

Rosedale Business of the Month

Rainbow Pet Hospital

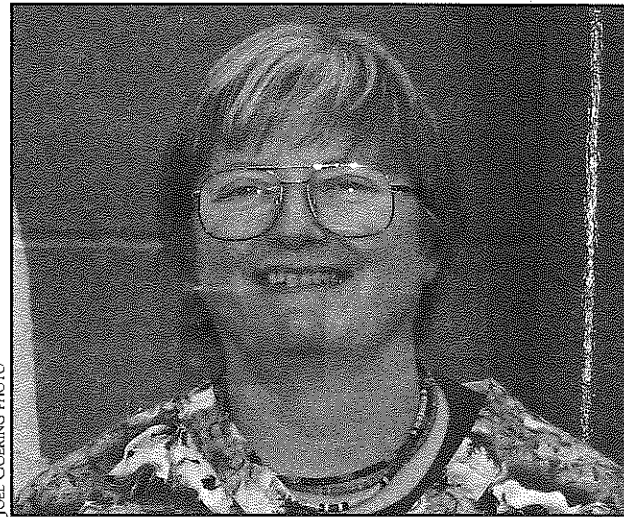
Address: 4468 Rainbow Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66103
Phone: (913) 831-2034

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sat., 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Handling an average of nearly 800 "patient visits" a month, the Rainbow Pet Hospital is not just a successful business; it is also a valuable, life-sustaining resource for the Rosedale community.

The hospital provides a range of services for owners and their dogs and cats, all the way from preventative care to treatment of serious illness. The emphasis is clearly on preventative care, however. "We stress preventative care so that we can catch things sooner rather than later," says Dr. Noreen Overeem, D.V.M., the hospital's veterinarian and owner. "If the animals are brought in earlier, rather than waiting until they're really sick, we can respond quicker [and the animals have a better chance of surviving]."

Services offered include routine check-ups, vaccinations, heartworming, dental care, diagnosis and treatment of illness and disease, surgery, and acupuncture (yes, that's right, acupuncture...the hospital receives a fair amount of referrals for acupunc-



JOEL COERING PHOTO

Dr. Noreen Overeem, owner of the Rainbow Pet Hospital, flashes a welcoming smile. In addition to its other services, the Hospital has cats ready for adoption to responsible pet owners. If interested, contact the Hospital: (913) 831-2034.

ture treatment, which is a very unique service for pet hospitals). The hospital also operates a small pet supply store, which contains items like pet food, medicines, leashes, collars, and other accessories.

The Pet Hospital has been in Rosedale for many years. Dr. Overeem

took it over from another veterinarian in 1982 and has been in the same location ever since. Dr. Overeem has seen a lot of changes in the neighborhood since she first began, but she says the future is bright for the Rainbow Blvd. corridor: "We have excellent exposure here, and Rainbow Blvd. is improving every year. We are close to KU Med. Plus, the new condos are going in across the street [the Boulevard Row townhomes, which will be built next spring on the east side of Rainbow Blvd., directly north

of 45th St."

Most of the Pet Hospital's clients come from surrounding neighborhoods in Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan. There are also a lot of KU Med Center employees who bring their pets to the hospital. Some clients even come from distant suburbs, such as Olathe and Grandview.

If you're looking for a reputable veterinarian, or if your dog or cat needs medical attention, visit the Rainbow Pet Hospital.



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ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

RDA wins "Extreme Office Makeover: Non-Profit Edition"

Rosedale Development Association is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of an Extreme Office Makeover: Non-Profit Edition, which was awarded through a partnership between several Kansas City-area businesses.

The office makeover concept is the brainchild of Courtney Klimowicz, a Workplace Consultant for Team Office, an office furniture dealer on the Missouri side of the state line. Klimowicz was searching for a way to "thank those people who have dedicated their lives to helping others," so she came up with the idea of an Extreme Office Makeover, patterned after the popular ABC television series.

Realizing that most not-for-profit organizations do not have the financial resources to make office upgrades, Klimowicz decided to lead an effort to find and select a deserving not-for-profit organization within the Kansas City metropolitan area that could benefit from improvements to office infrastructure and appearance.

