all registered voters to vote on November 5th.

Skatepark Postponed

Due to some new information concerning changes in the manner in which money will be allocated for construction of the skatepark, the building of the park will be postponed until after the first of the year. Volunteers are still needed and we are currently taking names of adults interested in assisting with equipment installation. Volunteer help in this community build will allow RDA to save about \$10,000, which can be used to purchase additional equipment for the skatepark. If you would like to lend a hand with this project, please call the RDA office at 677-5097. Volunteers will be contacted with updated information once a final date for the project has been established. RDA is anticipating a construction date sometime early next spring.



Christmas in October 2002

This year's Christmas in October event was held on Saturday, October 12. The day started out gray and overcast, but cleared up toward the afternoon; however, the weather did not dampen volunteer spirits. In fact, one group from KU put in twelve incredible hours of work! Volunteers completed a variety of indoor and outdoor tasks. Ninety-five volunteers from KU along with volunteers from the Sharing Community Church and other neighborhood residents combined efforts to work on minor home repair projects on eight homes in the Rosedale area. Projects included completely rebuilding a bathroom from the floor up, installing windows, cleaning out a basement, yard clean-up, door repair, painting, installing guttering, plumbing, some electrical work and more. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this year's event!

Business Feature

Meet New Business Member . . .

Olympic Graphics International

Olympic Graphics International has been in the Rosedale neighborhood about eleven months, but has been in the engraving business for seven years. Company president, Theo Tagtalianidis, spent about five years acquiring the skills necessary to become a master engraver. Rosedale is fortunate to have such talent within our own community, because according to Tagtalianidis, there are only between eighty and one hundred engravers in the country. The increased usage of computers for graphic and other similar work also makes the engraving profession a bit of a fading art, though Tagtalianidis plans for his company to change with the times as necessary. Olympic Graphics International is located at 1324 S.W. Boulevard, just across from the RDA office. The company makes plates out of brass, copper, and magnesium for greeting cards, wedding invitations, brochures and more and provides them to the printers who do the actual embossing. The business' primary clientele is corporations and companies who generally place large orders. One of their largest customers is Hallmark Cards. Other customers include Sunrise Greeting Cards and William House. Tagtalianidis notes close proximity to the highway, other industrial areas, Fed Ex, and UPS services as being attractive qualities about being located in Rosedale. Olympic Graphics International employs two full-time employees and five contract workers. They are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 - 5:00 and can be contacted at 722-2485.

More Margaret Landis History Books

RDA currently has a second printing of Margaret Landis' History of Rosedale book, "The Winding Valley and the Craggy Hillside" available for sale at our office. Copies of this work may be purchased for \$15.00. The reprinted edition has the same content as those previous-

ly printed, but are spiral bound for easier reading. If you are interested in purchasing one of these books, please feel free to stop by our office at 1403 S.W. Blvd. or call us at 677-5097.

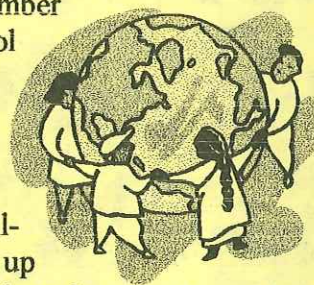
GRAFFITI PROBLEMS

RDA is requesting the assistance of your eyes and ears to help us address the ongoing problem of graffiti in the area of 45th and Rainbow Blvd. Several properties continue to be hit on a regular basis including the Medicine Shoppe, Rainbow Pet Hospital, and neighboring other businesses. If you see any persons tagging properties in this area, please report this information to KCKPD Officer J.J. Wilt at 816-989-7774, KU Community Policing Officer Brizendine at 913-588-5030, or to the RDA office at 677-5097.



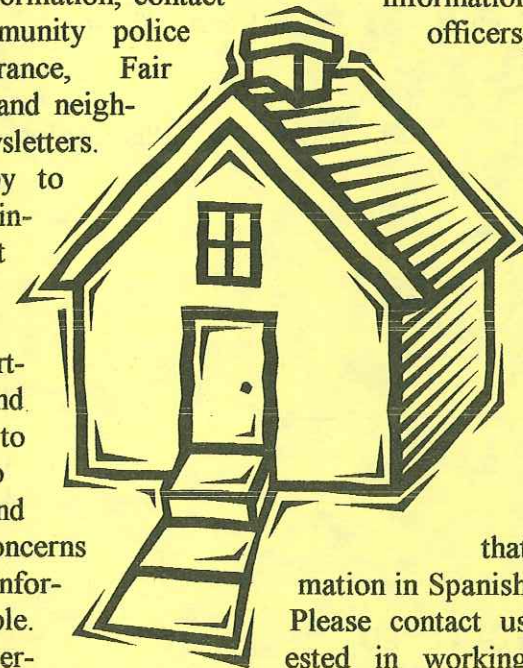
WHAT'S NEW IN SATURDAY ACADEMY?

