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ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Good Neighbor

Christmas in October applications now open!

by Erin Stryka

It's time to apply for minor home repair through Christmas in October (CIO)! RDA is once again partnering with the University of Kansas Health System (TUKHS) and CIO to repair the homes of up to 20 Rosedale homeowners who are elderly, disabled, or veterans. The program focuses on issues of warmth, safety, and dignity and provides repairs at no cost to the homeowner.

Since 1984, CIO has dedicated the first two Saturdays in October to home repair, now assisting 350-400 Kansas City area homes each year. To qualify, residents must:

- own only one residence, the home in which they currently live;

- lack the finances or resources to have the repairs completed; and
- not have received CIO assistance in the past year. In addition, applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- be 62 or more years of age or
- have a physical disability at any age or
- be a veteran or have a veteran living in the home.

Last year, 317 dedicated individuals repaired 20 homes in Rosedale over two high-energy weekends. They built wheelchair ramps, cut back vegetation, scraped and painted, fixed leaky plumbing, repaired roofs, replaced broken windows, built fences, patched up steps and driveways, and got to know their neighbors. Volunteers and partners like TUKHS and CIO improve quality of life for Rosedale seniors and people with disabilities, and each home they fix up helps improve the beauty, safety, and walk-



Each October, volunteers help repair neighbors' homes.

ability of Rosedale neighborhoods as a whole.

All Rosedarians deserve safe, warm housing in good condition. If you or someone you love is eligible, please apply at the RDA office at 1403 Southwest Blvd. or online

at christmasinOctober.org/homeowner/.

To volunteer or nominate a neighbor, contact Kimberly at 913-677-5097 or kimberly@rosedale.org.

Rainbow Summer Program

by Josh Ellermann

Summer is almost here, which means Sharing Community in Rosedale and Rosedale Development Association are again offering Rainbow Summer Program, a six-week enrichment experience for Kindergarten-8th graders. The camp runs from June 17-July 26, 8 a.m.-3:15 p.m., Monday-Friday at Rainbow Mennonite Church. Before care is offered from 7-8 a.m. and aftercare from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

The summer curriculum emphasizes reading, financial literacy, and wellness. The program also offers many exciting opportunities for hands-on learning. Each afternoon, scholars participate in gardening, entrepreneurship, cooking classes, and sports clinics. Students also have the opportunity to attend field trips to the Children's Beanstalk Garden, the Kemper Museum of Art, the Johnson County Museum, and Burr Oak's Nature Center. Lastly, the program ends with a finale and social action organized by the scholars.

To enroll a child in the program, attend Enrollment Night, May 7, at Rainbow Mennonite Church. Returning families should arrive at 6 p.m. and new families at 6:30 p.m. Bring a cash or check payment for the registration fee (\$35 for one child or \$70 for two or more children in the same household) and the activity fee (\$150 for one child or \$300 for two or more children in the same household), and



SHARING COMMUNITIES IN ROSEDALE

Staff read to scholars during the Rainbow Summer Program.

each child's health insurance ID card. To qualify for scholarships, bring a letter stating the child was eligible for free or reduced lunches from the National School Lunch Pro-

gram during the 2018-2019 school year. If no such letter is available but a scholarship is still desired, guardians may bring proof of monthly income or proof of SNAP benefits for

their household. We hope to see you there!

To learn more, contact Josh Ellermann at 913-677-5097 or josh@rosedale.org.

Tips for enjoying Bike Month in Rosedale

by Samantha Burton-Bosket

May is Bike Month, and in Rosedale it is also a beautiful month to take a bike out for a spin. And using resources and safety tips from local bicycle partners make for a safer, more enjoyable ride. Helpful precautions include bike safety checks, wearing helmets, and making sure one knows road sharing laws and etiquette to remain safe. Whether one rides a bike daily or just in the summer, BikeWalkKC recommends checking tires for air,

securing brakes before riding, ensuring a seat is at least hip height and securely fastened, and adjusting helmets for proper fitting.

