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Good neighbors

Searching for a photo of an American hero from Rosedale

By Bunnie Bowen

Staff Sgt. Henry Hansen was killed in Germany during WWII on November 18th, 1944 and is laid to rest in the Netherlands, at the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial in the city of Margraten. There are exactly 8,301 American soldiers buried in this cemetery, and local Dutch families have adopted each of these soldiers, and care for their graves. The families would like to be able to see pictures of each of these heroes that helped keep Europe free. To date there are still four men from Kansas that don't have a picture.

Henry Hansen's parents were Chris and Ellen Hansen. He had two brothers; Ralph, that was in the class of 1930 from Rosedale High School, and the youngest, Everett, that was born in 1921. The


family lived at 4332 Fisher Ave. during the 1920s. The youngest brother, Everett died in 1999, and is buried in Shawnee, KS, and may have family members that are still in the KC area. Henry Hansen graduated from Rosedale High in the class of 1932. Unfortunately, a yearbook from that year has not yet been located that would have a senior class picture of him. A 9th grade picture of him has been located, but we would love to have one of him as an adult.

Henry Hansen's name is one of those inscribed on the bronze plaque placed under the Rosedale Memorial Arch, located just down the hill from where he went to school. We need your help — if you have a copy of the 1932 Rosedale High School yearbook, or another picture



Staff Sgt. Henry Hansen is inscribed on the Rosedale Memorial Arch.

of Henry Hansen, we would love to be able to share this piece of Rosedale history with both local historians and the Dutch families that care for our fallen heroes.

 If you have any photos or information about Henry Hansen, contact Juanise Oliver, adult program and volunteer coordinator at juanise@rosedale.org or call 913-677-5097.



THE ROSEDALE

R O S E D A L E D E V E L O P M E N T A S S O C I A T I O N N E W S L E T T E R

How to appeal your property appraisal


By Sarah Waggoner

Mailed on March 15, all Wyandotte County property owners should have received a copy of their 2022 Annual Notice of Appraisal and Classification form from the United Government. This document shows the value that the UG has assessed one's property to be worth, and for many Rosedarians, the amount that is listed is a sharp increase from previous years. This higher value can lead to increased property tax and home insurance, leading to higher bills.

The housing market, due to high demand and low supply, has been at a record high in the KC metro area since 2020. While this causes almost all property values to rise, some residents feel like their particular appraisal amount isn't correct. "My property value went up by 25 percent," shared one Rosedalian who called the Rosedale Development Association office recently. "I just don't think that I could actually sell my house for what they are stating it's worth."

For those who don't agree with their appraised property value, there is a pretty straightforward appeal process. The first step is submitting an appeal form, either online at wycokck.org/AYPVO, or by hand delivering or mailing the form to the Appraiser's Office at 8200 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66112. **This needs to be done by April 18, 2022.** The Appraiser's office will then schedule an appeal meeting, which can take place by phone or held virtually. It is important to submit documented proof to support the appeal. This can include pictures of the property's condition that shows the value isn't correct, comparable properties that have sold nearby that more closely represent the value of the property, a private appraisal, or any other tangible evidence.

If any Rosedalian is needing help with the appeal form or process, RDA is happy to assist in whatever way we can. If the April 18 deadline is missed, the next opportunity to appeal is when the 2022 tax bills are due, which is on or before December 20, 2022.

 To learn more about the 2022 property value appeal process, visit wycokck.org/AYPVO.



Rosedarians enjoy each other's company at coffee and conversation.

Adults can unwind this spring with RDA

By Juanise Oliver

Spring is here and as the days get longer, our lives tend to get busier! While the fast pace of spring and summer are exciting and can be a welcome reprieve from winter, I often find my weekends flying by, filled with projects, social commitments, and crossing items off that never-ending to-do list. This spring we have a few adult programs that invite you to slow down, be in the present moment, and intentionally build community with us.


Coffee and conversations is held the first Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. in our community space at 1401 Southwest Blvd. This is an informal gathering where you can meet new neighbors, chat about the neighborhood, and have fun! RDA staff will host each time, with Juanise leading each meeting and additional staff rotating through.

Yoga in the Park will be held one Saturday (usually the 3rd Saturday of the month,

but subject to change) a month at 9 a.m. in Whitmore Park. Hosted by the lovely Sarah Neher, the practice will move into 1401 Southwest Blvd. in case of inclement weather. This class is for all abilities and skill levels.

Finally, the All-Rosedale Cleanup is planned for Saturday April 16 at 9 a.m. We will meet at the Rosedale Mural located on 42nd St. and Mission Ave. We are in search of areas that need cleaning. We also need volunteers to lead groups at the designated locations. You can sign up for the cleanup at bit.ly/AR-Cleanup2022.

Find all of our events on our website and our Facebook page. We look forward to slowing down and being present with you this spring.

 To learn more about RDA's adult programs, contact Juanise Oliver at juanise@rosedale.org.

RDA invites youth to join us this summer for fun and educational programming!

By Samantha Burton-Bosket

Rainbow Summer Program

RDA will serve scholars between grades K-8 at the Rainbow Summer Program held at Rainbow Mennonite Church from June 13 to July 22, 2022. Throughout the summer, scholars learn about gardening basics, financial literacy, basics for various sports, nutrition and more. They also engage in summer reading, with the chance to read stories that tie into what they are learning for that week. Students receive two meals a day, breakfast and lunch, and are cared for by an excellent team of educators.

