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Fifteen years of impact in Kansas City

By Health Forward Foundation

For the past 15 years, Health Forward Foundation has worked to transform communities and ignite a culture of health in our region. Since our first grant in May 2005, we've partnered with over 500 organizations and infused the region with more than \$300 million in investments that improve health for all.

Better health doesn't look the same in every community we serve. Connecting diverse partners to develop equitable solutions is core to our mission.

Everyone has a role in creating healthier neighborhoods. Rosedale is one of many communities Health Forward is proud to support in their commitment to collaboration and mobilization.

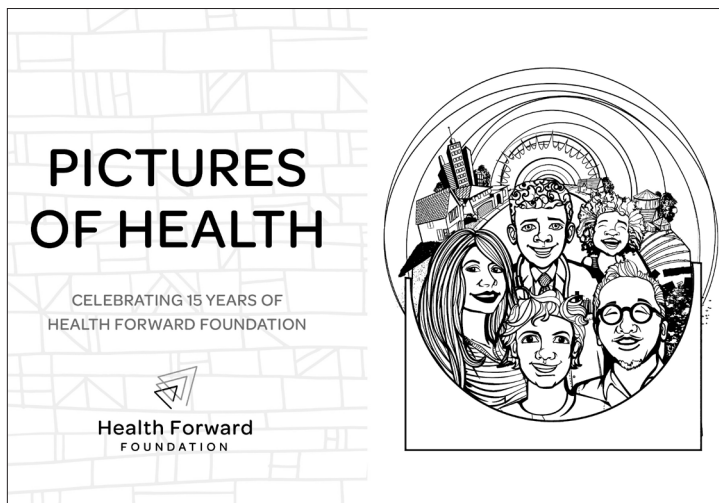
As we celebrate 15 years of working with our partners, we are also reimagining our strategic position to accomplish our mission of providing leadership, advocacy, and resources that eliminate barriers

and promote quality health.

We look to deepen our focus. We know that the shared experience of our target population is poverty. And we know the underpinnings of poverty are income, wealth inequality, and structural racism.

This understanding compels us to move upstream to address economic inclusion and race equity as mission-critical imperatives. We cannot achieve health care quality or eliminate barriers to health without health equity. And we cannot attain health equity without centering race equity: the condition in which one's racial identity has absolutely no influence on their ability to thrive.

In looking ahead, we will spend most of 2021 on an internal process of purpose alignment. Through this process, we will explore various paths at the nexus of health, economic well-being, and race equity.



We expect our grantmaking to evolve, our partnerships to diversify, and our advocacy footprint to broaden. It will take an incredible amount of innovation, collaboration, and bold action to affect change in this way. We hope our partners, like RDA, join us in developing equitable, asset-building opportunities that improve health

and economic well-being with and in communities. It will take time and a continued commitment but together we can move health forward.

To see the impact Health Forward Foundation has made for the last 15 years, visit their website at healthforward.org.



THE ROSEDALIAN

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

You are invited to a Honkin' Halloween Saturday, October 31!

By: Alissa Workman

Rosedalians are invited to join Rosedale Development Association and Midtown Signs for a "to-go" version of the annual Healthy Halloween event: Honkin' Halloween. In order to help prevent the spread of Covid-19, Rosedale Development Association has adapted this favorite Rosedale event, which will include a decorated car caravan from the Boulevard Drive-In Theatre to 8th St. (or, the shared parking lot between RDA and Midtown Signs).

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, decorated cars can begin lining up at the drive-in. Owners Wes and Brian Neal ask that participants remain in their cars or right outside of their cars. There will be no restrooms available at the theater.

Beginning at 3:30 p.m., the car caravan will slowly travel on Southwest Blvd. toward the RDA office. Cars will turn on 8th St., where RDA staff, Midtown Signs staff, and community volunteers will load cars with festive activity boxes, pumpkins, healthy treats, and more! Community partners such as BikeWalkKC, Voter to Voter, and University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) will also be on-site to hand out goodies, resources, and important information.

Once loaded, cars can follow through to exit the event or park in the designated area to receive a blood pressure screening thanks to RDA's partners at the KUMC Department of Family Medicine and Community Health. The event

will end at 4:30 p.m. Those who cannot participate in the car caravan can still come through to get their goodies between 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Though it looks a little different this year, RDA is excited to carry on the festivity and fun that Healthy Halloween is known for in Rosedale. RDA reminds participants that masks and physical distancing measures are required to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

To learn more about the event, please contact Alissa at 913-677-5097 or alissa@rosedale.org.

