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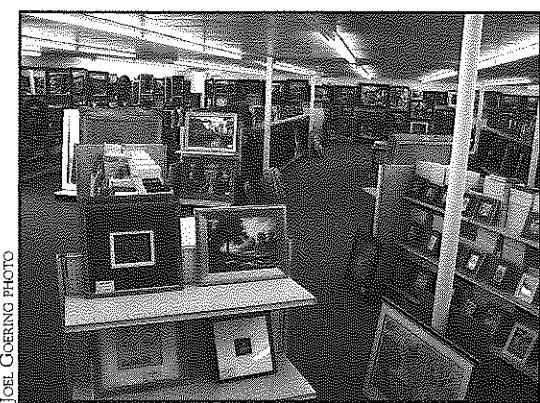
ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Rosedale Business of the Month

Thompson's Frame & Gallery

Address: 520 County Line Rd., Kansas City, Kan. 66103, **Phone:** (913) 236-9515, **Hours of operation:** Mon.-Sat., 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., **Website** www.thompsonsframegallery.com

RD A is pleased to welcome Thompson's Frame and Gallery to the Rosedale community. Thompson's offers a variety of products and services, including expert custom framing, high-quality ready-made frames, photo frames, and decorative mirrors. The business also has a large selection of affordable oil paintings for the home and office, and an in-store fine art gallery, featuring original pieces by artists from across the country.



JOEL GOERING PHOTO

With over 12,000 square feet of inventory, Thompson's has one of Kansas City's largest assortments of frames. There are rows and rows of frames of different sizes, shapes, colors, and designs.

According to General Manager Danny Sullivan, Thompson's also has the lowest prices in the area for custom framing services. Remarkably, the company offers a speedy 24-hour turnaround on most custom framing orders.

Custom mouldings are always 50% off, original oil paintings are always 50% off, and decorative mirrors are always 30% off. In addition, local artists, businesses, designers, and

Thompson's 12,000 square feet of inventory provides customers with a wide variety of frames to choose from, both ready-made and customized. Check out their store on County Line Rd. near the 47th and Mission Rd.

photographers can take advantage of an additional 20% discount on many of Thompson's products and services.

While Thompson's is locally owned, there are "partner" locations in other areas of the United States, including in the Birmingham, Ala. and Atlanta, Ga. regions. This is the first store in the Kansas City region. Sullivan would like to see Thompson's become a "destination store" for Kansas City's framing and art needs.

The business, which currently has four employees, opened its Rosedale location on County Line Rd. last October. It replaced the Faith Village Thrift Store, which formerly occupied the same building.

Thompson's chose the location because of its proximity to the 47th St. and Mission Rd. intersection. Thanks to a partnership between the cities of Kansas City, Kan., Westwood, and Roeland Park, the entire 47th St. and Mission Rd. area is poised for re-development in coming years. Thompson's was attracted to the market potential of the area.

The company looks forward to working with the Rosedale community. Sullivan indicated that Thompson's is willing to donate art or framing jobs to different causes in the community, and that they hope to volunteer with neighborhood clean-up and minor home repair projects. The company's building on County Line Rd. may also be used free of charge for social gatherings and meetings, i.e. happy hour and wine and cheese parties. Contact Danny Sullivan, if interested. ☒

Rosedale Middle School students get a boost from community tutors

In response to a call from Principal Connie Horner, a committed group of volunteers from the community will be tutoring students at Rosedale Middle School (RMS) during the next two months.

Collectively, student test scores at RMS are improving. However, the school continues to face challenges in ensuring success for every student. 83% of the student population receives free or reduced-price meals and a third of students are not proficient in speaking English. These and other factors contribute to the difficulty of making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) each year.

Principal Horner, who is in her first year at RMS, came to the school's Site Council and asked for assistance. The Site Council consists of people in the Rosedale community who want to support RMS in educating children and helping families. Members include local pastors, business people, police officers, non-profit professionals, KUMC staff, and more.

"We have students who need just a little extra help in getting them to where they need to be," said Horner.

