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ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## Community Spotlight

### Tanner's Bar and Grill brings karaoke and good times to Rosedale

by Erin Stryka

Since opening their new Rosedale location in February, Tanner's has brought new energy, good food, cold drinks, and now karaoke. Though new to Rosedale, Tanner's first opened in 1985 in Atchison, Kansas, with a vision to run a friendly bar and grill with great food and a relaxed atmosphere. Tanner's quickly became known for Chicken Lips (hand-breaded chicken tenders), Boogas (burgers), steak specials, and Grandpa Tanner himself serving behind the bar.

As business grew, Tanner's expanded to over 12 locations in five states. They founded their newest location in Rosedale at 3900 Rainbow Blvd. "We came to Rosedale to offer a service to the community," says Manager Rodney Couey. "We saw there was no sports bar like we offer in the neighborhood, and with KU Med across the

street, we wanted to serve the neighborhood and offer something a little unique."

Now Tanner's is home to karaoke on Friday nights at nine, where patrons can choose from thousands of songs. Couey emphasizes you don't have to be good. "This isn't 'Tanner's Got Talent.' This is 'Tanner's Has Fun,'" he says, laughing. They offer daily specials, like Taco Tuesdays with \$0.99 hard-shelled tacos and Booga Mania on Wednesdays with \$5.99 burgers from 5-11 p.m. And daily Happy Hours from 3-6 p.m. and Reverse Happy Hours from 9 p.m.-close offer even more specials.

Rosedalians indicated in the 2015 Rosedale Community Survey they wanted to see new businesses moving into the neighborhood, especially ones with gathering places. "We love this location," says Couey. "The neighborhood's



**CHICKEN LIPS  
only at Tanner's**

been real nice to us. We're still getting acquainted with our neighbors, and they're still getting acquainted with us." When weather permits, Tanner's opens four garage-style doors to their patio on 39th Ave., where patrons can enjoy bar service and fresh air. Tanner's is open Monday-Sat-

urday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m.-midnight. Stop by for a delicious meal, a cold drink, and an exciting game. Couey recommends the Chicken Lips.

**To learn more, contact Erin Stryka at 913-677-5097 or erin@rosedale.org.**

### Leadership journal names RDA one of the best neighborhoods in Kansas

by Kimberly Hunter

In August, *The Journal* rated Rosedale one of the four best neighborhoods in Kansas. Judges appointed by the Kansas Leadership Center voted on seven factors: the community's story, uniqueness, interaction, attractiveness, comfort, mobility, and leadership. In Rosedale, the community's strength lies not only in economic but also ethnic and institutional diversity. Kansas City, Kansas is the only city in the Metro without a racial majority, and District 500 is the second most linguistically diverse school district in the nation. This forms a firm foundation for strategic partnerships between multicultural organizations, which makes Rosedale and Wyandotte County a dynamic place to live, work, and raise a family.

In Rosedale, neighbors, churches, schools, and businesses regularly communicate what they need and ask how they can help. Lending a hand is a way of life here that bridges many backgrounds. On one block, some neighbors are first generation immigrant families from El Salvador, while others are third generation Rosedalians, former Black Panthers, university students, construction workers, and high school teachers. Like its residents, Rosedale's institutions range from rooted to recently arrived, too. KU Med and Strasser Hardware have served this community for

over a century, but new and innovative businesses open here every year. From labor and industry to auto repair, coffee shops, and clinics like Kansas City Direct Primary Care and Southwest Blvd. Family Health Care, they meet a broad range of community needs.

Rooted in this rich context, Rosedale Development Association (RDA) approaches programs and services from a whole-community perspective, seeing neighbors as experts and community change-agents. RDA does not create resources; it connects and celebrates them. The Summer Youth Employment program, the Rosedale Farmers' Market, fundraisers in city parks, neighborhood organizing meetings, and frequent volunteer workdays



Working families have long been a pillar of the Rosedale community.

exemplify this approach. So RDA is grateful its partners' efforts are being recognized and remains committed to keeping Rosedale affordable for and accessible to the

diverse, hardworking people who call this place home.

