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Good neighbor

Rosedalians give back in big ways

By Alissa Workman

In Rosedale, where neighbors, businesses, and institutions give selflessly to the community throughout the year, there has been no shortage of good deeds as many have joined together to support RDA's community work in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With school meal programs closed for the year, Rainbow Mennonite Church, Harvesters, Midtown Signs, and Rosedale schools have helped RDA distribute over 200 bags of food to school-age youth since March. In April, some of Kansas City's largest institutions created the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund, with millions of dollars raised throughout the region to address the crisis. As a recipient of this fund, RDA can now provide emergency assistance to more Rosedale families.

When RDA put out a call for volunteers, Rosedalians quickly stepped in to check

on neighbors regularly, deliver groceries, make masks, and help connect others to RDA's community resources. In April, RDA invited Rosedalians to engage in socially distant community service as an alternative to the postponed All-Rosedale Cleanup. Weekly, families and individuals pick up litter in their neighborhood, paint over graffiti, conduct trail maintenance, and maintain the community gardens.

Key to RDA's ability to quickly adapt is funding that is not tied to a particular program or service. With RDA's annual fundraising event, the Rosedale Disc de Triomphe, postponed indefinitely, individuals and businesses have donated generously to ensure our work continues. Additionally, some of RDA's large funders, including Health Forward Foundation and Shumaker Family Foundation have made it easier for RDA to use their funding on shifting com-



RUTH KUNAKHOVICH

The Kunakhovich family engage Working Wednesday as one way to give back to the Rosedale community.

munity needs and priorities.

As the RDA office slowly begins to resume "normal" activities, our dedication to the Rosedale community remains steadfast. We encourage everyone to continue their neighborly care, give back if they can, and keep sharing the

stories of good deeds in your neighborhood to continue reminding each other of how Rosedalians come together during our most difficult days.

↑ To learn more about RDA's work in Rosedale, visit rosedale.org or call 913-677-5097.



THE ROSEDALIAN

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Changes at RDA for safe opening

By Erin Stryka

The RDA front office officially reopened on May 11th, making several important changes to protect the health and safety of our community. Like many businesses, we have adjusted our office layout and procedures to maintain the social distancing and enhanced hygiene that are slowing the spread of COVID-19 in Wyandotte County.

Following the ReStart WyCo Plan, which takes a gradual approach to opening businesses, RDA first opened with limited office hours, from 1-6 p.m. M-F. Only one staff member will be present at a time, and only one visitor will be allowed in the front office at a time. All visitors will be asked to wear masks and use

hand sanitizer (both provided by RDA) when they come in. If you catch a faint whiff of chemicals in the air, that's because all touched surfaces at RDA are being cleaned with disinfectant twice a day. You may also notice the new plexi-glass barrier at the front desk, created by good neighbor Strasser Hardware.

↑ We miss seeing our neighbors at meetings and events, but for the time being large in-person meetings will remain canceled or take place remotely — watch our communications for details. As always, you can contact RDA at 913-677-5097, or by emailing info@rosedale.org.



RDA STOCK

Classroom Facilitators create fun during RSP 2019.

New changes to our summer programs

by Je T'aime Taylor

Rosedale Development Association is working hard to make sure that we keep the community as safe as possible during the pandemic. Because of this, RDA's summer programs will have a different feel to them this year.

Rainbow Summer Program will begin June 15. After families have enrolled their children in the program, they will be able to pick up breakfast and lunch each day for their youth. In addition to the daily meals we will distribute a weekly activity box. Each box will contain activities centered around the "I Am, We Are" Reading Curriculum, and each a week will have different theme. Families can virtually tune in every morning for "RISE UP"; our morning gathering time where we will read, sing and chant together. We will also feature a daily read aloud guest who will read a short story to the youth.

While Rainbow Summer Program caters to youth in elementary and middle school, Summer Youth Employment focuses on youth who are between the ages of 14 and 17. Youth participating SYE will work in the community clearing the Rozarks trails, cleaning graffiti, maintaining gardens and learning job skills. The participants of SYE will work approximately 13 hours a week beautifying the community of Rosedale and sharpening their job readiness skills.

↑ If you are interested in registering youth in Rainbow Summer Program, who have completed grades K-8, visit our website at <http://rosedale.org/rainbow-summer-program/> to enroll. For any questions regarding RDA's summer programs please contact Je T'aime at jetaime@rosedale.org or 913-677-5097.



