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Community Spotlight

Camp Wildwood returns to Rosedale

By Andrea Steere

Is summer calling your child's name? Then you won't want to miss this opportunity to send your 8- to 15-year-olds to Camp Wildwood.

RDA and Wildwood staff will host a special registration and information session at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 1 at 1444 Southwest Blvd. Representatives from camp will be there to answer all of your questions and tell you more about all Camp Wildwood has to offer.

Last year's campers may be especially interested in attending on May 1. In 2016, Wildwood filmed some of our Rosedale campers' and their stories about camp. The information session will begin with a viewing of this short film.



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Thanks to RDA's partnership with Wildwood, Rosedale campers are able to attend camp from June 12 to June 19 for just \$25. This fee covers all camp expenses include meals, snacks, lodging, staff-

ing, and program supplies.

Camp activities include canoeing, swimming, a climbing wall, fishing, learning about ecology, and a lot more.

i To learn more about

Wildwood campers are transported by bus each summer for a week of fun outdoor activities at the camp outside of Lacygne, KS. Learn more about Camp Wildwood at our informational session at 6 p.m. on May 1 at 1444 Southwest Blvd., KCK. Registration packets will be available.

Camp Wildwood registration, contact Andrea Steere at andrea@rosedale.org or call 913-677-5097.

i Additional information about camp programming can be found at wildwoodctr.org.

Summer Youth Employment connects Rosedale businesses and youth

By Je T'aime Taylor and Deanna Wardlow

Rosedale Development Association is now accepting applications from both businesses and youth ages 14 to 17 years for Summer Youth Employment (SYE). For over 20 years RDA has partnered with local businesses to teach job skills and place youth in their first summer job.

SYE is an eight-week summer employment program providing Rosedale youth with work experience at a local business. The program is centered around skills training and professional development, while allowing the youth to explore personal and professional interests. The businesses train and supervise the students while they work.

Participants are required to submit an application, be interviewed, attend orientation if accepted, participate in a job fair, work approximately 15 hours a week, and engage in weekly Lunch & Learn training sessions for eight consecutive weeks. Lunch & Learn sessions bring in speakers on various topics including budgeting, resume building, and interviewing skills.

Businesses interested in having a Summer Youth Employee need to fill out an application that describes the type of work the youth will be participating in, the work environment, and how supervision



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SYE participants attend Lunch and Learn sessions each week to attain skills for the workplace.

will be conducted. Each business is required to be present at the business informational session and job fair.

Our past business partners have been: Annedore's Fine Chocolate, Carroll's Seating, Doggie Style Bowtique, Dynamic Discs, Holy Name, Little Angels Daycare, RDA, Sharing Community in Rosedale — Rainbow Freedom Schools, and Vista Manufacturing.

2016 was the first year Dynamic Discs partnered with RDA in offering a job to a 14-year-old young man. Josh Harvey, Manager, shared that it

was a success. Dynamic Discs has been looking into ways to break into the Junior Division and this young man assisted them in achieving that goal.

"We appreciate that our Summer Youth Employee had great customer service and was kind. He showed drive and professionalism. We believe that this program builds community". Josh went on to say, "We are definitely interested in partnering with the program this year. If the young person comes with drive we are able to teach them and feed them all the information that we know."

Through a grant provided by the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities, students from across KCK Public Schools have participated in SYE. They have represented Argentine Middle, J.C. Harmon, Rosedale Middle, and Sumner Academy.

Applications are available March 21-April 14 and can be found at the RDA office, school offices, or online at rosedale.org.

i To learn more about Summer Youth Employment, call 913-677-5097 or email Deanna at deanna@rosedale.org.



Rosedale residents explore the neighborhood around Fisher Park each week with the walking club.

Healthy Parks Initiative works to increase activity in KCK parks

By Erin Stryka

For nearly a year, the Fisher Park Walking Club has been meeting twice a week to stay active and healthy as a community. The group is part of the Healthy Parks Initiative, a project to increase physical activity among Wyandotte County residents.

Fisher Park was one of five parks chosen by the Healthy Park Initiative. The initiative uses two strategies: First, get residents active by organizing walking clubs and park

events. Then, work with residents, Parks and Recreation, and community coalitions to create safe and inviting outdoor spaces for people to be active.

Janell Friesen, Healthy Parks Initiative Coordinator, described improvements made by various groups to Bethany Park, saying, "So many groups and passionate individuals came together to make that park more awesome over time. The difference now compared to a few years ago is huge."

Parks and Recreation has always welcomed community input and requests. Now, in partnership with the Healthy Parks Initiative, the department is developing a clear and structured process for residents to request improvements to neighborhood parks. When the process is complete, residents will be able to submit requests for specific improvements and have a clear idea of the status of their request.

i To learn more about getting involved in the Fisher Park Walking Club or share an idea for park improvements, call 913-677-5097.

