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Good neighbor

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 Healthy Halloween.

The park and playground is maintained by dedicated volunteers who adopt a section of the playground and host community-wide playground workdays. If you would like to be involved in the continued care and future

development of the Whitmore neighborhood playground, your help would be greatly appreciated. Like they say, 'many hands make light work' and yes, it does take many hands and a small time commitment to keep your park, our park, free of litter and enjoyable to use.

In June 2017, the park hosted the Whitmore Jubilee, with a theme of 'Place, People, Play', which celebrated 40 years of the park gracing our neighborhood. Over those 40 years, 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



JUDY SELTZER

An art sculpture is on display at Whitmore Neighborhood Park.

place for families, with some handicap accessibility.

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

Visit Whitmore Neighborhood Park at 1412 Southwest Blvd., KCK. Due to Covid-19, play at your own risk; playground equipment is not sanitized. Please comply with social distancing requirements and practice good hygiene.



THE ROSEDALIAN

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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 are 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 old youths, 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-youth-employment. All applications will be due on April 30.

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 wildwoodctr.org/rosedale. There are only 50 slots available on a first-come basis, so make sure to register early and secure your camper's spot.

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



Rosedale youth enjoy their week at Wildwood!

Safely reopening RDA one step at a time

By Erin Stryka

The health and safety of Rosedalians is at the forefront of all that RDA does. With this in mind, RDA will begin offering limited in-person programming

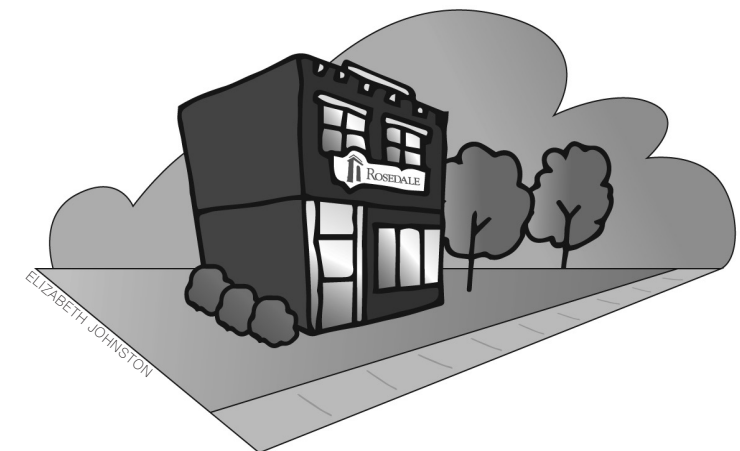
and socially-distanced events and opportunities this spring.

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 Rosedalians 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 la vacuna Covid-19 gratis! Los residentes pueden elegir hacer una cita (lo que se recomiendan), 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 pacientes que ingresan a pie son bienvenidos en cualquiera de los lugares, no serán aceptados después de las 2:30 p.m. la UGPHD también está ofreciendo asistencia a las personas que necesitan transporte hacia y desde un lugar de vacunación por cualquier razón. Para hacer una cita y/o para programar el transporte a un centro de vacunas, por favor visite WycoVaccines.org o llame al 3-1-1 (913-573-5311) para obtener ayuda. “Creemos que es importante ofrecer vacunas con cita y sin cita previa, por lo que los miembros de nuestra comunidad tienen múltiples 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 pacientes 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 reciben un recordatorio el día antes de su cita programada. Voluntarios y trabajadores comunitarios de salud adicionales estarán en los sitios de vacunación 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 viven en el Condado de Wyandotte, como una correspondencia dirigida a ellos, licencia de conducir, etc. Los menores (de 16 o 17 años) deben ir acompañados de un padre o tutor, y se requiere prueba de la edad del menor junto con prueba de la tutela y la identificación con foto de la tutela. 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, esté preparado para esperar en el área de recuperación durante 15-30 minutos después de recibir la vacuna, y use una camisa de manga corta que permita que su brazo sea fácilmente accesible.

