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Rosedale business owner gives back to Rosedale Park

By Andrea Steere

You may know Pete Cashen as the owner of TMS, Inc., a mechanical contracting company at 701 Southwest Blvd., or as the co-owner of Dynamic Discs, a disc golf equipment company in both Emporia, KS and Rosedale. The staff at RDA know him as one of our dedicated board members, but Pete is a community leader in his own right.

“Whenever anybody needs anything, they call Pete,” Josh Harvey, manager of Dynamic Discs, said. “But when he needs something, he doesn’t ask anyone. He just makes it happen.”

In addition to being an RDA board member, Cashen serves on the board of the Kansas City Flying Disc Club (KCFDC). According to the KCFDC’s website, the club “is a non-profit, member supported organization with the mission to provide an exceptional disc golf experience in Kansas City while focusing on competition, conservation, education, partnerships, and philanthropy.”

With the help of local disc golfers, Pete Cashen helps reach both KCFDC’s and RDA’s missions by giving back at Rosedale Park.

“Pete helps maintain the baskets and the disc golf course [at Rosedale Park.] I’ve been here [at the Unified Government Department of Parks and Recreation] for five years, and he was doing it



ELIZABETH TILDEN PHOTOGRAPHY

RDA board member and local business owner, Pete Cashen, gives countless hours to Rosedale Park each year. By organizing disc golf players, he helps keep the course and the park clean and looking beautiful.

before that,” Deputy Director Jack Webb said.

In addition to caring for the disc golf course at Rosedale Park, Cashen also works to leave the park better than he found it.

“This spring he helped plant around 18 trees at Rosedale Park, and 40 more in Bonner Springs,” Webb said. Cashen also helps organize volunteer groups to clean up around the disc golf course about four times per year. These volunteers help to act

as extra eyes and ears for the parks department, alerting staff of problems like downed trees and lights that have gone out.

Webb added, “It’s a big help really. He’s a good guy.”

Money for landscape improvement doesn’t come just from Cashen, but from the community. Disc golfers from across the city make donations to Rosedale Park when they visit to play. Webb said, “He raises a lot of money for trees and mulch. I think it was

\$3,000 this year.”

“It’s not surprising to me to learn that Pete dedicates so much time and resources to Rosedale Park and the disc golf community,” RDA’s development coordinator, Alissa Workman, said. “While planning the recent Rosedale Disc de Triomphe, I quickly learned that Pete’s dedication to Rosedale and our surrounding communities paired with his disc golf knowledge were the driving force behind organizing the tournament.”

Community Spotlight

Christopher Webb Memorial Garden welcomes new gardeners

By Kimberly Hunter

The Christopher Webb Memorial Garden sits behind Southwest Blvd.’s Crossfit Matters gym, near a Rozarks trailhead at the corner of S. Minnie and Seminary Streets. Neighbors cooperatively grow many seasonal crops. Gardeners often individually tend the rows, but all gather for a workday and picnic the fourth Saturday morning of each month and welcome anyone interested to join.

The garden, which sprouted from a neighborhood tragedy, has bloomed into a community asset. In October 2014, after a destructive house fire, Rosedalian Christopher Wayne Webb passed away at the pivotal age of 21. In 2016, his neigh-

bors — Allison and Mike Gile — approached RDA to build a community garden in Christopher’s memory.

Since then, they have organized the neighborhood to realize their vision. Across the street, Karen and Ron lend hose and water, while Allison and Mike share chicken manure compost. Allison’s parents — Jo Ann and John — have filled raised beds, constructed compost bins, installed a water tank and carved out long rows. Sometimes neighborhood elder Ralph Williams stops by with ideas and encouragement. Together, they gather a healthy harvest of community and fresh, local food.

As their endeavor grows, they welcome new garden-



KIMBERLY HUNTER

Christopher Webb gardeners after one of their monthly workdays. Join them at their next workday from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 22.

ers to share in the work and food. Specifically, they could use help weeding, watering, mulching, repairing a small sink hole and obtaining on-site water access.

📞 Learn more how to get involved, call RDA at 913-677-5097 or stop by the garden between 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, July 22nd.

Double your money at the Rosedale Farmers Market

By Erin Stryka

Did you know that if you receive SNAP (formerly food stamps) or are over the age of 60 and low income, you can double your food money at the Rosedale Farmers Market? The Market participates in the Double Up Food Bucks program, which matches dollars from SNAP and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) vouchers in extra money for fruits and vegetables.

How it works:

Come down to Rosedale Farmers Market with a photo ID and sign up for SFMNP vouchers. You will receive a book of vouchers to be spent at the farmers market, and the market manager will give you a second voucher to be used for fruits and vegetables. Come early in the season — limited funds are available for this program.

