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Good neighbors

Wyandotte County Public Health Department delivers masks

By Alissa Workman

In January, Rosedale Development Association partnered with the Wyandotte County Public Health Department to set the RDA office as a distribution site for free KN-95 masks. 15,000 masks were delivered by Health Department staff to distribute into the Rosedale community. For weeks after this delivery, RDA staff excitedly greeted community members as they called and stopped in for masks.

All over Rosedale, neighbors stepped up to ensure that everyone knew about this opportunity. Local businesses shared information about the masks with their customers and through their social media outlets. Neighbors streamed in to pick up masks for themselves, elder family members, and/or neighbors they knew also needed them. A local daycare center distributed masks to staff and center families with special concern for the little ones who are still too young for vaccines. A neighborhood

church requested a delivery so they could continue offering in-person programming during some of the more difficult weeks of the delta variant spreading in the region.

RDA staff observed a common theme of people taking what they needed for themselves and family/friends, but also wanting to make sure there were plenty of masks to go around. The entire process has been a welcome reminder of what it means to be “in community” and work together to address common problems here in Rosedale!

In addition to wearing masks in public or crowded places, RDA encourages folks to follow local guidance from the Health Department to further prevent public spread. Their COVID Hub provides a wealth of information and resources: wyandotte-county-covid-19-hub-unifiedgov.hub.arcgis.com/

RDA is grateful for the opportunity to get the masks to people who need them as the community continues to



SARAH WAGGONER

Staff member Sarah Waggoner takes a selfie with boxes of donated masks.

adjust to the challenges the pandemic poses. Hundreds of masks are still available for anyone in the community, including businesses or organizations that wish to hand out large quantities.

 To learn more or to inquire about getting a larger quantity of masks for your organization or business, please contact the RDA office at 913-677-5097 or email info@rosedale.org.



THE ROSEDALE

R O S E D A L E D E V E L O P M E N T A S S O C I A T I O N N E W S L E T T E R

RDA develops youth advocacy guide for young Rosedalian

By Samanthé Burton-Bosket

We know Rosedalian of all ages have strong opinions about the future direction of our neighborhood. That's why we're delighted to share that an easy-to-approach guide to advocacy for all Rosedale youth, *Make change happen: a youth guide to advocacy in Rosedale*, is now available.

Last year, RDA created *Couch to commission: a guide to advocacy in Rosedale* to help advocates of all experience levels create change in Rosedale. And last summer, youth scholars in the Rainbow Summer Program tested out the guide and gave feedback on adapting it for young people. Using that feedback,

RDA staff worked with local Rosedale graphic designer Elizabeth Johnston to create a guide specifically for middle school-aged youth, breaking down the basics of advocacy at the local level.

Make change happen: a youth guide to advocacy in Rosedale is a fun and easy-to-understand guide for middle school youth. The guide motivates youth to address community issues that matter to them and instructs them how to work within their own beliefs and passions to make change happen.


Youth will build an advocacy campaign by focusing on an issue, thinking through

solutions to their issue, building a coalition of other people who care, and making a plan of action to influence the decision makers. The guide goes into detail about different ways to contact decision makers from written messages to social media campaigns.

This guide was used for the first time during our RISE event in January, with 435 guides handed out across four schools in Rosedale. “I almost think this is the version adults should use too,” said Ellie Haire, RISE volunteer. “It made everything super clear and easy.”

Rosedale kids will also encounter the guide at the

Rainbow Summer Program and in Rosedale Future Professionals, where youth use their voices to stand up for issues they believe in. The youth advocacy guide can be found at rosedale.org/c2c/ along with an instructional video created by our RISE volunteer, Sara Swearingen.

 To learn more about the youth guide or RDA's youth programming, reach out to Samanthé at samanthe@rosedale.org.



Scan the QR code and download your advocacy guide today.


You are cordially invited . . .