Kelly Jander, RDA's Volunteer Coordinator, sent in RDA's application to the makeover contest after her husband read about it in the newspaper.

"Derek [my husband] said, 'RDA would be perfect for this. You guys should apply,'" recalled Jander. "[After reading the makeover contest description], I completely agreed, but I was still shocked to learn that we had won."

In addition to Team Office, which will provide new furniture, there are several other local companies that are participating in the Makeover. A.B. Bradley Construction will make "cosmetic changes" to the interior and exterior of RDA's office and next-door Koch Center, and Batts Communication Services will upgrade the telephone systems. Other partners include Carpet Direct, Flack Painting, and Gold Bank. As details of the Makeover are developed, more businesses may join the effort.

"This is a great way for our company to give back to the community," said Kyle Batts, president of Batts Communication Services. "We are excited about helping a non-profit organization that is helping others in Kansas City."

RDA is extremely grateful for the participating companies' initiative and willingness to assist the organization with office improvements. The upgrades will allow RDA to better serve the community of Rosedale and to fulfill its mission of building a healthy community and improving the quality of life.

The dates of the Makeover have not been officially announced, so stay tuned for more details and updates. RDA staff will have limited access to the office during the Makeover, so please be patient during that time.



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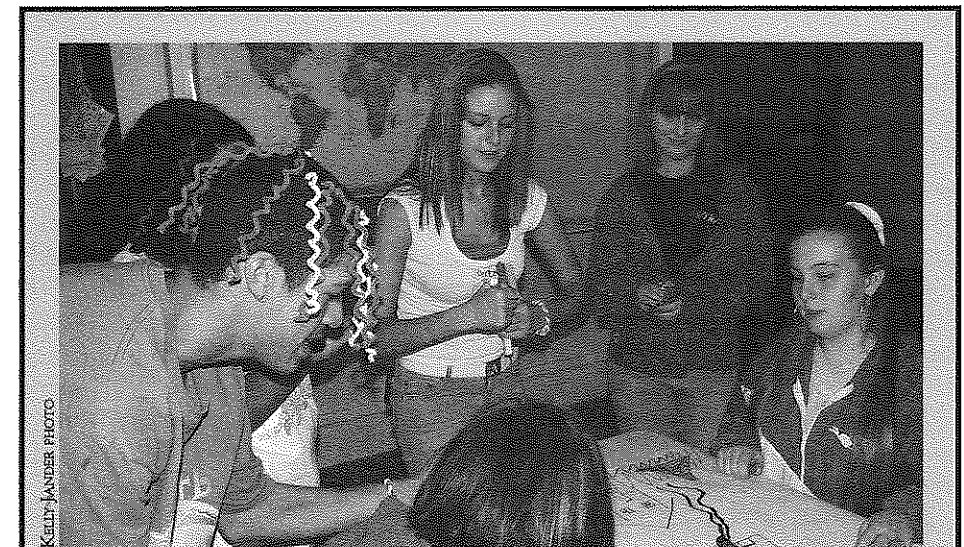
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Season's Greetings

The Rosedale Development Association Board of Directors and Staff would like to wish everyone a joyous and meaningful holiday season. We look forward to continuing our work in the next year of building a strong and healthy community and improving the quality of life for those who live, work, and play in Rosedale.



KELLY JANDER PHOTO

Seven Rosedale students from J.C. Harmon High School, Sumner Academy and Bishop Miege High School and three adult sponsors are spending their Saturdays participating in "Making a Difference, Block by Block," a five-part neighborhood leadership training program being offered at RDA. Upon completion of the program, the youth will be eligible to participate in a new RDA Youth Advisory Council, which will work with RDA staff to address issues facing the community's young people.

From the Executive Director: reviewing 2005, looking ahead to 2006

Another year down, another year of accomplishments in the Rosedale community. So what difference has RDA made in the lives of those who live and work in Rosedale? 74 individuals received food and other household products for Thanksgiving. A total of 28 minor home repairs were completed, assisting elderly, disabled, and other low-income homeowners. More than 400 volunteers helped with neighborhood clean-ups, newsletter mailings, home repairs, youth programs, and transforming the formerly vacant lot behind the Koch Center, our community center located next door to our office. More than 100 local youth participated in our Youth Academy, tennis lessons, disc golf lessons, chess club, and service projects to improve the lives of others in the community.