Vaccine center locations/ ubicaciones de centros de vacunación:

Time: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at any of the locations listed below:

Former Best Buy 10500 Parallel Parkway KCK, 66109

Former Kmart 7836 State Avenue KCK, 66112

The Kansas National Guard Armory 100 S. 20th St. KCK, 66102

WyCO residents ages 16+ are eligible for free Covid-19 vaccinations

By Sarah Waggoner

Wyandotte County residents 16 years of age and older are now eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccine! Residents can choose to make an appointment (which is recommended), or simply walk into any 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 for people who need transportation to and from a vaccination site for any reason. To make an appointment and/or to schedule transportation to a vaccine center, please visit WycoVaccines.org or call 3-1-1 (913-573-5311) for assistance. “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 these 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 at-home vaccination 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 eat something (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.

Calendar

April 17 Yoga in the Park Whitmore Park 1412 Southwest Blvd., KCK

April 22 Rosedale Business Social Koch Community Center 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

Rosedale neighborhood cleanups April 17, 9 a.m. Frank Rushton Meet at Rosedale Mural 2610 W. 42nd Ave., KCK

April 24, 9 a.m. Friendship Heights Meet at T. A. Edison 1000 Locust St., KCK

May 1, 9 a.m. Hilltop Meet at Fisher Park 3800 Fisher St., KCK

April 27-29 Rosedale Sports Clinics Location TBD

Resources

COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS Monday-Friday UG Public Health Department (Former Kmart building) 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 7836 State Ave. KCK

Mondays Oak Ridge Baptist Church 8 a.m.-1 a.m. 9301 Parallel Pkwy., KCK

Tuesdays All Saints Parish/Todos los Santos 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. 811 Vermont Ave., KCK

Thursdays Vibrant Health-Argentina 3 p.m.-6 p.m. 1428 S. 32nd St., KCK

Rosedale Development Association Our mission is to work with residents, businesses, and institutions to develop a thriving Rosedale community. 1403 Southwest Blvd. Kansas City, KS 66103 Phone 913-677-5097 Fax 913-677-3437 info@rosedale.org Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Erin Stryka Executive Director Sarah Waggoner Editor Lizzardbrand Design/illustration Staff and Board of Directors online at rosedale.org Facebook.com/RosedaleDevelopment Twitter.com/RosedaleDA Rosedale.org

Anthony Dedmon starts new business venture in Rosedale

By Juanice 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 Vox Theatre. It reads Chixen KC, and is home to our newest Rosedale independent business. A chicken-based menu sets this unique restaurant apart from the masses. I sat down with owner and operator Anthony Dedmon to discuss this concept and how he brought it to Rosedale. With several businesses under his belt, Anthony developed this business in just a few short months as a way to cope with the effects of Covid-19 on his other ventures. He previously was working with friend Guroux Khalifa at the Distrikt Biskuit House located in the Adam’s Mark Hotel; however their business was shut down early on in the pandemic. In addition, Anthony’s other businesses were drastically affected, but that did not stop him from pursuing this business endeavor. During a time when it’s easy to give up, Anthony’s “just do it” mindset led him to create the idea of Chixen KC with his uncle Mac last November. Just four months later, they officially opened at 1407 Southwest Blvd.



At Chixen KC, the menu is unique yet delicious, with unforgettable flavors in each bite!

The idea of a ghost kitchen appealed to Anthony as this model is a carry-out and delivery-only restaurant, and with a year of social distancing mandates in place, the space was exactly what he needed. One may ask, why is there a ‘X’ in the middle of the name? Anthony explained to me that many of his other businesses incorporated an ‘X’ in the name; and as a play on words, he flipped the absent CK to form KC, so replacing it with ‘X’ only made sense for his brand identity.

Anthony’s impressive resume also includes founding Alagun Beard Brand, Biskuit House Express, Cater KC, KC Barber Art Expo, and a non-profit, Xseed In Life. He is excited to join the neighborhood and looks forward to opportunities to give back to the neighborhood. Welcome to Rosedale, Anthony and Chixen KC!

To order from or learn more about Chixen KC, visit their website at chixenkc.com.

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.

Monday, March 29 | Lunes 29 de marzo

ANYONE AGE 16+ WHO LIVES IN WYCO can get a COVID-19 vaccine with or without an appointment.

CUALQUIER PERSONA MAYOR DE 16 AÑOS QUE VIVA EN EL CONDADO DE WYANDOTTE puede recibir la vacuna COVID-19 con o sin cita previa

UC Public Health Department