Catch the bus for bikes and books

by Je T'aime Taylor

RDA AmeriCorps team believes reading a book while getting your bike repaired doubles the fun. The Kansas City Kansas Public Library Mobile Library blue bus and purple bus will visit the Rosedale neighborhood eight times this month. While residents are looking at the Mobile Library's resources, our AmeriCorps members will be prepared to work on bikes. Residents are asked to bring their bikes to the bike repair workstation at Belrose Manor every other Wednesday from April 12 to June 21.

The purpose of the Mobile Library is to serve individuals who have difficulty reaching a library branch. The Mobile Library extends current library services to the larger community and helps to lessen the digital divide. The bike repair workstation is an effort to promote biking in the Rosedale community; it's hard to bike when your bike needs repair. We will have our workstations out in the

community twice this month. If you are unable to meet us at the location, feel free to contact us and set up a time for bringing your bike the RDA office.

Bike Repair Workstation Schedule
Every other Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Belrose Manor, 2924 W. 40th Ter., Kansas City, KS 66103 on the following dates:

- April 12
- April 26
- May 10
- May 24
- June 7
- June 21

i Learn more about the bike repair workstations, call Nicole at 913-677-5097, or email nicole@rosedale.org.

i For more information about the Kansas City Kansas Public Library Mobile Library, please visit kckpl.org.



Check out a book while RDA's AmeriCorps team works on your bike this spring!



Grow your own food or work with a community organization offering services in Rosedale? Join the Rosedale Farmers Market this summer as a vendor or with a community resource table.

Rosedale Farmers Market looks to add new vendors, community organizations

By Erin Stryka

Rosedale Farmers Market is currently seeking vendors and community resources. The mission of the farmers market is to provide a low-cost, accessible place for Rosedalian to get healthy food. Starting on May 14, the market will be open on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Commerce Bank parking lot at 4020 Rainbow Blvd.

If you grow fruits or vegetables, raise livestock, cook, bake, preserve, or craft, we want to hear from you! Rosedale Farmers Market vendors are a fantastic group of people dedicated to bringing great food into the neighborhood. Vendors commit to selling only what they and their families produce, practicing sustainable growing practices and pursuing organic methodology. Rosedale Farmers market accepts and doubles SNAP dollars (formerly food stamps) and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers through the Double Up Food Bucks Program.

In addition to our vendors, community organizations offering services Rosedalian may need are invited to set

up Community Resource Tables. The market is also in search of volunteers who would like to provide healthy and educational kid's activities to the families that shop at the market.

i To learn more, call Erin at 913-677-5097.

i Download a vendor application form at rosedalefarmersmarket.com.

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

Rosedalian coordinates neighborhood cleanup (and you can, too!)

By Erin Stryka

Beautiful, wooded Puckett Rd. is looking a lot cleaner these days. Rosedale resident Tim Downs called RDA recently to ask what he could do to address the litter accumulating on his street.

"I walk to and from work every day and afternoon," Downs said. "I had been doing that for several years and finally got tired of seeing the trash and everything in the woods and in the creek."

Equipped with litter pickup bags from the Unified Government's Operation Brightside, Downs gathered friends and neighbors for a weekend of litter cleanup.

The group found hazardous materials like used oil filters or chemical containers, and was grateful that Operation Brightside picked up and disposed of that waste.

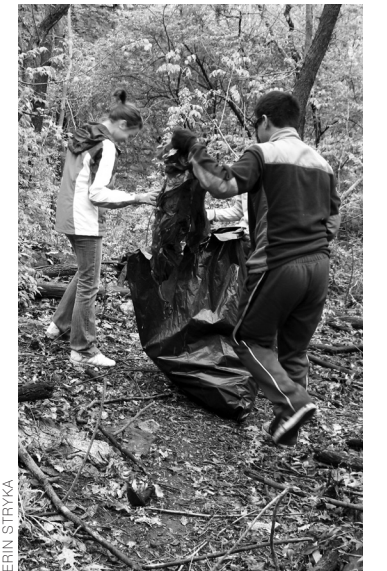
Midpoint National, the Rosedale business where Tim works, supported his efforts. The company offered Tim time off to devote to the neighborhood cleanup.

According to Keep America Beautiful, "a strong contributor to littering is the prevalence of existing litter. About 15 percent of litter-

ing is affected by the environment, or existing litter." Neighbors like Downs are not only cleaning up litter, but helping to prevent future litter in their neighborhoods.

"It does give you a good feeling when you get all that bad stuff out of there," Downs said.

i If you want to coordinate a neighborhood clean-up day in your area, call RDA at 913-677-5097.



Bring your neighbors together for a common cause: organizing a neighborhood cleanup.

Suggested support levels:

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

