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Greetings members and friends! It has been another busy and adventurous month here in Rosedale and March is here. And you know what they say about March, in like a lion, out like lamb.

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Burglaries Hit Local Businesses

Within the last month a rash of burglaries has hit several local businesses on Rainbow Boulevard including X-Tension Food Mart, Texas Toms, Palace Express, Jiffy Lube, and Where House Music. In order to assist local business owners in protecting

their businesses RDA is planning a meeting of all business owners (in the Rosedale and Volker area surrounding the University of Kanalong with KCK and officers. police The purpose

the meeting will be to create a rapid response reporting and warning allowing businesses to inform system each other within a few minutes when a burglary or robbery occurs. Time and date of meeting to be announced. Other crime reduction methods will also be discussed. If your business is a target of any crime, please make sure to report this to the police. RDA highly encourages concerned business owners to become part of this initiative to keep all area businesses safe and crime free. For more information, please call RDA 913-677-5097.

Overview of Candidate

On Wednesday, February 19, 2003 RDA hosted a forum for UG District II Commissioner-At-Large and District III Commissioner candidates. Candidates for Michael Aguilar, Don

Weiser

Commissioner-At-Large DeSeure, and Jason participated in the forum. Commissioner-At-Large candidate, Norman Dysart was unable to attend due to illness. Commissioner candidates John Mendez and Domingo Soto also took part in the forum. Several Rosedale residents attended the forum and posed questions to the candidates. Numerous issues were discussed including what the candidates plan to

do if elected. Soto voiced an interest in welcoming private investors to undertake redevelopment initiatives. Mendez expressed a desire to utilize money from development taking place in the west for infrastructure improvements. Commissioner-At-Large candidates Weiser, DeSeure, and Aguilar also shared their own visions. Weiser said he would work to make it easier and more attractive for small businesses to open. DeSeure plans to strive to secure more dollars for curbs and sidewalks. Aguilar stated that, if elected, he would focus his energies on addressing blight.

Police: New Pager Numbers

KCKPD Officer J.J. Wilt: 816-497-0349 KCKPD Officer Jeff Miskec: 816-497-0453

Moore Secures \$73.38 Million for Turkey Creek Flood Control Project

(WASHINGTON, DC) – A request by Congressman Dennis Moore (Third District – Kansas) to reauthorize a higher level of funding for the Turkey Creek flood control projects was included in the final version of the Omnibus Fiscal Year 2003 Appropriations Act. The House is expected to pass the bill and send it to the President for his signature after Senate approval. Moore's request expands the project to total a cost of \$73.38 million with a federal share of \$45.3 million, providing the much-needed flood protection for businesses and residents in the Kansas City area. "I have let my colleagues in the House know about the devastation the repeated flooding of

Turkey Creek has caused for local homes and businesses," Moore said. "I am pleased we can

now move forward with these projects that are of vital importance to Kansans." Turkey Creek flows from its urbanized drainage basin in Johnson County into Kansas City and the Kansas River. Severe flooding has occurred along the

basin, most recently in 1993, 1998 and in June of 1999. Moore obtained the following earmarks in the Omnibus Appropriations bill for flood control in the Kansas City area: \$400,000 in FY03 to fund further design work on the Turkey Creek flood control project, \$200,000 in FY03 to continue funding the feasibility phase of an additional flood damage reduction study on upper Turkey Creek; and \$600,000 FY03 to fund an ongoing feasibility study of the levee system in the Kansas City area on the Kansas and Missouri Rivers. "These funds are a small amount to pay to ensure that the millions of dollars invested in property, homes and businesses in the area are adequately protected from flooding," Moore said. Information courtesy of Congressman Moore's office. Release date February 13, 2003.