Southwest Blvd. was finally paved, as was Mission Rd. and S. Minnie hill. A new home was built on Shawnee Road by KU architecture students and City Vision Ministries. A new Master Plan was approved for the eastern portion of Rosedale that will set the tone for future development. Crime is down and property values are up.

As we look toward 2006 and the future, we will place an increased focus on supporting youth to become successful adults. RDA and the KU School of Social Welfare plan to work at Rosedale Middle School with students who are struggling to read at grade level. If one cannot read well, it greatly diminishes their future life opportunities. And we are all about our youth having opportunities. Our goal is to recruit and train community volunteers to work with the school to raise the reading and math scores of our children. RDA wants to see our kids dream of attending college and have the strong educational foundation that allows them to reach this dream, whatever it takes. We want them to be able to buy a home in Rosedale and to raise their children in the community that nurtured them.

On the physical development side, we will formulate a property development plan that focuses on creating earned income for RDA and improving Rosedale. To reach this goal we are add-

ing new Board members with expertise in real estate and non-profit housing development. We also plan to assist area businesses by hosting a series of 6 educational sessions that will equip each participating business with the tools to improve their bottom line.

As always, we will continue our advocacy efforts to improve the liv-

Giving Thanks

Thank you to everyone who donated to RDA's 20th annual Feed-a-Family program. Your contributions helped provide a happier and healthier Thanksgiving holiday for 74 Rosedale residents in need.

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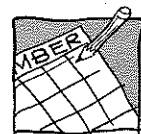
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Storehouse
- Darcy Nichols-Curtiss
- Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 37
- John and Linda Wright
- Myrna Corpeny
- Patricia Mahoney
- Patricia Painting & Siding
- Rainbow Mennonite Church
- Rainbow Pet Hospital
- Roeland Park Wal-Mart
- Stevie Reynolds
- Univ. of Kansas Community Policing
- Westwood Apple Market

Volunteers

- Anna Beggs
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- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Derek Jander
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- Kimberly Turner
- Larry Denny
- Laura Beckloff
- John and Linda Wright
- Rachel Bonar
- Rosedale Youth Academy
- Sonya Emory

ing conditions of Rosedale residents, reduce crime even further, reach out to youth and families, and help this community move forward in a manner that benefits residents and businesses. We are excited about the possibilities for Rosedale, and we hope you will join us to make it happen.

— Wendy Wilson



Upcoming Events

- December 13**
Rosedale Youth Academy Reunion. 1401 Southwest Blvd. 6-8 p.m.
- December 20**
RDA Board meeting. Held at Univ. of Kansas Medical Center. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- December 21**
Rosedale Leadership Council meeting. 1403 Southwest Blvd. 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- December 22 - January 4**
Winter break for U.S.D. 500 students. No school.
- December 25**
Christmas.
- December 26-30**
RDA office closed.
- January 1**
New Year's Day.

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Homeowners may install the kits

Longtime Rosedale resident dies from brain tumor

Gregory A. Bergman, 56, a native of the Rosedale area of Kansas City, Kan., died on Nov. 13, 2005, after a 10-month-long struggle with a brain tumor. Greg served for 25 years as a firefighter with the Kansas City, Kan. Fire Department, retiring in 1999. He was a member of the International Association of Fire Fighters Union, Local 64. He was also a dedicated and loyal member of the Rosedale Development Association. Memorial gifts may be made in Greg's name to the donor's preferred Cancer Society or Animal Shelter.

Is your neighbor driving you crazy?

Do you have problems of excessive noise, animal control, broken communication, disputed property lines, and/or poor upkeep of property in your neighborhood?

Are you having difficulty resolving these issues?

