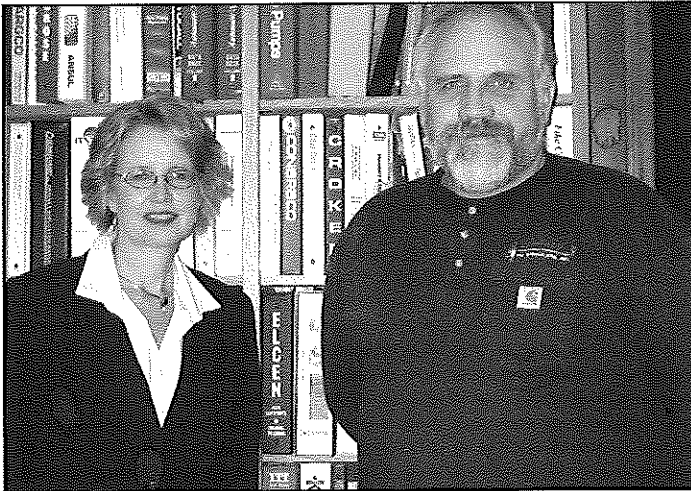


Rosedale Development Association

Working in partnership with residents, businesses, and institutions to build a strong community and improve the quality of life for those who live, work, and play in Rosedale.

December 2003

Business Feature



Marie Townsend, the president, and Dave Kendrick, the vice president of Century Fire Sprinklers

Century Fire Sprinklers was founded by Lin McCool in 1981. There is now a branch office in St. Louis and both locations employ thirty-five employees on average. Century Fire Sprinklers does business in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, and various other states. Marie Townsend, the current president, reported that they recently received a request from a customer in Georgia and that they try to take their business wherever customers are. Century Fire Sprinklers install, design, maintain, and repair automatic fire sprinkler systems and backflow preventers for commercial customers. In Rosedale, they have provided services for Wholesale Sheet Metal, Strasser's Hardware, and Gragg's Paint. Townsend said that they appreciate the fact that Rosedale is a central location, but have the misfortune to be next to Turkey Creek. They have experienced nine inches of flood water in their office and the loss of five computers and many documents. Work continued, and Century Fire Sprinklers recovered from the flood. Townsend said that having a sense of humor is important, not only in rebuilding after the flood, but in day to day business. The Century Fire Sprinkler office is open from 8:00 to 4:30 Mon. to Fri. and they have 24 hour 7 days a week emergency response. They are located at 1233

Southwest Blvd. and their phone number is (913) 677-0808.

Feed A Family

This Thanksgiving RDA fed twenty area families with turkeys from Harvesters and shopping carts upon shopping carts of food purchased at a generous discount from Applemarket. RDA received a donation from the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #37 for the purchase of the food. Five volunteers from the community helped with the bagging and distribution of the food. Mary Bosco from Alumni Relations at KU Medical Center translated for Spanish speaking families. George and Jess, two KU Community Police Officers and a member of the FOP helped with shopping and pick-up the turkeys from Harvesters. This truly was a community effort. Thank you to all those who helped make twenty Rosedale families' Thanksgiving a little brighter.

Rosedalians Reaching Out

Job Title: Student Tutor

Program Description: The University of Kansas, Academic Programs for Excellence (APEX) Gear Up Program is seeking academic tutors. The tutor position will support early college preparation and awareness activities for students in sixth through twelfth grades that are living in Kansas City Kansas Public Housing.

Responsibilities: Tutor students individually or in small groups at resource centers located at a variety of KCK Housing Authority sites. Subjects may include math, science, reading, writing or computer skills. Present materials in a creative manner. Assess the level of performance of the student during tutorial sessions and with a variety of educational assessment tools, including surveys and sign in sheets, provided by Gear Up staff. Request supplies from Gear Up staff as needed. Tutors will serve as role models for Gear Up students in the areas of academic skills, study habits, and being successful high school/college students.

Time Commitment: Flexible hours in afternoon or evening, usually from 3-5 pm.

Job Title: Adult Sponsor Community TREE for Friendship House project.

Responsibilities: A group of youth (ages 11-16) has planned to build some shelves for Friendship House. Adults assist youth as they write a proposal for a mini grant, and present the proposal to the RDA staff. Adults provide guidance, coaching and feedback to the youth during the duration of their project and are present on the day(s) of the project.

Qualifications: Enjoy working with youth, coaching them, have some carpentry knowledge.

Time Commitment: Depends on the length of the project, usually three weeks.

Benefits: The opportunity to inspire, mentor and possibly teach youth new skills. to help build shelves for Friendship house.