October 26th will be the final day of the first series of the Rosedale Saturday Academy for this academic year. The series will end with the youth preparing a lunch of pizza, salad and chocolate cake for their families at the Sharing Community Church. Lunch will be followed by viewing the "Newscast" created by the youth during the film-making session of Saturday Academy and the fabulous art created during the series. The next series begins on November 2nd. Kim Brabits, a KU School of Social Welfare Administrative student lead instructor planned many national activity packets at the Rosedale Middle School or the Rosedale Development Association. The October Saturday Academy Reunion on October 28, 2002 is being hosted by two Saturday Academy graduates, Ashley Gilbert and Luis DeLaRosa. With assistance from staff, reunion participants will celebrate Halloween by carving pumpkins and making gift bags for children on the pediatric unit at KU Medical Center. Participants will be encouraged to wear a costume and bring a canned food item to be donated to a local food pantry.



RDA Tenant Outreach

RDA is working to develop partnerships with landlords in the Rosedale community and is asking interested landlords to help spread the word of resources and services available in the area, particularly those provided through the RDA office. This information may include, but is not limited to: RDA services and programs, voter registration information, contact information for our community police officers, renters insurance, Fair Housing Act, and neighborhood newsletters. RDA is happy to provide any information that we may have to landlords willing to partner with us and is available to offer support to landlords and tenants with concerns that may arise. Information in Spanish is also available. If you are interested in working with us or if you have suggestions of how we can be more helpful to landlords and tenants in the Rosedale community.



Diabetes Health Fair

Are you or a loved one dealing with diabetes? Providence Health Diabetes Center has an event that will provide information that may be useful to you. Providence Medical Center will be hosting an *Open House and Community Health Fair* on Saturday, November 2, 2002 from 10 a.m. to noon. The event will be held at the Keenan Education Center on the first floor. The event will include the following special activities: diabetes risk analysis, partnering with your doctor presentation, healthy cooking station and demonstration, ask-the-doctor station, dietician-is-in station, foot care information, American Diabetes Association Information, health education literature, body fat analysis, blood pressure check, and door prizes/refreshments. Questions about this event may be directed to Providence Medical Center at 913-596-3940. Providence Medical Center is located at 8929 Parallel Parkway in Kansas City, KS.

Neighborhood Groups Reactivate

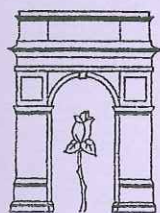
Over the past several weeks, many changes have been taking place in some of our Rosedale neighborhood groups. Most recently, the Shawnee Road neighborhood group has reactivated and decided to continue after a few months hiatus. Several of the group's officers have moved out of the neighborhood; however, a group of committed residents remains. Eleanor Pitts is continuing to serve as secretary for group, and Becky Bowser (as interim president) and Susan Shank (as interim vice-president) have stepped forward as interim officers until the group elects new officers in December. McFarland Heights neighborhood group, located directly north of KU Med Center, is one of Rosedale's smallest neighborhood groups and has also recently reactivated. Its boundaries are Bristow on the north, Esterly on the south, State Line on the east, and Chester on the West. McFarland Heights neighborhood group has resumed monthly meetings, distributes a regular newsletter, and is planning its first potluck for next month. RDA highly encourages all residents of Rosedale to get involved with the work of their neighborhood groups. If you are unsure of which neighborhood group your house is a part and would like to know whom to contact to find out more information about meeting times and events for your neighborhood group, please call RDA at 677-5097.

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Saturday Academy

The Saturday Academy is a community-based enrichment program for middle school aged youth. Its mission is to connect youth to their community using field trips, community service projects, and group activities. We could use your help in collecting supplies for this program. Please review our wish list and let us know if you can help.

Wish List:

- *Bookshelves or shelves
- *Cabinets to hold supplies
- *Broken or chipped dishes
- *An old blender
- *Scraps of wood or plywood
- *Old picture frames to frame artwork
- *Tile
- *Buttons
- *Scraps of fabric
- *Help with carpentry

If you are able to provide any of the items listed above or have a special talent you would like to share with the youth, please contact the staff at the Rosedale Community Project, Saturday Academy at 677-2561!

One Participant's Insights . . .

"During the 14th session of Saturday Academy, we drew our bodies. We had fabric for clothes or we could draw it on. We made clay sculptures that were the most fun of all. We made paper art with pieces of paper, water and you put it in a blender. We have lots of fun during Saturday Academy. That's why I encourage kids to go no matter what age. Every Saturday Academy series we go on a field trip. During the 12th series we got to eat pizza. During the 13th series we went to Union Station and saw a 3D movie called "Journey of Man." And after that we ate pizza. We got to ride in a limousine there and back."
Terryl Bryant, a 6th grader at Rosedale Middle School

RDA's Annual Meeting

The Rosedale Development Association cordially invites all who are interested in the happenings of the Rosedale Community to join us at our annual meeting. This is a chance to discuss where RDA is headed as an organization and where you would like to see us put our focus. We will work together to build a shared vision of how RDA can best serve the Rosedale Community.