"When we forget our priorities, we argue about our trivialities." Anonymous

Rosedale Community Project

We are halfway through the 15th session of Saturday Academy. On Saturday, we took a field trip to Crown Center to go ice-skating. This session will conclude on March 1st. Our next series will begin March 8th and run until April 19th with March 22nd off for Spring Break. Our focus next series will be "Conservation and Gardening." The February Saturday Academy reunion took place on the 11th and was a great success. With the help of some AmeriCorps volunteers, students helped make and deliver

Valentine's Day treat bags to the childrens' ward of KU Medical Center. Currently we are working on a Saturday Academy website. Keep an eye out for it in the near future. Our work on developing the resource center

is still underway. Please contact Tara or Liz with questions at 913-677-2561. We would love to hear from anyone interested in the Rosedale Community Project. If you would like to know more about what we are working on, or have suggestions about future projects, please call us at the aforementioned number. Remember we are always looking for caring adults to be youth sponsors for Community TREE projects. These community service projects are a great way to get involved in your community. Hope to see you out and about in the community! *RCP*

Position Available ROA Seeks Administrative Assistant

RDA is seeking an Administrative Assistant to help manage our busy office. A minimum of two years administrative assistant experience, as well as proficiency in MS Word, Excel, Quick Books, and attention to details is required. Eligible candidates will be those who are capable of facilitating both internal and external communications, providing administrative support, assisting with internal office functions, and maintaining financial documents. RDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Questions regarding this position may be addressed to RDA Executive Director, Wendy Wilson @ 913-677-5097.

Business Feature

KC Cars 4 Less

This month's business feature is new RDA business member KC Cars 4 Less owned by Galen Pyle. Mr. Pyle is a former State Highway Patrol officer who has been in the used car business for over 31 years, and at his Rosedale location for the past 13 months. Originally asked to manage the lot for a friend, who previously owned the space, Pyle found that he really like the location and the customers that Rosedale provides. In addition to taking all of his vehicles to



putting them up for sale, Pyle also test-drives many of them himself for a few days at a time. His goal is to take care of any repairs that may be necessary prior to selling the vehicles, so that the new owner will not have to do so. Along with using the services of local mechanics, Pyle aims to reinvest any money used for reconditioning his cars back into the neighborhood. KC Cars 4 Less offers low finance and interest rates and also works with customers to develop a payment plan to fit their capabilities. Fourdoor family cars, generally ranging between \$3,950 and under to \$8,950, are the best sellers at KC Cars 4 Less. Most cars on the lot are low to mid 90s models and 99% of them are trade ins at new car dealerships. If you are interested in checking out the current inventory, please visit KC Cars 4 Less at 1258 S.W. Blvd. Questions? Call Galen Pyle @ 913-831-7077.

Candidate Forum

The Kansas City, Kansas Chamber of Commerce announces two upcoming forums. On March 18, Kansas City Kansas Community College will host a forum for UG Commissioner and BPU Board candidates from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. On March 19, from 6 – 9 p.m. at the same location, KCKCC will host a second forum for KCKCC Board and public school district candidates. Both forums are free and open to the public.

For additional information, contact Cindy Cash at the KCK Chamber of Commerce at 913-371-3070.

Rosedalians Reaching Out

Rosedale Habitat Homes Almost

Complete

On Minnie, what was an empty plot of dirt last August is now the site of two new homes. In about two weeks, the homeowners will be moving into the homes that they and hundreds of other volunteers have worked so hard on over the past six months. These homeowners once only dreamed of having their own home; now this dream is a reality. They own homes they can take pride in. At 4001 Minnie, guided by the excellent direction of Kaw Valley Habitat for Humanity Foreman, Mason Hanson, H&R Block volunteers, the homeowners, Rosedale community volunteers and high school students from Sumner, Bishop Ward, Harmon and Schlagle teamed up to construct the three-bedroom home. The H&R Block Foundation and Rosedale Development Association sponsored the home and worked together to recruit volunteers. The H&R Block volunteers worked tirelessly on the house on Saturdays from August

through January. They continued working even in freezing and rainy weather. Grace Covenant Church members are sponsoring and working alongside the homeowner and other volunteers and on a two-

bedroom home at 4007 Minnie under the supervision of KVHH Foreman, Jim Klamm. The homes and their homeowners are a welcome addition to the community. Just by their presence, they have helped to make Rosedale a better place to live. KVHH, Rosedale and the H&R Block Foundation will be partnering together again to begin building another home in Rosedale in the fall of 2003.

Saturday Academy

"Saturday Academy is a fun place to learn. The most important thing about Saturday Academy is learning, making friends, and going to field trips. Some activities include making prayer flags, learning about the Amish, and making quilt boxes, but we still learn. We learn about helping our community and what we want to be when we grow up." Contributed by Ilham Abuanga, Yesenia Chavez, and Rosa Felix – Sixth graders at Rosedale Middle School.