**To learn more, contact Kimberly at 913-677-5097 or kimberly@rosedale.org.**

### Volunteers needed for Fisher Park Playground community build day in October

by Alissa Workman

Earlier this year, RDA, Mission Cliffs Homeowners Association, and the Unified Government Parks and Recreation raised funds and in-kind support from several organizations to rebuild the playground at Fisher Park. These include Wyandotte County Parks Foundation, Neighborhoods Rising Fund, Meet Me at the Park, and the Parks Department. Residents voted for a model that is fun, offers

diverse activity options, and is inclusive of park users with different ages and abilities.

This project follows several other recent community-led initiatives in Fisher Park, including a Giving Grove orchard, rainwater gardens, Rozarks Nature Trail trailhead, and a water fountain. Volunteers are needed for a community build day this October. Especially needed are five-to-ten people familiar

with tools and able to lift over 60 pounds to assemble the equipment, as well as Rosedalians of any skill level to prepare the playground surface and help spruce up the park. Follow RDA on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram for as-it-happens updates.

**To volunteer, contact Alissa at 913-677-5097 or alissa@rosedale.org.**





Miranda Coffey brings life and laughter to RDA's AmeriCorps Kansas team.

## RDA bids farewell and good luck to Miranda "Friend" Coffey

by Kimberly Hunter

Each year, RDA recruits new members for its AmeriCorps Kansas Service Team. When Miranda Coffey joined last fall, she introduced herself as being from the small town of Friend, Nebraska. And during her service term, she acted as friend to many Rosedaleans, including scholars, gardeners, and community elders.

"Miranda's most unique contribution to our RDA team was her go-get-it personality," says Je T'aime Taylor, RDA's Healthy Kids Program Director. Indeed, within her first few weeks here, Miranda literally jumped up to assist residents however she could. "She's a dare devil!" says her AmeriCorps alumni, Jamal Jarrett, recalling the time Miranda jumped up on a roof to clean out some gutters for a senior. When he expressed concern, Miranda shrugged and replied with a grin, "I'm up here now; it's okay!"

Though she assisted with many programs over

the year, Miranda says the highlight was partnering with Harvesters to teach Kids in the Kitchen and Project Strength, two cooking and nutrition curricula for youth and adults, respectively. "These two programs have helped me to unlock my passion for cooking and sharing my love for food with others," says Miranda. "It is my goal to teach others how to use wellness to increase quality of life by educating about food choices." After leaving RDA, Miranda plans to obtain a Community Health Worker certificate from Metropolitan Community College and continue supporting healthy living in the Kansas City area. RDA thanks Miranda for her service and will miss her jolly spirit but wishes her success in her next steps.

**📞 To learn more about AmeriCorps service, contact Je T'aime at 913-677-5097 or [jetaime@rosedale.org](mailto:jetaime@rosedale.org)**

## Now recruiting new board members for RDA's 40th year

by Erin Stryka

RDA relies on the leadership of skilled and passionate individuals to build the most effective organization possible. We are now accepting applications to join the 2019 Board of Directors, who will lead us into RDA's 40th year!

All board members must live or work in Rosedale, possess a deep commitment to the

Rosedale community, have the time and energy to participate in all board and committee meetings, and use their skills to benefit RDA. Community members may apply to join the RDA board or nominate a neighbor.

**📞 For an application, contact Erin at 913-677-5097 or [erin@rosedale.org](mailto:erin@rosedale.org).**

## Preparing the next generation for the workforce

by Je T'aime Taylor

Thanks to funding from the Board of Public Utilities (BPU), RDA's 22nd year of the Summer Youth Employment (SYE) program was a success. This year 16 students participated, ranging in age from 14 to 16 years old. Students were placed with local partners, including Boulevard Tires & Services, Little Angels Daycare, Carroll Seating, E. Edwards Workwear, Gus's Fried Chicken, Holy Name, Rainbow Summer Program, Dynamic Disc, Midpoint National, RDA, and the Rosedale Farmers Market.

For the first time this summer, RDA also partnered with BikeWalkKC and its Earn a Bike (EAB) program to ensure youth had access to reliable transportation. In addition to the new EAB program, youth had weekly "Lunch and Learn" sessions each Friday. Guest speakers discussed

topics like how to network, open a bank account, and write a resume and cover letter. A panel discussion closed the series with guests from the Kauffman Foundation, KC Direct Primary Care, and Jackson County Cares discussing their career journeys.

