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Community Spotlight: All-Rosedale cleanup

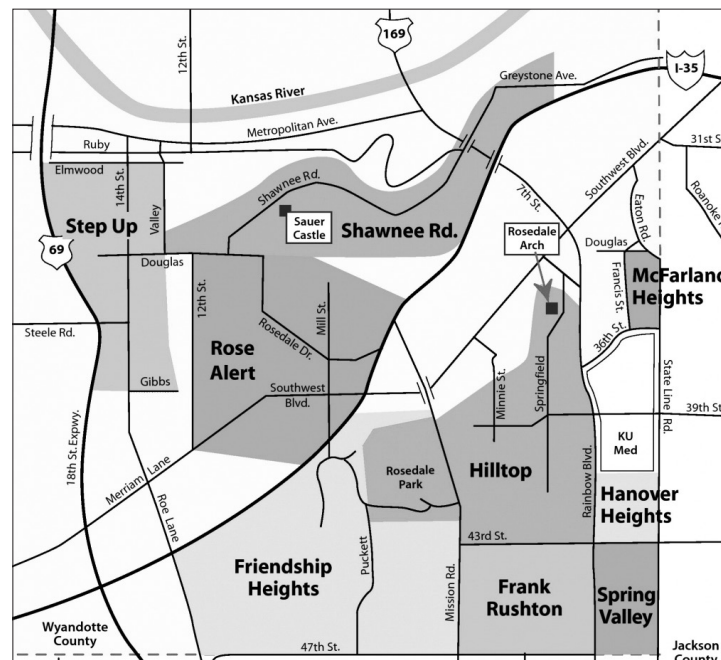
by Kimberly Hunter

This spring, RDA invites Rosedalians and their fans to come together for the first ever all-Rosedale cleanup on Saturday, April 28. Participants may register as individuals or with a neighborhood, school, church, or organizational team. The team with the most volunteers, however, will win a 2018 park party at the Rosedale park of their choosing.

Participants should meet at Fisher Park at 8 a.m. for orientation. Gloves, water, and trash bags will be provided before teams split up to focus on different parts of the neighborhood. Afterwards, everyone is invited to reconvene at 12 p.m. in Fisher Park for music and a celebratory cookout.

So far, the largest team to register is a group made of three families calling themselves the "Mike Nichols for Judge Cleanup Crew". They have 13 members and counting. But rumor has it Reggie Oddums with the Frank Rushton Neighborhood Association may give them a run for their money. So join the rivalry or just come enjoy some constructive, neighborly fun at an event where friendships will be forged, memories made, and a community cleaned up just in time for spring.

To register, contact Kimberly Hunter at kimberly@rosedale.org or 913-677-5097.



Graphic shows different neighborhood groups in Rosedale.

Cyclists gear up for bike month

by Jamal Jarrett

Throughout the month of May, bicycles can be seen riding up and down Rosedale in commemoration of Bike Month. Rosedale Development Association participates in the national celebration of Bike Month each May, with opportunities for the community to fellowship and enjoy bicycle-centered events. Residents can take part in activities such as Rosedale Bike-to-School Day May 9, Bagels on the Boulevard May 15, Frank Rushton Bike Rodeo May 16, and a Bike-In Movie at Boulevard Drive-In May 17. All of RDA's Bike Month events are free and open to anyone, excluding Frank Rushton Elementary School's Bike Rodeo. The rodeo is free but only open to Frank Rushton students and their families.

Bagels on the Boulevard will be held at two locations along Southwest Blvd. on Tuesday, May 15 from 6 to 9 a.m. in celebration of Bike to Work Week. Wednesday, May 16 is Frank Rushton Elementary's annual Bike Rodeo with

BikeWalkKC. From 3 to 5 p.m., Frank Rushton students will be able to get helmet fittings, learn minor bike repair skills, navigate obstacle courses, and gain bike safety skills.

