



The Rosedalian

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Bike Week 2011 rolls on

The KC metro area offered a fantastic series of bike-related activities and celebrations to commemorate Bike Week during May 16-22, many of which took place right here in Rosedale. Sarah Shipley, of BikeWalkKC, helped to coordinate a variety of events to promote bicycling in the city: "Bike Week is a fun way to teach families how to ride bikes and be safe and active together. Research shows us that once families start riding bicycles and getting active with walking and biking, they stay active for a lifetime." There was certainly no shortage of bike events for Rosedale families looking to get active. There was a Car Free Challenge for city-wide teams to compete in as they logged carpool, walking and biking miles;

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over 40 teams participated in amassing 15,811 miles. Together they saved a total of 14,988 pounds of CO2! (One member of the Rosedale Healthy Kids team even placed second in the walking trips category!). There were Bagels on the Boulevard in front of RDA for bikers commuting along Southwest Boulevard and a bike rodeo at Frank Rushton Elementary. Participants in the bike rodeo received free helmets, rode a "demon driveway" obstacle course, braved the rock dodge and had their bikes repaired by Heidi Holliday, RHKI's resident bike expert. The most anticipated event of the week, though, had to be the Bike-In held at the Boulevard Drive-In Theatre. Local bikers joined the 816 Bicycle Collective,

KanBikeWalk, BikeWalkKC, Mid-American Regional Council, Revelo, Kansas City Community Gardens, RDA and RHKI for a night of bicycling fun, complete with a bike valet, night-bike training and a viewing of "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial". There were dozens of cyclists of all ages and abilities enjoying themselves and we are so grateful to the Boulevard Drive-In Theatre for hosting the event. All this bicycling attention hasn't gone unnoticed by our lawmakers. Governor Brownback has recently House Bill 2192, which requires motorists to maintain a distance of at least three feet when passing a bicyclist. The law goes into effect July 1. At the federal level, a Complete Streets Act was just introduced to the Senate, which



Very top photo: Community Policing Officer Carlos Rodriguez fits a Frank Rushton Elementary student for a free helmet, donated by Safe Kids Metro KC. Above: Over 80 cyclists attended the Bike-In at the Boulevard Drive-In Theatre, where they cheered on E.T.'s flying bicycle and learned about repairs from the 816 Bicycle Collective.

would encourage agencies that receive federal transportation funding to incorporate pedestrian and bicycle safety measures. The act aims to increase the number of Americans who walk or bike and to assure the safety of everyone using a road. Visit bikewalkkc.org for bicycling resources and information. 

Excellence in Education: awarding accolades for 11 years

Students at T.A. Edison and Frank Rushton elementary schools have been reaching new academic heights for over 11 years thanks to George Kemper and his Excellence in Education program. George first got involved with the program as an officer for the University of Kansas Police Department. As part of his community policing duties, George engaged with the local residents and discovered parents felt that good students didn't receive as much attention as problem students. George responded by creating a program that would recognize good students for their hard work.

Currently, first through fifth grade students at T.A. Edison and Frank Rushton are honored every quarter when they complete three requirements: perfect attendance, straight As (principal's honor role) or As and Bs (school's honor role), and a good citizenship recommendation from a teacher. First time honorees receive an official Excellence in Education shirt and a trophy, and students can win a new trophy every quarter. The awards are handed out at a ceremony at the school, attended by parents and teachers, where a guest from the community will speak to the kids about the importance of education and community.

George believes it's especially important to show the kids that it's not just their families and teachers who are proud of them, but the entire community. Now a retired police officer and a volunteer police chaplain for KUPD and KCKPD, he started the program with 23 kids. The next quarter, the number of students shot up to 42, and at the last program for this school year, there were 72 students receiving awards! Kids who have been honored in the past can be seen proudly donning their Excellence in Education shirts in school, and several families have developed friendly competitions between siblings battling to collect the most trophies. George is overwhelmed at the response the program has received: "It's taken off more than I anticipated. I'm so happy about it". George also raffles off prizes for some of the kids at the ceremony and the program is in need of donations for the coming school year. Contact RDA to donate fun prizes, toys, small gifts, movie passes, or gift cards to the program. ☒

Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office Tag Unit

This unit enforces the regulations governing vehicle registration for proper licensing, registration and financial security requirements. The enforcement of these laws helps to ensure payment of personal property tax (exceptions: Students who are enrolled for at least 9 credit hours at a college or university in the state of Kansas/Active Military stationed in the area [KSA 8-129 of State Statues].)

Residents can send complaints about vehicles they believe to be garaged or housed in their neighborhoods with out-of-state, out-of-county or expired tags. Residents should obtain the following information

- State/County identifier and vehicle tag number
- Description of vehicle (make/model/color)
- Specific address details concerning the location of the vehicle
- Is vehicle on public or private property?
- Does the tagged vehicle appear to belong to a resident of Wyandotte County?
- How long have you observed the violation?

Observers should send an email with

this information including violator's address) to sherifftags@wycosheriff.org (the subject line should read "Tag Enforcement Program") or call (913) 573-8949 and leave the same information via voicemail.