If so, then contact:

Rosedale Conflict Resolution Center

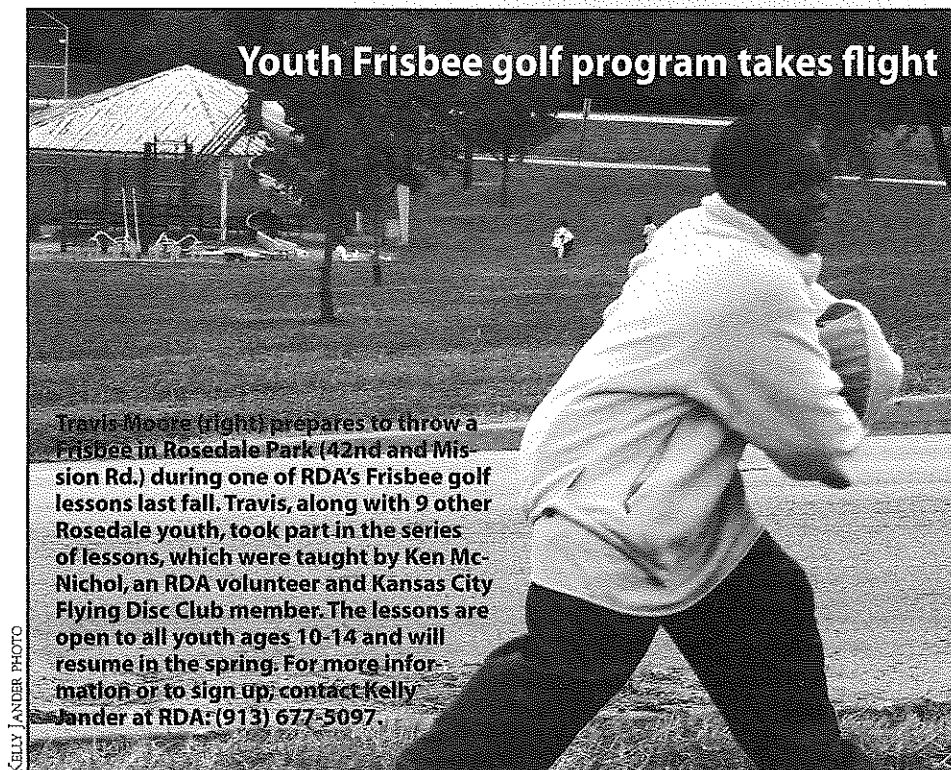
We'll help you resolve your problem.
(913) 677-5097
Ask for Joel Goering.



ROSEDALE CONFLICT RESOLUTION CENTER

themselves or they may call upon volunteers at the United Way of Wyandotte County for assistance. Besides RDA, several other organizations are distributing kits in Wyandotte County, including El Centro, Inc., Leavenworth Road Association and the NAACP.

If you or someone you know needs a home winterization kit and meets the income guidelines, contact RDA: (913) 677-5097.



Travis Moore (right) prepares to throw a Frisbee in Rosedale Park (42nd and Mission Rd.) during one of RDA's Frisbee golf lessons last fall. Travis, along with 9 other Rosedale youth, took part in the series of lessons, which were taught by Ken McNichol, an RDA volunteer and Kansas City Flying Disc Club member. The lessons are open to all youth ages 10-14 and will resume in the spring. For more information or to sign up, contact Kelly Jander at RDA: (913) 677-5097.

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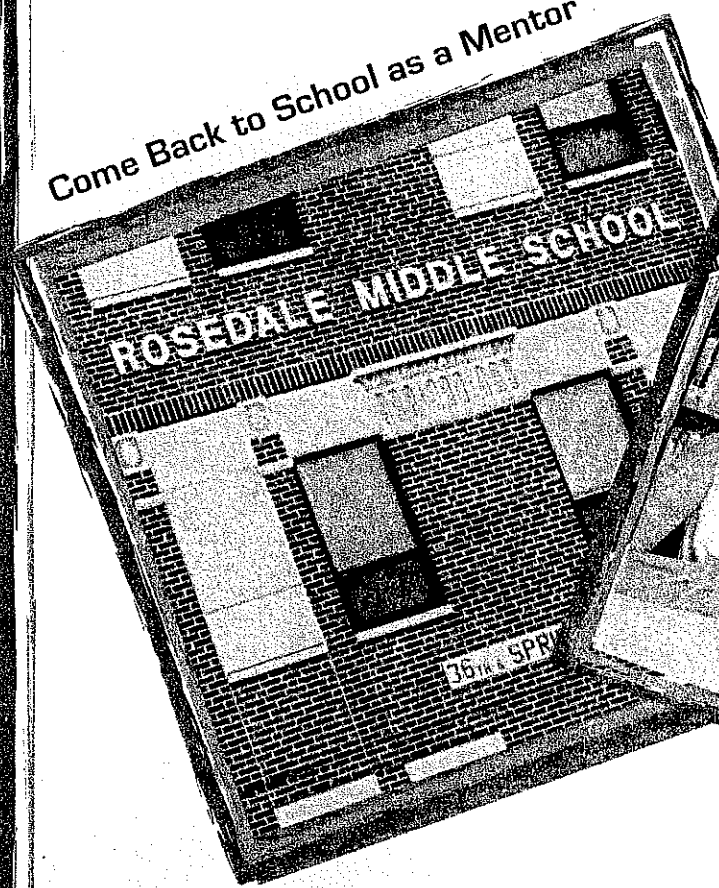
Contact person

