For 40 years, Whitmore Park welcomes all
By Whitmore Park Playground Committee

On the former site of Whitmore Elementary school, across the street from Rainbow Mennonite Church, stands Whitmore Park, developed and maintained by church members, friends, and local businesses. Although it is privately owned, it is operated as a public park and playground for all. Neighborhood children and families can be seen enjoying the playground equipment, basketball courts, picnic tables and swings. Whitmore Park is also the host of beloved annual community events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Picnics in the Park and Whitmore Jubilee, which celebrated 40 years of the park gracing our neighborhood. Over those 40 years of the park welcoming all, the park has grown and transformed into the wonderful place it is today; complete with playground structures, artistic creations, a ‘bee trail’ to navigate, a butterfly garden, a small sheltered picnic table, a picnic table and grill. At this ‘place’, ‘people’ are encouraged to exercise physical and imaginative ‘play’. It is truly a place for all — adults and children of all ages and abilities, a gathering place for families, with some handicap accessibility.

As Whitmore Park looks forward to another 40+ years, we want to thank all who visit, for their continued respect of the grounds and safety regulations and for making the space welcoming for all.

For more information, contact Victor Michimani at victor@rosedale.org or 913-677-5097.

Explore Wildwood and apply for Summer Youth Employment
By Victor Michimani

Summer is quickly approaching, and Camp Wildwood and Rosedale Development Association’s Summer Youth Employment is right around the corner. With Covid-19 cases dwindling in our area, both programs are set to host students in-person, with safety precautions in place.

Summer Youth Employment is an eight-week job program that provides Rosedale youth with work experience at a local business in an area of personal interest. The program targets 14-17 year olds, and provides them with a successful start into the workforce. Through participation in the program, RDA provides students with critical professional skills such as interview preparation, resume and cover letter writing, and teamwork development. Participants will also be a part of the Earn-A-Bike program through Bike Walk KC, and participate in weekly ‘Lunch and Learn’ sessions where local professionals come to speak on topics such as financial budgeting and personal brand development.

This year the program will run from June 7-July 30, with orientation starting on May 31. Both students and businesses interested in hosting youth can apply for the program at rosedale.org/summer-employment. All applications will be due on April 9.

Camp Wildwood is a five-day, four-night overnight camp at Wildwood Outdoor Education Center in La Cygne. The camp is filled with outdoor activities like swimming, fishing, makerspace exploration, arts, a giant swing, and archery. This year Wildwood is inviting Rosedale youth in grades 3-8 to apply for the July 26-30 session at wildwoodob.org/rosedale. There are only 50 spots available on a first-come basis, so make sure to register early and secure your camper’s spot.

By Erin Stryka

The health and safety of Rosedale is at the forefront of all RDA does. With this in mind, RDA will begin offering limited in-person programming and socially-distanced events and opportunities this spring. This decision has been informed by local, state, and national guidelines. The RDA staff and board have spent many months of planning to ensure that we take every precaution to keep participants and our staff safe. We strongly encourage all Rosedaleans to continue to follow distancing guidelines, wear masks, wash hands frequently, get vaccinated, and avoid large gatherings.

Rosedale thrives when we can work together and interact with one another. We will continue to proceed cautiously and invite you to learn more about how we prioritize this community’s health and safety.

Contact Erin Stryka at erin@rosedale.org to learn more about RDA’s policies and practices.
Las personas mayores de 16 años que viven en el WyCo serán elegibles para las vacunas COVID-19 gratuitas

By Sarah Waggoner

Ahora todos los residentes del Condado de Wyandotte de 16 años o más son elegibles para recibir la vacuna COVID-19 gratuita. Los residentes pueden elegir hacer una cita (lo que se recomienda) o simplemente entrar en cualquiera de los tres centros de vacunación de la UGPHD. Los centros están abiertos de lunes a viernes, de 9 a.m. a 2:30 p.m. Y aunque los pacien tes que ingresan a pía son bienvenidos en cualquiera de los lugares, no serán acepta dos después de las 2:30 p.m. La UGPHD también está ofrecien do asistencia a las personas que necesitan transporte hacia y desde un lugar de vacu nación por cualquier razón.