To address the need, Site Council members and other volunteers (approximately 20 in number) are spending one hour a week, for 8 weeks tutoring at RMS. Volunteers work with one or two students at a time on targeted math and reading skills. Even RMS teachers are volunteering to spend additional time with students, tutoring them in areas of special need.

Together, the community and

school are making a difference in the lives of students who attend RMS. If you would like to join in this significant initiative and become a tutor, please contact Donna Devine, of the KU Rosedale Community Project: (913) 677-2561. ☒

Say hello to our new community police officers

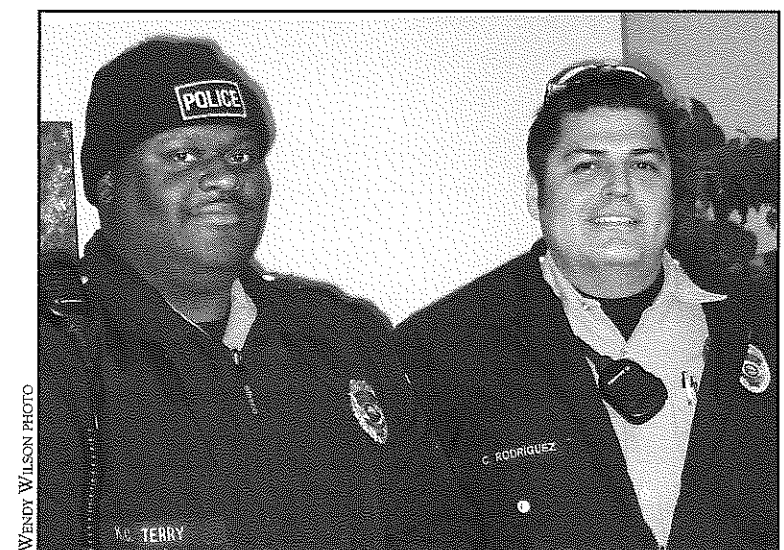
The Kansas City Kansas Police Department has recently announced new assignments in the Community Policing Department. The Rosedale area has two new officers: Officer Kevin Terry and Officer Carlos Rodriguez. They are available to assist residents and businesses with preventing crime and taking a proactive, problem-solving approach to community problems.

Officer Terry's assignment is in KCKPD district #335 (north of I-35, east of 18th St. Expressway, south of Kansas River). His office number is: (913) 573-8728. His pager

number is: (913) 403-3784.

Officer Rodriguez's assignment is in KCKPD district #332 (south of I-35, north of County Line Rd., west of State Line Rd.). His office number is: (913) 573-8704. His pager number is: (913) 403-3778.

While Rosedale is excited to welcome new officers to the area, we are also sad to part ways with Officer Jason "J.J." Wilt and Officer Rick Luttrell, both of whom ably served our community during the past year. We wish them well in their new assignments with the police department. ☒



WENDY WILSON PHOTO

Officer Kevin Terry (left) and Officer Carlos Rodriguez are Rosedale's two new community policing officers. They are here to help our community prevent crime and solve neighborhood problems. If you notice an ongoing crime issue in your area of Rosedale, feel free to give one of them a call.



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LARRY ROLLINS PHOTO



The Rosedale Arch, constructed in 1924, memorializes soldiers from Rosedale who died serving their country in 20th century wars. The Arch sits atop Mt. Marty, which offers a breathtaking view of downtown Kansas City, Mo.

Girls Club service project to benefit Rosedale soldiers based overseas

The members of one of RDA's after-school programs, the Girls Club, are undertaking a service project to help the men and women of the U.S. armed forces from Rosedale who are currently serving overseas. The group is planning to send care packages to these soldiers, as a way to recognize their sacrifice and to show that people at home are thinking about them.

Before the project can get started, the Girls Club needs the community's assistance in identifying and locating soldiers from Rosedale. If you know of anyone from our area that is currently serving abroad — they could be a family member, a friend, or just someone from the neighborhood — please contact the Rosedale Community Project office: (913) 677-2561. ☎

Girl Scouts coming to Rosedale

The Girl Scouts of Mid-Continent is starting a program for the Hispanic community in Rosedale.

