Good neighbors

Rosedale welcomes new coffee shop on Southwest Blvd.

By Sarah Waggoner

For all those who have longed for a serene space in Rosedale to meet up with a friend, enjoy some freshly brewed coffee, or just take a little break from home, Meta Coffee is going to be your favorite new Rosedale local business.

Meta Coffee is located inside Foxtrot studio, at 1639 Southwest Blvd., and it officially opens on Saturday, July 17. While they have only been in this space for a short time, Meta Coffee actually began in 2015 as a wholesale coffee roaster. Owner Zach Tarhini was roasting coffee at his home, selling it to local businesses and neighbors up and down Southwest Blvd., and it ofﬁcially became the Foxtrot studio in 2019.

“We are excited to be a part of the Downtown Rosedale business High and Dry Cactus Co. owner Jordan Fox. “This space was built on great foundations of friendship and creativity, and that’s exactly the atmosphere we are trying to share with our customers,” Zach said. “We are excited to provide a consistent atmosphere of connection within Rosedale.” Zach also shared that many of the customers that had already dropped by were neighbors living within a few blocks, and even a few repeat! “Rosedale is a very nice area. We’ve already met other businesses and neighbors up and down Southwest Blvd. We are excited to be a part of the Downtown Rosedale business revival.”

“Your can ﬁnd Zach behind the coffee counter at Meta Coffee on Thursdays and Fridays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. with a friendly smile and a delicious cup of coffee in hand. Check out the inviting space, try their infamous cold brew, and support Rosedale’s newest local business.

Rosedale Disc de Triomphe returns this fall

By Alissa Warkman

The sport of disc golf is booming, providing the perfect combination of outdoor recreation with pandemic-safe socializing. This makes it even more exciting for RDA to bring back the Rosedale Disc de Triomphe, a fundraising event in partnership with Dynamic Discs. Proceeds provide ﬂexible funding that allows RDA to respond quickly to changing community needs.

This year the tournament offers the opportunity for individuals of all ages and skill levels to join the fun. There is an entrance fee. Each player receives custom discs, a swag bag. Teams of two are divided into “flights” according to skill levels, so someone new to the sport will not play against a seasoned pro. Everyone has the opportunity to win great prizes from local favorites such as Joe’s KC, Charlie Hustle, Boulevard Theatre, and more.

The 2021 presenting sponsor is Mary Gonzales, and David and Vicky Bukind among others.

To learn more about sponsoring the event or signing up to play, visit rosedale.org/discgolf or contact Alissa at 913-677-5097.
Understanding Short-Term Rentals

By Erin Stryka

Short-Term Rentals, often called vacation rentals or STRs, are furnished living spaces available to rent for a short period of time — typically a few days to a week. In recent years, several STRs have applied to operate in Rosedale (approximately 20 are currently operating), and it’s important to understand what they are, what policies govern them, and how they impact a neighborhood.

STRs can be part of a family home, where a family rents out a basement or extra bedroom to vacationers for a little extra income. They also can be a whole house or apartment that a property owner uses as a short-term rental rather than as traditional rental property.

STRs have generated controversy in some cities, including ours. Proponents argue that STRs provide a needed supply of rental property.

Under the current KCK ordinance, STRs require a business license and a Special Use Permit, which is approved by the Unified Government Commission. How ever, a new zoning ordinance is in process, to keep an eye out for RDA’s newsletter, and practices will be held at the table outside the RDA office from 5-7 p.m., handing out flyers, information about our fall programming, and back-to-school giveaways.

RDA starts soccer sports league

By Victor Michimani

Fall is around the corner and the program team at RDA has some exciting news about youth programming for this season. After several years of Rosedale youth participating in sports leagues around Wyandotte County, and after the recent interest in youth sports clinics, RDA will bring its own soccer sports league to Rosedale, available for youth across the community. This fall, RDA will pilot their new league with four-week soccer tournaments for youth ages 5-12. Students in the sports league will have an opportunity to practice twice a week with volunteer coaches, and will play every Saturday afternoon starting on September 21 until October 16.

Chixen KC to hold fundraiser for RDA

By Juanice Oliver

Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, August 18, Chixen KC (located at 1407 Southwest Blvd.) will be hosting a fall fundraiser for RDA. As a part of their “We Give Back Wednesdays,” Chixen KC will donate a portion of their proceeds when customers present the fundraiser flyer at purchase. We will be next door at a table outside the RDA office from 5-7 p.m., handing out flyers, information about our fall programming, and back-to-school giveaways. Stop by and see us, then head over to Chixen KC and enjoy a mouthwatering chicken burger!

To learn more about Chixen KC, visit chixenkc.com.

Chizen KC’s owner Anthony Dodson networks at recent business social.

Rosedale soccer league begins

By Sarah Waggoner

In August, Rosedale Park will be receiving a few upgrades to its fields and playing spaces, thanks to a grant received through an AARP national Community Challenge grant received by RDA.

RDA feels lucky to be providing the venue for such memorable times and celebrations for local families and neighborhoods. The Koch Community Center will also be receiving a few upgrades this month, including new flooring and repenting. These renovations are made possible through an AARP national Community Challenge grant received by RDA.

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Map of Rosedale STRs pulled from a globally recognized company.

Elizabeth Jenkins enjoys family events at the Koch Community Center.