

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Thanks! In the DDT article, there's a weird sentence about halfway through-- "after his 10 year old son broke his arm and learned that disc golf. It was one of the few safe things he could do" I think you need to get rid of the period and "It" to make that one sentence.

Good neighbors

Disc de Triomphe sponsors continue support after cancelled event

By Alissa Workman

Time and again the Rosedale community shows up in a big way to support RDA's work to build healthy and thriving neighborhoods. This was again true in late August when RDA had to make the difficult decision to cancel the Rosedale Disc de Triomphe tournament due to concerns about the rapidly spreading delta variant in our area. With this news sponsors rallied together, not only to maintain their support for RDA, but also to make sure that those who had planned on playing in the tournament still had the means to do so on their own.

Thanks to the generous support in-kind donors such as TMS Inc., Cashen Brothers Properties, Boulevard Brew-

ing Company, Joe's Kansas City, and The University of Kansas Health System, players received two discs, a bag, a hoodie, assorted swag, and prizes just as they would at the tournament. Each was encouraged to keep playing disc golf in Rosedale, which continues to be a safe activity when done individually or in small groups.

Some sponsors, like Mary Gonzales and Ramp Up Labor gift their player spots to community members each year. RDA gives these spots to Rosedale teachers, partner organizations, or residents. This year, the dad of a 10-year-old Rosedalian named Grayson planned to surprise his son with tournament entry after his son broke his arm and learned

that disc golf was one of the few activities he could safely do. RDA gave Grayson and his dad sponsored spots, giving them the materials they need to get out and play disc golf while his arm heals.

Proceeds from the Disc de Triomphe tournament are unrestricted to any particular program or service, allowing RDA the flexibility to use them as needed to meet changing community needs. Over the last 20 months, the availability of such funds have been instrumental in allowing RDA to quickly act as the pandemic continues to shift priorities.

For a full list of 2021 sponsors and prize donors, visit rosedale.org/discgolf.



ALISSA WORKMAN

Grayson receives his DDT swag at the RDA offices. He loves to play disc golf, cast and all, while his arm heals.



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Rozarks trails illuminated for Halloween

By Sarah Waggoner

Mark your calendars! Rosedale Development Association invites you to walk along our first Haunted Halloween trail in the Rozarks October 30, from 4-6 p.m. This walk will be a family friendly event, meaning there will be nothing too scary or frightening. Community partners will also be present, along with a pumpkin giveaway thanks to our friends at After the Harvest.

The idea for a Halloween trail walk came after the resounding success of our Rozarks Luminary trail walk last holiday season. We had several participants request that we hold more events in the Rozarks trails, as they are one of Rosedale's most beloved resources. Given that the woods always look a little spooky in the autumn as the leaves fall, we figured that a Halloween-themed trail walk would be a fun event for all of Rosedale to enjoy.

This event will take place at Mount Marty Park, which in addition to being an entry point for the Rozarks trails, is also the home of the Rosedale Memorial Arch. The sun will be setting around 6:30 p.m. on October 30, but we ask that you bring a flashlight as it is always darker in the woods. We highly encourage you to come to this event in your Halloween costume, but remember to wear comfortable walking shoes for the hilly trails!

All social distancing guidelines will be followed

during this event and we ask that you wear masks when you are within six feet of people outside of your household. We are also still looking for volunteers to help us set up before and tear down after the event. We look forward to seeing you all there!

For more information about the Haunted Halloween trail or to volunteer for the event, email Program Director Samanthé Burton-Bosket at samanthe@rosedale.org or call RDA at 913-677-5097.



SARAH WAGGONER

Luminarias guide the path through the Rozarks trail at dusk.