For more information about the Tag Enforcement Program call the Sheriff's Department at (913) 573-8056 and leave a voicemail for Deputy Sheriff Snelson. ☒

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

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Girls & Moms on the move



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Frank Rushton Elementary's Girls & Moms on the Move running group completed their six week program with a 5K on May 8. The 5K race was hosted by KC Express, and donations went to fund and further their mission "to inform, motivate and inspire women to exercise for better health". A portion of the proceeds was also donated to the American Heart Association.

Rosedale briefs

Call for Donations! RDA is always in need of donations for youth programs, healthy activities, or community events. (And donations are tax-deductible!)

- Copy paper
- Gardening supplies—hoses, fencing, hand tools, soil, compost
- Bike parts/tools
- Cinder blocks
- Sports equipment—balls, nets
- Children's books

Remember: A donation of your volunteered time is the best way to help us out!

Graffiti response teams. Graffiti is a continual, frustrating problem in Rosedale. Report any graffiti activities or damage to RDA. We are recruiting volunteers for a rapid response team to deal quickly and efficiently with graffiti as it appears in the neighborhood. Contact us to get involved.

Girls & Moms. A special thanks to these kind soles . . . The participants of Girls & Moms on the move would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Mike Ball, Brett Byrd, and Michael Barringer. Mike Ball is the principal executive of Woodrow Engineering and inventor of the footer, a handy foot-measuring device (footmeasure.com). Mike donated several footers to Girls & Moms on the Move for accurate measurement of the girls' feet. Brett Byrd of Give Your Sole (giveyoursole.com) arranged a donation of 22 girls' and women's athletic shoes to the group. Give Your Sole collects gently used athletic shoes from race events and donates them to those in need of shoes. Mike Barringer is the founder of The Shoe Bank (shoebank.org), a nationally recognized organization that donates gently used shoes to recipients all over the world. Michael donated 18 pairs of athletic shoes to Girls & Moms. Be on the look out for pictures of the running group on The Shoe Bank website. The girls love their new running shoes and we couldn't have done it without these generous organizations!

We want your feedback! GreatNonprofits.org is a unique tool for nonprofits like us to increase our exposure and to solicit donors and volunteers. GreatNonprofits provides a virtual venue for communities to rate and review nonprofits in their areas. Anyone can review a nonprofit, and the more positive reviews a nonprofit has, the more positively it is viewed in the community. Log on to search for nonprofits in your community, and more importantly, to write a review of your experience with RDA! <http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/profile2/rosedale-development-association-inc>

2011 Burn Permit Process

- Apply at any fire station staffed by Kansas City, KS FD.
- Permits do not include commercial or business sites (operating a business out of your home classifies you as a business).
- Permit is valid for up to 3 days from October 16-November 15.
- Open burning with a permit allowed 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Applications must be received and approved at least 24 hours prior to burning.
- A resident, burn permit and water supply/fire extinguisher must be present at burning site at all times.
- Burning cannot occur within 15 feet of any building or property line.
- Piles of brush, tree limbs, grass and other organic materials are limited in size to 100 square feet at base.
- Fire Chief may revoke burn permits or ban open burning at any time.
- Open burning may be suspended during high winds, low humidity or "Red Alert" air pollution days as declared by Mid America Regional Council and the Unified Government.
- Permits are limited to one per property and one per organic pile.
- All organic materials burned within the limits of Kansas City, Kansas are subject to Section I-7 (General Penalty, Continuing Violations) of the general provisions code of the Unified Government.



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:
Rosedale Development Association
1403 Southwest Blvd.
Kansas City, Kan. 66103

Grant will allow for growth, expansion

We are proud to announce that RDA has been chosen as a recipient of a \$9,000 Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City (HCF) grant. The mission of the HCF is to provide “leadership, advocacy and resources that eliminate barriers to quality health for the uninsured and underserved” in several Kansas and Missouri counties. In 2011, HCF will award \$18.5 million in grants to the Greater Kansas City area to support programs, projects and services that focus on improving public health and access to quality health care. The grant awarded to RDA will be used for capacity building and strategic planning, and Wendy Wilson, RDA’s executive director, says that the funds will be used to “create two to three research-based business plans that will provide a more solid financial base for RDA and allow us to grow and expand our services, as we move forward to create a healthy community.” This grant will allow RDA to continue its invaluable community work, while creating a financially sustainable future for the organization. The Rosedale community will surely benefit from this generous award, and RDA is sincerely grateful to the HCF for recognizing the importance of our work. ☺

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The I Need a Sidewalk campaign billboard went up on I-35 South, near Lamar. The campaign targets the lack of sidewalks on Mission Road, and especially the need for a crosswalk into Rosedale Park. Check out ineedasidewalk.com to see other areas in need of sidewalks or to upload a photo and share your own story of missing sidewalks.

Green thumbs wanted!

Rosedale’s community gardens are popping up like dandelions, and we’re on the lookout for gardeners in the neighborhood to join in the fun. The two newest gardens are located at the corner of 45th and Rainbow and on South Early Street. Interested participants can apply for a 4’x 4’ or 4’x 8’ raised bed plot. Chosen applicants will pay \$15 to help cover garden expenses

and will agree to a set of guidelines that will govern the garden. There may also be additional water fees, depending on the location. Community gardens are a wonderful way to get involved in the community, get access to delicious veggies and maintain an active lifestyle. Families, kids, and seniors are welcome! Contact RDA or the Rosedale Healthy Kids Initiative (913) 645-7826. ☺



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