WHEN: Tuesday, Dec. 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Koch Community Center
1401 S.W. Blvd. (next to the RDA office)

We hope you can attend. Your thoughts are important to us!

Questions? Please call us @ 677-5097.

Vandalism of the Arch

Early on Saturday morning, November 16th a group of young gang-affiliated teens destroyed and damaged numerous parts of the memorial and the area surrounding the Arch. The teens knocked all the globes off of the streetlights in addition to knocking the bulbs and lenses out of the recently installed new lights lining the sidewalk. The teens then apparently crawled over the fence and wrote gang signs, graffiti, and nasty notes of response to a rival Westside, Missouri gang. At the request of RDA and the Hilltop Neighborhood Association, the Parks Department has installed a gate that will be locked nightly. Both RDA and Hilltop are hoping to see the lights repaired in the near future. RDA is continuing to work with KCMO Westside Community Policing Officers to identify the youth involved.

Down-Zoning in Frank Rushton

In January, with Wendy's help, the Frank Rushton neighborhood identified that it could benefit from down-zoning a large duplex area to single family. One of the key indicators to long-term sustainability for a healthy neighborhood is home ownership. When ownership goes below 50%, the more transient population is less likely to commit itself to such activities as a crime watch, codes blitz, or neighborhood clean up. This, in turn, opens the door to blight and crime taking hold. The area is enjoying a revitalization, and we felt we could have a greater say in our neighborhood's

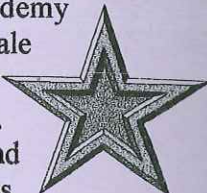


future if we had an opportunity to review plans to build non-single family structures in our neighborhood, the kind least likely to be owner-occupied. Therefore, we followed several steps. First, in February, we built support among the 'regular' members of the association who attend meetings, and all agreed to make this our project. Then, in March and April, we announced the plan in the newsletter. We also held a special meeting on Monday, April 29th, inviting all the homeowners from the affected area. For this special meeting, we mailed invitations to every owner who lived outside the neighborhood, and we hand delivered to every door inside the affected area, to make sure people received the notice. Throughout this process, Mr. Snodgrass of Catholic Housing, Mr. Speise with UG Planning and Zoning, and Commissioner Mendez joined Wendy in providing technical assistance and expertise to help us develop a plan that would be acceptable both to the neighborhood and the Unified Government. Each of these people attended at least one of our neighborhood meetings to answer questions and help plan. Once this was done, Commissioner Mendez brought a plan from Mr. Speise forward to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and they voted to waive the \$100 per lot fee and consider the proposal on July 29th. After following due process and sending notices, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the proposal itself on October 21st. While one outside speculator spoke in opposition, the Unified Board of Commissioners recommended the plan for passage. On October 31st, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the plan sponsored by Mendez.

Contributed by Paul Davidson, Co-Facilitator of the Frank Rushton Neighborhood Association

Academic All-Stars

The following Saturday Academy participants did a great job at Rosedale Middle School in the 1st quarter: Yesenia Chavez, Ryan Hernandez, Charles Holmes, Ada Sims, and Ilham Abuanga. Congratulations and way to go! Keep up the great work!



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

The Excellence in Education program continues to thrive in the Rosedale community. Participating schools include Frank Rushton Elementary School along with Holy Name School. A recent awards ceremony on November 19th marked the first round of recognition for students at Holy Name School. Eleven students were honored for their achievement. Criteria for receiving awards are: academic achievement, perfect attendance, and good citizenship. Holy Name School provided refreshments for the ceremony and Ed's Trophies furnished the trophies. KU bookstore, a community partner donated t-shirts to the award recipients. Don De-McDonald's at 4215 Rainbow, also received special recognition at the Frank Rushton awards ceremony on November 14th for being the first business partner in the program. Forty-five students were honored at Frank Rushton. Feedback or questions regarding this program may be directed to Richard Johnson, Chief of Police 588-5133.



ATTENTION PARENTS!

KU Community Policing is working in partnership with Rosedale schools and its officers are concerned about the safety of all area children. If you have specific concerns that you would like to share with the KU Community Policing Officers, please contact Officer Kemper at 588-5030. All calls will be kept confidential.

Please Note: Our regular business feature will return in the next full-length newsletter.

KU Med Center Events

Freshstart - A Smoking Cessation Program

The American Cancer Society's Freshstart four-session program helps nicotine users develop a plan of action to change behavior, manage stress, monitor weight and stay nicotine-free for good. Must be pre-registered by January 10.

DATES: January 15, 17, 22, and 27

TIME: KU Med, Dykes Library, Conf. Room 1008
3901 Rainbow Blvd., Kansas City, KS

Understanding Alzheimer's When it Strikes

An estimated 5 million Americans currently have Alzheimer's Disease. The vast majority of these cases are found in adults over the age of 60. Today, physicians are able to diagnose this disease with more accuracy and researchers have developed several treatments to help slow the disease process. Join Jill Peltzer, RN, MSN, as she discusses Alzheimer's Disease and memory loss and what treatment options are available. Lunch will be served.

