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Community Spotlight

Community Health Council of Wyandotte connects residents to affordable care

by Jamal Jarrett



Molly Moffett

November 1 through December 15 marks open enrollment for healthcare coverage through the Affordable Care Act. "A large chunk of our

population depends on the ACA for affordable health-care," said Molly Moffett Program Coordinator for the Community Health Council of Wyandotte County. Molly passionately works with WyCo residents who need assistance with acquiring health insurance through the Enroll Wyandotte Initiative.

In recent years, WyCo has seen an increase in people utilizing this period of enrollment. But before residents go online and apply, Molly encouraged people to first speak to a trained Certified Application Counselor, such as herself. They will help guide residents through the process and explain all the health plan options so clients



Health Insurance is Within Your Reach

can choose one that meets their specific needs. "Financial assistance is available, and a lot of people qualify for it – some for even as low as \$50," said Molly.

📍 To make an appointment with a trained Certified

Application Counselor of the Community Health Council, call 913-735-9008 or visit wycocohealth.com/enroll-wyandotte. To independently complete an application for healthcare coverage, visit healthcare.gov or call 800-318-2596.



JE T'AIME TAYLOR

Volunteers work hand-in-hand to assemble and distribute Thanksgiving baskets to neighborhood families.

Feed-a-Family seeks donors and volunteers for Thanksgiving baskets

by Miranda Coffey

The Rosedale Development Association is preparing for its 32nd annual Feed a Family event where 35 nominated Rosedale families will receive food assistance for Thanksgiving dinner and warm winter wear. Donations will be accepted from October 11 through November 10 at local businesses, churches and the RDA office. RDA welcomes monetary and in-kind donations, such as non-perishable food, household items and new or gently used children's winter wear of all sizes. The cost to sponsor a basket for a family of five is \$150.

Donations of any amount, however, are appreciated and will be used to purchase items such as hams, turkeys, and winter coats.

Rev. Sam Olivas of Amaz-

ing Grace Baptist Church says this year their church "council decided to support Feed a Family by collecting canned vegetables and giving a monetary donation." If you are unable to donate but would like to support this effort in other ways, save the date for RDA's volunteer workday on Monday, November 20 where baskets will be assembled for neighbors to pick up the following day.

The holiday season prompts many people to be in the spirit of giving and lending a helping hand to neighbors in need. RDA invites you to participate in this tradition via their annual Feed a Family event.

📞 To donate, volunteer or learn more, contact Je T'aime Taylor at 913-677-5097 or jetaime@rosedale.org.

Kansas City Board of Public Utilities plans Rosedale Area Reliability Project

by Erin Stryka

Housing and commercial growth in eastern Rosedale prompted BPU to begin the Rosedale Reliability Project, an effort to replace the current substation with a new, higher-capacity model that can route reliable, updated energy service to the growing community.

David Mehlhaff, BPU's Chief Communications Officer, described the project further, saying, "BPU's Rosedale Area Reliability Project will upgrade existing transmission lines from 69 kilovolts (kV) to 161 kV. We also plan to replace the Fisher Substation, which has been in service since

1972, with a new substation, named the Rosedale Substation, that can accommodate the higher voltage transmission lines. Additionally, BPU will construct a new 161 kV transmission line that will run from the new Rosedale substation to the existing Armourdale Substation."

Some elements of the current substation, located west of Fisher Park, are over 65 years old. BPU and consultants from Burns and McDonnell have solicited initial input on the project from the Mayor, several Commissioners, representatives of the University of Kansas Health System and the University of Kansas Medi-

cal Center, and neighborhood group leaders. Two public meetings for additional input will be held in November, during which consultants will present a complete routing study showing the planned locations of all new transmission lines.

The location of the planned substation has been a frequent topic of discussion during the Rosedale Master Plan process as well as the ongoing University Town planning process. The Rosedale Master Plan calls for further investment in Fisher Park and the Rozarks nature trails and

envisions expanding the park into the area currently occupied by the substation. At public meetings, community members have repeatedly emphasized the need for the location of the new substation to support these priorities.

"These much-needed improvements will allow us to better accommodate local power users, retire aging utility infrastructure, and support future development and growth in the Rosedale area," Mehlhaff said.

📞 To learn more about the Rosedale Area Reliability Project, contact erin@rosedale.org.





ANDREA STEERE

At RDA's 2016 annual meeting, Executive Director Erin Stryka reviews the year's significant moments, including Dinner with Your Data and honoring our volunteers that make RDA's work possible.

Save the date for RDA's annual meeting on December 19

by Alissa Workman and Kimberly Hunter

RDA invites residents to attend their 2017 annual meeting on Tuesday, December 19 from 6-8 p.m. in the Koch Community Center located at 1401 Southwest Blvd. This event celebrates RDA's 39th year serving the Rosedale community and honors the volunteers and community partners who help move RDA's mission forward. All are welcome to attend.

The mission of RDA is to work with residents, businesses, and institutions to develop a thriving Rosedale community. RDA's staff and Board of Directors recognize their mission could not be accomplished without generous, ongoing support from diverse partners.

This festive, family-friendly event will include light food and beverages, a community awards ceremony and a brief overview of RDA's 2018 goals and organizational priorities. This is also an opportunity for residents to provide feedback about RDA's community service and civic leadership and to show appreciation for RDA's outgoing Board Members. Carpools to this event are available if requested at least 48 hours in advance.

i To learn more, RSVP, request a ride, share a ride, or note appreciation for an RDA volunteer or program, contact Alissa at 913-677-5097 or alissa@rosedale.org.