If you are a SNAP user, bring your SNAP EBT card to

the market. For every SNAP dollar you spend at the market, you will get another dollar in market tokens for fruits and vegetables (up to \$25).

The Rosedale Farmers Market is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays through the end of September, at 4020 Rainbow Blvd. (Commerce Bank parking lot), Kansas City, KS. The market is also open from 3:30 to 6 p.m. every other Wednesday at 2100 W. 39th Ave, Kansas City, KS, in front of Dykes Library.

In July, market visitors will find watermelon, cantaloupe, tomatoes, squash, zucchini, baked goods, sauces, jams, jellies, and much more. Come meet your friends and neighbors and enjoy delicious, local, and affordable food.

i To learn more, visit rosedalefarmersmarket.com, doubleupheartland.org, or call 913-677-5097.



ANDREA STEERE

Starting July 1, the Community Bike Workstation will open at RDA's office. For extra help fixing your bike, stop by between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Community Bike Workstation reopens at RDA

By Nicole Fitzgerald

RDA's community bike workstation is returning for the 2017 summer season. Starting July 1, community members are welcome to stop by during business hours to take advantage of RDA's bike workstation. To access the workstation, simply bring your bike to RDA's office at 1403 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS. The workstation is located in the back of the office space.

All of RDA's tools will be out and available for you to

use to fix up your bike. A bike stand and air pump will also be included in the bike workstation.

If you need extra help fixing a flat or other minor bike repairs, join us on Wednesdays and Fridays between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. RDA's AmeriCorps team will be on hand to assist in teaching and helping you fix your bike.

i To learn more about the community bike workstation, call Nicole at 913-677-5097.

Board and Staff Members

Dr. Amanda Vega-Mavec

Amanda has been in education for 16 years, having worked at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Currently she serves as principal of Holy Name School. She believes strongly that schools are part of a larger community and is excited to further serve the community as a member of RDA.



Community Calendar

Every Monday

Fisher Park Walking Club
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Fisher Park, 3800 Fisher St., KCK
i Text "FISHERPARK" to 41411 for updates

Monday, July 3

Hilltop Neighborhood Meeting
6-7 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Tuesday, July 4

RDA office closed for Independence Day

Tuesday, July 11

Frank Rushton Neighborhood Group Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m., 4326 Lloyd, KCK

Wednesday, July 12

Shawnee Road Neighborhood Watch Meeting
7-8 p.m., 818 Shawnee Rd., KCK

Wednesday, July 19

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

Every Thursday

Fisher Park Walking Club
1-2 p.m. Fisher Park
3800 Fisher St., KCK
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Thursday, July 13

Garden Workshop: Freezing and Canning
6-7:30 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Every Sunday

Rosedale Farmers Market
10 a.m.-2 p.m., 4020 Rainbow Blvd., KCK

i To learn more about upcoming events and other community happenings, visit rosedale.org or call 913-677-5097.

RDA partners with Spay & Neuter Kansas City

By Andrea Steere

Last month, RDA and Spay & Neuter Kansas City (SNKC) co-hosted a community picnic and microchip clinic for pets. About 50 community members and their pets joined us for burgers, hot dogs, pet nail trims, and \$10 microchips. Attendees also had the chance to learn more about SNKC's services, which include low cost spay and neuter, tagging and licensing, and more.

"We attended the event because of the \$10 microchips, and it's all for a great cause," Rosedale resident Krystle Huddleston said. She brought her son Andreas, and their dog Roscoe, to the event. "I like how RDA does events for the community."

The SNKC event was a direct result of the 2015 Rosedale Community Survey and the 2016 Dinner with your Data event. In the survey, nearly 27 percent of respondents indicated dissatisfaction with Animal Control. These results were echoed during Dinner with your Data. Community members commented on Animal Control and noted that some dogs in the neighborhood seem poorly cared for.

Luckily, SNKC recently opened a location in Kansas City, KS at 3722 State Ave., and they plan to continue its



JASMINE BARRERO

Frank Rushton student, Andreas, plays with his dog Roscoe after receiving a \$10 microchip and nail trim from Spay & Neuter Kansas City during the community picnic at Whitmore Playground on June 10.

partnership with RDA. As we move forward, we plan to continue working with organizations like SNKC and Animal Control to help realize the community's vision of a strong, vibrant Rosedale.

i To download the Rosedale Community Survey results, visit rosedale.org/rosedale-community-survey.

i To learn more about Spay & Neuter Kansas City, visit snkc.net.



NICOLE FITZGERALD

Visitors to the Rosedale Farmers Market can double their money on fruits and vegetables through the Double Up Food Bucks program.

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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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

Suggested support levels:

Keystone: \$1,000 and above

Crown: \$750-999

Column: \$250-\$749

Foundation: \$0-\$249

Other: \$