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Please mail application, along with check made payable to:
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Kansas City, KS 66103

Come Back to School as a Mentor



Be a YouthFriends Volunteer



ROSEDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

3600 SPRINGFIELD, KANSAS CITY, KS

Rosedale Middle School is a welcoming place for students, staff, parents and visitors. We want to create a partnership between the school and community to enhance the achievement of our students.

Lili Englebrick, Principal

Come be a YouthFriend at our school. We love volunteers.

Spend an hour a week with a student here at Rosedale Middle School. Share your experiences. Help with reading and math. Be a mentor.

To get started all you need to do is complete a YouthFriends application and background check and attend a training session at a location near you.



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One Hour a Week Makes a Difference.



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One Hour a Week Changes Lives. Shapes the Future.

Want to make a difference in our community? Consider inviting your employees to mentor a young person in school for just one hour a week. Research shows that that one hour a week can help improve students' attendance, academics, their outlook on life and themselves.

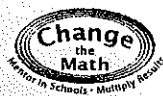
Through YouthFriends, a noted Greater Kansas City school-based mentoring effort, the numbers of mentors in local schools grows every year – over 5,000 last year alone. But the number of students in urban schools who could benefit from a mentor at school continues to out distance the number of available volunteers.

The Heart of America United Way and YouthFriends want to Change the Math on those numbers by recruiting 500 mentors for students in the Kansas City Missouri and Kansas City Kansas School districts in 2005.

They need your help to help change lives and shape the future. Here's how.

- Join the more than 100 local businesses and organizations that are YouthFriends Employer Partners.
- Then partner with a Change the Math school in the Kansas City, Kansas school district.
- Encourage your employees to volunteer at that school for just one an hour a week. There they might help a young person improve reading skills, tutor, practice math or spelling facts or share lunch.
- Contact April Ragland at YouthFriends (816) 842-7082 or Douglas Walker, Kansas City, KS School District Coordinator at (913) 627-4377 for further information. Or visit youthfriends.org or hauw.org. Let YouthFriends take it from there. Be sure to ask about scheduling an information session at your place of business.

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A joint project of YouthFriends and the Heart of America United Way.

Bioengineering & Turkey Creek

David Flick from Terra Technologies will be presenting on the bioengineering design features of the KDOT Turkey Creek I-35 Expansion project and the ecological outcome of completion. This is the largest bioengineered river relocation project in the greater Midwest USA and represents the technological integration of ecological engineering in conjunction with transportation engineering.

The project goals:

Re-establish riparian and facultative ecosystems.

At least 50 species of indigenous prairie grasses, wildflowers, and shrubs will be re-introduced.

The meeting will cover:

Means and methods of construction

Expected time of construction

The sequence of prairie plant germination and propagation.

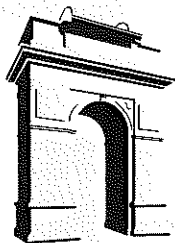
When & Where:

March 25 (Thurs.) from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

1401 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS (the portion of Southwest Blvd. that turns into Merriam Ln.)

