



THE ROSEDALLIAN

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Construction near KU Med to create traffic delays

by Erin Stryka

New construction projects at the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) and the University of Kansas Hospital will create traffic delays now through July 2016.

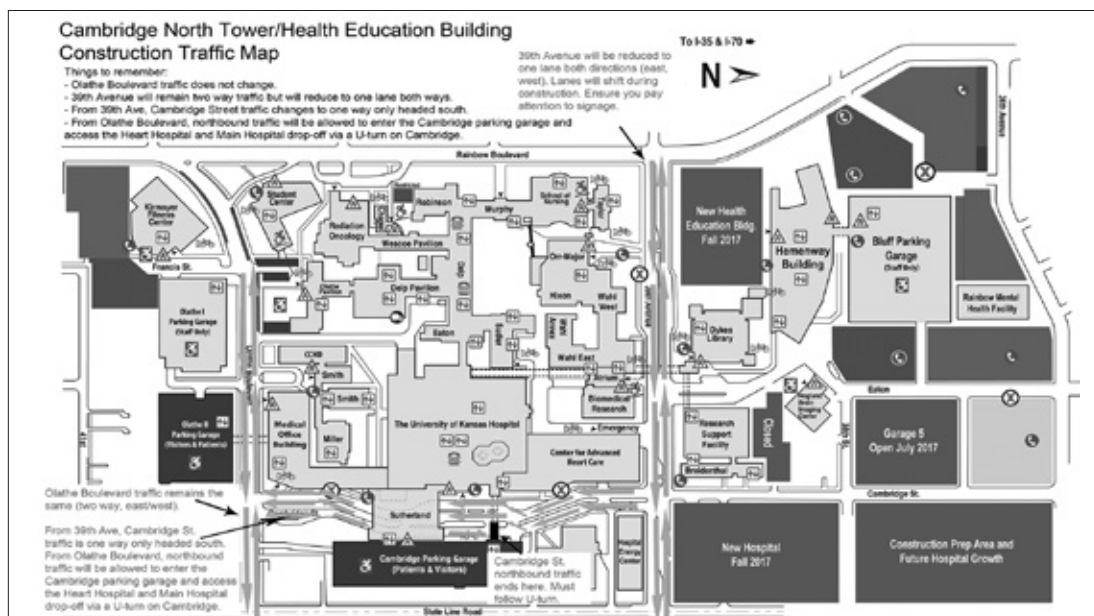
The projects include the University of Kansas Hospital's Cambridge North Tower construction at 39th Ave. and Cambridge St., and KUMC's Health Education Building at 39th Ave. and Rainbow Blvd.

"The University of Kansas is home to the state's only school of medicine, which means we are uniquely positioned to address Kansas' critical shortage of healthcare professionals," said Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little. "This new building will enable us to increase the number of doctors we train, and to train them in the technologically advanced environment required by a modern health care curriculum. In other words, it positions KU to address the state's doctor shortage head-on and build healthier Kansas communities."

The Cambridge North Tower will not only add more facilities and services to the University of Kansas Hospital, it will also create 600 new healthcare jobs.

Both projects are expected to be completed in 2017.

Below is a current list of expected traffic delays during the construction:



39th Avenue

- Although traffic on 39th Ave. will remain two way, it will be reduced to one lane each direction.
- Pedestrian traffic will be detoured. These routes will be clearly marked.
- Access to the University of Kansas Hospital's Emergency Department (ED) will not change.

Cambridge Drive and Cambridge Parking Garage

- From 39th Ave. to the Cambridge Parking Garage, Cambridge Dr. will consist of two lanes of southbound traffic only.
- From Olathe Blvd., northbound traffic will be able to enter the Cambridge Parking Garage and access

the Heart Hospital and main hospital entrance.