The programs "Nadie Como Yo" and "Fit For Life" are designed to meet the critical and emerging needs of 11-17-year-old Latina girls with the goal of empowering them to make positive changes in their lives.

We would like to invite the Rosedale community to join with the Girl

Scouts as we embark on this new initiative. The strength of our programs rests in the voluntary leadership of members and the cooperation and support of the community.

If you or someone you know may want to volunteer in this worthy program, please contact Maria Brobst: (816) 358-8758, Ext. 3113. ☎

Help for Grandparents

As a result of the Grandparents as Caregivers Act, grandparents who are raising their grandchildren in Kansas may be eligible to receive \$200 per month for each child they are raising, up to a maximum of \$600 per month. The goal of this program is to provide relief to grandparents engaged in the difficult task of raising their grandchildren.

The program is open to grandparents 50 years of age or older, with income that does not exceed 130% of the federal poverty level. To qualify, grandparents must have legal custody of their grandchildren.

There is a limited pool of money for this program, so interested persons must act quickly. To inquire, contact the local Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) office: (913) 279-7000. ☎

Sources: AARP Kansas & SRS

Free tax preparation for older adults

The Landon Center on Aging (located on the northeast corner of 36th Ave. and Rainbow Blvd.) is offering free tax preparation to anyone 50 years of age or older, every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., starting Feb. 14 through April 11.

Services will include help with new telephone tax rebates, guidelines for Kansas and Missouri income tax, and relevant tax information for older adults.

The tax preparation is by appointment only. To set up an appointment or for more information, visit: www2.kumc.edu/coa, or call Hallie Kates-Calloway: (913) 588-0606. ☎

Rosedale Obituary

Irving Malashock, 83, died on Jan. 4, 2007. Prior to his retirement several years ago, Malashock and his son, Louis, co-owned Sol's Glass Company, a full-service commercial glass company based in Rosedale. Louis continues to own the business, which is located directly behind the RDA office. Irving was born in St. Joseph, Mo. in 1923. He served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II, before settling in the Kansas City area in 1953.

Summer job opportunities with the Rosedale Freedom School

The first-ever Rosedale Freedom School will be held at Rainbow Mennonite Church (1444 Southwest Blvd.) this summer. The following is a list of job opportunities with the Freedom School for persons in the community:

For 19-30-year-olds Servant-Leader Interns (11 positions)

Gain valuable teaching experience
Make a difference in the lives of children
Must be available May 21-July 27, 2007
\$3,000 stipend + free training

For anyone (non-age specific) Culinary Staff (two positions)

Design menu for six weeks
Cook food to supplement USD 500 free meal program
Must be available June 11-July 27, 2007
\$10/hr. for 7 hours/day
If interested, contact Joel Goering:
(816) 510-8244.

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Last month's photograph & question:

Question: Who is this man and what is his distinction in early Rosedale history?

Answer: D.R. Mathias, the first Mayor of Rosedale. Mathias was elected in 1877. *Speaking of elections, remember to vote in this month's primary and next month's general election.*

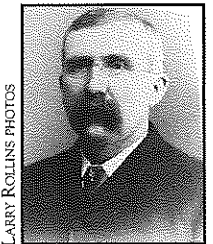
Winner: No one answered the question correctly.

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LARRY ROLLINS PHOTOS



Upcoming Events

- February 21**
Rosedale Leadership Council meeting. State Ave. 8:30 a.m.
1403 Southwest Blvd. 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- February 27**
Primary Election Day. Vote!
- February 22**
Liveable Neighborhoods meeting. U.G. Neighborhood Resource Center. 4601
- March 13**
Family Game Night. 1444 Southwest Blvd. 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