Graffiti Hotline

Graffiti needs to be removed as soon as possible in order to discourage further occurrences. We want graffiti out of our neighborhoods. You can play your part in solving this problem. Call the graffiti hotline:

913-573-8789

When you call the hotline a Community Police Officer will come and assess the graffiti. The owner of the property can then receive assistance in the removal of the graffiti from Operation Brightside, after signing an Authorization for Abatement Form.

The Homestead Refund

Some of you may have seen an increase in your property taxes this year. Those who are eligible may receive some relief (up to \$600) through the Homestead refund. To be eligible for this rebate program you must be 55 or older, blind or disabled, or have a dependent child under 18 who lived with you all year. To claim a Homestead refund complete a Kansas Homestead Claim (K-40H). The two page form and instructions can be printed off of the Kansas Department of Revenue website: www.ksrevenue.org, or picked up at locations where state tax forms are normally available. If you need assistance with your Homestead claim you can visit the Kansas Department of Revenue website, call the free Kansas Taxline at 1-877-526-7738, or visit the Kansas Department of Revenue in Topeka on the first floor of the

Docking State Office Building at 915 Southwest Harrison between 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. When the form is complete mail it, between January 1 and April 15, to the following address:

Homestead Claim
Kansas Department of Revenue
915 S.W. Harrison St.
Topeka, KS 66699-2000

Major Police Enforcement



Police citations cover the front of a Merriam Ln. Mechanic Shop.

The Mechanic Shop on Merriam Lane has long been an eyesore. It has effected the surrounding businesses and has been a safety hazard for drivers. Cars were packed into the space in front of the shop, and at times spilled out into the road. Large numbers of junk cars were housed behind the building. Working on the cars outside and storage of junk vehicles were a violation of the C3 zoning. RDA had been working with officials since February to have something done about these violations. On October 28 local police officers and state officials wrote citations for all the vehicles housed at The Mechanic Shop. A total of 113 cars were found. A few cars were found with incorrect tags. The owners had forty-five days to remove the cars or they would be crushed by the state at the owner's cost. So far they are complying by removing the cars.

Strategic Plan

AS promised in the last newsletter, here is the second installment of the details of RDA's strategic plan. RDA's goals for housing are to increase neighborhood stability, reduce slum and blight in Rosedale, and increase owner occupancy rates within our area by a minimum of 3%. In order to reach these goals RDA hopes to perform the following actions over the



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

The Team Members:

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

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

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

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

Swing-o-rama

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

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

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

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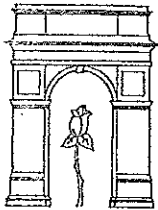
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Reflections from Rick Silva

One of the most enjoyable things that we as Rosedale Development Association members do every year is plan and hold our annual festival. I say this even though in the past it was hard to get excited about something that was so much work and made little or no money. But this year, thanks to the overwhelming support of many volunteers, this year's festival was one of the most successful ever.

Many thanks to everyone who attended this year's event as well as the participants and people who worked individual booths, such as our many food vendors.

Also, thanks to all our sponsors who donate the supplies as well as give valuable cash donations each year that help defray our costs for such things as entertainment, tents, and chairs. Unlike the bigger metropolitan festivals, every dollar donated comes from the Rosedale Community, making this a true community event.

And last but not least, to all the wonderful people who gave of their time, the most precious commodity of all, we thank you with all our heart. This year, thanks to you, more people attending the festival were able to enjoy all we had to offer. Every child was able to play a game or participate in the many skill and thrill attractions we provided. This has never happened before and you do not know how much we appreciate your time. Thank you.

As we close the book on this year's festival, we remember what it means to be a part of this community. We all share many of the same concerns for a better Rosedale, but once a year we celebrate what is right with where we live and work and play. Thanks to all of you who participated and remember us again next year.

CHILDREN'S SPEECH CLINICS

There's a new resource for families in Rosedale. Children with communication disorders now have a place to turn for speech therapy. If your child has difficulty hearing, speaking, or understanding, these clinics may be right for you. Sponsored by the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, the clinics are absolutely free. Communication problems are serious, and do not go away by themselves. This is an especially crucial time to get treatment for these disorders, with the school year just beginning. If you suspect your children may have a communication disorder, get it checked out now. A new clinic has recently opened at KU Medical Center. For more information, contact Nancy Martin, the coordinator. Call by phone (913) 588-5937, or fax your questions to (913) 588-3923.

Rosedale History Books Available!

Have you ever wondered about the history of Rosedale and how it has become what it is? If so, you're in luck! Thanks to the diligent work of long-time Rosedale resident, Margaret Landis, paperback books of the history of the Rosedale community are now available @ RDA for \$15.00 each. Stop by the office or call us @ 677-5097 if you interested in having your own copy of this special limited-time book.