Rosedale Future Professionals returns

By Victor Michimani

As the fall season begins, RDA is launching our Rosedale Future Professional (RFP) cohorts for youth in grades 5-8. RFP is a program that focuses on financial literacy for middle school students and builds a strong foundation to start their financial journeys. RFP teaches youth how to budget, the difference between debit and credit, and how to plan for their financial futures. Youth will also

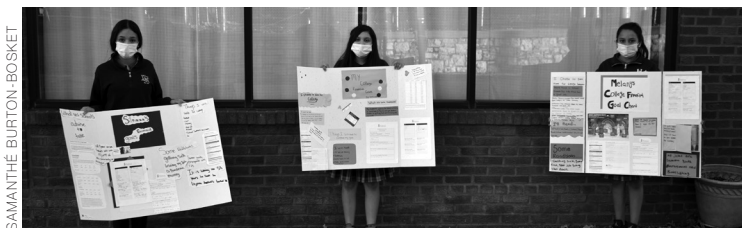
learn necessary professional development skills such as how to write a resume and interview for their first job. And the most exciting part: students in the program will also receive \$10 for each session that they attend.

Students who participate in the program will also receive eligibility to participate in Rosedale's Summer Youth Employment or School Year Employment once they turn

14. With this, RDA is using our programs to build off one another to give Rosedale youth all the tools they need to achieve financial success.

This fall season RDA will host five cohorts with each lasting one week and consisting of four sessions, hosted at Rosedale Middle School. New cohorts will start on the following Mondays: October 4, October 11, October 18, October 25, and November 1. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, so visit rosedale.org/rosedale-future-professionals to apply today!

For additional information or interest in signing up for a cohort contact Victor Michimani at victor@rosedale.org or (913) 283-5495.



SAMANTHE BURTON-BOSKET

RFP participants present their financial goals.

Rock Steady Boxing offers hope for those with Parkinson’s in Wyandotte

By Sarrisa Curry

Parkinson’s Disease affects 200,000 people a year in the US, and is common in people over 60 years old. It is characterized by movement problems such as tremors, shuffling gait, poor balance, and slowness of movement. There are also non-motor symptoms like anxiety, depression, speech and sleep problems, cognitive challenges and more. It is progressive, degenerative, and incurable. Yet, *there is hope!* Exercise, particularly boxing, is proven to reduce the severity of symptoms, slow the progression of the disease, and improve quality of life. If you have Parkinson’s



SARRISA CURRY

Rock Steady participants fight together at their Overland Park location.

you should know — *you are not alone.* You can fight to have a better life. Rock Steady Boxing in Wyandotte Co., located at The Police Athletic League of KCK (PAL) at 800 N. Ann St., is waiting for you

to start your fight. In 2015, Rock Steady came to Overland Park, KS. Today, we have built a strong and resilient community with over 250 participants in our program. We offer over 40

classes a week in our dedicated Parkinson’s Exercise Center. We have seen, firsthand, the dramatic improvement exercise makes, and we want to help the residents of The Dotte to be empowered and to create strong advocates for your own health. We cannot do it without you. Please join us for an open house Friday October 29 from 3-5 p.m. at The PAL. Refreshments will be provided and we can’t wait to see you there!

For more information on Rock Steady, reach out to Sarrisa or anyone at the Parkinson’s Exercise and Wellness Center at 913-276-4665.



ERIN STRYKA

AARP grant improves 1401

By Alissa Workman

In June, RDA was selected as an AARP 2021 Community Challenge grantee to make improvements to the Koch Community Room to ensure safety during programs, events, meetings, and other gatherings. This includes replacing the outdated flooring, installing a barrier-free threshold, repainting walls and ceilings, and adding some new furnishings. The AARP Community Challenge is a grant program to make tangible improvements to communities that jump-start long-term change. It is part of AARP’s nationwide Livable Communities initiative, which supports the efforts of cities, towns, neighborhoods and rural areas to become great places to live for people of all ages. To learn more, visit aarp.org/Livable.

Junior Achievement opens doors to the community

By Sarah Waggoner

If you’ve visited the Northwood Shopping Center in the past year, you’ve noticed that the Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City (JA) has taken residence in the large south-ward facing space, occupying the largest storefront in the center. We had the opportunity to tour their gorgeous new building and learn about all the incredible programming they will be offering to Kansas City youth.