DATES: Friday, February 22

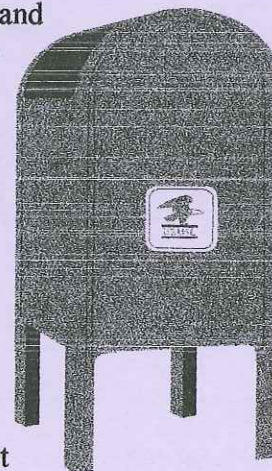
TIME: Noon - 1pm

PLACE: KU Med, Wyandotte Room, 3901 Rainbow Blvd., Kansas City, KS

To register for either of the above workshops, please visit the KU Med website at www.kumed.com or call 913-588-1227. All of the above information is provided courtesy of KU Med Center.

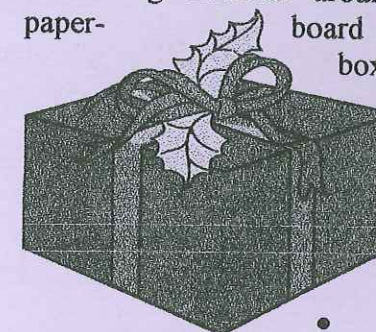
Holiday Postal & Mailing Tips

Do you know the difference between Express Mail, Priority Mail and Parcel Post? If you wanted to send a gift to a friend and you're like many Americans, the questions is derstanding mail services and following are from a booklet



USPS called "A Customer's Guide To Mailing" that may be useful in preparing holiday mail.

• **The Box:** Choose a box with enough room for cushioning material around the contents. Sturdy paper-board or corrugated fiberboard boxes are best for weights up to 10 pounds. If you are reusing a box, cover all previous labels and markings with black marker or adhesive labels.

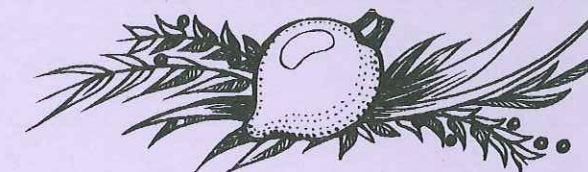


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Mapping & Down-Zoning in Hilltop

Several months ago, the idea of conducting a mapping project in the Hilltop area was introduced to the neighborhood association. Professor Helen Hartnett, of KU, came and presented the mapping tool that is intended to assist the neighborhood in monitoring the general condition of their neighborhood, specifically non-residential property. The neighborhood plans to use the acquired information to see which areas of Hilltop need improvement. An overlay of data indicating which properties are rental properties will also be available. In addition, the Hilltop neighborhood will begin down-zoning in January. The neighborhood is hoping to have more single-family homes in the area and plans to use down-zoning to achieve this goal. If you are interested in learning more about this process and what is happening in Hilltop, please attend the Hilltop meeting at 7 p.m. on January 6. Meetings are held at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Rainbow Blvd.



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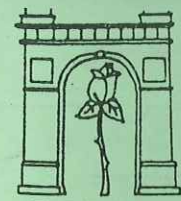
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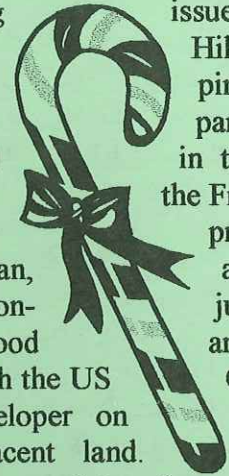
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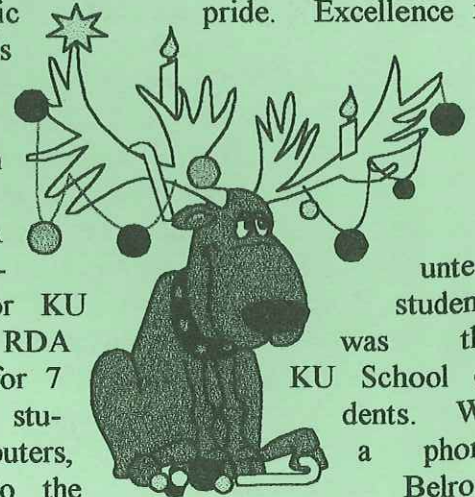
*Greetings to all the
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 and residents of
 Rosedale!*

RDA 2002: The Year in Review

This year the Rosedale Development Association (RDA) completed 8 Community TREE projects with 20 middle school youth involved in leadership roles. We assisted 28 homeowners with minor home repairs and clean ups. RDA addressed 158 codes related issues and boarded up 2 vacant houses. Five individuals looking for housing received assistance through our office. RDA developed a site plan for 76 units of new owner occupied housing in partnership with City Vision Ministries (CVM). We contracted with an architectural firm to develop a 39th St. corridor plan with input from the community. RDA developed a plan for infill housing and improvements to existing homes for the 3800 and 3900 blocks of Lloyd. The association worked on land use planning issues in each of the following areas: Hilltop Neighborhood Group (on map-ping), the Rosedale Park skateboard park planned as a community build down-zoning in the spring of 2003, UG ap-Mission Road plan, and the zoning over-lay district in con-junction with the cities of Westwood and Roeland Park. RDA worked with the US Corps of Engineers, UG and a developer on plans for Turkey Creek and adjacent land. We assisted 44 businesses with a variety of issues. The Rose-dale Development Association addressed 133 crime-related issues and participated in 68 meetings geared toward improving Wyandotte County. We maintained