E-mail address

Please mail application, along with check made payable to:
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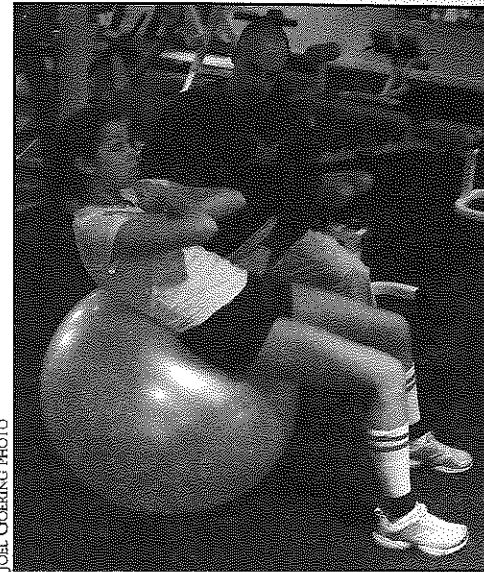
Body Blox Gym

Address: 1153 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, Kan. 66103, **Phone:** (913) 219-9330, **Hours of operation:** By appointment only, **Website** www.bodybloxgym.com

Looking for a personalized workout routine to help you lose weight, get into shape, tone or build muscles, or strengthen your body? Searching for a qualified instructor to motivate you and help you accomplish your exercise and training goals? Then, right here in Rosedale, consider setting up an appointment with Body Blox Gym, a new fitness center for one-on-one personal training located on Southwest Blvd. near the intersection of Mission Rd. and I-35.

Body Blox Gym offers a full range of conditioning and bodybuilding training programs, customized for each client. The gym staff listens to each client and then designs an exercise regimen and meal plan to meet the client's specific needs and goals. Clients may focus on: weight loss, overall fitness and conditioning, bodybuilding, sports-specific training, boxing and other fighting sports, and more.

"Customer service is a number one priority here," says Justin Endicott, owner and trainer at Body Blox. "What you tell your trainer is what you're going to get."



JOEL COERING PHOTO

An unidentified client works to strengthen her abdominal muscles, while Body Blox owner and personal trainer Justin Endicott spots her and provides encouragement. To set up an appointment at Body Blox, call: (913) 219-9330.

By offering personalized, private one-on-one training, Endicott says he is trying to offer better service than other gyms. His ultimate goal is "to change the [exercise and bodybuilding] industry and how it works."

While most of Body Blox's business is personal training, the gym also offers one group Pilates class. Pilates emphasizes the balanced development of the body through core strength, flexibility, and awareness. Body Blox's Pilates class is taught by a certified instructor, Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

Body Blox, which opened in its current Rosedale location last July, features a newly-remodeled building and an extensive line of cardio- and strength-building equipment. The gym has dressing rooms and a place to shower, as well. Since the gym is based on personal training by appointment only, it is never crowded. There is no need to wait in line or fight to use a particular exercise machine.

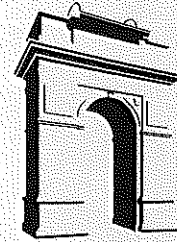
In addition to Endicott, Body Blox employs one other personal trainer, Lisa Chinn. Both Chinn and Endicott possess nationally-recognized certification in their fields and are committed to providing each customer with a positive, rewarding experience. To set up an appointment, call Justin Endicott: (913) 219-9330. ☐

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"Fiesta at the Firestation" to raise support for Rosedale Freedom School

On Saturday, May 5 (Cinco de Mayo), the owners of the old Rosedale Firestation #10 will host "Fiesta at the Firestation," a special-event fundraiser for the Rainbow Mennonite CDF Freedom School.

The Freedom School is an intensive, 6-week summer educational enrichment program for urban children and youth. Rosedale's Freedom School (to be held at Rainbow Mennonite Church, in partnership with RDA and other Rosedale organizations) will serve 100 children in grades K-8. The vast majority of the children will be Rosedale residents, but the program is open to those from other areas, as well. The program will operate June 18-July 27, 2007.

"Fiesta at the Firestation" will be a fun and festive event, celebrating the first year of the Freedom School's presence in Rosedale and bringing people together to support it. The event will be held 5:00-8:00 p.m. on May 5. There will be a brief program at 6:30 p.m.

