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Good neighbor

Good neighbors clean up all over Rosedale

By Erin Stryka

Rosedalians of all ages and neighborhoods have been busy giving back throughout April and May. Good neighbors in the Rose Alert, Friendship Heights, Frank Rushton, Arborhurst Park, Hilltop, and Mission Cliffs neighborhoods gathered the past several Saturdays for a series of neighborhood cleanup days, effectively cleaning up five neighborhoods in Rosedale.

Frank Rushton, Arborhurst Park, and groups from the KU ENT department and Veer Church set the bar, recruiting more than 50 volunteers, who picked up trash in 16 project sites around Eastern Rosedale. KCK Community Policing coned off Mission Rd. for safety and helped out with graffiti, and the UG Public Works and Parks Departments picked up the garbage after each event.

Neighbors from Rose Alert, Friendship Heights, Rainbow Mennonite Church, and the

KU Gold Humanism Honor Society followed close behind, cleaning up dump sites, clearing sidewalks that had been buried in mud and vegetation, and painting over graffiti.

Neighbors from Hilltop, Laminar Works, and the KU Academy Health Student Chapter cleaned up dozens of dumped tires, picked up litter, cut back honeysuckle in the Rozarks trails, and distributed information door-to-door about the Covid-19 vaccine.

Finally, Mission Cliffs and Mayor Alvey's Flash Trash Mob finished strong, gathering at Rosedale Park to clean up the park and Mission Rd. at I-35. After the pandemic canceled last year's All-Rosedale Cleanup, RDA was especially glad to see so many Rosedalians come out and do their part to clean up this year. We were even happier to spend time with neighbors and partners outside and in person! Neighborhood clean-



ALISSA WORKMAN

Volunteers from KU tackle cleanup project in Rosedale.

ups protect our stormwater system from litter, keep the neighborhood beautiful, and create a sense of safety and care, which means more people walk around and meet their neighbors. Picking up litter is a concrete thing we can all do for community health and safety. A huge thank

you to the many people and groups that came out to work together this spring. We'll see you at the next one.

For more information on organizing a cleanup day in your neighborhood this fall, contact Juanise Oliver at juanise@rosedale.org.

THE ROSEDALIAN

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Serve this summer as RDA resumes in-person events!

By Juanise Oliver

Rosedale Development Association is approaching this summer in full force, resuming in-person programming and events. It has been a long year and staff are so excited to be back in the community. The only thing missing is you! We are in search of neighbors and friends to join in all upcoming community offerings, including summer employment, volunteering, and program opportunities.

Firstly, Program Director Samanthé Burton-Bosket is in search of AmeriCorps Members to lead classrooms as a classroom facilitator for our Rainbow Summer Program (RSP). RSP is welcoming a smaller group of scholars this summer, but will be holding the program in person. If you are someone who enjoys fun, children, literacy, and outdoor activities, this will be an excel-

lent fit for you. This position offers a biweekly stipend of \$750, and a \$1,342.86 Segal Education Award. To apply, send your resume and cover letter to Samanthé at samanthe@rosedale.org.

Secondly, RDA is searching for area businesses to host a youth for our Summer Youth Employment program. Ideal businesses would offer the youth employee hands-on projects that would allow them real-world job experiences. This would come at no cost to the business host, with RDA offering both job training and skill-building. To apply, visit rosedale.org/summer-youth-employment or email Youth Programming Coordinator Victor Michimani at victor@rosedale.org.

With our community programs expanding, RDA is in search for volunteers! There



RDA STOCK

Summer Youth Employee Jada Brown networks with local businesses.

are so many opportunities available for all skills, ages, and abilities. From work days in the garden to assisting with community events, volunteers aid RDA in expanding our community reach and in carrying out many important community projects. For more information regarding volunteer opportunities, please contact Adult Program and Volunteer Coordinator Juanise Oliver at juanise@rosedale.org.

Lastly, RDA is in search of elderly, veteran, or disabled Rosedale homeowners who may need assistance with minor household chores and repairs. RDA is able to offer this opportunity through the Christmas in October Minor Home Repair program, and applications are officially open. Applicants must

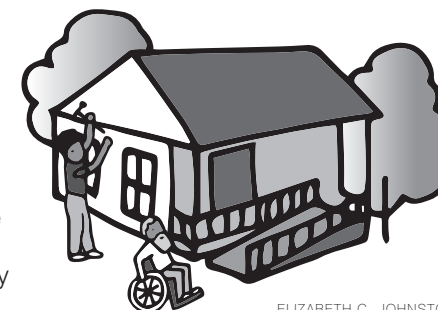
own only one residence, lack finances or resources to have repairs completed, and not have received assistance from Christmas in October in the past year. Contact Executive Director Erin Stryka at erin@rosedale.org for more information and to apply.

RDA has a lot of programming going on throughout the summer. To stay up to date, visit our website at rosedale.org.



RDA STOCK

Classroom Facilitators enjoy team building activities.



ELIZABETH C. JOHNSTON



Introducing Couch to commission: a beginner’s guide to advocacy

By Sarah Waggoner

Have you ever experienced an issue in your neighborhood that made you want to contact your elected officials and advocate for change? We sure have, and we get calls from neighbors every week who feel the same way. So we decided to make a free guide to help navigate the policies and processes of bringing an issue before the local government, and we are excited to finally share it with you!