ERIN STRYKA

Protective barriers from Strasser Hardware are in place at the RDA office.

Restarting Rosedale with ReStart WyCo

By Sarah Waggoner

The stay-at-home order is over — now what? CO-VID-19 is still spreading in our community so we must be diligent when reopen-

This guide instructs Wy-andotte County residents and businesses how to reopen after the stay-at-home order is lifted. The guide is organized into five stages or zones, representing a measured, phased reopening plan where businesses will be allowed to operate under safe, social-

Rosedale Future Professionals finish program virtually

By Samantha Burton-Bosket

This year, the Rosedale Future Professionals had to take a creative approach to finish strong. RFP is centered on youth taking control of their financial futures, hoping to fill the gap of financial knowledge youth may not get from tradi-

students gain this knowledge is through hands-on activities, such as calculating taxes and saving a portion of their pay-check. This fall the program was originally cut short due to the closing of schools, but the students, from Rosedale Middle School and Holy Name, expressed an interest in continuing and finishing the program virtually. Even though students had to make an abrupt transition to online coursework, their willingness to persist and learn how to be financially secure allowed them to finish strong and complete the course!

The program starts with youth evaluating their values and personal beliefs and looking at things that are important to them in order to create a plan to save for either college, a vacation, or starting a business. Some of the ways

sented by a color, red, yellow, or green, that aligns with how stringent or relaxed the guide-

Currently, Wyandotte County is recommending resi-dents and businesses follow the red zone guidelines, which is one step down from the full lockdown or stay-at-home order. During the red zone, some businesses and non-emergency medical services will reopen while many non-essential businesses will re-main closed. The yellow zone, or stage 3, allows non-essen-tial businesses, like museums, restaurants, and salons, to reopen but at a much smaller capacity and with safety measures in place. The green zone allows businesses to operate at increased numbers with less restrictions com-pared to yellow. Adhering to safe reopening guidelines will lead to stage 5, open, during which businesses may oper-ate at full capacity.

How do we know when

it's time to change zones? The ReStart Wyco team takes a number of things into consid-eration, including the number of COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths over a 14-day period and the percentage of positive test results. The goal is to move to a new zone ev-ery 14 days, but this is subject to change based on the data and spread of the virus.

No matter what zone we are currently in, ReStart Wyco and the CDC recommends adhering to the following guidelines: stay at home un-less absolutely necessary, maintain six feet of distance from those whom you do not live with, wear a mask when in public, wash your hands and sanitize frequently, avoid touching your face, and work remotely when possible.

For information on joining a neighborhood group, please contact RDA.



Ajhanae returns to RSP

by Ajhanae Franklin

Hi, I'm Ajhanae Franklin. I am a Kansas City native, graduat-ing from Sumner Academy in 2017. I am currently a Junior at Baker University, majoring in Communication Studies with a minor in leadership studies. Last year, I had one of my best summers working with the Rainbow Summer Program. I got to see the children and the facilitators grow. I loved it so much that I decided I wanted to come back because it felt like my summer home!



Ajhanae Franklin

Helpful Resources

FOOD:

Cross-lines Community Outreach

Sack breakfasts and lunches, food pantry 736 Shawnee Ave, KCK 913-281-3388

Bridges of Hope

Food pantry 933 Argentine Blvd, KCK 913-602-0660

Our Saviour

Food pantry 4153 Rainbow Blvd, KCK 913-236-6228

Franklin Center

Mobile food distribution 1403 Metropolitan Ave, KCK 913-213-3250

UTILITY ASSISTANCE:

Rosedale Development Association

Funds for electricity, water, and gas bills 913-677-5097

Salvation Army

Funds for electricity bills 816-756-1455

Economic Opportunity Foundation

Funds for electricity, water, and gas bills 913-371-0848

LIEAP Applications Open

Assistance for Electric Bills 1-800-432-0043

Rosedale Development Association

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

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Communities coming together — at a safe distance

by Kelly White

Pre-Coronavirus quarantine, Spring Valley Neighborhood Association (SVNA) had been busy planning a summer neighborhood party, in an ef-fort to get to know each other and to build strong community relationships, and a 5k run/walk for late summer, with proceeds benefitting the four neighbor-hoods of Eastern Rosedale.

After the stay-at-home or-ders were in place, our neigh-borhood switched gears and got creative. I have noticed more neighbors out walking their dogs, exercising, all while complying with the social distancing safety rules. On two occasions, Francis Street has had “porch happy hours” which is ingenious! How often do you get an invitation to a party, but you’re allowed to stay on your own porch?