Weekend closures

- Beginning mid-February, approximately six weekend closures will be necessary to install the pedestrian walkway structure, which will connect the Center for Advanced Heart Care across Cambridge Dr. and 39th Ave. to the new Cambridge North Tower.
- Weekend closures will require a complete shutdown from Fridays to Mondays on 39th St. to State Line Rd., including access to Cambridge Dr.
- Street closures will occur at 12 p.m. on Fridays and reopen at 6 a.m. on Mondays.
- Notifications of the weekend closure dates will be provided two weeks in advance.

Bridge installation is slated to last through July.

General safety precautions

- Safety is the top priority of the hospital and Medical Center leadership.
- All driving and pedestrian detours will be clearly marked.
- Pay close attention to signs, flagmen, and traffic during this time.
- Slow down and allow for extra time to travel near the campus.

i Updates and disruption notices can be found throughout the project at <http://www.kumc.edu/construction.html> or by calling Rosedale Development Association at (913) 677-5097.



ANDREA STEERE

Phil Gardos, an RDA volunteer, reads "Maddi's Fridge" to a classroom of 3rd and 4th graders during RISE week.

Rosedale residents and students celebrate MLK

by Will Lyons

"Those who do not learn about history are doomed to repeat it."

This strong statement from George Santayana is a testament to why, each year, community members come together to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. during Rosedale Development Association's annual RISE reading program.

RISE, or Reading Inspirational Stories to Empower, is a week-long program that connects Rosedale volunteers with Rosedale children and engages them in stories about the Civil Rights Movement and other social justice issues.

Repeat volunteer, Dahnika Sachs said, "I was really impressed with the kids and the discussions the story generated. I asked them what they felt like they could do to improve their school and community, and I was really impressed with their responses."

To prepare the volunteers

to discuss these complex issues, RDA hosted a volunteer orientation. Guest speakers LaMonica Upton, Neighborhood Liaison with Livable Neighborhoods, and Marcy Clay, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools for Kansas City Kansas Public Schools, spoke about preparing Wyandotte County's youth to be good citizens and how to shape a positive discussion about the stories.

The RISE program occurred during the week of January 19-22. During this week our community volunteers read to 25 classrooms at local Rosedale schools, including Frank Rushton Elementary, T.A. Edison Elementary, Noble Prentis Elementary, and Holy Name Catholic School. This year we were pleased to include books also focusing on contemporary social justice issues, including hunger, poverty, and class dynamics.

Community discusses future of Rosedale at January Master Plan meetings

by Ahnna Nanoski

The January Rosedale Master Plan meetings attracted approximately 70 Rosedalians to discuss our community's future.

Planners from the Unified Government, BNIM, and Insite Planning lead group discussions about different possibilities for the future of Rosedale. Groups talked about improving Rosedale's green spaces like Rosedale Park and the Rozarks trails, future development along Southwest Blvd., creating a "university town" feel near 39th and Rainbow Blvd., future development around Rosedale Park, adding more park facilities, and preserving neighborhood integrity in Rosedale.

Phil Gardos, an RDA volunteer who attended one of the meetings, thinks the "university town" scenario has the most potential.

Gardos said, "I appreciate the idea of increased residential density on west 39th Avenue with commercial use on the ground floor while offering a full range of apartments to maintain economic diversity on the top, connecting people to Fisher Park."

To learn more about the future of Rosedale and the

Master Plan, please attend the March community meetings:

Wednesday, March 23

Rosedale Middle School
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 24

Our Savior Lutheran Church
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

i Additional information about the Rosedale Master Plan and all of the upcoming meetings can be found at rosedalemasterplan.com.



INSIGHT PLANNING

Rosedalians engage in the Master Plan meeting held in January.

Meet the RDA Board and Staff

Pete Cashen

Cashen wanted to volunteer for RDA to give back to the community where he lived since 1988. He partnered with a friend, opening Dynamic Discs, a disc golf store, four years ago in the newly remodeled Northwood Shopping Center. Pete is committed to living and working in the Rosedale community.



Mary Gonzales

Mary Gonzales has always been interested in being involved in her community. In addition to serving on RDA's board, Mary serves on the BPU Board and belongs to several utility organizations as well as educational organizations. Mary is a retired teacher, and is married with three sons, two step-daughters, and six grandchildren.