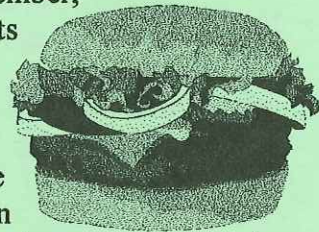
a Community Resource Center to assist people with employment (18), housing, social services and more. Through our Summer Youth Employment Program, 13 youth (ages 14 – 16) worked at local businesses. Forty-eight youth participated in our Saturday Academy Program and 40 youth attended the monthly class reunions. RDA hosted and facilitated 10 Rosedale Leadership Council meetings and provided technical assistance 25 times to Rosedale neighborhood groups. Through our Feed a Family Program, we were able to provide food for 11 families (17 adults and 37 children). We held 10 meetings and 6 functions to promote civic pride. Excellence in Education awards were presented to 110 youth at Frank Rushton Elementary School. RDA provided 3 vol-unteer opportunities for KU students and employees. RDA was the practicum site for 7 KU School of Social Welfare stu-dents. We provided 2 computers, a phone and recorder to the Belrose Manor housing development for a resource center. RDA addressed 3,435 calls for service. Twenty youth worked on a Habitat home in Rosedale. RDA worked in conjunction with youth volunteers and neighborhood members in beautification projects in Belrose. We improved the Rosedale Memorial Arch through the purchase and installation of concrete pads, 3 picnic tables, and 6 benches. In addition, we ordered 7 bollard lights and had brush cleared from rock walls for a total of \$17,189. RDA established the Rosedale historical archives and printed a book with photos of all Rosedale High School graduates from 1886 to 1955. Copies of this work were shared with District 500. All research information was from area residents, as the school district did not have complete records. Wow! What a year it has been. Thank you for your ongoing support of RDA as we seek to continue serving the residents and businesses of the Rosedale community!



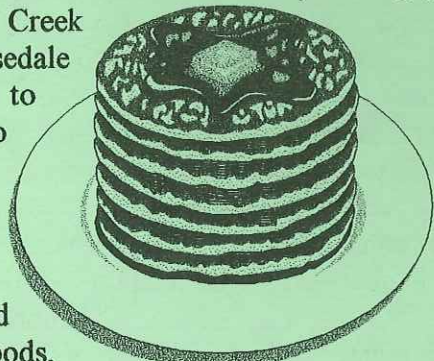
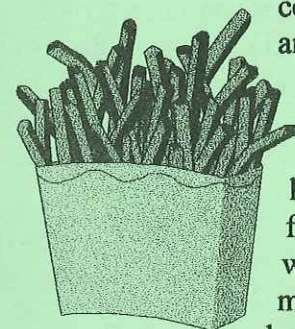
Business Feature:

Dagwoods

This month's feature business is long-time Rosedale business and RDA business member, Dagwoods. For many residents who have lived in Rosedale numerous years, Dagwoods ranks among area landmarks like Strassers and Holy Name Church as having deep roots in the local community. In a recent inter-

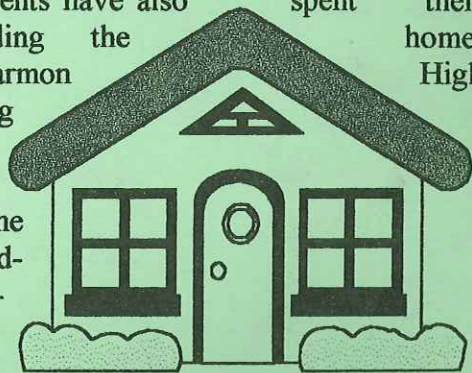


view with Ruby Morlan, current owner of Dagwoods, I had the opportunity to learn a bit about the history and present community involvement of Dagwoods. On December 11, Dagwoods held its annual holiday dinner, which provided food and other donated items to about two hundred community residents. Ruby has been involved at Dagwoods for many years starting out as a waitress. Dagwoods serves primarily traditional breakfast and lunch foods like waffles, pancakes, sausage, burgers, fries, and more. Dagwoods features a daily special. All items are made from scratch. Ruby describes Rosedale as a great place to be in business because of the strong supportiveness and involvement of the community. She said that several years ago, when Turkey Creek flooded, several Rosedale residents came down to Dagwoods at 4 a.m. to help clean-up the restaurant and move items out of the way. When the volunteers had finished helping at Dagwoods, Ruby noted that the volunteers then continued down the street to assist the next business. Ruby describes the clientele of Dagwoods as representing many different parts of Rosedale, including construction workers, lawyers, and many more. For your own taste of Rosedale's own Dagwoods stop in between 6 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Dagwoods is located at 1117 S.W. Boulevard and is open seven days a week, with shortened hours on Sundays. If you want to know more about Dagwoods, questions may be directed to Ruby at 677-0747.