For a \$25 per person ticket, attendees will be able to tour the old firestation, which has been converted into an absolutely stunning luxury home by the owners, Rick Bumgardner and Don Fields. The residence has been featured in *Kansas City Homes and Gardens* magazine and will be featured in an upcoming documentary on HGTV.

Guests will also be treated to fabulous Latin American-themed h'ordurves and drinks, some of which will be pro-



JOEL COERING PHOTO

The former Rosedale firestation, located at 1166 S.W. Blvd. (intersection of S.W. Blvd. and Mission Rd.), will be the site of the "Fiesta at the Firestation" fundraiser for the Rosedale Freedom School. At one time, the firestation was also Rosedale's City Hall and jailhouse. The building has been converted into an upscale home by Rick Bumgardner and Don Fields, owners of Morning Glory Antiques.

vided by Rosedale-area businesses. There are plans to have a Mariachi band, as well, and there will be a silent auction of gift baskets and specialty items provided by Rosedale-area artists and businesses.

You do not want to miss this evening of fantastic entertainment for a good cause. There are several ways you can make "Fiesta at the Firestation" a success: (1) buy a ticket (or two or three!) and attend on May 5; (2) donate an item for the silent auction; and/or (3) assist in planning and preparation for the event.

To purchase tickets, to donate an item, to volunteer, or for more information, call: (913) 677-5097 or (913) 236-8820.

"Fiesta at the Firestation" will be a great opportunity to support a worthwhile program that will impact Rosedale children and families. This is the first Freedom School to be located in Rosedale, although there are hundreds of Freedom Schools across the country. In fact, there are 18 in the Kansas City metropolitan area alone.

The program is unique because of its key components, which include: promoting the joy of reading and improving literacy

skills; fostering cultural awareness and appreciation for diversity; building a sense of pride and ownership in the community; required parental involvement; multigenerational mentoring; leadership development; and community service projects.

The Freedom School model is built on the legacy of the famous 1960s-era Freedom Schools, which focused on voter registration and education among impoverished African-Americans in the South. While the modern-day Freedom Schools come out of the African-American tradition, there has been an effort to expand the reach of the program to other communities. This is one of the reasons Rosedale was selected as a host site - its high level of racial and ethnic diversity. ☐

"Fiesta at the Firestation"

Tickets: \$25/person

Donate items for the silent auction!

For tickets or to donate items, call:

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Remember to vote!

Election Date in Kansas City, Kan.

General Election: **April 3, 2007**

For more information, visit:
www.wycokck.org/election.

Programs for older adults at Rosedale Congregational Church

Rosedale Congregational Church, located at 4326 Lloyd St., is offering two exciting programs for older adults in our community: the "Fun with Singing" choral group and the "Young at Heart" monthly luncheon.

The "Fun with Singing" chorus is co-sponsored by the church and the Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kan., a not-for-profit organization. The choral group, which has been meeting since the fall of 2006, is directed by Sheila Moore, an experienced conductor and music educator. The accompanist is Betty Hoffman, pianist at Rosedale Congregational Church. Rehearsals are held every Monday at 2:00 p.m. at the church.

The chorus performed during the holiday season last December at the Landon Center on Aging (36th and Rainbow Blvd.) and at the Shepherd's Center's "Adventures in Learning" program. The group is currently preparing a spring-time repertoire, and will perform at the upcoming Rosedale Ministerial Alliance Holy Week worship service at Holy Name Church on April 3 (see article below).

The "Fun with Singing" chorus is looking for new members. The group is



Some of Rosedale's Finest, the "Fun with Singing" choral group is composed of both men and women who enjoy each other's company and making music together. If you would like to join the group, come to the next rehearsal (Monday's at 2:00 p.m. at Rosedale Congregational Church) or call: (913) 236-6337.

not only open to seniors; it is open to anyone. The only requirement to join is a love of singing.

The other program for older adults at the church is the "Young at Heart" monthly luncheon, which is co-sponsored by the Rosedale Community Project. Every second Monday of the month, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., seniors come together to enjoy a nutritious lunch, conversation, singing, games, crafts, and an educational program.