Para hacer una cita, vaya a programar el transporte a un centro de vacunación, por favor visite WycoVaccines.org o llame al 3-1-1 (913-573-5311) para obtener ayuda. “Creemos que es importante ofrecer unas citas con cita y sin cita previa, por lo que los miem bros de nuestra comunidad tienen muchas opciones para vacunarse,” dijo Juliann Van Liew, directora del UGPHD. Nuestro objetivo es hacer que la vacuna COVID-19 sea más accesible para nuestra comunidad al brindar estas opciones, así como asistencia con cosas como el transporte hacia y desde nuestros sitios y vacunas móviles para las personas que están confinadas en sus hogares.”

Una vez que los pacien tes hayan completado el formulario, serán contactados por un Trabajador de Salud Comunitario, quien ayudará a programar su vacunación y transporte según sea necesario, o su vacunación en el hogar si es necesario. Los pacientes que reciben un recordatorio el día antes de su cita programada, Voluntarios y trabajadores co munitarios de salud adicionales estarán en los sitios de vacu nación el día de la vacunación, para garantizar que aquellos que necesitan transporte de regreso a casa lo reciban.

Todos los residentes del Condado de Wyandotte que quieren una vacuna (ya sea por cita o sin cita) deben traer prueba de que vivieron en el Condado de Wyandotte, esto para una comprobación dirigida a ellos, licencia de conducir, etc.

Cuando sea el momento de recibir la vacuna Covid-19, hay algunas recomendaciones para asegurarse de que tiene la mejor experiencia posible. Por favor coma algo (incluso un bocadillo) de antemano, esto para una comida de mango que permita que su brazo sea fácilmente accesible.

Wyandotte County residents 16 years of age and older are now eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccine! Residents choose to make an appointment (which is recommended), or simply walk into one of the three UGPHD vaccination centers. The centers are open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and while walk-in patients are welcomed at any of the locations, they will not be accepted after 2:30 p.m. The UGPHD is also offering assistance to people who need transportation home receive it.

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To make an appointment and/or to schedule transportation to a vaccine center, please visit WycoVaccines.org or call 3-1-1 (913-673-5311) for assistance.

While we believe it is important to offer both appointments and walk-in vaccinations, so our community members have multiple options for getting vaccinated,” Juliann Van Liew, Director of the UGPHD. “We aim to make the Covid-19 vaccine more accessible to our community by providing this options, as well as assistance with things such as transportation to and from our sites and mobile vaccines for people who are homebound.”

Once patients have completed the form, they will be contacted by a community health worker, who will help schedule their vaccination and transportation as needed, or their vaccine if needed. Patients receive a reminder the day before their scheduled appointment. Additional volunteers and community health workers will be at vaccination sites on the day of their vaccination, to ensure those who need return transportation home receive it.

All Wyandotte County residents who are getting vaccinated must bring proof that they live in Wyandotte County, such as a piece of mail addressed to them, driver’s license, etc. Minors (those ages 16 or 17) must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and proof of age for the minor along with proof of guardianship and guardian’s picture ID are required.

When it’s time for you to get your Covid-19 vaccine, there are some recommendations to ensure you have the best experience possible. Please come prepared (even a snack) beforehand, be prepared to wait in the recovery area for 15-30 minutes after you receive the vaccine shot, and wear a short-sleeved shirt that allows your arm to be easily accessed.

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If you’d like to order from or learn more about Chixen KC, visit their website at chixenkcc.com.

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Anthony Dedmon starts new business venture in Rosedale
By Jeanice Oliver

If you’ve cruised down the Boulevard recently, you will have seen a fresh coat of paint and a new sign hanging above the little window next to the Fox Theatre. It reads Chixen KC, and is home to our newest Rosedale independent business.

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