Rosedale Habitat Homes

Big changes are taking place at 40th and Minnie. Volunteers are working hard to complete a four-bedroom house at 4001 Minnie. H & R Block volunteers have worked faithfully at the site on Saturdays since August 24th. Several Sumner, Washington and Bishop Ward High School students have also spent their Saturdays building the home. Students from Harmon High School are coming out during the week to work as a team on the home. The dedication and teamwork is really paying off. Just next door at 4007 Minnie, Grace Covenant volunteers are building a three-bedroom home. Both homes are at approximately the same stage, the outsides of the homes are complete (except for painting). Contractors are now installing mechanical systems in the homes. Volunteers will resume work on the homes on Saturday, January 4th. Community volunteers from Our Savior Lutheran Church and the Sharing Community Church will be coming out to build in January. If you know of any other Rosedale groups who would like to volunteer, please call Amy Walsh, RDA Volunteer Coordinator at 913-677-5097. *Submitted by Amy Walsh*



Housing in Hilltop

The Hilltop neighborhood has the most rental properties of all of the Rosedale neighborhoods. A recent mapping project in Hilltop provided an overlay map of rental properties. Hilltop residents in partnership with KU students and staff have been working to collect the data. Some of the findings from the studies revealed that there are 37 duplexes, 87 single family homes, a total of 916 apartments, and 81 buildings that have not been inspected by rental licensing as of August 2002 in Hilltop neighborhood. Two non-conforming rental homes were recently found to have been converted into apartments. Both of these homes are in an area that is zoned for single-family dwellings. Discussion of down-zoning in the Hilltop neighborhood will commence at the January 6th neighborhood meeting held at 7 p.m. in the basement of Our Savior Lutheran Church. If you are interested in learning more, please attend the January 6th meeting. *Information provided courtesy of Hilltop Neighborhood Association*

Saturday Academy

This session in Saturday Academy we made paper, mosaics, a film, went on a field trip to the plaza and had a scavenger hunt all over the plaza. The best part of the field trip was the skyscraper. A skyscraper is a big



milkshake that you can share with four people. The best part of the Academy was making the film. The film was a public service announcement. And we split into tribes and made two different films. One was about the danger of drugs and the other was don't join gangs. *Written by Ada Sims, 6th grader at Rosedale Middle School*

RDA Annual Meeting

The RDA Annual Meeting was held on December 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the Koch Community Center, 1401 S.W. Boulevard. Wendy asked for the group's input and feelings on continuing to host the annual Rosedale Festival. She noted that coordinating this event is very labor intensive and that finding volunteers is always a challenge. Generally, RDA makes no profit on this event and does well to break even. Wendy also requested the group's input on the building of the skatepark in Rosedale Park. Our Savior Lutheran Church and Holy Name Church have suffered some property damage from skateboarding activity outside of their churches. RDA is hoping that the installation of a park created specifically for the purpose of skating will help to address this issue. The group saw value in and supported the building of the skatepark. Wendy updated the group on steps being taken to find the Westside, Missouri youths responsible for vandalizing the Rosedale Arch. Wendy and Lynda Callon, a community leader from Westside, met to distribute bilingual fliers offering a \$250.00 reward for information leading to the arrest of persons responsible for this act. Regarding recent changes on the board, Forrest Rhea will continue to serve as the representative at-large for the residential sector and Brian Williams of Brian's Auto Repair (located at 47th and Mission Road) will be the business representative at-large. Attendees were asked to share what they are seeing and hearing in the neighborhoods and whether they had any suggestions to offer for ways that RDA can better address the priority issues in the neighborhoods.

Happy Holidays

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from all of us at

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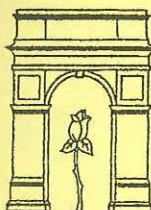
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Happy New Year members, friends, and residents of Rosedale! We at RDA hope that each of you has had a good first month of 2003. As we face the chills of our Kansas City winter, we wish everyone good health and warmth.

CANDIDATE FORUM SCHEDULED:

District II (South Side)

Commissioner-At-Large & District III

Council Candidates

Attention Rosedale voters!!! Rosedale Development Association will be hosting a forum for District II Commissioner-At-Large and District III Council candidates on **February 19, 2003 at 7 p.m.** Candidates Michael Aguilar, Donald DeSeure, Norman Dysart, and Jason Weiser have been invited to attend. The forum will be held in the meeting space directly next door to the Rosedale Development Association office at 1401 S.W. Blvd. As your participation in this election is critical, RDA is encouraging all interested persons to attend and hear what the candidates have to say. Candidates will present brief statements and there will be time for questions and answers. There will be two candidates running for the District III Council position. Current commissioner, John Mendez, and Domingo Soto are the candidates vying for this seat. Mendez and Soto have also been invited to speak at the forum. For more forum information call RDA @ 913-677-5097.

