



# The Rosedalian

## ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

### RDA Offers Assistance with Health Care Enrollment Process

Healthcare, Obamacare, open enrollment, penalties, subsidies, the Marketplace and Affordable Care Act. These words have been floating around our newspapers, television, and social media pages an awful lot in the past year, but what do they all mean?

In 2009, Congress passed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which implemented such measures as:

- Insurance companies generally can no longer deny coverage to people because of pre-existing conditions,
- Insurance companies cannot set a lifetime and/or annual limits on how much they'll pay or how much treatment you can get,
- All new plans have to cover preventive services without any cost to you even if you have a copayment for other services,
- Children can generally stay on their parents' insurance plan until age 26.

### RDA Board of Directors Updating By-Laws

Rosedale Development Association, Inc. is updating the 2003 Organizational By-Laws. These updates will be discussed and voted on at the November 18 board meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Rosedale Community Center, 1401 Southwest Blvd.

**?** Please call 913-677-5097 and speak with Heidi with any questions.

At the forefront of the Affordable Care Act is a provision that required most citizens to have and maintain some sort of health care coverage by April 14, 2014, or face a penalty on their annual tax return, and the creation of a Health Insurance Marketplace.

#### So what does this mean?

There has been a lot of media attention on "Obamacare," or so-called "government run health care," but few people actually know what that means, even after the measure has been in place for over a year.

Contrary to some assertions, the individual insurance companies, rather than the federal government, still control the healthcare industry and individual/family plans. What the Affordable Care Act did was create the Health Insurance Marketplace, which is like a supermarket for health insurance plans. The Marketplace has the same individual plans and same prices one might find if they contact the insurance provider directly for coverage, but has them available in one place, where folks can see all of their available plans in an easy-to-read format, and compare prices, benefits, quality, and other factors.

In addition, enrollment through the Marketplace gives individuals and families who make 100-400 percent of the federal poverty level the opportunity to receive tax credits or payment aid on their monthly premium. To be eligible for Mar-



### Health Insurance is Within Your Reach

ketplace coverage, one must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or national, or
- Be a non-citizen who is lawfully present in the U.S. for the entire period for which enrollment is sought,
- Not be incarcerated.

#### Am I required to have health insurance?

Everyone who qualifies is

required by law to have health-care coverage in 2014 and beyond, or face paying a penalty on their federal tax returns each year. Individuals not required by law to have coverage (and therefore will not face a penalty) include those who:

- Already have health insurance through an employer,

*(See next page)*

### Enrollment Events:

- **Saturday, November 15** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, November 22** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, December 6** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, January 10** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, January 24** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, February 7** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, February 14** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Appointments are preferred for the enrollment events, childcare will be provided at the events, and Spanish-speaking CACs will be available for those who need them. 1401 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS

(Healthcare Enrollment cont.)

Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, or the VA

- Are not present legally in the USA
- Do not file taxes

For people who did not obtain health insurance in 2014, it is unfortunately too late to avoid the penalty on their 2014 tax return. However, with the penalty set to increase substantially in 2015 and beyond, it is important to maintain coverage (for those who already have health insurance), and to obtain health insurance for 2015 (for those who fit the requirements but do not have health insurance yet). Open enrollment for the Marketplace begins on November 15, and will remain open until February 15. For those who enrolled through the Marketplace in 2014, it will be important to go in update information prior to December 15 in order to maintain continuous coverage beginning January 1.

### What if I have questions or need help?

RDA has a number of Certified Application Counselors (CACs) on staff in order to assist folks in our region with the enrollment process. CACs will be available to answer questions about enrollment or the Marketplace, and to assist with enrollment through the marketplace. During the open enrollment period, individuals and families who need assistance or have questions can make an appointment to meet with one of our CACs during our normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.) or attend one of our enrollment events, located in the RDA Community Center, 1401 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS.

**i** For more information about the Marketplace or enrollment process, to get assistance with enrollment, or for additional question, please call the RDA office at 913-677-5097.