The Bike-In Movie at Boulevard Drive-In Theatre on Thursday, May 17 will begin at 7 p.m. and last until dusk. This year's movie will feature Sandlot. Games and activities will be provided for all ages and the event will be free for those arriving by bike, while a \$5 donation is requested for cars.

This year RDA is partnering with BikeWalkKC, Kansas City Board of Public Utilities, Boulevard Drive-In Theatre, Kansas City Public Schools, Explore KC, Mid-America Regional Council, and the Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater KC to make these Bike Month events possible.

For more information on Bike Month activities, follow RDA on Facebook or contact Alissa Workman at 913-677-5097 or alissa@rosedale.org.



The Rosedale Memorial Arch, designed by Rosedale resident John LeRoy Marshall, pays tribute to those Rosedalians who fought and lost their lives in World War.

Centennial celebration at Rosedale Arch

by Alissa Workman

On Saturday, April 28, Louisburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7348 will host a Loyalty Day Celebration at the Rosedale Arch. Taking place from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., the event includes patriotic music, color guard, guest speakers, and a wreath-laying ceremony. The festivities are open to all Rosedalians, including any veterans or service organizations that would like to be a part of the ceremony.

This is the second year that VFW Post 7348 has chosen to commemorate Loyalty Day at the Rosedale Arch, which was built to honor the Rosedale residents who served in the 42nd Rainbow Division during the Great War (World War I). This year's celebration holds special significance, as it joins a number of events across the country and

around the world honoring the Centennial of World War I, which concluded on November 11, 1918, now known as Armistice Day.

Organizers for the Rosedale Arch Loyalty Day Celebration plan to incorporate a theme of commonality and shared camaraderie, highlighting the many contributions immigrants made to World War I -- as well as many wars following. "Even though it may look like we are different, when push comes to shove, we are the same," said Amar Singh, who spoke at the event in 2017.

To participate in the event, contact Greg Goode, Commander, VFW Post 7348 at vfw7348ks@gmail.com. For additional details, call the RDA office at 913-677-5097.



JE T'AIME TAYLOR

Jaime Vizcarra teaches his mentor, Deanna Wardlow, the difference between discs.

Summer Youth Employment applications now available

by Nika Cotton

Rosedale Development Association's Summer Youth Employment (SYE) program matches young people ages 14 to 17 with local businesses for an eight-week summer job. RDA is accepting applications from both youth and businesses interested in participating in the program from April 2 - 23. Individuals can apply at the RDA office, their school, or at rosedale.org.

Youth are required to complete an interview, attend job skills training and participate in a job fair before they begin working. In addition to their time on the job, youth attend a weekly Lunch and Learn session and meet with an assigned a mentor, who guides them through their first job experience. Each youth gains valuable work experience and career skills.

"Recently a past SYE participant came to RDA to request a recommendation letter," says Je T'aime Taylor,

RDA Healthy Kids Program Director. "This youth asked if she could come back and assist with the interviewing process for the 2018 SYE program. She was interested in passing on what she learned to the new group. SYE helps youth develop valuable work history and references for future employment as well as higher education."

RDA is seeking businesses willing to provide a nurturing environment for youth exploring their career interests for the first time. Businesses may host youth employees for the summer, provide financial support for the program, or join the advisory committee to inform program development. Throughout the summer, RDA staff regularly check in on youth at the work site to offer additional support.

To participate, contact Je T'aime Taylor at 913-677-5097 or jetaime@rosedale.org.

Board and Staff Members

Charita Vine joined the RDA Board this year. A Rosedale resident for over eight years, she is an AmeriCorps alumna with over 2,000 hours of community service under her belt. Ms. Vine is also a certified community health worker with experience in fundraising, event planning, volunteer recruitment, and working with youth. She holds a bachelor of science from KSU with a minor in Leadership Studies.