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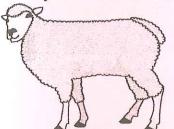


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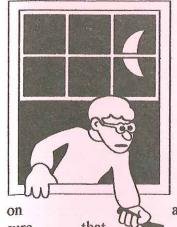
Greetings members and friends of RDA! Spring is on the way and March is heading out like a lamb. Here at



RDA we are gearing up for the events of the coming months including the construction of the much anticipated skatepark in Rosedale Park and much, much more.

Businesses Unite to Combat Recent Crime Wave

On Tuesday, March 18, several local business owners met with police officers from KU and KCPD to share information and discuss strategies for businesses to inform one another immediately if a crime takes place at a given business. Often persons committing crimes will hit several businesses within the same area one after another. Representatives from businesses from



that sure with tapes loaded The group will

contact RDA @ 913-677-5097.

were present. Businesses on both sides of the state line have been experiencing similar crimes. RDA encourages businesses to continue taking basic safety precautions to secure businesses. Simple steps such as turning on some inside and or outside light at night, as well as making security cameras are can make a big differ-

both Kansas and Missouri

meet again soon, to share updates on progress it has made toward establishing a rapid response system. Best Western, on Southwest Blvd., generously offered their facility to serve as a meeting space - thanks, Ken and Larry! For more about the next meeting time and location, please

Great American Cleanup

The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest organized annual cleanup, beautification and community improvement program. The Great American Cleanup is a platform for a wide range of initiatives embraced by Keep America Beautiful Inc., such as: litter cleanups, litter prevention education, recycling drives, graf-



fiti removal, beautification, and community improvement projects, park renewals, clothes collection programs, river, lake and seashore cleanups. Operation Brightside Inc. is a local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and will be organizing a number of the above activities for the time frame of March through May 2003. For more information or to get an application for your group, please call 913-573-8735. Information provided courtesy of Operation Brightside.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Who: For anyone, any age What: Blood Pressure Check

When: 1st Thurs. of every month – 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Where: Nutrition Site - Fellowship Hall of the Sharing Community of Rosedale Church @ 1444

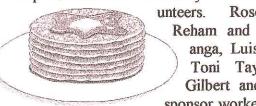
S.W. Blvd. Questions? Call Kala Leuenberg 913-362-

0483 or Judy Selzer 816-741-5644.

Rosedalians Reaching Out

Rosedale Youth Serve Breakfast at Crosslines

Amber Gilbert cooked scrambled eggs for herself every day of the week; but she had never cooked eggs for thirty people before now. On Saturday, March 15th, several people who are homeless lined up at Crosslines for a special breakfast served by Rosedale youth vol-



unteers. Rosedale youth: Reham and Ilham Abuanga, Luis De Larosa, Toni Taylor, Amber Gilbert and their adult sponsor worked together to

make blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausages. They also provided coffee and juice to the homeless. Associate Executive Director of Crosslines, Patricia O'Brien said the folks are still talking about how delicious that breakfast was. Ms. O'Brien said for many of the people, that it would be their only meal all weekend. The special breakfast was a Community

TREE project led by Reham and sisters Ilham Abuanga. Reham said, "It was fun making breakfast and

people." getting to know some of the Community TREE projects are funded by the H&R Block Foundation. The sisters submitted a proposal to the Rosedale Development Association and received a mini grant to purchase items for the breakfast. For more information on how you can help improve our community by participating as an adult sponsor of a Community TREE Project, call Amy Stock, RDA Volunteer Coordinator at (913) 677-5097.

New Number: Police Conduct Hotline (913) 573 - 6262

If you have concerns to report regarding police conduct, please call the number. This is a newly established number to help ensure that citizens receive professional and courteous service from the KCK Police Department.



