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ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## Rosedale Master Plan update is underway!

by Ahnna Nanoski

Household surveys for the Rosedale Master Plan Update have come to an end, but we still need your input. Master plans are commonly updated every ten years to fit the current and upcoming needs of a particular area, and the Rosedale Master Plan is no exception. The 2015 update is an important document for our community because it will affect the future physical development of Rosedale

town KCMO, as well as other plans all over the nation. BNIM focuses a lot of its attention listening to the community — they value hearing what community members envision for their neighborhoods, not simply implementing what they think is right.

The planning firm will use the Rosedale Master Plan Community Survey data to ensure the updated plan reflects the wants and needs

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— specifically covering the areas around the University of Kansas Medical Center and University of Kansas Hospital — and focusing on the areas between State Line Rd. and Mission Rd. and 47th/County Line Rd. north to I-35.

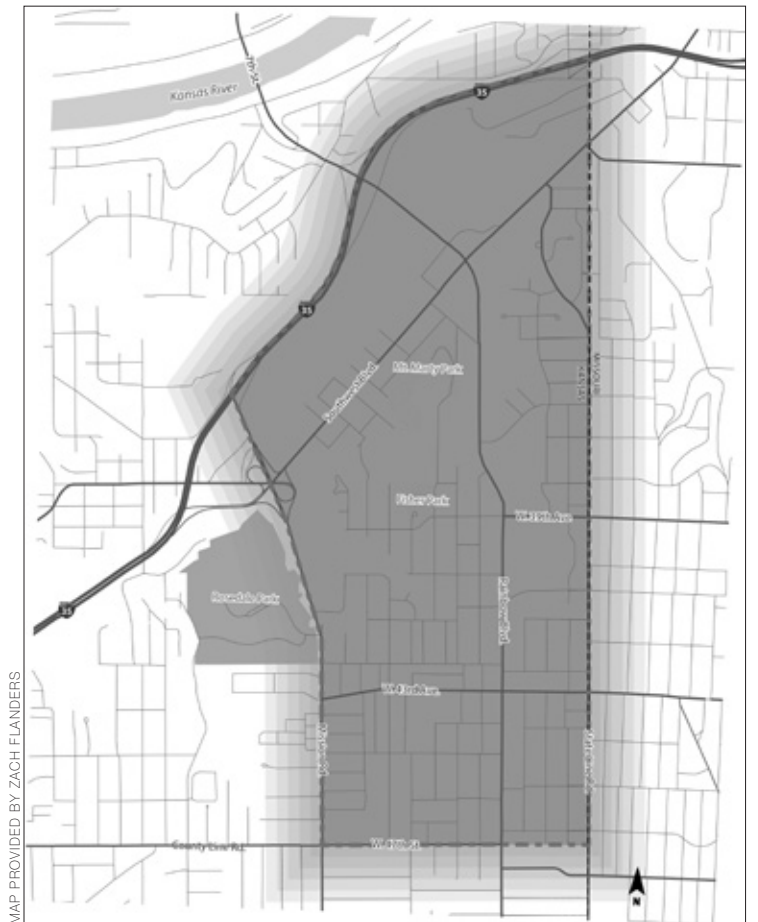
Even if your home, business, or school is not located within these focus areas your opinion still matters. These are major areas of our community that will affect everyone.

To aid in this process and lead the 2015 Rosedale Master Plan Update, the Unified Government has contracted with BNIM, an influential planning firm in Kansas City, MO. BNIM has extensive experience with master planning — they have developed plans for down-

of Rosedalians. The updated master plan and traffic study will guide the area’s physical development and identify improvements to transportation infrastructure.

Zach Flanders, a planner with BNIM and Rosedale resident, said, “I am really excited to hear what the community has to say and know what my neighbors want for the future of Rosedale.”

Additionally, RDA staff members Adrienne Showalter Matlock and Ahnna Nanoski gave a presentation on the community survey at the American Planning Association (APA) Quad State Conference in Kansas City in October. The conference gathered planners, engineers, architects, develop-



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ers, and government officials together to learn and discuss various planning topics. This year the conference hosted attendees from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Combined with two other organizations, our presentation focused on how community engagement leads to success.

**i** To learn more about and share your thoughts on how

you want to see our community expand into the future, attend the first of a series of Master Plan community meetings November 4 at noon at Our Saviour Lutheran Church at 4153 Rainbow Blvd., and November 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosedale Middle Gymnasium.

For more information, please contact Ahnna Nanoski at [ahnna@rosedale.org](mailto:ahnna@rosedale.org) or (913) 677-5097.

## Survey Update

### Sixty-one percent of Rosedalians feel good about new development

by Adrienne Showalter Matlock

Most Rosedale residents who completed the community survey shared a positive opinion of the new developments and changes that have been happening in Rosedale in recent years.

When asked how they felt about the shift in the development of new residential properties and changes in the look and feel of the community, 282 (61 percent) of residents who completed the survey expressed positive feelings on the topic.