. . . join us on Thursday, March 10, at 5 o'clock in the evening for the rescheduled 2021 RDA Annual Meeting. Rainbow Mennonite Church is graciously lending their space for the event so that we will have plenty of room to comfortably gather.

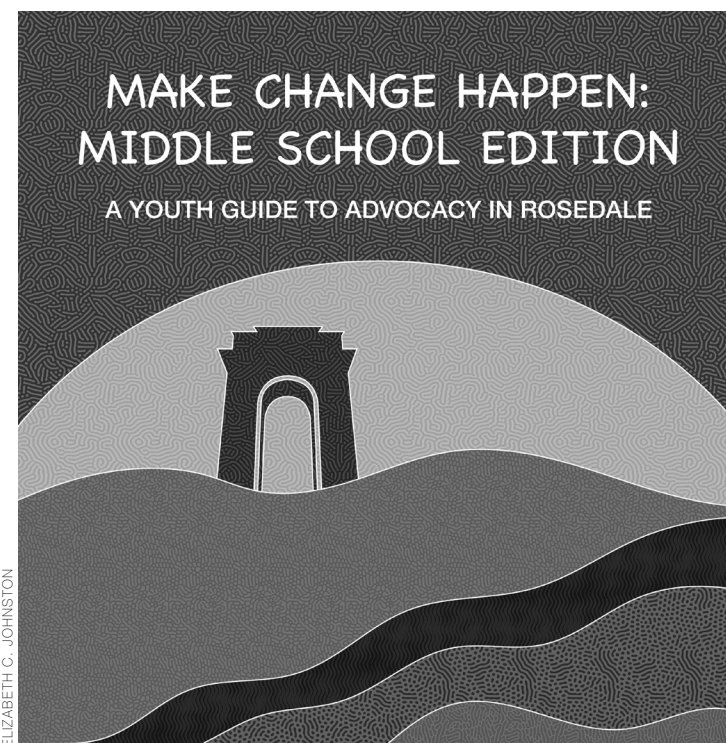
We have quite an evening planned for you all! In lieu of the usual food and slideshow, we have planned a more interactive open house-style meeting, allowing guests to roam about and have a more hands-on experience. The RDA staff will be manning several booths, including sharing our successes and stories of 2021, celebrating our extraordinary volunteers, engaging

visitors in a community building game, and inviting Rosedalian to share their stories about this community. We have invited a few community partners to join us in setting up booths as well. We will also have tables to sit and visit, full of coloring sheets designed by local artist Elizabeth Johnston. With so many activities, there will be something there for each and every one of you.

So, join us from 5-7 p.m. on March 10 at 1444 Southwest Blvd. for an exciting evening full of merriment and friendship!

 To learn more about the RDA annual meeting, visit fb.me/e/vZxltjrTS.

— Sarah Waggoner



ELIZABETH G. JOHNSTON

Beautify Rosedale at the All-Rosedale Cleanup

By Juanise Oliver

Spring is in the air, which means that spring cleaning season is upon us. For RDA, this means the return of the All-Rosedale Cleanup event this April. Currently we are planning for the cleanup to take place on Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., with a rainout day scheduled for the following Saturday, April 23. Similar to previous years, we want to know what areas in our Rosedale neighborhoods are in need of some attention and sprucing up. In past

years, volunteers have tackled tough to reach areas like the hill near I-35 and Rose-dale Park, as well as cleaning up the Mural and removing graffiti. No task is too big or small, so please contact our office to submit an area in Rosedale you would like to see cleaned this spring. We also are in need of volunteers for the cleanup! Hard work is made easy by many hands, and this is a family-friendly event that welcomes all ages and abilities. Additionally, if you are interested in leading a team during the cleanup, please reach out. Neighborhood cleanups are one of the easiest ways to show some love to our awesome Rosedale community, so sign up today.

To learn more about the All-Rosedale Cleanup or to sign up to volunteer, contact Juanise Oliver at juanise@rosedale.com.