More information on bike safety can be found at www.BikeWalkKc.org, where they offer not only safety information but also information on bike events, like RDA's Annual Bike-In Movie, National Bike to School Day, and Tour de Bier, which are all happening in May. BikeWalkKC also

coordinates an Earn-A-Bike Program, which teaches students basic bike mechanics and, if completed, awards students with a bike and a helmet. During Bike Month, be sure to engage in safe bike riding, especially on May 16 while in route to the Bike-In Movie at the Boulevard Drive-In Theatre.

To learn more, contact Alissa Workman at alissa@rosedale.org or 913-677-5097.

Estimated number of volunteer hours served in 2018:

4,010

Estimated number of volunteer hours served in 2019:

722

Go on an adventure this summer to Camp Wildwood

by Alissa Workman

Rosedale youth are invited to get outdoors and be adventurous this summer at Wildwood Outdoor Education Center. From July 29-August 2, youth will camp overnight (in cabins), swim, canoe, try the zip line and adventure courses, participate in arts and craft and STEM activities, gather around the campfire for stories and songs, go fishing, and more.

Located in La Cygne, KS, Camp Wildwood is available to Rosedale and area youth who will enter grades 3-8 in

the 2019-2020 school year. Campers will spend the week choosing daily fun activities, making new friends, and gaining independence and teamwork skills. RDA provides buses to and from camp at the beginning and end of the week, as well as a send-off event for families called "Wake up for Wildwood!" Wildwood staff work hard throughout the year to ensure many youth in the Kansas City region have the opportunity for this life-changing program. Annually, the partnership between RDA and Wildwood allows 75-80 Rosedale youth to attend the sleepaway camp.

Interested parents are encouraged to visit the RDA office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. to ask questions or submit an application. The cost to attend is \$25 per child. Camp Wildwood spots are available on a first-come basis and can be secured with a completed application packet and camp fee payment. Applications are also available at rosedale.org/wildwood2019.

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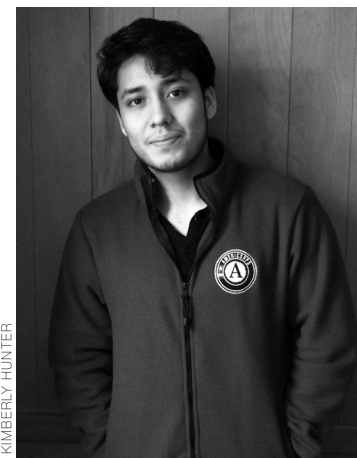


Rosedale youth enjoy s'mores around the campfire during their 2018 camp week.

Welcome back, Victor

by Victor Michimani

Victor began his first term as an AmeriCorps member at RDA in 2017, during the spring of his freshman year at UMKC. Currently, he is majoring in business administration with an emphasis in marketing and a minor in sociology. During his first term at RDA, he co-led youth sports and assisted programs like Summer Youth Employment. After his first term ended last spring, he decided to stay close and intern for the Rainbow Summer Program as a classroom facilitator. Victor is now back to serve another term as an AmeriCorps member for RDA until August 31.



📍 To welcome Victor back, contact him at 913-677-5097 or victor@rosedale.org.



Childhood friends Kegler, Fuller, Davis, Robinson, Wells, and Fuller regularly reunite to reminisce in Fisher Park.

Fisher Park Dominoes Club invites neighbors to Family and Friends Day

by Kimberly Hunter

On Thursday afternoons, Rosedalian driving past Fisher Park might notice several grandfatherly gentlemen gathered around a shaded picnic table on the park's east side. Their contributions to Rosedale's history are invaluable yet unknown to most students walking by; as children, two of the men led efforts to integrate Rosedale schools. Though few still reside in Rosedale, they reunite here each week over lunch and dominoes, a tradition they planted over 40 years ago first in Swope Park, later transplanted to Rosedale Park, and finally rooted in an abandoned lot at the corner of Minnie St. and Lake Ave., which they tended and dubbed Shelby Park for one of their friends who had passed away. After a private developer bought the lot and evicted them, the group moved to Fisher Park, where they continue to meet today.