Shop locally: your Rosedale holiday shopping guide

by Emily Xiong

Autumn is the most wonderful time of year . . . to shop in Rosedale. Residents seeking gifts do not have to travel far. From 18th St. Expressway in the west to State Line Rd. in the east, Rosedale holds hidden gems for loved ones of many persuasions this holiday season. As you make gift lists and check them twice, consider options that give back twice. Shopping locally not only inspires creative giving but builds a robust Rosedale economy, too. Here are some local resources to jumpstart your holiday shopping:

- For handy, fix-it folks, stop by Strasser Hardware for special holiday sales or gift an auto care package to Boulevard Tires & Service.
- For cuisine connoisseurs, purchase gift cards from Taco

Show your community pride with a Rosedale Arch Club membership

by Alissa Workman

This summer, RDA launched the Rosedale Arch Club to recognize the important role that residents, businesses, and institutions in Rosedale and the surrounding regions play in supporting RDA's community work. RDA wants to make membership in the Rosedale Arch Club accessible to the diverse range of folks who call Rosedale home, so that as many neighbors as possible are invested in the work and take pride in all of the great things Rosedale has to offer.

Thus there is no minimum gift requirement to join. Rosedale Arch Club membership is available with a donation of time (volunteer), talents (lend expertise), and/or resources (a donation suitable to one's means) to support RDA's mission. RDA is proud to welcome these new Rosedale Arch Club members:

Alistair Tutton Photography
Antionette Ferguson
Ashton Wells
Becky & Bryan Welch
Deanna Wardlow
Ida Pulliam
Jane & Louis Wetzel
Jessie Ruiz
Jim & Virginia Chiles
Joanne Geer Shoup, in memory of Jennie Lee Geer
John Mendez & Mary Gonzales
Joy Winter
Kathleen Vanbecelaere
Ruth Kunakhovich
Stevie Reynolds
Theodis & Lillie Greer
Theresa & Mike Cummings
Vox Theatre

Thank you to each of you for supporting your community and the mission of RDA!

i To learn more about the Rosedale Arch Club and how to become a member, visit rosedale.org/archclub or call Alissa at (913) 677-5097.

Republic, Rosedale BBQ, 1889 Pizza Napoletana, Dagwood Cafe, Joe's Kansas City Bar-B-Que, or Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken. Who does not love a taste of Rosedale?

- For fitness fanatics, visit Dynamic Discs for a fun Disc golf starter package or gift someone a day-pass or membership to CrossFit Matters or Southwest Blvd Family Fitness Center.

- For the altruists, donate in their honor to Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City's ResStore.
- For art appreciators,

consider commissioning a painting by Jim Needham.

- For nature and animal lovers, Sunshine Flowers offers beautiful poinsettias and other holiday greenery, while KC Pet Food and Rainbow Pet Hospital offer critter care.
- With this list in hand, RDA wishes its neighbors and businesses alike a happy holiday shopping season.



i To learn more about these and other local holiday shopping options, contact Emily at 913-677-5097 or email emily@rosedale.org.

Community Calendar

Monday, November 6
Hilltop Neighborhood
6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Wednesday, November 8
Shawnee Road Neighborhood Watch
7 p.m., 818 Shawnee Rd., KCK

Thursday, November 9
Garden Workshop: Seed Saving 101
6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd. KCK

Tuesday, November 14
Rose Alert Neighborhood Potluck
6:30 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Location TBA by BPU
Rosedale Area Reliability Project Open House
Come and learn about BPU's proposal for a new substation at Fisher Park.
4-7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15
Rosedale Leadership Council
5:30 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Thursday, November 16
Rosedale Reliability Project Open House
Come and learn about BPU's proposal for a new substation at Fisher Park.
4-7 p.m., Location TBA by BPU

Saturday, November 18
Neighbors Fall Social with KU Med Center
10 a.m.-1 p.m., Health Education Building at 39th Ave. and Rainbow Blvd.

Monday, November 20
Feed a Family Volunteer Day
10 a.m.-4 p.m. 1401 Southwest Blvd, KCK

Monday, December 4
Hilltop Neighborhood
6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Tuesday, December 19
RDA Annual Meeting
6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

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

RDA office will be closed for Thanksgiving from 12 p.m. Wednesday, November 23 thru 9 a.m. Monday, November 27.

Volunteers come together to repair homes in Rosedale

by Nicole Fitzgerald

This October volunteers from the University of Kansas Health System, the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC), and skilled members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers joined forces to repair four homes in Rosedale in partnership with Christmas in October and RDA.

Rosedale business Deco Catering generously provided a healthy lunch to keep up volunteers' energy. Determined volunteers replaced a large section of a roof, rebuilt a fence, installed gutters, tore out and rebuilt water-damaged walls, resurfaced a damaged concrete porch, and more. Most of these repairs were too major for one group or organization to tackle alone, but by combining resources the groups were able to conduct much more extensive repairs.

Reflecting on this year's turnout, RDA's Executive Director, Erin Stryka, says, "I am constantly amazed by how consistently our volunteers show up to serve



ERIN STRYKA

Neighborhood volunteers build and paint a fence for a Rosedalian in need in addition to other small and major repairs.

their neighbors." In particular, University of Kansas Health System employees and KUMC students have demonstrated their commitment to the Rosedale community with 91 hospital employees and medical students signing up to volunteer on minor home repair projects this year. Christmas in October, which brings volunteers and communities together

to improve the homes and lives of low-income elderly, disabled, and veteran homeowners has partnered with RDA and the University of Kansas Health System for many years to better serve Rosedalians.

i To learn more about minor home repair projects in Rosedale, contact erin@rosedale.org.

Let's be rock solid together! Please accept my donation in support of RDA.

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Rosedale Development Association, 1403 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66103
OR contribute online at rosedale.org/archclub.