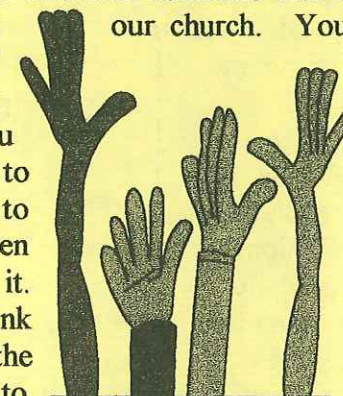
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Rosedale Volunteer Corner

Why Volunteer? Many of us volunteer on a regular basis. We may help out a neighbor or a friend in need. We may volunteer our time to watch someone else's child or we may help out at our church. You

may shovel the snow off of an elderly person's walk or visit an ailing relative. You may volunteer your time to the people near and dear to your heart without even thinking twice about it. Today, I invite you to think about volunteering for the community near and dear to your heart—Rosedale. All of us want to make our community the best place possible for us to live and work and for our children to grow up in. You may be unsure of



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how to make a difference in your community. At the Rosedale Development Association we have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities that you can participate in. Time commitment and skill levels vary.

You can make a visible difference in the Rosedale Community by:

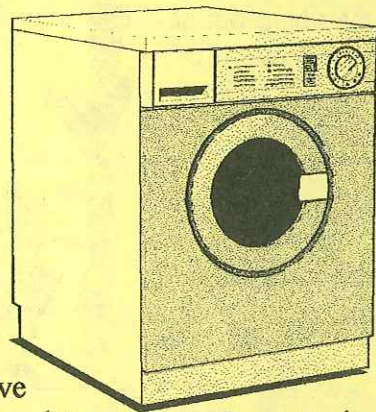
- *Being an adult sponsor of a community service project
- *Building a Habitat for Humanity home in Rosedale
- *Helping with construction of the skateboard park
- *Adopting part of a park or playground to maintain
- *Mentoring a Rosedale youth
- *Helping elderly and physically challenged Rosedale residents with minor home repair
- *Painting over graffiti and more . . .

For additional information on how you can make a difference in Rosedale, call Amy Stock, Volunteer Coordinator at the Rosedale Development Association (913) 677-5097.

Business Feature

Rosedale Ultrawash

If you have been keeping an eye on the construction activity over the past several months on the corner of 43rd and Pearl, you have likely noticed the appearance of a new building with an attractive sign in front of it reading Rosedale Ultrawash. Laundromat owner, Theresa Potter, is eager to be able to provide the services of her new business to Rosedale residents. She cites great community and neighborhood support as being key ingredients that make Rosedale an ideal place for her business. The new laundromat is scheduled to open sometime in February. Although plans were to open earlier, set equipment stallation components beyond control have delayed the opening date.



Progress is moving right along, however, and February appears to be a feasible time for opening. The state-of-the-art laundry facility will offer a variety of services to its users including dry cleaning, starching, self-service laundry, and drop off laundry. All washers will use soft water and have three rinse cycles. Sixty-two dryers will be available for usage, along with fifty-six washers. Five of the washers will be express washers, cutting the time needed for a load of laundry virtually in half and automatically infusing laundry soap on their own. The washers range from holding capacities of 18-75 lbs. Tables for folding laundry as well as seats for waiting on laundry will be available. The 4500 sq. ft. facility will be child-friendly including a corner for playing and eventually for showing children's videos. With over twenty years in the laundromat business, Theresa has a great knowledge of what customers want and need. In addition to the children's area and the standard features of a laundromat, the Ultrawash will have an ATM, a bill changer, trash bags for laundry, and an internet connection hook up. For those wishing to have clean cars and clean laundry, car vacuums will be available along with window cleaner dispensers. Car vacuums

will be located in the spacious parking lot. Inside, all washers and dryers will be accessible using a debit card system, rather than quarters. These cards will be accessed at the facility prior to using the machines. Outside of the Rosedale area, Potter also owns laundromats on 5413 Truman Road, and 1200 Brooklyn in Gates Plaza. Ms. Potter hopes her facility will serve Rosedale residents well and that its customers will take full advantage of the equipment's capacity. Upon opening, the Rosedale Ultrawash will be open seven days a week from 7 a.m. through 11 p.m. The facility will be fully staffed and attended at all times. For more information about the Rosedale Ultrawash, please contact owner Theresa Potter at Potterti@sprint-mail.com. Potter has also made a commitment to the community with the acquisition of 2 lots at 42nd and Mission Rd. for the construction of a 1500 sq. ft. office building in 2004. We welcome this business to the Rosedale community and look forward to having such a high-class facility easily accessible to area residents.