Samanth  Burton-Bosket will serve as program director again this year, and will work closely with the site coordinator, as they keep the classrooms prepared for all of their lessons and assist with any needs of the scholars. We are still looking to hire a few classroom facilitators, who deliver curriculum, lead projects, and create an environment where scholars are encouraged to use problem-solving skills to make the best of their time during the summer program.

Online enrollment for all parents began on March 28, 2022, and is on a first come, first served basis so please enroll as early as possible to ensure your child(ren) get a spot in our program. Enrollment is available at rosedale.org.

[org/rsp](https://rosedale.org/rsp). We are anticipating accepting 100 scholars into our program this year. Once the online enrollment is submitted, the program director will email you to schedule a meeting to complete any remaining paperwork and pay all required fees for the program. Items needed for registration include your scholar's medical card (if applicable) and the registration fee for the program. Your child(ren)'s spot in the program will only be held if the registration fee has been paid. The registration fees are as follows: \$35 for one child, and \$70 for two or more children in the same household. There is also an activity fee required that helps to cover the cost of meals, books, field trips, and the many other activities provided for Rainbow Summer Program scholars. The activity fee is not due upon registration, but will need to be paid in full in order for scholars to start the program on June 13. The activity fee for the 2022 program year is \$75 for one child, \$150 for two or more children. Payments can be made by cash, credit card, or check.

📌 To learn more about the program or if you are interested in applying for a classroom facilitator position, please contact Samantha Burton-Bosket at samanthe@rosedale.org.



Staff and scholars have fun during the Rainbow Summer Program.



A youth employee talks to a local business owner during the summer job fair. This is an opportunity for youth to chat with their prospective employers to see which participating businesses interest them, and vice versa. Business placements are made by a match system.

Summer Youth Employment

RDA is now accepting applications from youth aged 14-17 years and local businesses for the 2022 Summer Youth Employment (SYE) program. For almost 30 years RDA has partnered with local businesses to teach job skills and place youth in their first summer job.

SYE is an eight-week summer employment program providing Rosedale youth with work experience at a local business. The program is centered around skills training and professional development, while allowing the youth to explore personal and professional interests. The businesses train and supervise the students while they work.

Participants gain skills throughout the entire process as they are expected to submit an application, interview, attend orientation, and participate in a job fair. Once they are placed at the local business, they will work approximately 15 hours a week and engage in weekly Lunch & Learn training sessions for eight consecutive weeks. Lunch & Learn sessions bring in speakers on various topics including bud-

geting, resume building, and interviewing skills.

Local businesses interested in having a Summer Youth Employee are invited to fill out an application that describes the type of work that the youth will be participating in, the work environment, and how supervision will be conducted. Each business is required to be present at the business informational session and job fair.

Our past business partners include: Annedore's Fine Chocolate, Carroll's Seating, Doggie Style Bowtique, Dynamic Discs, Holy Name, Little Angels Daycare, Rosedale Development Association, Rainbow Summer Program, and Vista Manufacturing.

Through a grant provided by the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU), students from across Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools have participated in SYE. They have represented Argentine Middle, J.C. Harmon, Rosedale Middle, and Sumner Academy.

📌 To learn more or to apply for SYE, visit rosedale.org/sye.

Rosedale week at Wildwood is back

Don't miss your opportunity to send your 8-15-year-olds to Camp Wildwood this summer. Thanks to RDA's partnership with Wildwood, Rosedale campers are able to attend camp from July 25-29.

Registration is now online and Rosedale's participants can use the main registration link at wildwoodctr.org/campers and sign up for session 7, which is labeled "Rosedale Development Association". All parents will need to create a new account this year. If they have signed up for camp online in the last few years, their camper's info should auto-populate in the account.

Camp Wildwood is held Monday through Friday and is a five-day, four-night overnight camp filled with outdoor activities like swimming, fishing, makerspace exploration, arts, the giant swing, archery, and exploring nature. Campers sleep in cabins, and are divided by gender and age. Each cabin is staffed by a team of adult camp counselors who stay with their group all week. Campers and staff eat meals together in the dining hall and sing songs around the camp-



Wildwood campers are excited to start their week of fun at camp.

fire under the stars. Camp will be held at Wildwood Outdoor Education Center in La Cygne, KS. Bus transportation will be available.

Summer Camp is a special opportunity for youth to build friendships, learn about community, be active, try new skills, and explore indepen-

dence. This is a great opportunity for all youth, so sign up today and give your kids a summer of fun and a lifetime of memories.

📌 To learn more about Camp Wildwood and their programming, visit www.wildwoodctr.org.



Let's be rock solid together!

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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.

Events Calendar

APRIL

April 1

Christmas in October: minor home repair applications open
rosedale.org/minor-home-repair

April 7

Coffee and conversation
10 a.m.
1401 Southwest Blvd.

April 16

All-Rosedale Cleanup
9 a.m.

April 20

Rosedale Leadership Council
6:30 p.m.
1401 Southwest Blvd.

April 23

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

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May 5

Coffee and conversation
10 a.m.
1401 Southwest Blvd.

May 17

Adult learning class
5 p.m.
1401 Southwest Blvd.

May 18

Rosedale Leadership Council
6:30 p.m.
1401 Southwest Blvd.

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

Rosedale Development Association

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

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