Named *Couch to commission: a guide to advocacy in Rosedale*, this guide takes a similar gradual approach to advocacy as a Couch to 5K program does for running. When you first start running, you need some kind of instruction to reach your goals. The same is true for local advocacy! The systems in place to advocate about issues and policies can be hard to navigate, and this guide can walk you through how to have your voice be heard by the government change-makers in the most effective ways.

Within the guide, you will find a strategy guide, including templates for effective communication with elected officials through emails, postcards, video, social media, neighborhood meetings, and commission meetings. It also contains decision-maker

maps, breaking down which elected official or agency is responsible for what issues, and contact information for all those representing Rosedale. The guide also includes local process maps that show the steps our local government takes to decide on an issue or policy, and how you can get involved, along with a resource guide with background information to help you become an informed and effective advocate.

The Couch to commission guide is designed so you can copy and paste the text, then customize it with your advocacy information.

We are hoping that this guide empowers and assists more Rosedalians in taking action to bring about important change to this community. You are the most knowledgeable expert in your neighborhood, and your opinion matters. In fact, your neighborhood is positively impacted when you speak out and stand up! Use this guide, pass it along to others, and become the change-makers that Rosedale needs and loves.

You can find the Couch to commission guide at rosedale.org, or request a digital and/or print copy by emailing erin@rosedale.org.

Coalition offers free toolkit to make your community safer

By Vanessa Crawford Aragon

The Wyandotte County Violence Prevention Coalition, also known as WyCo-SAP, is working together with neighborhoods, the United Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS, and community organizations to make our community a safer place for everyone. One method of doing this is by implementing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), which is a way to make the spaces we share with our neighbors more welcoming by making simple changes to encourage safety and connection.

CPTED strategies aim to reduce victimization, deter offenders from making decisions that turn into criminal acts, build a sense of community among inhabitants so they can gain territorial control of areas, reduce crime, and minimize fear of crime.

WyCo-SAP has created a CPTED toolkit to give residents hands-on ways to work together to make neighborhoods safer. The toolkit provides straight-forward assessment questions and concrete

solutions and resources for opportunities they identify. Each portion of the toolkit focuses on a different CPTED concept, and explains how it relates to safety. A sampling of the questions include:

- Can I see others? Can others see me?
- Do I know where to go?
- What is this space for?
- Is this space maintained?
- Is my neighborhood connected?
- Is there a sense of community?

The WyCo-SAP coalition would love to support any residents or group who would like to put the CPTED toolkit to use in their neighborhood. Printed and electronic versions of the toolkit are available at no cost. To conduct your own neighborhood assessment with the toolkit, or for any questions, contact Shelby at swoodward@mocsa.org.

For more information on how RDA supports businesses, visit rosedale.org/businesses.



Volunteers paint a mural in hopes of preventing violence by showing a strong community presence.

Community calendar

RDA is planning for a summer full of activities! Join in the fun at one of the many upcoming offerings.

MAY:

May 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Yoga in the park
Whitmore Park

May 19 at 7 p.m.

Virtual BINGO! night
\$30 entry fee required

May 25-27 at 6 p.m.

Youth sports clinics

JUNE:

June 2 at 12 p.m.

PACE Lunch N’ Learn
1401 Southwest Blvd.

June 7

Last day to register for RSP

June 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Yoga in the park
Whitmore Park

JULY:

July 15, (time to be determined)

Business backyard social
1401 Southwest Blvd.

1 July 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Yoga in the park
Whitmore Park

July 26-30

Rosedale goes to Wildwood
Wildwood Outdoor Education Center,
La Cygne, KS

AUGUST:

August 6

Movie night in the park:
Scooby Doo
Rosedale Park

SEPTEMBER:

September (date to be determined)

9/11 Day of Service
Community Service project

September 18

Rosedale Disc de Triomphe
Rosedale Park
Entry fee required

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

Armory vaccine site offers expanded Saturday hours

By Sarah Waggoner

If you’ve been unavailable to get a vaccine due to a busy work week, there is now a solution for you.

The Unified Government Public Health Department is now offering Saturday vaccinations at The Armory vaccine site, located at 100 S. 20th St., KCK, 66102. This location will be open from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. every Saturday in May and June, for those 18 and older. Transportation to and from the vaccine site is still available, and while appointments are encouraged, walk-ins are also welcome.

Wait times are very short, the entire process is simple and smooth, and the vaccine is free. Get vaccinated today!

Please note that dates, times, locations, and CDC guidelines are constantly changing. Make sure to visit the website for the most updated information. Thank you!

For more information, to make an appointment, or get assistance with transportation, visit wycovaccines.com, call 3-1-1 or scan the QR codes to get directly to the websites.



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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.

Vaccine center locations/ ubicaciones de centros de vacunación:

Former Best Buy (West location)
10500 Parallel Parkway KCK, 66109
Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Former Kmart (Central location)
7836 State Avenue KCK, 66112
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Wednesday from 12 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

The Kansas National Guard Armory (East location)
100 S. 20th St. KCK, 66102
Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Saturdays in May/June* from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

* Open for ages 18+

Information and appointments:



Transportation online form:



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