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Good Neighbor

El Centro offers career-building opportunity

by Sasheen Cutchlow

El Centro recognizes the importance of working in a focused career that provides a livable wage, and the impact this can have to revitalize a community. For these and other reasons, El Centro is excited to offer an exciting new opportunity: the “Go Green to Get Green” job training program, which is funded by a \$200,000 grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Upon completion of the four week training, trainees will earn five industry-recognized and in-demand certifications, including HAZWOPER, OSHA 10, Lead RRP, Asbestos Worker, and Lead Abatement Worker. Trainees will also have access to a financial coach to focus on building financial goals and creating a family legacy, as well as an employment coach that will support them on their future career path.

Graduates will have access to employment opportunities beyond traditional environmental jobs; Insurance companies, banks, realtors, architects, shippers, landscaping, hospitals and

governmental organizations are just a few examples of employers looking for workers with attributes that our graduates can provide. While job titles may not have “environmental” in them, employers often are looking for applicants with specific environmental certifications and training in environmental remediation, skills that our program offers.

Veterans, women, un-

employed, underemployed, bilingual individuals and adults looking for a career change are highly encouraged to apply. To qualify for this program one must have a high school diploma or equivalent, be a Wyandotte County resident, pass a drug test and commit to the four-week, full time free job training program.

This is an amazing opportunity that is being offered at no cost. Registration for this

training session will be closing soon, however there will be a waiting list for additional upcoming training dates. Don't let this life and career-changing opportunity pass; sign up today!

For more information and to get started on your new career path, contact Sasheen Cutchlow at 913-677-0100 ext. 250 or scutchlow@elcentroinc.com



Environmental workers are learning on the job.

THE ROSEDALIAN

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Please Complete the US Census

By Erin Stryka

It's time to complete the 2020 US Census! The census has a major impact on how political and economic resources are distributed, and it's essential for Rosedalian to be well represented.

Census data determines how seats in Congress are allocated. When the 2020 Census reveals where the population has grown or shrunk, many states may experience changes in the number of Congressional seats they have. Census data also determines how funds are allocated for Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Head Start, WIC, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and other important programs, totalling about \$4.5 billion in Kansas. On a neighborhood level, businesses and developers may use census data to make decisions about where to invest, whether to build new homes, and whether to open new businesses.

For every adult and every child not counted in the census, Kansas will lose \$1,539 in federal dollars that are badly needed in our communities. It is estimated that an undercount could cost Wyandotte County \$4.7 million.

Some communities are referred to as “hard-to-count” and are at high risk of not being captured in the census. Communities of color, immigrants, young children, and low-income people are especially at risk. Without an

accurate count, Rosedale risks losing out on important financial and political resources that can help our community.

Your home, along with every other home in the United States, will receive an invitation to complete the US Census in the mail between March 12-20. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. It shouldn't take more than 10 minutes.

Please help make sure Rosedale is fully represented by making sure everyone in your household, no matter their age, is counted, and make sure your neighbors do the same.



Rosedalians pose for RDA's “We are Rosedale” campaign.

To learn more about the census and how to respond, visit <https://2020census.gov/>

Spring Cleaning in Rosedale

by Je T'aime Taylor

On April 18, elders, youth and all those in between will gather at Fisher Park (3900 Springfield St.) for the third annual All Rosedale Cleanup. Those interested can register with RDA as an individual or with a neighborhood, school, church, or organizational team. Participants should meet at Fisher Park at 9 a.m. for orientation, where each

team will receive water, gloves, snacks, trash bags and other material they will need for their cleanup location.

After all the cleaning, we are sure that volunteers will work up quite the appetite! The University of Kansas Health Systems' Otolaryngology Department will be providing food and materials for this community event. As each team completes their tasklist we invite everyone back to Fisher Park for a shared community meal; lunch will be served at 11 a.m. We will wrap-up the All Rosedale Cleanup at noon.

We are asking you, our Rosedale community, to

assist us between now and the event. RDA is not able to see all of the spaces in our community that need to be addressed. If you see problem spots in our neighborhood, please give us a call with what needs to be addressed and the location of the site. Our master list may include tasks such as picking up trash, cleaning graffiti, as well as hauling materials to the dumpster.

To register yourself or team, or to contribute to the list of areas that need love and attention, reach out to Je T'aime Taylor at jetaime@rosedale.org or 913-677-5097.



ELIZABETH JOHNSTON

Save the date for Rainbow Summer Program

by Samantha Burton-Bosket

The program staff at RDA have been working hard all winter to prepare an amazing summer program for Rose-dale kids this year. The Rain-bow Summer Program will run for six weeks, from June 15, 2020- July 24, 2020. This year we are preparing for two enrollment nights for those inter-ested. The first night will be for returning families, and will be held on March 30 at the Rainbow Mennonite Church (1444 Southwest Blvd), from 6:00 pm - 8:00pm. For new parents interested in the pro-gram, the enrollment night will be April 20, 2020, also at the Rainbow Mennonite Church,



Je T'aime and Ellie prepare for the RSP enrollment night.