Community Calendar

Mondays in February

Girl Scouts

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

Tuesday, March 1

**Garden Workshop
Planning Your Planting**

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

Thursday, March 10

**Mayor Holland's Listening Tour
for Businesses**

General Motors (must call RDA to RSVP) 11:15 a.m., 3201 Fairfax Trafficway, KCK
*Rosedale Businesses, please attend to provide input to the Mayor about how to spend \$12 million starting in 2017.

Wednesday, March 30

**Mayor Holland's Listening Tour
for Businesses**

West Wyandotte Library 5 p.m., 1737 N. 82nd St., KCK
*Rosedale Businesses, please attend to provide input to the Mayor about how to spend \$12 million starting in 2017.

Friday, April 1

Historical Exhibit

"The Land We Live On" 6-9 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Monthly Neighborhood Meetings

Monday, February 8

**Rosedale Towers
Tenants Association**

3:30-4:30 p.m., 2314 W. 39th Ave., KCK

Wednesday, February 10

**Shawnee Road
Neighborhood Association**

Shawnee Road Christian Church 7-8 p.m., 818 Shawnee Rd., KCK

Friday, February 18

**Frank Rushton
Neighborhood Association**

Rosedale Congregational Church 7-8 p.m., 4326 Lloyd St. KCK

Monday, March 7

Hilltop Neighborhood Association

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

Tuesday, March 15th

**Spring Valley
Neighborhood Association**

Village Square 7-8 p.m., 4454 State Line Road

Wednesday, March 17

Rosedale Leadership Council

5:30-6:30 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

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

Unified Government announces tax rebate resources

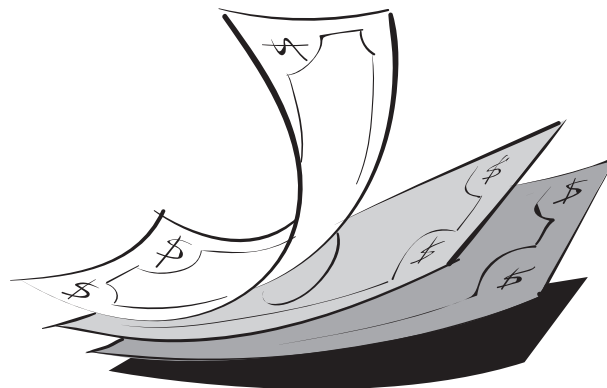
by the Unified Government of WyCo and KCK

The Senior Citizen Utility Rebate is a program to serve low-income, elderly citizens of Kansas City, Kansas that will help them recover a portion of taxes paid in the previous year. To qualify for the refund you must be a KCK resident, be 65 years of age or older for the entire previous calendar year, and have a gross income from all sources (including that of spouse) that does not exceed \$25,000 per year.

To apply for the refund, seniors must provide proof of income for 2015 and all 2015 utility, telephone and gas bills. Seniors can visit the Clerk's office at 701 N. 7th St., Suite 323 (on a first come first serve basis) between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday through March 31, 2016.

The Kansas Homestead Refund is a real estate tax rebate program for homeowners in Wyandotte County. This program provides eligible homeowners with an opportunity to directly apply a portion of their expected Homestead Property Tax Refund toward the first half of their real estate taxes.

To qualify for the refund in 2015, you must be a homeowner with a total income for everyone in the household of \$34,000 or less and born before January 1, 1960, or have dependents under the age of 18 who live with you, or be totally and permanently disabled or blind, or a Veteran with 50 percent or more permanent disability while on active



ELIZABETH C. JOHNSTON



RDA Support Form

Name of business or name of household

Address

City

State/ ZIP code

Contact person

Preferred phone

Email address

Please mail form, along with check made payable to:
Rosedale Development Association, 1403 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66103

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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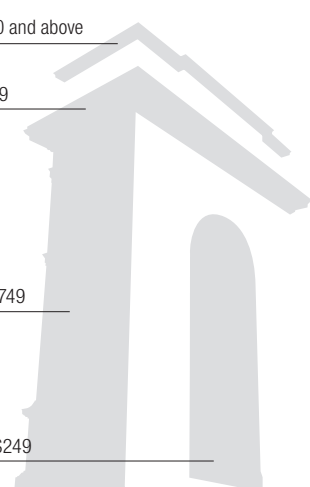
duty, or a surviving spouse of disabled veteran or active duty who died in the line of duty.