A Rosedale family joins the Cleanup.



More than 300 volunteers participated in seven cleanups throughout last spring and summer. Join us this year as we aim to beautify Rosedale once again.



Summer AmeriCorps team members form a strong bond throughout the summer.

RDA is hiring youth program team

By Samanthé Burton-Bosket

Do you love working with youth and have a heart for RDA's mission? Then you are in luck, because RDA is hiring for multiple positions. We are looking for a full-time youth program coordinator who will run youth programs in response to community-identified needs. Current programs include financial literacy, youth summer employment and job training, and youth sports. This is a position with flexible hours and office time, as the youth programs require working some afternoons and evenings.

Love youth, love Rosedale, but not ready to commit full-time? We are also hiring for the Rainbow Summer Program! We are in search of classroom facilitators to guide scholars in learning gardening basics, financial literacy, engage in summer reading, learn some basics for various sports, learn about nutrition, and more. Classroom facilitators

are also expected to deliver curriculum, facilitate a social action project, engage in safe and educational activities, and create an environment where scholars are encouraged to use problem solving skills. This is an AmeriCorps team member position. We are also hiring for the positions of culinary manager, culinary assistant, and before and after care coordinator. The culinary manager and assistant provide the program with nutritious breakfast, lunch and snacks throughout the day. The before and after care coordinator provides a safe, fun environment for scholars for one hour before and two hours after the regular program.

To learn more, contact Samanthe Burton-Bosket at samanthe@rosedale.org or visit rosedalejobs.org for full job listings.

Rosedale business owner joins board

By Erin Stryka

Deitra Nealy-Shane, assistant director of Little Angels Daycare, has joined the RDA Board this year. Deitra holds an MPA in nonprofit management and an MS in early childhood education. She is excited to join the board after working with RDA to host youth through the Summer Youth Employment program

and to build a schoolyard garden at Little Angels. "I am passionate about community, family, and youth development," says Deitra. "I am a small business advocate. I am committed to helping make Rosedale an even better community for all who live and work here." Welcome to the board, Deitra!

Events Calendar

MARCH

March 3
Coffee and conversation
10 a.m.
1401 Southwest Blvd.

March 10
Annual Meeting
5-7 p.m.
Rainbow Menonite Church
1444 Southwest Blvd.

March 15
Adult learning class
5-8 p.m.
1401 Southwest Blvd.

March 26
Rozarks trail workday
9 a.m.
Mt. Marty Park

APRIL

April 7
Coffee and conversation
10 a.m.
1401 Southwest Blvd.

April 16
All-Rosedale Cleanup
(Rainout day scheduled for the following Saturday, April 23.)
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

April 19
Youth soccer league begins
Location TBD

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

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

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Volunteer for Rozarks trails workdays this spring

By Juanise Oliver

The Rozarks trails are one of the most-loved natural attractions in the Kansas City metro area, visited by nature lovers near and far all year round. The Rozarks trail system is a series of cleared paths totalling 4.5 miles located in the woods of Rosedale, with trailheads at Mt. Marty Park, Fisher Park, and Minnie St. To keep the trails beautiful requires continual maintenance, organized and hosted by RDA.

This spring we are inviting you to volunteer for a series of Rozarks trail workdays. This volunteer opportunity is a great fit for those who already love the outdoors and don't mind getting a little dirty! During our first trail work day on March 26, volunteers will assist in cutting back overgrowth on the trails and picking up any litter that may have accumulated during the winter. Tools and gloves will be provided, along with explanation on how to use which tool at the beginning of the workday. Water and snacks will be provided, and we ask that you wear long pants and sturdy shoes.

Join us on Saturday, March 26 at the Mt. Marty

Park trailhead from 9-11 a.m. to kick off our volunteer season in the woods this spring!

To learn more or to sign up to be a trail steward, please contact Juanise Oliver at juanise@rosedale.org.



Volunteers work to clean up the Rozarks.

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