At summer's end, youth created a cover letter and resume and attended mock interviews with community leaders from the UG Health Department, K-State Extension, Saint Luke's Hospital, the BPU, and KCK Public Schools. Rosedale Farmers Market Manager, Nicole Fitzgerald, shared, "This program gave the youth confidence to ask questions, to explore their community, and to take a glimpse into the workforce."

**📞 To learn more about SYE, contact Je T'aime at 913-677-5097 or [jetaime@rosedale.org](mailto:jetaime@rosedale.org).**



SYE youth participate in a job fair with area businesses.

## Community Calendar

(assembled by Kimberly Hunter)

### RECURRING EVENTS:

*Mondays at 5:30 p.m.*

*Thursdays at 1 p.m.*

**Fisher Park Walking Club**

Call for meet-up location

*Saturdays 8-11 a.m.*

**Community Garden Workdays**

Call for meet-up location

### ONE-TIME EVENTS:

*Monday, September 10*

**Hilltop Neighborhood meeting**  
6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

*Tuesday, September 11*

**Frank Rushton Neighborhood meeting**  
6:30 p.m., 4326 Lloyd St., KCK

*Wednesday, September 12*

**Shawnee Road Neighborhood meeting**  
7 p.m., 818 Shawnee Rd., KCK

*Thursday, September 13*

**Community Potluck Workshop #7: Native Plants**

Call for carpools and/or childcare  
6-8 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

*Wednesday, September 19*

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

*Monday, October 1*

**Hilltop Neighborhood meeting**  
6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

**📍 To learn more about upcoming events and other community happenings, visit [rosedale.org](http://rosedale.org) or call 913-677-5097.**

## Rosedale Development Association

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The draft concept for first two panels are drawn by Abigail Bennett.

## The place-making magic of the Mission Rd. mural

by Lydia Knopp

The Mission Rd. area near 47th St. was my adolescent stomping grounds. My whole life, I've been walking between my mom's house on Fisher St. and my dad's on S. 7th St. I'll never forget finding a \$100 bill in the old IGA parking-lot, which is Walmart today. I remember walking past Taco Republic and Lulu's when those bustling restaurants were mechanic shops. And though the line is still consistently out the door, I won't forget when "Joe's KC" was called "Oklahoma Joe's." These memories are a testament to how much I have seen our community grow and thrive.

During high school years, I would drive to Sumner Academy and pass murals at the intersection of 42nd Ave. and Mission Rd. So when I landed in a small, all-women's art college in Philadelphia, I believe it was destiny that this city is also the mural capital of the world. My world, always rooted in Rosedale, expanded to explore

the infinite possibilities public space has on public voice, especially voices often unheard. This exploration took me to the Social and Public Art Resource Center in Venice, CA, where I helped clean the longest mural in the world while learning how public space can tell stories of community pride. But during my travels, people always reminded me, "There's no place like home."

So in 2014, high school friend and talented artist, Abigail Bennett, and I made a pact to one day bring our creativity into our community. Years later, we both held full-time positions in creative fields. When Abby got married and bought a cute little bungalow in Rosedale, I began thinking about the legacy of the 42nd St. Mural project, who those original artists were, and how they had first put paint to those walls so long ago.

With that special place-making magic murals carry, they also get worn, weathered, and need

TLC from the next generation.

As we began to learn more about the project, neighbors and RDA let us dig through the Rosedale Archives, invited us to the table at community events, and connected us to the stories woven into the fabric of our neighborhood. Through the Neighborhoods Rising LISC grant, we've been able to research and sketch what it means to be a Rosedalean in 2018. We've also enlisted the help of other KCK artists to make the project more dynamic and diverse. Currently we are designing a new mural and plan to complete its first four panels by October 2018. And on community paint days, we welcome all hands (experienced or not) to help create our public voice! Thank you Rosedale, for a dream come true.

**📞 To learn more, contact Lydia at [lydknopp@gmail.com](mailto:lydknopp@gmail.com) or visit [kcmuralmaking.tumblr.com](http://kcmuralmaking.tumblr.com).**

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