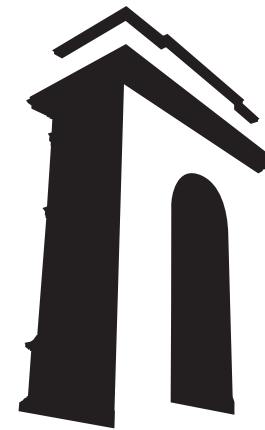


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Community Spotlight

Northwood Shopping Center welcomes two new businesses

by Nicole Fitzgerald

Last season, Rosedale welcomed Ginger Sue's Restaurant and Elmer Swim School to its Northwood Shopping Center. Ginger Sue's, located at 2820 W. 47th Ave., is a breakfast and lunch chain. It originally opened in March of 2007 in Liberty, MO as the joint project of a husband and wife team that wanted to share their love of hospitality and food with the community. Ginger Sue's is now open for breakfast and lunch and prides itself on offering a quaint, casual atmosphere. "Try the Farmers Omelet," suggests one Rosedale shopper, Miranda Coffey. "It has fresh veggies and goat

cheese. It's delicious!"

A second business, Elmer Swim School, also opened in Northwood Shopping Center earlier this year. The school teaches children and adults to be successful swimmers through life-saving water skills and an award-winning curriculum that helps every swimmer gain confidence and achieve their goals. Contact Elmer Swim School directly to inquire about its summer classes for adults and children.

To learn about business opportunities in Rosedale, contact Erin Stryka at erin@rosedale.org.



Welcome to the neighborhood!



Neighbors invited to participate in Fisher Park renovation project

by Alissa Workman

The Rosedale Development Association, Mission Cliffs Homeowners Association, and the Unified Government Parks and Recreation have raised funds to replace the playground at Fisher Park! Earlier this year, RDA initiated multiple funding requests after residents asked for help replacing the outdated and broken equipment. Funding sources for renovation include: Wyandotte County Parks Foundation, Neighborhoods Rising Fund, Meet Me at the Park (a highly-competitive national award), and in-kind support from the Parks Department to assist with labor, landscaping, signs, and seating.

The new playspace will contain features that make the park more accessible to individuals of all ages and abilities, including those with mobility issues, differing sensory needs, and more. This project follows several other recent community-led initiatives in Fisher Park, including the orchard, rainwater gardens, Rozarks Nature Trail trailhead, and a water fountain. The UG's At Large, District One Commissioner Melissa Bynum says of the collaborative project:

"More and more often, we see that when we work to improve social and economic conditions throughout

our community, access to parks, quality of life, and livable neighborhoods are a priority for developers and residents alike. So, this new Fisher Park playground is yet another step we collectively are taking to not only bring this important fact into focus, but to work collaboratively to achieve this objective. I'm really proud of the partnerships that came together to work on this common goal; everyone wins when parks are improved."

Neighbors are invited to learn more and give input about the new playground design on Saturday, July 7 from



9-11 a.m. at Fisher Park. In September, RDA will also seek neighborhood volunteers for a Community Build and Potluck, with assistance from Parks and Recreation. Those who cannot attend on July 7 are

invited to share their opinions at rosedale.org/fisherpark.

For more information, contact Alissa at alissa@rosedale.org or 913-677-5097.

Rosedalians could boost voter turnout in primary election

by Erin Stryka

Local elections make an enormous impact on a city, yet voter turnout rates in Wyandotte County are very low. In the primary election on August 1, 2017, only 18 percent of registered Wyandotte County residents cast votes. Voting is one of a resident's most effective tools to make their voices heard and improve their community. Rosedalian

can help ensure a big turnout in 2018!

This year's primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 7 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., while the general election will be Tuesday, November 6, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Residents of Wyandotte County have the option of voting by mail, voting early in person, or voting on election day. To vote by mail, visit wycovotes.org/voting-by-mail or

stop by the RDA office for assistance. The last day to apply to vote by mail is July 27.

Early voting is available at 850 State Ave. beginning July 31 and at 2100 Metropolitan beginning August 1. Visit wycovotes.org/voting-early-in-person or call RDA for more information. Rosedalian are never shy about making their opinions known and can ensure their voices are heard by voting in local elections!

To view a sample ballot, visit wycovotes.org two weeks before the election.





ALISSA WORKMAN

Jo Heinzman volunteers each Monday with projects around the office.

Three ways to support RDA: Volunteer, enjoy football, and join the Arch Club

by Alissa Workman and Kimberly Hunter

1 When it comes to volunteers, RDA not only welcomes but depends on them to accomplish its mission. From sports coaches to garden leaders, graphic designers, and home repair captains, volunteers undergird many of its products, programs, and services. This year, RDA is especially thankful to have Jo Heinzman helping in the office with archive preservation and newsletter mailings. RDA is also seeking long-term volunteers to serve as a website assistant; front desk greeter; community archives steward; and Southwest Blvd. triangle caretaker.

To volunteer, contact Kimberly Hunter at kimberly@rosedale.org.

2 As a non-profit, RDA not only depends on volunteers but also on grants and other funding sources. This football season, RDA and the Kansas City Chiefs have an exciting fundraising opportunity. Individuals can purchase single-game

tickets for select games at a discounted rate. A portion of every ticket sold using the promo code "ROSEDALE" will benefit RDA.

To purchase tickets, visit rosedale.org/news/football-fundraiser.