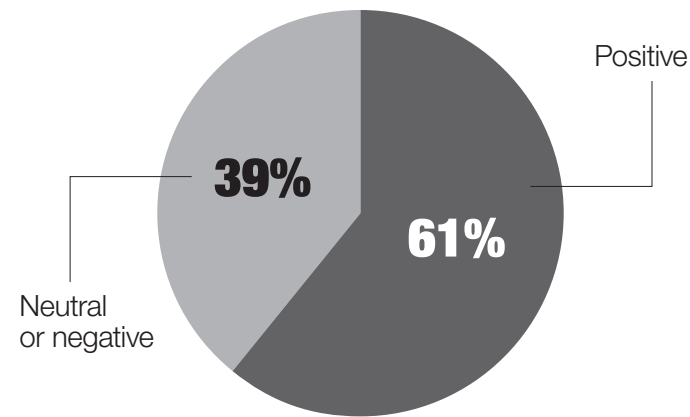
Commercial and residential development has been sprouting up in various parts of Rosedale, be it new restaurants and retail space on Rainbow Blvd. or new houses and townhomes in Mission

Cliffs. Other changes in the look and feel of the community have emerged as a result of the 2005 Master Plan, such as the brick edifice of the new McDonald’s and CVS, as well as improved pedestrian access to these businesses from the sidewalk.

“I think Rosedale is on a positive path as far as community improvement. I love my community and want to see it continue to grow to be even safer and more vibrant,” one community member wrote.

The remaining 39 percent of responses included neutral and negative responses, as well as residents voicing that they were unaware of any changes or were new residents to the area so were unsure.

### Rosedale community survey results



**?** What changes, if any, have you noticed as you walk, bike, bus, or drive around Rosedale? Share your visions for improving the look and feel of the community at the

upcoming Rosedale Master Plan community meetings November 4 at noon at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, and Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosedale Middle School Gymnasium.

## Road construction in Rosedale

by Katie Green

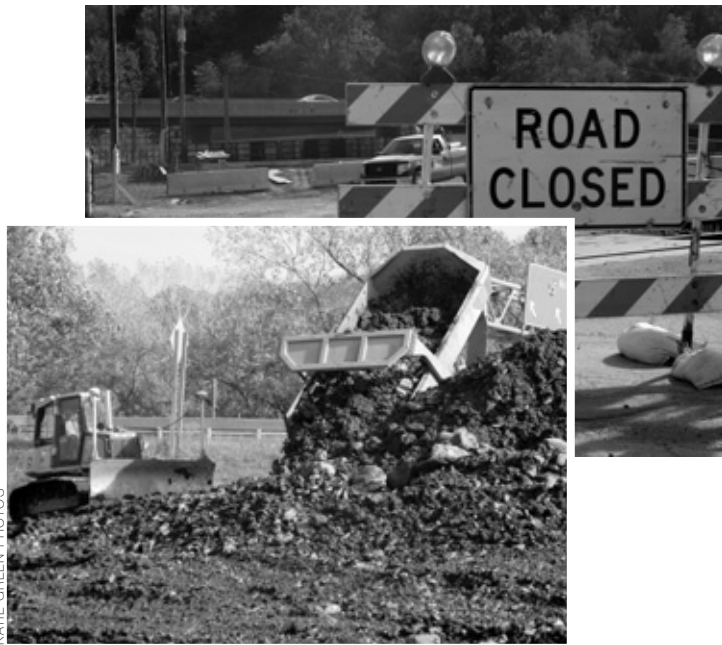
Whether you are a Rosedalian or not, you are sure to notice all the road construction going on in the area. Recent projects include the ongoing work on Merriam Lane, the new Army Corps flood control project on Mill Street, and a short closure of the railroad crossing at Southwest Blvd. and Henning St.

### Merriam Lane

Construction on Merriam Ln., the longest lasting and most asked about project in the area, has concluded for the year. This summer, construction stretched the length of 10th St. to 24th St. The project was a total reconstruction of the road, and focused on stormwater management — from fixing drainage issues and pavement problems to building additional curbs and parking areas. And thanks to the Complete Streets Resolution passed by the Unified Government in 2011, Merriam Ln. will soon boast new sidewalks and bike lanes, allowing everyone to move around safely and effectively. The second half of the project will begin next spring and will run from 24th St. to County Line Rd.

The project had been on

KATIE GREEN PHOTOS



**The Army Corps of Engineers is finishing the flood control improvements S. Mill St.**

the “long range plan for some time, and had finally made it to the top of the list,” commented Bill Heatherman, the county engineer for the Unified Government.

### Mill Street

Mill St. between Seminary St. and Lake Ave. is closed until the end of December to build a new levee. This levee will help prevent flooding in the area around Turkey Creek,

and is part of the ongoing Turkey Creek flood control initiative.

Scott Mensing, the project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said, “The levee will cross Mill St. between the railroad and I-35 underpass. Once the levee is built, Mill St. will be reconstructed to go up and over the levee.”

### Railroad Crossing

Finally, the road construction project your shocks have been waiting for. We have received numerous phone calls in the past few years about the condition of the railroad tracks east of the I-35 bypass on Southwest Blvd. During the third week in October, the construction crew worked to remove the old asphalt and replace it with new asphalt. This will allow the trains to run more smoothly across the tracks, as well as helping to make it less bumpy for drivers and cyclists.