## Welcome, Scott

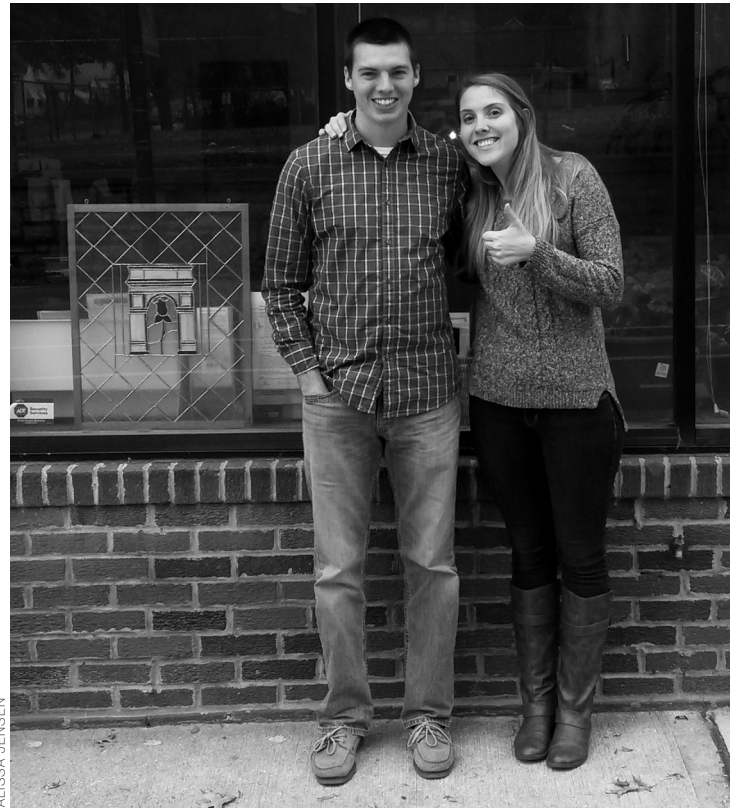
In September RDA welcomed the newest member of our team, Scott Misamore, a Mennonite Voluntary Service member who will spend a year working in Rosedale. Scott joins us all the way from Findlay, Ohio. He attended Bluffton University in Bluffton, Ohio and graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice. In his free time, Scott loves being outdoors and doing outdoor activities. He also enjoys playing a number of different sports and staying active.

While at RDA, Scott hopes to gain valuable experience working with the people in Rosedale and learning about how nonprofits work within the community. He is excited to see how his efforts — whether it's working on healthcare enrollment, organizing the annual Feed-a-Family program, helping with youth sports, or the countless other tasks he will tackle in his year here — will have an impact on Rosedale and the surrounding communities.

When asked his thoughts on Rosedale so far, Scott shared: "The most interesting thing I have learned about Rosedale so far has been how close the entire community is and how much the people care about being a part of Rosedale." Please join us in welcoming Scott to Rosedale, and let's see if we can give him a few reasons to care about the place he will call home for the next year!

## Farewell, Katelyn

With heavy hearts we will say "Farewell!" to Katelyn Eilbeck, one of RDA's AmeriCorps VISTA members who will complete her year of service in Rosedale on November 14, 2014. For the past year, Katelyn has been working hard on the RISE program, Garden Club, Garden Workshops, the Rosedale Farmer's Market, the Community Gardens, the annual Feed-a-Family program, and (happily!) filling in elsewhere when needed. Some of her biggest accomplishments include the



**Scott and Katelyn are pumped about all of the exciting work they do in Rosedale.**

creation of the Freedom School Wellness Policy and the creation of the Garden Club curriculum. As she wraps up her time with us, we asked her to reflect on her past year in Rosedale.

Rosedale was an afternoon at Whitmore Park. Frank and I went there to exercise after work and ended up teaching some of the neighborhood kids the exercises we were doing and they joined

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### Do you have a favorite place to go in Rosedale?

I love to go to Dagwoods on Sunday mornings for breakfast and then walk up to the Arch.

### What is the best thing you learned about Rosedale?

Rosedale taught me that it's the people that make the place.

### Do you have a funny story or anecdote to share about anything you experienced while here?

One of my favorite memories in

us in our workout! We even had a push up contest!

### What will you miss most about being here?

Working with the truly wonderful and dedicated RDA staff and community. And of course, all the great food in KC!

Katelyn plans to move back to Cleveland, OH, when her service at RDA ends. Join us in wishing her the best for her future endeavors.

**i** For additional information, call 913-677-5097.

# Community Calendar

Every Thursday (until Thanksgiving)

## Rosedale Community Bike Workstation

4-6:00 p.m., RDA, 1403 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS

Saturday, November 15

## Healthcare Enrollment Event

9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.; 1401 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS

Appointments preferred. For more information, call 913-677-5097.