3 Finally, individuals, households, businesses, and institutions can join the Rosedale Arch Club by making a monthly or annual contribution suitable to their means. Named for Rosedale's renown memorial to World War I veterans, members of the Arch Club support RDA's community work. To recognize this contribution, RDA offers Arch Club members recognition on the RDA website and in *The Rosedalian*; opportunities to provide input and feedback; an exclusive 66103 decal; and an annual party celebrating the positive impact they are making in Rosedale.

To learn more, contact Alissa Workman at alissa@rosedale.org.

Rosedalians' input needed for UG Zoning Code rewrite

by Erin Stryka

Through the winter of 2019, the Unified Government is conducting a public process to rewrite the Zoning Code and seeks input from Rosedalians. The Code guides land development and is one of the keys to implementing the 2008 City-wide Master Plan as well as the Rosedale Master Plan. It can address many issues important to Rosedalians, such as ensuring an adequate amount of safe, affordable housing, determining how many parking spaces a business needs to provide, and setting guidelines for short-term rentals like Airbnbs.

During the re-write, the UG Urban Planning and Land Use Department hopes to uncover ways to streamline the development review process, make it easier to accommodate new businesses, continue to preserve and enhance neighborhoods, and develop spaces the community can enjoy for years to come. RDA Board member Pete Cashen is on the

Zoning Code Rewrite Steering Committee. "I expressed my concerns that the team working on the zoning rewrite read and follow the different areas' master plans that the residents voiced their opinions on." Pete said. "I also suggested they work on the workable and walkable neighborhoods that the residents are asking for."



Rosedalians can give input online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/kckzoningrewrite before July 31. The UG held a first round of public meetings in June. Concerns and inquiries may be directed to Rob Richardson, the UG Urban Planning and Land Use Director, at r Richardson@wycokck.org or 913-573-5774. Residents may also follow the project on UG social media with the hashtag #KCKZoningRewrite.

To be notified about upcoming public input meetings, contact Erin Stryka at erin@rosedale.org.

Intern highlight: Tuong Nguyen

by Kimberly Hunter

This summer RDA welcomes Kauffman Scholars intern, **Tuong Nguyen**. A rising junior at the Ewing Marion Kauffman School, Tuong is assisting RDA with several technology projects. These include organizing a master database for photographs, remodeling the website, and expanding a Youtube channel. After high school, Tuong plans to attend college and seek a career in video editing or graphic design, so he is excited to develop skills that may bring him closer to those goals.



KIMBERLY HUNTER

To welcome Tuong, contact him at volunteer@rosedale.org.

Community Calendar

assembled by Kimberly Hunter

RECURRING EVENTS:
Rosedale Walking Club
Mondays at 5:30 p.m.
Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Call for meet-up location

Community Garden Workdays
Saturdays 8-11 a.m.
Call for meet-up location

ONE-TIME EVENTS:
Monday, July 2
Hilltop Neighborhood meeting
6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Saturday, July 7
Fisher Park Playground Design Meeting
9-11 a.m., 3800 Fisher St., KCK

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

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

Thursday, July 12
Garden Workshop #5: Sourdough Starters
6-8 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Monday, July 16
Camp Wildwood Parent Info Session
6-7 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

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

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

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Memory Lane: The AmeriCorps Experience at RDA

by Jamal Jarrett

What do you do at RDA? Since becoming an AmeriCorps member, I have had to answer that question a lot. My typical answer starts something like, "At RDA we create opportunities and serve the needs of the Rosedale community." I throw in a little bit about what I do in my role as an AmeriCorps Kansas service member. I give a spiel about youth sports and community gardening and hope that people get the gist of all I do.

What I usually do not get a chance to talk about is the personal development that takes place over an AmeriCorps year. RDA sponsors AmeriCorps members who want to attend trainings, seminars, and conferences centered around community building. Even outside the meeting rooms of conventional learning spaces, I have been challenged to work with, alongside, over, and under people who sometimes are greatly different than me. Like many things, it is not as easy as it seems.

The most rewarding and, in my eyes, important conference I attended through my service year was Building a Resilient Wyandotte. During this summit, a wide range of people came together to discuss



NIKA COTTON

Noble Prentis students vote on the dish they prepared during Kids in the Kitchen with RDA AmeriCorps member, Jamal Jarrett.

how Wyandotte County can help nurture its residents and start a plan for how to create spaces and programming that can offset trauma. It felt great being part of the discussion and sitting at the table problem solving ideas for projects to work towards as a community. It ensured community partners I have been working with and living beside had their thoughts and concerns voiced.

I didn't realize until now how close-knit and influential the nonprofit sector is and can be. Through some of the experiences I have seen this year, they are the intermediaries at times, the movers and shakers at others, and — figuratively speaking — the nice, little grandma that will listen

to all your problems. So when I attended socials and other gatherings as an RDA representative, I felt pretty good. With all the work that goes on in the nonprofit sector, I do not think people truly know how important and rewarding these organizations are until they are immersed in them. So, I challenge readers to:

- 1.** Find a cause you are passionate about.
 - 2.** Find non-profit organizations that work in that field.
 - 3.** Volunteer or join AmeriCorps to be introduced to the work.
 - 4.** Go make a difference.
- To apply for an AmeriCorps position, contact Je T'aime Taylor at jetaime@rosedale.org.**

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