Questions?:

Call Rosedale Development Association at (913) 677-5097



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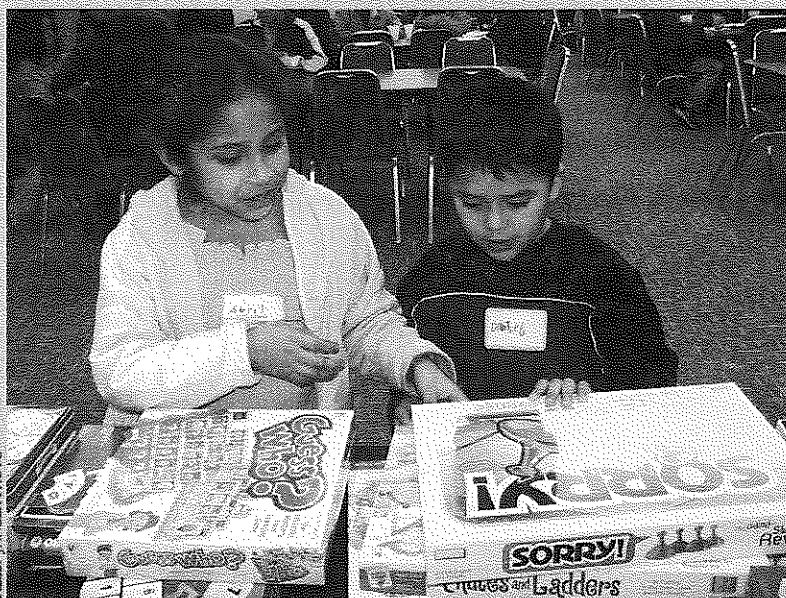
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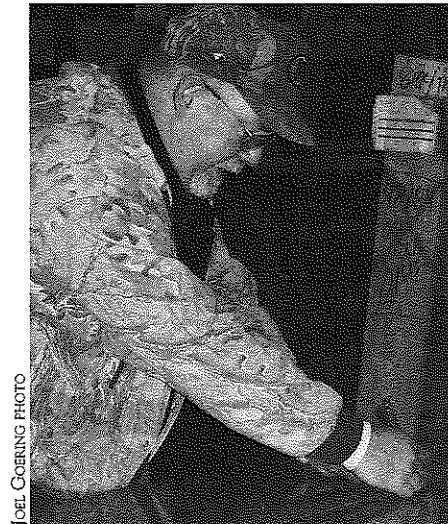
Address: 2416 South 8th St., Kansas City, Kan. 66103
 Phone: (913) 38-GLASS
 Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Founded in 1929, Sol's Glass is a 3rd-generation family-owned business located in the heart of Rosedale, just behind RDA's office. It is the oldest glass company in Kansas City.

Sol's is a "full service commercial glass company," providing customers with an array of glass products and services, including installation of storm windows, door windows, table tops, mirrors, and more. The company has a variety of types of glass in stock, suitable for any purpose or need (although it does not handle automobile glass work). As a company that has been around for a long time, it is no wonder that Sol's is a trusted and popular choice when it comes to glass.

Sol's is owned by Louis Malashock, the grandson of the original owner, Sol Kopitnik. For about its first 65 years of existence, the company was located at 18th and Locust in downtown Kansas City, Mo. Then, approximately 10 years ago, Sol's moved to its current location in Rosedale.

"We like this location," said Gary Williams, Superintendent of Glazing. "It's a friendly neighborhood. We've



JOEL COERING PHOTO

Stephen McMahon, a long-time "glazer," prepares to cut a piece of glass in the workshop of Sol's Glass. Col. McMahon, who is retiring at the end of the month, has been in the glass trade for 37 years. Many of Sol's employees have also been in the glass business for many years.

never had any problems with vandalism or crime."

Denise Dickerson, customer service representative and 20-year veteran employee, added, "It's a bigger building [than the old one in downtown KCMO]. Plus, it's close to

the highways."

Sol's employs 15 full-time workers. All of its "glazers" (glass workers) are members of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, Local 558.

95% of Sol's work is on commercial properties, both new construction and refurbishing of old buildings. Very little of the company's jobs are residential. Like many Rosedale businesses, Sol's has business across the entire metropolitan region.

Sol's has also been helpful to RDA recently. Williams took time on a Saturday to replace the front windows of RDA's office, and he will soon replace the front windows of the next-door Koch Community Center. Sol's donated all of the materials for the project; RDA was only responsible for paying for the labor.