RDA moves forward helping Rosedalians during crisis

By: Erin Stryka

Recently RDA conducted focus groups and a community survey to better understand Rosedale's needs and priorities both during and after the pandemic. As usual, Rosedalians showed up, helped out, and advocated for their community's needs.

The top priorities for those who participated were as follows: 1. Sidewalks and trails, 2. Utility, food, and rent assistance, 3. Business support, and 4. Beautification of public areas. Also high on the list was non-virtual-based youth programming and opportunities to safely connect with neighbors. Participants also shared that their most pressing concerns of the pandemic

were issues of mental and physical health.

Thanks to the many Rosedalians who weighed in, RDA Board and staff have been hard at work on a plan for moving forward and moving Rosedale out of crisis and into recovery. The coming months will see the return of a safe Halloween event, trail workdays, the Rosedale Business Stakeholders, improvements to the Rosedale Jobs Board, and youth programming in very small groups and outdoors. RDA recently received additional funding to meet greater utility, food, and rent assistance needs, and is accepting applications at the office.

Rosedalians, as always, are

ready to get to work improving their community and serving their neighbors. We are grateful to work alongside you.



Kids love Healthy Halloween!



PRESENTED BY:  

Wyandot Center serves community during pandemic

By Kayla Shartz

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected Wyandotte County in a number of ways over the past several months. At Wyandot Center, staff have observed an increase in the number of intakes at the crisis clinic, as well as a heightened need for housing services. Wyandot Center staff are working daily to meet the needs of Wyandotte County residents as we continue to navigate the Covid-19 pandemic together.

As Wyandotte County’s designated community mental health center, Wyandot Center provides services regardless of ability to pay. Our services are person-centered, trauma-in-

formed, and culturally competent. To start services, call 913-328-4600 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. We will take down some basic information about you, ask you to briefly describe the problems you are experiencing and then schedule your first appointment. At that appointment, we will listen to your concerns and work with you to create a treatment plan that addresses your unique needs.

Wyandot Center offers individual and group therapy, as well as case management, psychiatric/medication management, and housing and employment services. Wyandot Center also offers a walk-in crisis clinic from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis or need help outside of regular hours, you can reach our 24/7 crisis line any time by calling 913-788-4200. Since 1953, Wyandot Center has provided exceptional care for adults experiencing depression, anxiety, grief and loss, trauma, substance use, and suicidal thoughts. We believe every person can live a happy and healthy life.

To learn more, contact us at 913-328-4600 or at wyandotcenter.org.

Local business grant available now

By Sarah Waggoner

As part of the Unified Government’s (UG) CARES Act request, the Board of County Commissioners approved \$825,000 to support the Economic Development Department’s WYCO Loves Local Small Business grants. Grants are available to for-profit businesses located in Wyandotte County that have been impacted by the Covid-19

pandemic, and applications are being accepted today. The grants will be awarded in amounts of \$10,000 for businesses with 1-25 employees and \$20,000 for businesses with 26-500 employees.

To learn more and to find the application visit wyocokck.org/CARES or email WyCoCARESact@wyocokck.org.



Erin Stryka prepares bags of food for the Kids in the Kitchen activity boxes during the virtual 2020 Rainbow Summer Program.

RDA offers virtual programming

By Samanthe Burton-Bosket

This Fall, RDA will be offering a variety of new opportunities through a combination of virtual and in-person programming. The programs are going to be delivered with socially distanced and virtual options for the Rosedale community, which will include Rosedale Future Professionals and physical activity boxes for the fall. Rosedale Future Professionals is a financial literacy program that empowers youth to take control of their financial futures, and will be hosted in RDA’s Koch community room located at 1401 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66103.

Over the course of two weeks, we will host up to nine youth for six sessions. The course will cover budgeting, needs vs. wants, and more. There will be several sessions

available and registration will be available on our website. Also, our activity boxes were such a hit throughout the Summer Reading Program, we are offering them again, with an emphasis on physical activity. Activities might include paint and paint brushes, jump ropes, recipe books, card games, individual scavenger hunt, and more. Activities boxes will be distributed starting on October 31, at our Honkin’ Halloween event, and going through November 6. Sign-ups for the activity boxes will be available online, and pick-ups will be Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

To learn more about our fall programming, please contact Je T’aime Taylor at jetaime@rosedale.org.