Programs have included such topics as "The Fun of Aging," "Resources for

Older Adults in Wyandotte County," "Personal Safety," and "Spiritual Dimensions of Aging." Recently, doctors from KU Medical Center have served as guest speakers and presented information on various health issues.

"Young at Heart" sessions will be held on the following Mondays (always the 2nd Monday of the month):

April 9

May 14

June 11

For more information, contact the church office: (913) 236-6337. ☒

Volunteer projects needed

Each spring and summer, RDA is approached by numerous volunteer groups – both from within the community and from elsewhere – wanting to get involved in volunteer projects in Rosedale. RDA seeks to find meaningful work for these enthusiastic volunteers. Typical projects in the past have included: minor home repairs for low-income and/or elderly homeowners, painting homes and other buildings, cleaning vacant lots, and other neighborhood beautification efforts.

RDA is always looking for projects that our volunteers can help with or take on. If you know of potential volunteer projects for this spring and/or summer, please contact the RDA office: (913) 677-5097.

In addition to gaining valuable service from the volunteers – with real benefit to Rosedale – these projects provide an excellent opportunity to teach people about our community, its history and demographics, and its strengths and challenges. It is not just a service experience for the volunteers; it is an *educational* experience. Please help support this important work by identifying potential volunteer projects and notifying our office. Thank you! ☒

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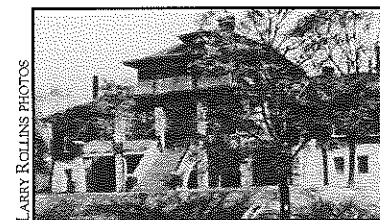
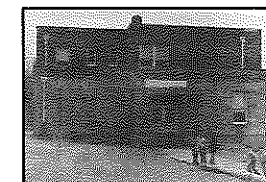
Answer: The building was formerly the Crispus Attucks School, built in 1939 and named after the first man killed in the "Boston Massacre" before the Revolutionary War. Attucks was a free black man. Prior to de-segregation, the Attucks School was the only school in Rosedale that would accept African-American children. The building is currently being used by Bernie Electric Wholesale.

Winner: Master Sgt. Mike Hughes of the KCK Police Department (and a Rosedale resident).

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Question: What was the name of this health institution?

The answer will be provided next month.



Upcoming Events

March 27

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

April 3

General Election Day. Vote!

April 7

Easter Egg Hunt. Whitmore Park. 1400 block of Southwest Blvd. 10:30 a.m.

April 21

KUMC Street Fair. NE corner of 39th and Rainbow Blvd. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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

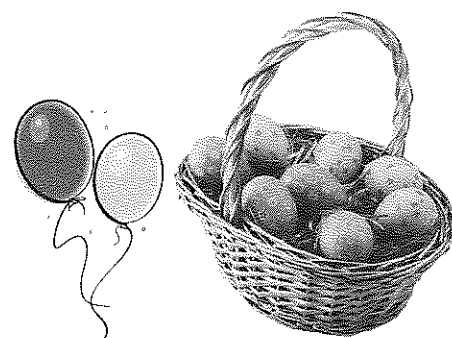
Evening phone

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E-mail address

Please mail application, along with check made payable to:
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22nd Annual Whitmore Park Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 7
10:30 a.m.
1400 block of S.W. Blvd.

Sponsored by:
Sharing Community in Rosedale
Rosedale Optimist Club

Rosedale faith community celebrates Easter

The Rosedale Ministerial Alliance's annual Holy Week ecumenical worship service with the Rosedale community will be held on Tuesday, April 3, starting at 7:00 p.m., at the Holy Name Catholic Church (corner of S.W. Blvd. and Iowa St., across the street from Strasser Hardware).

Pastors from several Rosedale churches will offer brief reflections on the traditional Seven Last Words of Christ. The choir from Greystone Missionary Baptist Church and the "Fun with Singing" chorus (see article above) will each perform a few musical selections.

Hope to see you there! ☒

2007 KUMC Street Fair

Saturday, April 21, 2007

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Parking lot at NE corner of 39th and Rainbow Blvd.

Music, Games, Rides, Prizes!

Free Health Screenings!