Summer Youth Employment Wraps Up

This year's Summer Youth Employment program has been a great success, perhaps the best yet. Good matches were made between businesses and youth workers this year. In fact, these matches were so good that many of the youth

involved have been offered continuing positions by their current employers. The success of this program can be attributed to the generous funding we receive from the Board of Public Utilities, the dedicated youth who apply, the interest and involvement of local businesses, and the people who work to keep everything organized and updated. Everyone has done a great job this year, and we thank you for your participation!

This year's involved businesses include: Westwood IGA, Miller Image Group, Vital Signs Center, the Rosedale Vision Center, Strasser's Hardware, Argentine Community Center, Pet Connection, the Law offices of Stephan Kirschbaum, and the Rosedale Development Assn.

CRIME ALERT

The months of September through December are notoriously high crime times in Rosedale. To make sure that you are not victimized in the following months follow these simple guidelines:

- Do not leave personal belongings out in your car.
- Make sure purses, wallets, cell phones and CDs are out of sight if you leave them in your car.
- Keep boxes, shopping bags and the like in your trunk if you make a stop on your way home.
- Always lock your door.

Community police officer Jeff Miskec adds, "If you're going to leave your purse out in your car, you might as well leave your door unlocked. That way you don't have to pay for a broken window."*
*The RDA does not endorse this view in any way, and feels that officer Miskec was attempting to use

absurd humor to explain the folly in leaving your personal belongings in plain view in your car. Be advised to take all the aforementioned tips seriously, in order to better protect yourself and your belongings in the coming high theft season.

POLICE SEEK INFO

The community police are interested in obtaining the names of homebound individuals in the Rosedale Community. If you know anyone who is homebound please call RDA. The police will use this information to organize clean ups of their yards, check on them in the winter, and make sure they are protected. To share a name or put an individual on the list, please call us here at RDA (913) 677-5097, or Officer J.J. Wilt and leave a message at his office (913) 573-8720. Thank you in advance for your help with this project. Together we can make Rosedale a safer community for everyone.

Rosedale Saturday Academy Coming Soon!!!

This session, the 9th series of the Rosedale Saturday Academy, might be a little different than it has been in the past. New activities are already being arranged. Participation in series eight was somewhat sporadic. While participation of any kind is great, it is important to start at the beginning and to keep attending the Saturday Academy. This will ensure that participants will experience all of the different projects that the Rosedale Saturday Academy has to offer. The RSA will kick off the first session of its next series on Saturday, October, 20.

Call Rae Johnson @ 677-2561 if you have questions or if you would like more information.

Interested in Learning More About the Rosedale Memorial Arch?

If you or your neighborhood group are interested in learning more about the Rosedale Memorial Arch and the current status of the improvement efforts, you may call RDA @ (677-5097) to book a formal presentation covering the recent progress with this project.

Educational Opportunities

Do you like to learn or to take classes every now and then simply for the joy of it? Kansas City Community College has a variety of businesses and continuing education classes available for the Fall 2001 semester. Classes are available in many areas including: Workforce Development, Continuing Professional Education Classes, Business & Career Education, Non-Credit Classes, Short-Term Classes, Adult Studies Advancement Program, GED Testing, and Self Enrichment. Other opportunities such as Senior Citizen Field Trips are also available. Deadlines for classes vary. If you have specific questions about any of the classes available, feel free to contact KCKCC at (913) 334-1100 or (913) 288-7660. A brochure is also available at our office our office for your use if you are interested.

Opportunities for Learning & Involvement at the Argentine Branch Library

October 17 –

What: A presentation of the CD-ROM “Rosetta Stone” – a language learning software for those interested in improving their English skills.
Where: Argentine Branch Library
When: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Please note that *space for this event is limited*. If you are interested in attending this session, please call 722-7400 to register.

Children’s Storytime

Who: Pre-school children ages 2-5
Where: Basement of the Argentine Branch Library in the children’s department.
When: 10:30 a.m.
(approximately 1 hour)

October dates: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November dates: 7, 14, 21, 28

December: 5, 12, 19

October Hayrides!!!

Hayrides will be given every Friday and Saturday night of the month of October at Wyandotte County Lake, 91st and Leavenworth Road. Rides start at the 83rd Street shelter on the East Side of the Lake. Each ride lasts approximately 45 minutes, and takes passengers through a heavily wooded area. A bonfire will be available and marshmallows can be purchased to cook. These are not spooky rides, and passengers can expect to see deer and other wildlife. The early ride on Saturday is designed for those who want to see fall foliage.

Friday rides, 7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Saturday rides, 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

*\$5.00/ person ages 13 – Adult
\$3.00/ children ages 4 – 12
FREE/ children 3 and under*

Reservations taken only for groups buying the entire wagon. Maximum capacity 24 people/ mixture of children & adults. For more information or reservations, call Vicki at 913-299-0550.