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Senior Citizen: Utility Tax Rebate to Begin

January 2, 2003 thru March 28, 2003 marks the beginning of a utility tax rebate opportunity available to senior citizens of Kansas City, Kansas. To be eligible seniors must be 65, residents of KCK, and have a total income not exceeding \$10,000. The program will provide rebates on a proportion of the total utility bills for 2002. Applications will be accepted at the Municipal Office Building East, 701 N. 7th St., Room 323, Kansas City, Kansas, located in the Unified Government Clerk's Office. Eligible applicants must bring all telephone, gas, and BPU bills paid during 2002, Social Security statements, proof of income, interest statements, etc., and Social Security number. Please call the Unified Government Clerk's Office at 573-5260 with any questions. *Information from Wyandotte Echo*

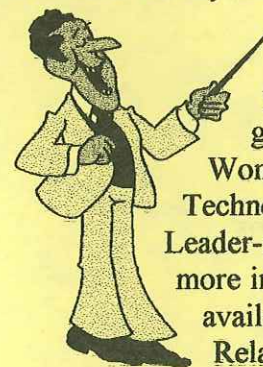


Residential Dump Dates

Open dump dates for this year for area residents are as follows: March 8, April 5, May 3, September 6, October 11, and November 8. The dumpsite, Forest View Recycling and Disposal, is located at 4800 Kaw Dr. (K-32) and is open from 7:15 - 11:45 a.m. Please direct any questions you may have to 913-287-2711.

Donnelly College Speakers Bureau

If you or your group is interested in booking a speaker for your function or regular business meeting, Donnelly College Speakers Bureau has a panel of presenters on a variety of topics available to speak to your group. Topics include, but are not limited to, "You can fulfill your dreams - determine your goals, have a plan, dream big," "The Wonders of Computer and Internet Technology," "How to Unlock Your Leadership Potential" and more. For more information on speakers, topics, and availability, please contact the Public Relations Office of Donnelly College at 621-8707. The college is located at 608 N. 18th Street, Kansas City, KS 66102.

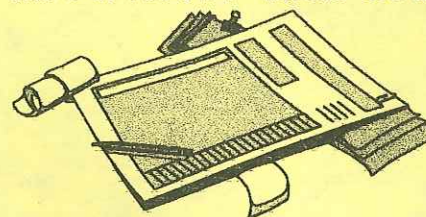


Lewis & Clark Speakers Bureau

The Lewis and Clark Wyandotte County Task Force announces a Speaker's Bureau. Speakers covering a wide range of topics are available to speak to groups of all types. To arrange for a speaker, please contact Julia Blagg at 913-321-9200.

Need Help with Your Taxes?

Free tax help is available at City Hall on February 3, 4, and 5 at 701 N. 7th Street. Be there by 8 a.m. to get a place in the line. Please bring all the necessary paperwork and records with you.

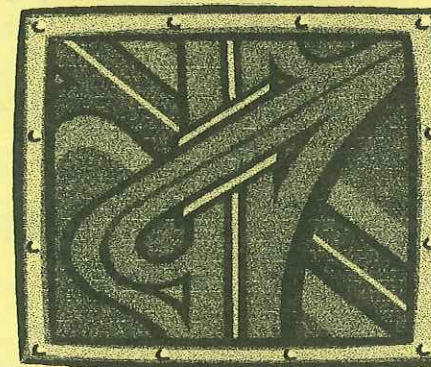


I-35 Ramp Improvements

Beginning in March of 2003, Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to rework the on and off ramps to I-35 at Mission Rd. The northbound ramp directly next to the fire station on Southwest Blvd. will remain open through this construction phase, but will be closed permanently in 2005. Construction is scheduled to be completed in late August 2003. In 2004, KDOT plans to reconstruct the I-35 and 7th St. interchanges. Access to these will be closed for most of the year. In 2005, I-35 construction will reduce traffic to two lanes in both directions beginning at Mission Road to the Missouri line.

UPDATE: TURKEY CREEK

The US Army Corps of Engineers announces that steps are being taken to wrap up efforts supporting Congressional reauthorization of the current project. A Draft Report and Environmental assessment of the project were completed in August 2002 and the public demonstrated its support of the project by generating numerous letters. As it stands, the cost of the proposed project totals \$73.4 million, \$45.3 million of which would be federal monies and \$28.1 million of which would be non-federal. It is projected that coordinated timing of the downstream channel along with the KDOT widening of I-35 will create a sizeable cost reduction for both projects. *Information provided by the US Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District*



Rosedale Community Project News

The social work students at Rosedale Community Project are working to develop an extensive resource center and resource guide for community use. The students would like input from community members on what types of resources should be included. If you have any suggestions or would like to help in this process, please contact Tara of Liz at 913-677-2561. The 15th session of Saturday Academy began on January 25th and will end on March 1st. This session will include a career exploration curriculum and a curriculum based on exploring diversity without our own culture. The January Saturday Academy Reunion was held on Tuesday January 28th. The theme of the reunion was karaoke night and time was used to discuss Community TREE projects. If Rosedale residents have ideas for community service projects or are interested in being a youth sponsor for a service project, please contact Amy Stock at 913-677-5097.