Upcoming dump dates for this year are as follows: April 5. May 3, September 6, October 11, and November 8. To participate in these dates, residents must show their KS City, KS drivers license and be driving a KCK registered vehicle. No hazardous items, refrigerators, freezers, or tires may be brought to the collection site. All debris must be loaded and taken to the Forest View Landfill LLC on the aforementioned Saturday mornings between 7:15 and 11:45 a.m. The landfill is located at 4800 Kaw Drive (K-32). Further questions may be directed to 913-287-2711. Information provided courtesy of Operation Brightside

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

This year's Household Hazard Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents are the following Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dates are: April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, and October 18. The site is located at 2443 S. 88th Street in KS City, KS. All items brought to the site should be labeled or identified. Items accepted include tires (limit of 10), motor oil, batteries, antifreeze, degreasers, paints, varnishes, solvents, lawn & garden insecticides/pesticides, and household cleaning products. For additional information, please contact the Water Pollution Department at 573-5400. Information provided courtesy of Operation Brightside.

Burn Permit Process for 2003

Residents may apply for a burn permit (valid for up to 3 days) during the month of April 2003 and from October 16 through November 15, 2003 at any of the fire stations currently staffed by the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department. Applications must be received and approved at least 24 hours prior to the start of burning. Residents should have water and/or a fire extinguisher on hand while burning. Burning may not be within 15 feet of any building. Piling of brush, tree limbs, grass and other organic materials is limited in size to 100 feet square at the base. Burning is permitted between 7 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Fire Chief may revoke burn permits or ban open burning due to dangerous weather conditions or other factors. One organic burn is allowed per permit. Information provided courtesy of Operation Brightside.

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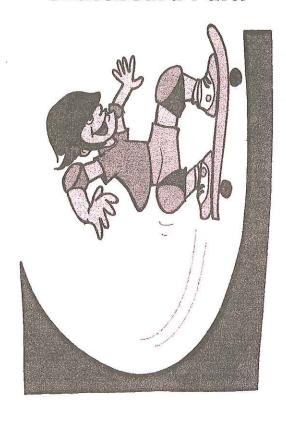
OMEGA DOOR COMPANY

RDA is happy to welcome new business member Omega Door Company to the community. Although Omega Door has been working in the Kansas City area since August of 99, it is new to its Rosedale location as of last August. In a recent interview with company Vice President and General Manager, Bill Kelly, I had the opportunity to learn a bit about Omega. Omega's primary products are the sales of its service and installlation of commercial and industrial doors. Other products that the company provides include: sectional doors, insulated doors, rolling steel doors, fire rated doors, steel doors and frames, architectural hardware, electric operators, high speed industrial doors, and more! The clientele Omega primarily works with are commercial and commercial real estate entities, some of these include installation and servicing work for places such as schools, hospitals, distribution centers, and heavy manufacturers. In addition to Omega's Rosedale location, the company also works out of other cities including Cleveland and Youngstown (Ohio), Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania), and Winchester (Virginia). The opening of the first Omega door company dates back to 1968. Most of Omega's clientele is in the greater Kansas City metro area, though the company also partners with some local contractors who do out-of-state work. Currently Omega employs 31 persons, which includes administrative staff, sales people, and those out in the field providing installation and repair services. Company vice president Kelly states the majority of Omega's business comes from referrals and repeat customers. At Omega, he says the company's focus is to put service before everything else. Kelly notes easy access to the freeway system and Rosedale's centrality as key selling points of having a business in this community. Omega Door is open from 7 - 5 Monday through Friday and also provides 24hour emergency service. To find out more about the full range of products and services available at Omega or to learn about their Preventive Maintenance Program, please contact Omega Door at 913-647-3667. The office and warehouse are located off of S.W. Boulevard, behind Strasser Hardware @ 924 Division Street.

Police Service Questionnaire

Starting in April, the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department will provide citizens with a pamphlet of information as well as a questionnaire regarding service when responding to calls. Each questionnaire contains a space for the responding officer to record his or her name, serial number, and the complaint number. KS City, KS Police Department, Chief Miller is requesting that citizens take a few moments to fill out and return these questionnaires.

Grand Opening!!! Rosedale Skateboard Park



Saturday, May 10th Noon to 2 p.m. 4300 Mission Road

Frisbee Golfers, 69 Boards Skateboard Shop and Rosedale Development Association are collaborating to celebrate the opening of this premier skateboard park. Youth and adults alike will enjoy skateboard and frisbee golf demonstrations, skateboard safety workshops, giveaways and hot dogs and pop. Come out with your skateboard or bike and be sure to bring your helmet and knee pads too.