Community Calendar

Tuesday, October 20

Early Voting at WyCo Election office begins

WyCo election office, 850 State Ave., KCK 66101

Saturday, October 24

Early Voting at Argentine community center begins

2810 Metropolitan Ave., KCK

Early Voting at Eisenhower Recreation center begins

2901 N 72nd St., KCK

Saturday, October 31

Honkin’ Halloween

1051 Merriam Ln., KCK

Tuesday, November 3

Election Day

Find your polling place at ksvotes.org

October 16-November 15

Residential open burning allowed

Apply for a permit at kckfd.org

COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sharon Lee Family Healthcare

340 Southwest Blvd., KCK 66103

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

UG Public Health Department

619 Ann Ave., KCK, 66101

Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Swope Health-Wyandotte

21 N 12th St., Suite 400, KCK, 66102

By appointment only

CVS Minute Clinic

950 Minnesota Ave., KCK 66101

Rosedale Development Association

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Memory Lane: Ken Decker shares Spring Valley history

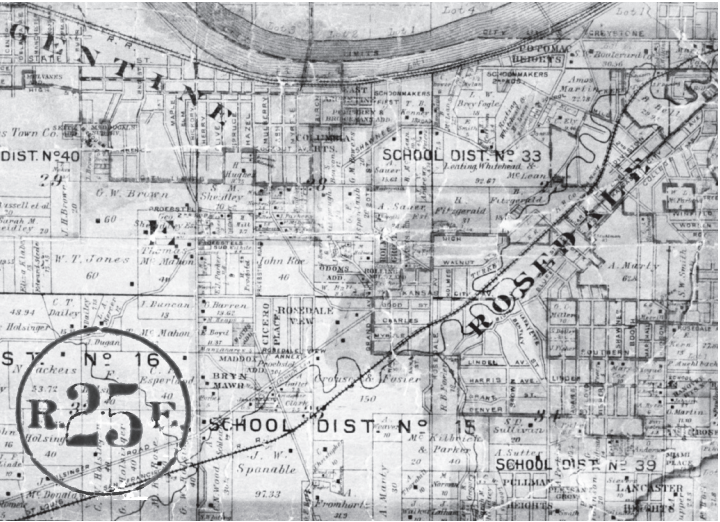
By Jennifer Tatum

On Saturday, August 22, Spring Valley Neighborhood Association president Kelly White, sat down with long-time Rosedalian home owner, Ken Decker, to record his history in Spring Valley.

Mr. Decker bought his first property in Spring Valley, 4411 Francis St., in 1976 for \$14,500. He was impressed by the opportunities provided by the University of Kansas Medical Center. He eventually bought several more investment properties, and had much foresight into the area. In his retirement, he has chosen not to sell his remaining properties to investors, and instead offers them to people who will give back to and engage with the community. He is a valuable local historian.

At one time, Mr. Decker owned a home that was previously owned by Chief Joseph Parks, a Shawnee Indian Chief and Native American interpreter who was born in 1794, and who also owned substantial property in the area. Mr. Decker recently found and provided the title abstract to the current owners of the home, with former President James Buchanan’s signature on the abstract.

Mr. Decker recalls hearing stories of residents of Spring Valley, without the advent of



Map of Rosedale from the RDA archives

air-conditioning, sitting on their porches during the summer and listening to the pipe organ playing of a woman at Our Savior Lutheran Church, located at 4153 Rainbow Blvd. Current residents of Spring Valley can still hear the chiming of the bells daily.

Another local man, Mr. Harold Parks, who resided at 4410 Francis St., worked for Hallmark for years as a maintenance man. He became a right-hand man for the Hall family and eventually developed a world class hand tool “museum” in his home.

Mr. Decker also remembers a prior resident who was a part owner of Kansas City

Trunk Company. During the depression, he would help neighborhood residents reso- le their shoes, free of charge. Mr. Decker relayed the story of another generous family who lived at 4400 Eaton St. They had a garden and distributed fresh vegetables, at no charge, to neighborhood residents. He cannot recall the last name of the family, but remembers the lady of the house, Clara. She was a Russian immigrant who ensured that a small neighborhood girl who was trapping sparrows for food was provided with proper nutrition. Decker believes that this spirit of generosity is characteristic of Spring Valley residents.

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

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