

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## 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 opened 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 and retail coffee roaster. Owner Zach Tarhini was roasting coffee at his home, selling both beans and brewed coffee at farmers markets. Meta gained a strong following and made connections with the small business-owner community in Kansas City. The opportunity to work at a brick-and-mortar location actually

came from a long-standing friendship and business collaboration with local 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 repeats! "Rosedale all over has a very chill vibe, and 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."

You can find Zach behind



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Meta Coffee owner Zach Tarhini is all smiles at their space in Rosedale.

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.

🏠 To learn more about Meta Coffee, visit their website at [metacoffeekc.com](http://metacoffeekc.com)



# THE ROSEDALIAN

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

### Take the community center survey now!

By Erin Stryka

Did you receive your postcard yet? If you live in the 66103 zip code, you should have received a postcard from Rosedale Development Association with these graphics asking you to take an important survey.

we'll have to build it together as a community.

Step one is to decide what, exactly, needs to be built. Rosedalians have many different ideas when talking about a community center. Some people talk about exercising, some talk about holding events, some talk about programs for youth or for seniors, playing games, or meeting a friend for coffee. We need to know what kind of space should be built — and what it will cost — in the next phase: fundraising!

That is why we are asking Rosedalians to fill out this



The survey is available now through the end of August. You can take it online, or if you'd rather have a paper copy, call 913-608-9908, leave your name and address, and we will mail one to you.

🏠 Go to [rosedale.org/community-center](http://rosedale.org/community-center) or click the QR code to complete the survey, and ask your friends and neighbors to do the same.



survey. Rosedale deserves a great community center, but we know that whatever we do, we will have limited resources. The survey asks, out of all the things a community center can be, what is **most important** for Rosedale?

### Rosedale Disc de Triomphe returns this fall

By Alissa Workman

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 team 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 hoodie, lunch from Joe's KC,

and 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 sponsors are TMS, Inc., MKS Pipe & Valve, Cashen Brothers Properties, and The University of Kansas Health System. Additional sponsors include: Kansas City Testing & Engineering, Midtown Signs, Lulu's Thai Noodle Shop, Northwood Liquor, John Mendez and

Mary Gonzales, and David and Vicky Bluford among others.

🏠 To learn more about sponsoring the event or signing up to play, visit [rosedale.org/discgolf](http://rosedale.org/discgolf) or contact Alissa at 913-677-5097.



RDA STOCK



*By Erin Stryka*

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 service to visitors, bring tour-

Under the current KCK ordinance, STRs require a business license and a Special Use Permit to operate. Operators must hold a public meeting of nearby neighbors and meet standards for safety and building codes to gain a Special Use Permit, which is approved by the Unified Government Commission. However, a new zoning ordinance is in process, so keep an eye out for RDA's newsletter, e-newsletter, and facebook page for further information when it becomes available.



*By Juanise 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 fliers, 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](http://chixenkc.com).

*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 games every Saturday starting on September 21 until October 16. Games and practices will be held at Rosedale Park; times are yet to be determined.

Rosedale Future Profes-

sionals will also be starting up again this fall for youth ready to take a leap towards their future financial success. RFP is a program that focuses on financial literacy for middle school students, providing youth with the opportunity to explore different career goals through careful and thoughtful planning with an integrative Junior Achievement Curriculum. Students will work directly with RDA program staff and community volunteers to help them craft plans and set goals for their financial futures. The first Fall 2021 cohort will begin on October 4, with additional cohorts starting every three weeks until November 5.

 To learn more about fall youth programming, contact Victor Michimani, Youth Program Coordinator at [victor@rosedale.org](mailto:victor@rosedale.org) or 913-283-5495.

## AUGUST

**Chixen KC fundraiser for RDA**  
5 p.m.  
1403 Southwest Blvd.

**Yoga in the Park**  
9 a.m.  
Whitmore Park


**Make-It Fair**  
5 p.m.

**Working Wednesday**  
**neighborhood cleanup**  
4 p.m.

**Rosedale Disc de Triomphe**  
Rosedale Park  
Entry fee required

**Yoga in the Park**  
9 a.m.

**Rosedale soccer league begins**  
6-7 p.m.  
Rosedale Park

 To learn more about upcoming events and other community happenings, visit [rosedale.org](http://rosedale.org) or call 913-677-5097.