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## Planet Play

by Je T'aime Taylor

Planet Play will be partnering with RDA to bring an interactive family experience to Rosedale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on November 25 at 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK.

Planet Play provides an opportunity for families and children from birth through age eight to play creatively with their peers. The organization's mission is to connect children, families, and communities with play.

To help inspire more play time, Planet Play has made 2015 the “Year of Play.” Next year the organization plans to reach more families with a “playmobile”. As the program grows, the Kansas City metro area has an opportunity to increase the unstructured playtime of our youth.

“Play is the primary way young children learn about their world and build the social and cognitive skills they need to become productive, happy adults,” Hess said.

**i** If you would like partner with Planet Play Pop-Up lab please contact Lauranne Hess at [lauranne@planetplay.org](mailto:lauranne@planetplay.org)

For more information about this event, please contact Je T'aime Taylor at [jetaime@rosedale.org](mailto:jetaime@rosedale.org) or (913) 677-5097.

## 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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## Community Calendar

Thursday, November 5

**Rosedale Neighborhood Leadership Academy: “Planning for Sustainability” with LaMonica Upton**

6-7:30 p.m.  
1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Wednesday, November 25

**Planet Play Pop-Up Play Lab (free event)**

10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

November 26-27

**RDA office closed for Thanksgiving**

Tuesday, December 1\*

**Giving Tuesday Campaign Kick-Off**  
\*Watch Facebook page for more information

Thursday, December 10

**Rosedale 101: Rosedale Neighborhood Leadership Academy Graduation Ceremony and Potluck**

6-7:00 p.m.  
1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Tuesday, December 22

**RDA Annual Meeting**

6:30-7:30 p.m.,  
1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

December 24-January 3

**RDA office closed**

**i** For additional information about upcoming events and other community happenings, call (913) 677-5097.



## Walking School Bus celebrates International Walk to School Day

by Andrea Steere

On October 7, Frank Rushton Elementary School's “Walking School Bus” welcomed FOX 4's Kathy Quinn to its International Walk to School Day celebration and ribbon cutting for the new Mission Rd. sidewalk.

Once the ribbon was cut, the walking school bus took off to pick up more than 40 students on its route to school. This year the school bus was also joined by Frank Rushton principal Mary Welsh, Lindsay Behgam from Mayor Holland's office, RDA's previous Executive Director Wendy Wilson, retired Rosedale pastor Jane Heide, community policing officers with the KCK Police Department, teachers, and other community members.

Before the completion of the sidewalk along Mission Rd., children and families only had a dirt path extending from 43rd Ave. to 40th Ter. on which to walk.

“It's been about a decade that we've been talking about needing this sidewalk, but it's been needed for decades more,” RDA's Executive Director Heidi Holliday said. “There was no crosswalk to the park and there was no safe way to



walk on Mission Rd.”

Not only will the Mission Rd. sidewalk help more students get to school and to Rosedale Park, it will also play a part in building community.

“Our students enjoy walking with each other,” Peter Wetzl, a third grade teacher and walking school bus leader at Frank Rushton, said about the walking school bus. “Many parents of participants have become participants themselves, building friendships with one another and increasing our sense of community in the neighborhood.”

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## Visitors from afar

by Erin Stryka

Here in Rosedale we are proud of our neighborhood and love to show it off. In October, RDA welcomed a groups of distinguished visitors: a Ukrainian delegation.

In 1999, Congress established the Open World Program as a way to build understanding between the United States and participating countries. Delegates in the Open World program come from every level of government: from non-governmental organizations to the media and the private sector. The Ukrainians came to Rosedale asking questions about how community organizations can partner with local government to build strong and healthy neighborhoods. As they toured a Rosedale community garden sporting a UG-funded water tap, they waved to the Rosedale 105 as it drove by, and saw homes that have received Minor Home Repair services — seeing concrete examples of what those partnerships can do.

Delegate Mariia Andriivne Druzhynina, the Mayor's advisor for Energy Efficiency in Vinnytsia, said “This meeting proved to us that there is always a possibility to improve districts in need, especially when there are professionals, who put all their soul and heart into their job. We would like to wish [RDA] to be patient, believe in yourself and your might.”

Rosedalian Courtney Brooks is the director of Global Ties KC, which runs the Open World program in Kansas City. She commented, “As a resident of Rosedale, I am proud of my community, and was excited to share this part of town with these international visitors.”

**i** Would you or your group like a tour of Rosedale? Give us a call at (913) 677-5097.

## Meet the RDA Board and Staff

### Gretchen Patch

Gretchen Patch has been a Rosedale resident for nearly 10 years and conducts program evaluations for the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, focusing on childhood obesity. She has worked with public schools to help them implement changes that fostered healthier school days.



### Charles R. Stewart

Charles R. Stewart is a real estate broker — and a longtime Rosedale supporter — experienced in historic preservation/mixed-use projects, office/industrial brokerage and development, and representative for development/construction projects. His goal is to reach out holistically to bring adjacent communities together for mutual benefit.



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