With more residents out exercising, that can only mean our 5k run/walk is go-ing to be a success. Eight weeks prior to the race event, our committee is planning to form groups of runners and walkers to meet and train together. This is another op-portunity for people to come together with similar goals, form new friendships, be more aware of what is hap-pening in the neighborhoods, all while getting in shape. If you’re thinking “I could never

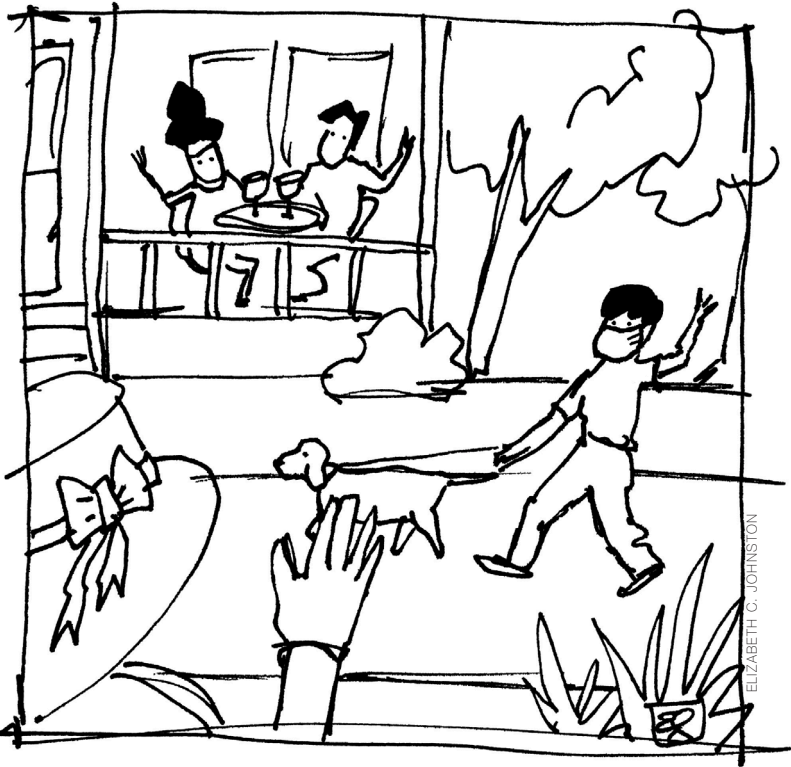
do that,” you would be very surprised and I genuinely hope you give it a try.

For those unable to partici-pate in the run/walk, please consider volunteering. The volunteers who stand along the race route that provide words of encouragement are essential to the experience. There will also be a need for help at the aid station and the finish line activities.

There is no place to bet-

ter survive a quarantine than Rosedale. We are a com-munity of innovators and front-line workers during this pandemic. We will survive this be better than before. Please support your small businesses and check on your neighbors during this time. We are in this together!

For information on joining a neighborhood group, please contact RDA.



Let's be rock solid together! Please accept my donation in support of RDA.

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City/State/ZIP code

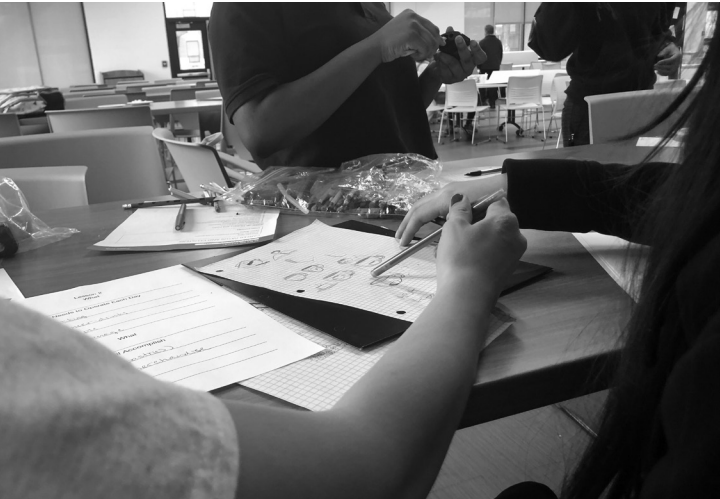
Contact person

Preferred phone

Email address

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Students create a business model for RSP