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

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*By Sarah Waggoner*

When long-time Rosedalian Elizabeth Jenkins came to rent the Koch Community Center at 1401 Southwest Blvd. in July, she didn't need to be given the usual tour of the space before renting. In fact, her family has spent many of their most memorable family gatherings right here at the event space next door to the RDA offices. Instead, she took us on a tour of her family's history of celebrations and stories in Rosedale.

"I moved to Rosedale in 1974 to live with my husband Jimmy. We had three kids and at one time or the other, all our kids had birthday parties there. My daughter got married in 1401, and it was a nice, little celebration, the perfect size for a more intimate family gathering. She wanted to get married in her community."

Elizabeth has always liked living in Rosedale — it's a great location, has wonderful parks, and is the kind of place where you always know your neighbors. She has seen many neighbors come and go, and has actually lived on Seminary St. the longest of any of her neighbors. Her mother ended up moving to Rosedale after she did, and lived on Chero-



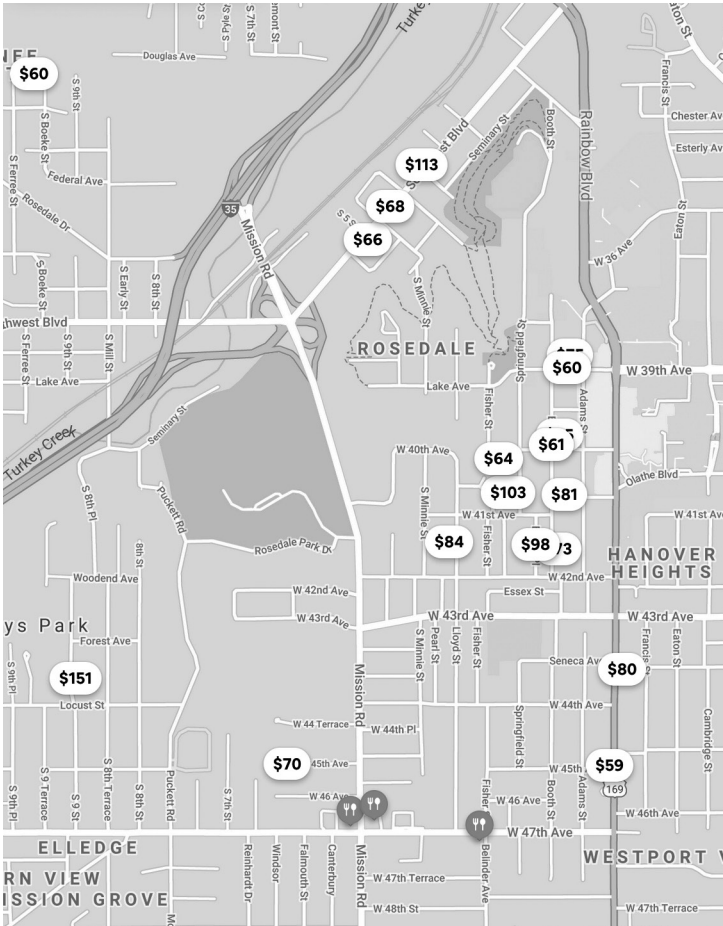
**Elizabeth Jenkins enjoys family events at the Koch Community Center.**

kee St. until she passed away this April. “We also hosted my mom’s 80th Birthday party at the 1401 space; it was casino themed, and we decorated the walls to look like slot machines! It was one of the best birthdays she ever had,” Elizabeth shared, laughing at the happy memory.

RDA feels lucky to be able to provide the venue for such memorable times and celebrations for local families and neighbors. The Koch

Community Center will also be receiving a few upgrades this month, including new flooring and repainting. These renovations are made possible through an AARP national Community Challenge grant received by RDA.

**↑** To learn more about renting the 1401 Koch Community Center, please call Sarah at the RDA offices at 913-677-5097 or email [sarah@rosedale.org](mailto:sarah@rosedale.org).



**Map of Rosedale STRs pulled from a globally recognized company.**