Thursday, November 20

## Feed-A-Family Basket

### Assembly Volunteers needed!

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., RDA, 1401 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS

For more information, contact Scott at [scott@rosedale.org](mailto:scott@rosedale.org) or call 913-677-5097.

Saturday, November 22

## Healthcare Enrollment Event

9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.; 1401 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS

Appointments preferred. For more information, call 913-677-5097

Tuesday, December 2

## Kansas Water Vision meeting

5:30 p.m., RDA, 1401 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS

For more information, contact Heidi at [heidi@rosedale.org](mailto:heidi@rosedale.org) or call 913-677-5097.



Saturday, December 6

## Rozark Trails Community Workday

9:00 a.m.-Noon; meet at Fisher Park, 3800 Fisher St., Kansas City, KS

Saturday, December 6

## Healthcare Enrollment Event

9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.; 1401 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS

Appointments preferred. For more information, call 913-677-5097.

Tuesday, December 16

## RDA Annual Meeting

6:30 p.m.; 1401 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS

For more information, call 913-677-5097.



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## Healthy Halloween

Each year Rosedale Development Association partners with Rainbow Mennonite Church to offer neighborhood children and families a fun, "candy-free" event for Halloween. This year's Healthy Halloween was held on October 25 at Whitmore Park. Residents enjoyed numerous activities on an unseasonably warm day, including: pumpkin painting, a costume closet, a soccer clinic by Kansas City Kansas Soccer Association, spooky tours of the Rosedale 105, bike helmet fittings and bike repairs, games and activities, a bounce house, face

painting, and flu shots provided by Walgreens.

Rosedale Development Association is grateful to Healthy Halloween donors, volunteers, our Board members who participated, and all of our community partners for making it a successful event. For information on how to get involved in community events such as Healthy Halloween, contact 913-677-5097.

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## Rosedale Development Association

### 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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To keep up with RDA staffers, follow our activities in real time and get access to great photos from around the neighborhood, "like" us on Facebook:

**facebook.com/RosedaleDevelopment**

and follow us on Twitter:  
**twitter.com/#!/RosedaleDA.**



Visit our website at:  
**rosedale.org**



## RDA Support Application

Name of business or name of household

Address

City

State/ ZIP code

Contact person

Preferred phone

Email address

**Please mail application, along with check made payable to:**

Rosedale Development Association, 1403 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66103

### Suggested support levels:

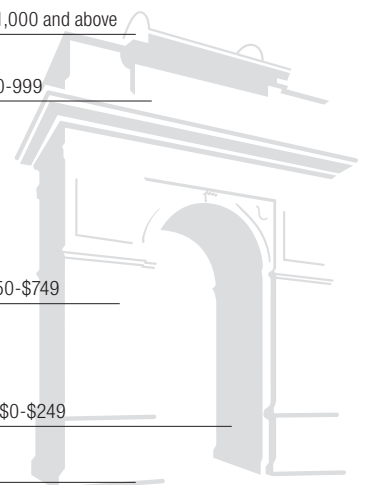
Keystone: \$1,000 and above

Crown: \$750-999

Column: \$250-\$749

Foundation: \$0-\$249

Other: \$



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Community Project

**RDA's 29th Annual Feed-a-Family**

For the past 29 years, RDA has been providing some extra holiday cheer to those in need in the neighborhood with the annual Feed-a-Family program. Relying on donations from neighbors and businesses, we will coordinate donations and distribution of foodstuffs, household items, and youth coats and gloves to help area families, senior citizens and disabled residents have a hearty, healthy Thanksgiving meal this year.

This year we are once again collecting donations of nonperishable food items, household items, children's winter wear of all sizes, diapers, and cash or gift cards to purchase perishable items. We intend to serve at least 25 families this year, all of whom are referred from neighborhood groups, schools, and churches in the community. Community members and busi-

nesses can sponsor a basket, hold a donation drive, volunteer to sort and distribute baskets or make a donation. Can you help us meet our goal again this year of providing holiday cheer to Rosedale residents in need for the holidays?

**i** For more information, contact Scott Misamore at 913-677-5097 or [scott@rosedale.org](mailto:scott@rosedale.org).



**Community members volunteered to assemble baskets for the 35 families served by the Feed-a-Family program in 2013. Volunteers are needed again this year to help with assembly, which will take place on Thursday, November 20 at the RDA Community Center.**