JA first and foremost offers educational programs to youth focusing on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and work readiness. These curricula are available to all, and in fact RDA uses them in our youth programs. Their new building is designed to work hand-in-hand with these curriculums, as a space to explore learning and innovation in person. In fact, one of the first spaces we visited was the Innovation Center, which is a workspace for youth fully loaded with new technology and designed for thinking and brainstorming. The entire building is intentionally designed for youth, and contains features such as a wall of TVs where youth projects and individual spotlights

are showcased, a KC-specific Hall of Fame, and a very photographic multicolored entrance with a “instagram wall”. The main attraction is the JA Biztown, in which groups of youth can come and spend a day working in a fictional city, with each student taking on a working role in the city. Biztown features storefronts of actual business in Kansas City, who have donated to JA. The whole setup is very impressive and inviting, and sure to be a hit with Kansas

City youth. JA is officially opening their doors this month, and are welcoming any groups of children to come visit their space after they have completed one of their curricula. This is an incredible opportunity for Rosedale youth to participate in, so reach out today to connect.

For more information on Junior Achievement programs or curricula, visit their website at greaterkansascity.ja.org.



SARAH WAGGONER

Junior Achievement staff tours Biztown in the new JA building.

Community calendar

OCTOBER

October 16
Yoga in the park
9 a.m.
Whitmore Park

October 16
Rozarks trail workday
9 a.m.
Rosedale Arch

October 18
Rosedale Future Professionals
3:30 p.m.
Rosedale Middle School

October 20
Rosedale Leadership Council
5:30 p.m.
1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK

October 23
Rozarks trail workday
9 a.m.
Fisher Park

October 25
Rosedale Future Professionals
3:30 p.m.
Rosedale Middle School

October 30
Haunted trail walk
4 p.m.
Rosedale Memorial Arch

NOVEMBER

November 1
Rosedale Future Professionals
3:30 p.m.
Rosedale Middle School

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

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New team reopens Three Bees Pottery and Coffee Shop

By Erin Stryka

“It’s a family and friends business,” Richard Clifton explained, sitting down at one of the familiar tables at Three Bees. Beloved coffee shop and source of talavera style pottery for the last three years, Three Bees is continuing under new ownership: Richard, his mother Kitty Jackson, brother Daniel Reynolds, and friend Drew Thorson.

Drew Thorson, who lives a block from Three Bees, reached out to Richard when he saw the sign out front, “Coffee Shop for Sale, \$10,000.” Nick Medrano, the founder of Three Bees, was ready to focus on his landscaping business and was looking for the right person to take on the coffee shop. Drew, a software engineer, wanted to make sure Three Bees stayed in the neighborhood and saw an opportunity. Richard, a tech entrepreneur and landlord, thought the business looked good on paper and was looking for a different kind of work — “one where I’m not behind a computer for eight hours a day,” he explained. Richard used to butcher at The Local Pig a couple of times a week and missed working with the public from behind a counter. Kitty had worked in a coffee shop



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New owner Daniel Reynolds smiles outside Three Bees.

previously and would bring the operational experience, and Daniel, a small business owner and bookkeeper, would bring the financial savvy. The team officially took over on August 24.

Three Bees’ name will stay the same, as well as the pottery; in fact, the team is planning a trip to Mexico in October to replenish their stock in time for the holidays. The popular tamales, which had been off the menu for a few months, will be returning along with the salsa. The team plans to gradually expand the menu, starting with some

seasonal drinks like atole and Mexican hot chocolate for the winter. The coffee will come from Blip Roasters, and “fun fact,” Richard says, “Blip changes it’s source quarterly, and this next quarter the coffee comes from Mexico, just like the pottery.”

Three Bees new hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Head on over to 925 Southwest Blvd. to meet the new team running Three Bees!

For more information about Three Bees, contact them at 913-703-7229.

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