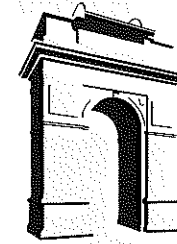
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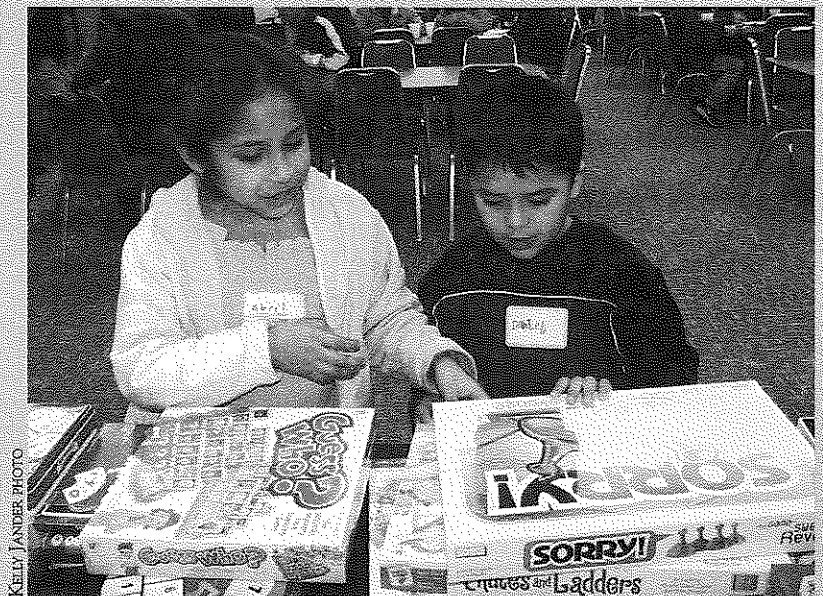
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Free English classes taught at RDA

Spanish speakers who want to enhance their English skills are invited to attend free conversational English classes being held from 7-8:30 p.m. each Saturday night in the Koch Community Center (1401 Southwest Blvd.).

Classes are being taught by Diana Demke, an English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor with more than 30 years of teaching experience. Her son, Nathan Demke, also is an experienced ESL instructor and will help teach the class.

"Our goal is for the classes to be re-

laxed and fun," Demke said. "Although students won't become fluent speakers by attending class once a week, they will strengthen their English skills considerably."

English speakers also are invited to attend. Eventually bilingual volunteers will be needed to interact in one-on-one conversations during the class. If you would like to participate, volunteer, or have questions, please contact Diana Demke: (913) 599-0429 or Kelly Jander, volunteer coordinator: (913) 677-5097. ☐

KCNA offers next series of "Building 21st Century Leaders"

The Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance (KCNA), one of RDA's organizational partners, has begun the next 10-session series of "Building 21st Century Leaders," a critically-acclaimed leadership development program for students, neighborhood leaders, community activists, and others.

The series is free to anyone willing to participate in the program. It takes place over a five-month span, with about one session per week. The sessions are usually held from 6-8 p.m. and are offered on both sides of the state line: KCNA hosts the series in Missouri (3101 Broadway, Suite 101), while RDA hosts the series in Kansas (1401 Southwest Blvd.). Participants can attend sessions on either side of the state line

— it does not matter, as long as the participant attends 10 total sessions. There is a light supper provided at no cost to participants at each session.

Previous graduates report having good experiences and strongly recommend the program to others. Many claim that they now have more confidence and improved "people skills." The skills that are taught can be used at home, in the workplace, and anywhere else in personal or professional life.

The first session on the Kansas side was Tuesday, Jan. 10. The first session on the Missouri side was Tuesday, Jan. 17. It's not too late to join. If you would like more information or if you want to sign up for the next series, call: (816) 753-8600, ext. 1070. ☐

Academy impacts Rosedale youth



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During the 2005-06 school year so far, twenty-five 5th grade students from Frank Rushton, Holy Name and Rosedale Middle School have spent Wednesday afternoons learning about and serving Rosedale. The students visited the Rosedale Arch and KCK Fire Station #10 and have had guest speakers from KU Medical Center and Abitibi Recycling. They sewed a quilt for victims of Hurricane Katrina, cleaned up graffiti in the park and picked up trash in the neighborhood.