To apply for the refund applicants must provide proof of income for 2015. Assistance with this refund can be by way of a paid or volunteer tax preparer, or applicants can visit the Clerk's office at 701 N. 7th St., Suite 323 (on a first come first serve basis) between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday through April 15, 2016.

? Questions regarding either the Senior Citizen Utility Rebate or the Kansas Homestead Refund can be directed to (913) 573-5260.

Suggested support levels:

- Keystone: \$1,000 and above
- Crown: \$750-999
- Column: \$250-\$749
- Foundation: \$0-\$249
- Other: \$ _____



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Survey Update

Eighty percent of Rosedalian indicate need for more updates

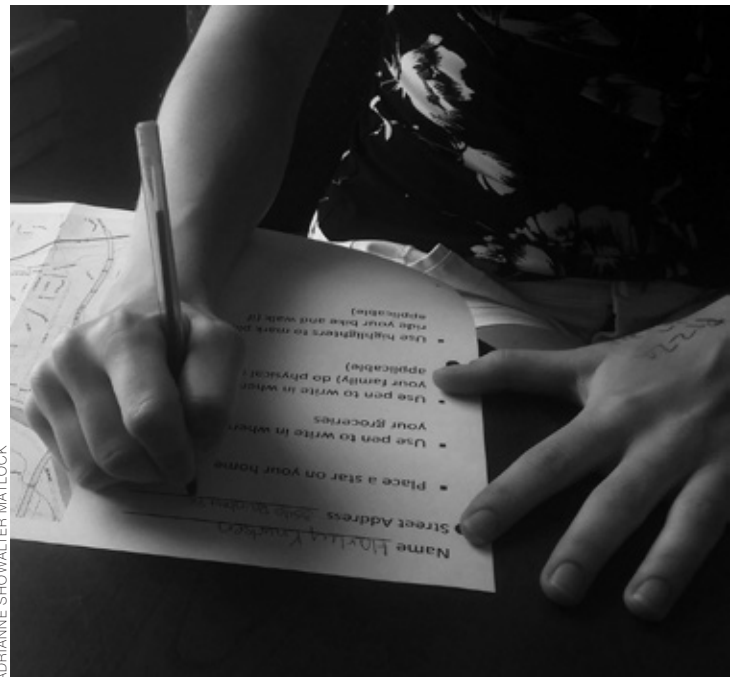
by *Adrienne Showalter Matlock*

Rosedale is home to some great parks and community events, but many Rosedalians reported in the Community Survey that the main thing standing in their way of utilizing these spaces and participating in events is a lack of awareness of such programs. From all the options, 80 percent of respondents indicated that simply not knowing about these events inhibited their participation.

If you heard about a chance to get out and enjoy activity in the sunshine, would you go? If you knew of a place to get fresh food and chat with neighbors, would you check it out? In the survey, Rosedale residents told us that the most common

ways that they heard about the survey were mail, billboards, and the RDA newsletter. Nearly 50 percent said they heard about the survey through mailings, followed by 20 percent who noticed information on the billboards, and 15 percent who learned of it in the RDA newsletter. RDA plans to use those methods of communication to get the word out about opportunities and activities. We want to put the information in your hands so you can get the most out of living in Rosedale.

? *Is there is an avenue of communication that works best for you and your family? Give us a call at (913) 677-5097.*



ADRIANNE SHOWALTER MATLOCK

A Rosedalian completing the survey.