Youth soccer season kicks off

by Jamal Jarrett

Springtime is finally here, and that means soccer will soon be in full effect! Rosedale teams are now recruiting new players for the 2018 spring soccer season through the Unified Government Parks and Recreation. This is a co-ed league that offers children ages 5 - 13 the opportunities to be active, learn the game of soccer, and most of all have fun without too much pressure to win.

Registration is now open and may be obtained at local schools or the Rosedale Development Association. There is a \$15 registration fee for each youth to play and a registration form which needs to be filled out and returned to

the Parks and Recreation office at 5033 State Ave Kansas City, KS.

Team practices at Rosedale Park will begin April 7 and be held Thursdays at 6 p.m. The season will officially start with an April 14 game, and all games will be located at Leo Alvey Park in Argentine. Players will receive a jersey, an RDA water bottle, and an end-of-season trophy. Guardians will be responsible for supplying cleats and shin guards for the season.

To ask questions, sign up, or volunteer as a coach, contact Jamal Jarrett at jamal@rosedale.org or 913-677-5097.



VICTOR MICHIMANI

Rosedale's soccer team gathers for a team picture.

Memory Lane: Rosedale High School in the 1950s

by Anita Elvins Strub

How I loved spending my teen years at Rosedale High. Some of my happiest memories began with my Maccochaque classmates, adding new faces from surrounding schools who became close friends before I graduated in 1959.

The teachers were very helpful. They taught us about getting along with each other and other skills I still use today, like cooking and sewing. I even made the dress I wore for freshman graduation.

Cheerleading was especially fun. We would practice for hours, then go to Winsteads for a smoothie, tapping the glasses with spoons while keeping time to the music. During the colder months, we would try to stay warm by clapping and high kicking at cool, crisp fall football games.

We also spent a lot of time planning fundraisers for our Sayonara Senior Prom, and those committee meetings were almost more fun than the event. We made tissue paper roses from Kleenex for the tables and a "picture opp" area with a Japanese cherry tree garden, complete with a wood-carved bridge art and woodwork students painted with Japanese lettering.

I remember the excitement



ANITA STRUB

Anita Strub proudly cheered on Rosedale High in October 1958.

of making posters and buttons when running for sophomore class president and the embarrassment of forgetting my speech before the entire senior body. After school, I loved going to Allens for a coke or to a movie at the Boulevard Drive-in Theatre with my steady in his pink and black 1956 Ford convertible.

But my fondest memories are of hooking up with friends jabbering to and from classes and looking forward to the trip home. We would usually stop at the closest drugstore at 39th and Adams or pool

our change to share one order of French fries at the "You All Café" at 41st and Rainbow.

The 50s at Rosedale High were the best of times. I thank my lucky stars I got to spend my high school years at Rosedale — a great, small, friendly school. Our classmates still keep in touch through reunions, funerals, and sometimes lunch with the girls. At Rosedale High, I made lifetime friends.

To share a memory, contact Kimberly Hunter at 913-677-5097 or kimberly@rosedale.org.

Community Calendar

compiled by Kimberly Hunter

RECURRING EVENTS:

Fisher Park Walking Club
Mondays at 4:30 p.m.
Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Call for meet-up location

ONE-TIME EVENTS:

Monday, April 2
Hilltop Neighborhood meeting
6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Tuesday, April 10
Frank Rushton Neighborhood meeting
6:30 p.m., 4326 Lloyd St., KCK

Wednesday, April 11
Shawnee Road Neighborhood meeting
7 p.m., 818 Shawnee Rd., KCK

Thursday, April 12
Garden Workshop #2: Seed Starting
6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Wednesday, April 18
Rosedale Leadership Council
5:30 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Saturday, April 28
All-Rosedale cleanup
8 a.m.-1 p.m. Fisher Park, KCK

Saturday, April 28
WWI Centennial and Loyalty Day Celebration
11 a.m.-12 p.m. Rosedale Arch, KCK

Thursday, May 17
Bike-In Movie
7 p.m. Boulevard Drive-In Theatre, KCK

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

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