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RDA Board of Directors welcomes new members

At their December meeting, the Board of Directors voted to approve the slate of Board nominations for 2006. Four new members will be joining the Board. Check out their biographies below:

Jeff Lysinger has been a Rosedale resident since 1992. He is a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, often serving the Rosedale area. He has been active in the Rose Alert neighborhood group and he graduated from the Kansas City, Kan. Police Department Citizen's Academy. In the spring and summer months, Jeff often mows vacant lots in an effort to keep the community clean. His son attends Holy Name School and his wife works at Children's Mercy Hospital. He will represent the residential community.

Doug Lytle is the owner of Olympic Cabinet Company, a custom cabinet and countertop manufacturer, located at 3909 Mission Rd. The company also operates a shop at 1235 Southwest Blvd. Doug has owned Olympic for approximately 20 years, naming it after he competed in the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, Calif., as a pole vaulter. The company has been in its current Rosedale location for about 10 years. Doug owns other properties in Rosedale, as well. He will represent the business community.

Gerald Shechter currently works as a project director for the Metropolitan Energy Center, renovating vacant, historic houses into education and training facilities focused on energy and the environment. Gerald brings extensive experience in not-for-profit housing development to RDA, having served as the Executive Director of Westside Housing Organization (KCMO) for nearly 20 years. Gerald has an M.A. in Urban Economics from the New School for Social Research in New York City. He has served on numerous volunteer boards and task forces across the Kansas City region.

Charles Stewart is the sole shareholder of a commercial real estate brokerage and development service. He has been involved in the real estate industry on a continuous basis since 1969, following graduate studies at the University of Kansas. Charles has experience in public/private urban redevelopment, office and industrial brokerage

and development, historic preservation, and mixed-use projects. He currently serves on the Planning Commission of the City of Westwood, Kan.

One long-time member, Pat Brown, retired from the Board. RDA thanks her for many dedicated years of service. For a complete list of current Board members, visit: www.rosedaleassociation.org/who_board.htm. ☐

Utility tax rebate available to KCK seniors

From Jan. 4 – March 31, 2006, senior citizens will be able to take advantage of a utility tax rebate. The program offers senior citizens a refund on a portion of the amount paid for utilities during 2005. Persons applying must be 65 years of age during the entire year of 2005, live in the city of Kansas City, Kan., and their total income must not exceed \$10,000. The maximum rebate is \$150.

Applications will be taken at the Municipal Office Building East, 701 N. 7th St., Room 323, KCK, in the Unified Government Clerk's Office. Eligible persons should bring all gas, telephone, and BPU bills paid during 2005; proof of income, Social Security statements, interest statements, etc; and Social Security number. If you have questions, contact the U.G. Clerk's Office: (913) 573-5260.

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Upcoming Events

January 14, 21, 28
English classes for Spanish speakers. 1401 Southwest Blvd. 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to sign up, contact Diana Demke: (913) 599-0429.

January 16
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

January 17
RDA Board meeting. 1401 Southwest Blvd. 5:30-6:30 p.m.

January 18
Rosedale Leadership Council. 1403 Southwest Blvd. 5:30-6:30 p.m.

January 25-29
Extreme Office Makeover: Non-Profit Edition. RDA office closed.

Is your neighbor driving you crazy?

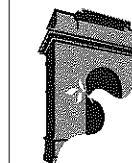
Do you have problems of excessive noise, animal control, broken communication, disputed property lines, and/or poor upkeep of property in your neighborhood?

Are you having difficulty resolving these issues?

If so, then contact:

Rosedale Conflict Resolution Center

We'll help you resolve your problem.
(913) 677-5097
Ask for Joel Goering.



ROSEDALE CONFLICT
RESOLUTION CENTER

Membership application

Annual business dues: \$100 ☐ Annual household dues: \$15

Name of business or name of household _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Contact person _____

Day phone _____ Evening phone _____ Fax _____

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Please mail application, along with check made payable to:
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