Welcome to New Board Member Carlos Casas

by Erin Stryka

RDA began working with Carlos Casas in 2018, when he was the board chair of Sharing Community in Rose-dale (SCR). Carlos and SCR partnered with RDA to run Rainbow Summer Program and Rosedale Future Profes-sionals in 2019, and ultimately transferred both programs from SCR to RDA in 2020. Carlos is Head of Sales with Google Fiber Kansas City. He graduated from the University of Kansas, and has served with many other nonprofits including The Rose Brooks Center, Unbound, Big

from 6:00 pm - 8:00pm. All enrollment is on a first come, first served basis, and the program has a limited number of spots available, so please arrive early. Those who are interested in the program will need to come prepared, and should plan on bringing the enrolling scholar's medi-cal card (if applicable) and the required registration fee for the program. Registration fees are as follows: \$35 for one child, and \$70 for two or more children in the same house-hold. Your child(ren)'s spot in the program will only be held once the fee has been paid. There will also be an activ-ity fee, which helps to cover the cost of meals, books, field trips and the many other activ-ities provided for the Rainbow Summer Program scholars. The activity fee is not required at the time of registration, but has to be paid in full before the start of the program. Pay-ments can be made by cash, credit card, or check.

Parents interested in learning more about the program can call Samantha at 913-677-5097 or email at samantha@rosedale.org.



Brothers Big Sisters, Goodwill of Greater Kansas City, and Nonprofit Connect. Join us in welcoming Carlos to our Board of Directors!

Sign up for Spring events!

By Erin Stryka



Crystal rides her bike to the community garden

Spring is always an exciting time in Rosedale! For growers, community garden applica-tions are now open, with plots available at the 45th and Rainbow, S. Early St., and Christopher Webb community gardens. To get your plot, stop by RDA for an application or contact jetaime@rosedale.org. For young people, Sum-mer Youth Employment (SYE) applications are due on March 27. Youth aged 14-17 will be placed at a Rosedale busi-ness for their first summer job, and receive job training and coaching throughout the sum-mer. To apply, stop by RDA, email jetaime@rosedale.org, or grab an application at your high school or middle school.

To see our full list of upcoming events, check out our events calendar at rosedale.org/events/

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 Email: info@rosedale.org Hours: 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

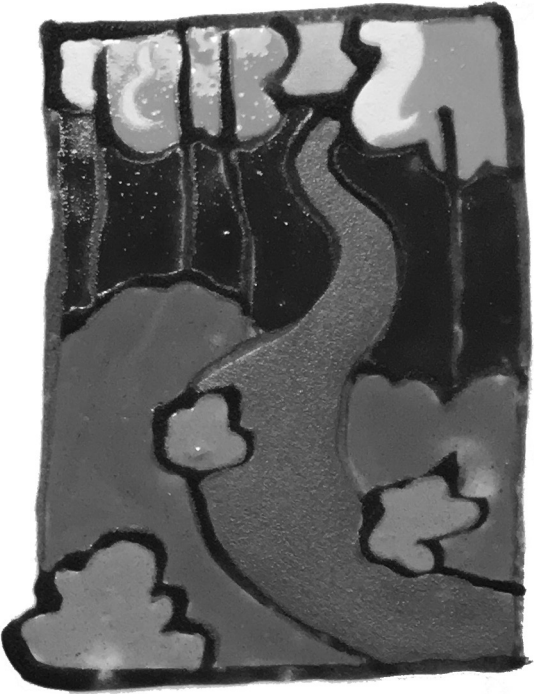
Community Calendar

- ONE-TIME EVENTS: Monday, March 23 Fair Housing Training 12 p.m., West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N 82nd St., KCK Tuesday, March 24 Mayor Alvey's KCK at a Crossroads Community Meeting 5:30 p.m. Northwest Middle, 2400 N 18th St. KCK Friday, March 27 Summer Youth Employment Applications Due 5 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK Monday, March 30 Rainbow Summer Program Returning Enrollment Night 6 p.m., 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK Saturday, April 2 Rosedale Disc De Triomphe 9 a.m. Rosedale Park, 4100 Mission Rd., KCK RECURRING EVENTS: Mobile Libraries 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 Fourth Mondays Good Neighbor Training 5:30 p.m., 4953 State Ave., 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.

Memory Lane: One more way to get Rosedale moving

(from the April 2011 Rosedalian)

Fisher Park is a relatively unobtrusive park on Fisher Street and W. 39th. It's 4.16 acres, complete with playground equipment, an exercise area, an outdoor basketball court and picnic tables. There's nothing particularly special about Fisher Park to look at it, but the Kansas Health Institute has \$8000 that says we can make it spectacular! RDA recently won a Wyandotte Healthy Com-munities Mini-Grant to start a community walking club and urban trails program in and around Fisher Park. Designed by Josh Hoffman (Rosedale Healthy Kids Initiative) and Stephanie Kollmann (RDA), the aim of this project is to increase physical activity in the population surround-ing Fisher Park by creating a social support network. The proposed plan is for the club to meet Tuesday and Thurs-day evenings at Fisher Park. Tuesday sessions would host a community speaker before the walk, focusing on health, community or exercise. The last Thursday session of each month would incorporate a community give-back event, such as trash pickup or graffiti cleanup. RHKI has made huge strides in making physical activity a special priority for youth in our neighborhood; it's time the rest of the commu-nity joined in. Routes would begin and end at Fisher Park and the club would attempt different routes with the goal of eventually marking three of the best routes with urban trail markers. The budget also has room for new street lights and benches within Fisher Park. The club will run May through September and RDA is look-ing to involve area businesses, government leaders, church-es, schools and of course residents! Call RDA or contact Josh Hoffman (hkivista@gmail.com) or Stephanie Kollmann (sekollmann@gmail.com) to get involved. We are still finding creative ways to get all Rosedalians on the move! If you are interested in the #moveyourway campaign, please visit https://health.gov/moveyourway. If you are interested in our Rozarks trail system, please visit http://rosedale.org/recreational-trails/.



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