The holidays are approaching and there is much to be done, including shopping! Within the Rosedale community there are several businesses that hold great treasures to give to your friends and family this holiday season. Whether your loved ones like handy projects, books, or food, here are some options of businesses in this community that you can support this holiday season.

**Three Bees** has an assortment of great gifts for the holiday season, including blown glass, tumblers, and gift certificates. Plus, no one can resist a chance to grab a cup of coffee and tamales while you shop!

**Rosedale Bar-B-Q** is a great place to grab some KC KC barbecue for the family during this busy time. With catering and online ordering, you can have a hassle-free option for a unique barbecue holiday dinner.

**Strasser Hardware** has all you need for your loved one who is working on home improvement projects. And whether you are buying decorations to put on a grand display in your yard or looking for a shovel for the next impending snowstorm, Strasser is the place to go.

**ChizenKC** is the only place in town with delicious chicken burgers. They have a range of burgers, chips, drinks, and more that can satisfy any needs for a quick break in between holiday shopping. Last but not least, you and a loved one could volunteer your time at RDA by being a coach for youth sports or advocating for healthy kids, or you could make a donation in a loved one’s name and give them the joy of giving as well. Stop by the RDA office and order Muffin and Bob children’s books and holiday cards for kids made by local artist Elizabeth Johnston and receive a 66103 discount!

These are only a few of the great places in Rosedale to shop, but hopefully you can find the perfect treasure for your loved one. Have a great holiday season Rosedale!
Sports leagues in Rosedale continue with basketball this winter
By Victor Michimani

This fall, RDA successfully held their first soccer league season since before the Covid-19 pandemic. Team Rosedale had 18 youth ages 6-12 participate this season, from September 21 to November 19. Participants in the soccer league got the opportunity to practice twice per week and scrimmage every Saturday at Rosedale Park. They also interacted with other area Rosedale youth and gained a variety of skills ranging from teamwork to basic soccer fundamentals. As we return to normal conditions, RDA will resume their youth soccer league during the spring of 2022, with the first practice starting April 19. Mark your calendars!

Rosedale Development Association will also be starting their youth basketball league for youth ages 8-12 this winter. Students who are interested will have the opportunity to participate in weekly practices and games to gain basic basketball skills and to have fun. Each league hosted by RDA is coed, recreational, and welcomes students of all levels to participate. The season will begin on the week of January 10, 2022, and will last until the week of February 12, 2022.

Serve your community, shape Rosedale’s future
By Erin Stryka

Rosedalians are always looking for ways to show up for their community, but did you know that you can serve Rosedale full-time or during the summer as an AmeriCorps member? RDA has two major opportunities coming up that just might be a fit for you:

AmeriCorps VISTA
RDA is looking for an AmeriCorps VISTA member to help us prepare for a major fundraising campaign to bring a community center to Rosedale. The VISTA will work with RDA staff researching funding prospects, creating campaign materials, and keeping community members informed and engaged throughout the process. This position is a good fit for someone who is interested in a career in fundraising, communications and community development, and is looking for extensive training as well as hands-on experience. It is also a great fit for anyone who loves Rosedale and wants to work toward a long-term community goal.

Summer AmeriCorps
Do you love kids? Love reading? Are you looking for a summer position? Rainbow Summer Program is looking for teachers for classrooms of nine students in grades K-8 during June and July. Rainbow Summer Program emphasizes a love of reading, healthy eating, active living, financial literacy, and advocacy. Extensive training is provided, but some professional experience in childcare or education is required. Members work as a team to provide a fun and engaging program that keeps Rosedale youth learning through the summer.

To learn more about AmeriCorps positions in Rosedale, contact our offices at 913-677-5097 or email victor@rosedale.org.

RDA’s community center room rental cost is changing
By Erin Stryka

After 10 years, the cost to rent the Rosedale community room at 1401 Southwest Blvd. (also known as the Bob Koch Community Center) is increasing. Beginning January 1, the room can be rented for $250 per day, from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. You may fill out a rental contract and pay a $100 damage deposit. The change is due to increases in the cost of utilities and trash service, in addition to major recent renovations in the building. The Rose Buildings are owned by the city of Kansas City. The community room is used by Rosedale residents, businesses, and institutions to develop a thriving Rosedale community. RDA’s community center room is available for community events and other community happenings, visit rosedale.org or call 913-283-5495.

Rosedale Future Professionals look ahead
Victor Michimani

This fall, RDA successfully hosted two cohorts of the Rosedale Future Professionals (RFP) program at Rosedale Middle School for students in grades 6-8. Each cohort had students work on hands-on projects that consisted of a formal budget for either a vacation, a business venture, or for college. At the end of the cohort the students presented their projects and demonstrated their understanding of savings and how to plan for the future. The program focuses on financial literacy for middle school students and encourages youth to take control of their financial journey. RFP teaches youth how to budget, the difference between debt and credit, and how to plan for their future financials. Youth also learn necessary professional development skills such as how to write a resume and interview for their first job. Each cohort that participates in the program also receives $10 for each class they attend.

This winter, RDA will host new cohorts for the RFP program, with the first cohort starting on January 24, 2022 and new cohorts starting each week until March 1, 2022. Students who participate in the program will also receive eligibility to participate in Rosedale’s Summer Youth Employment or School Year Employment once they turn 14. Rosedale Development Association is also continuing recruitment for their School Year Employment (SYE) program for the remainder of the academic year. SYE provides Rosedale youth with work experience at a local business in an area of personal interest or within RDA. The program targets 14- to 17-year-old youth who are generally hired less frequently than older youth. Through participation in the program, RDA provides students with critical professional skills such as interview preparation, resume and cover letter writing, and teamwork development. Students will also receive professional development training through monthly lunch and learn sessions.

To learn more or to sign up for either program, contact Victor Michimani at victor@rosedale.org or call at 913-283-5495.

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