Though, according to

Carl Kegler — a retired police detective and community historian — "You can't just walk in off the street" and join their dominoes club, neighbors are always welcome to join them the first Saturday in June for Rosedale Family and Friends Day. Similar to their club, the

family tradition, this year scheduled for June 1, began in Rosedale Park, moved to the abandoned lot, and finally settled in Fisher Park. The annual event is open to anyone. Most neighbors

arrive at 12 p.m., set up chairs and food, enjoy music, engage in raffles, and leave around 6 p.m. When asked what keeps them coming back, brothers Phillip and Thurman Fuller say, "This is home! We come for the friendship, fellowship, camaraderie."

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

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— Fuller brothers

Community Calendar

ONE-TIME EVENTS:

Tuesday, May 7

Rainbow Summer Program Enrollment Night

6 p.m., 1444 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Thursday, May 16

Bike-In Movie

7 p.m., Boulevard Drive-In Theatre, KCK

Saturday, June 1

Rosedale Family and Friends Day

12-6 p.m., Fisher Park, KCK

RECURRING EVENTS:

Mobile Library

Every other Monday

10-11 a.m., Rainbow Head Start 1444 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Every other Tuesday

2:30-4:30 p.m., Rosedale Towers 2314 W 39th Ave., KCK

Every other Wednesday

2:30-4:30 p.m., Bellrose Manor 2924 W 40th Ter., KCK

First Mondays

Hilltop Neighborhood

6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Second Tuesdays

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

Second Wednesdays

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

Third Wednesdays

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

Fourth Thursdays

Livable Neighborhoods 8:30 a.m., 4953 State Ave., KCK

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

Rosedale Development Association

Our mission is to work with residents, businesses, and institutions to develop a thriving Rosedale community.

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Memory Lane: The Power of Collaboration

By Nicole Fitzgerald

Two brothers, two very broken bikes, and a few hours later we still hadn't gotten far. Earlier that day, two young neighbors rolled into RDA's community bike work station looking for someone to help fix their bikes. So I rolled up my sleeves, pulled my hair back, and did what I could. One of the bikes had a broken fork; the other's brake cables were torn. The needed repairs, unfortunately, were major, and RDA typically only has resources to help with minor ones. As the three of us sat on the floor with various tools and parts around us, the clock slowly ticked by with little progress to show.

Two hours later, we hadn't even made a dent in the work that needed to be done on the pair of bikes. Growing more frustrated by the minute, I finally took a deep breath and told the brothers we'd have to call it a day. The boys left RDA with looks of defeat and despair. All they wanted was to ride their bikes around their neighborhood with friends, but broken parts that would take hundreds of dollars to fix were stopping them from joyfully riding Rosedale streets. This was a huge barrier for the boys and their family. Their bikes needed skilled hands and new parts, which would cost a few hundred dollars.

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

Name of business or name of household

Address

City/State/ZIP code

Contact person

Preferred phone

Email address

Please mail or bring this form along with your gift to:

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



Two Rosedale brothers rejoice to have their bikes repaired.

Over the weekend, I brainstormed how we could fix the boys' bikes. Luckily, RDA has a strong relationship with another local nonprofit called BikeWalkKC, for which I also worked. So I reached out to BikeWalkKC's program director and asked if their mechanics could fix the brothers' bikes in exchange for RDA making a donation for their time and service. And with great joy, BikeWalkKC granted RDA's request!

Ecstatic, I called the brothers and told them their bikes could be repaired without them breaking their piggy banks open to pay for

the bikes back to me on Monday, and I hauled them over to BikeWalkKC. Two days later, the brake cables were replaced, the fork fixed, and the bikes almost like new! I returned to RDA, and the boys came and picked up their bikes. The smiles on their faces told it all. Thanks to partnerships, collaboration, and relationships with other nonprofits, RDA was able to help these brothers get back on their bikes.

📍 To share a memory, contact Kimberly Hunter at 913-677-5097.

