Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the All-Rosedale Cleanup!

By Juanise Oliver

On Saturday, April 16, we held the annual All-Rosedale Cleanup with much success. With help from incredible volunteers, we were able to collect over 100 trash bags, various furniture, and other debris, filling an entire large dumpster. Combined, the volunteers served more than 150 hours! We are so thankful for the groups who brought in volunteers outside of the Rosedale neighborhood, as well as the residents who helped us clean the community this spring.

The following weekend, we worked with the Giving Grove and Youth Front to add more trees to the orchard at Fisher Park, as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution to clean additional areas in need around Rosedale. In addition, with the help of residents, we were able to collect an additional 30 bags of trash, with volunteers serving another 40 hours.

We are grateful for our volunteers, and without them we would not be able to provide the services and programs we love. Whether you want to volunteer individually or as a group, we have many volunteer opportunities for all ages, skills, and abilities. To learn more, email Samanthé at samanthe@rosedale.org.

Host a Rosedale youth at your business this summer

By Juanise Oliver

Giving back to the Rosedale community is not only a goal for RDA, but also our passion. The Summer Youth Employment (SYE) program is just one of the ways we invest in Rosedale youth, which in turn creates a stronger community for us all. But this program is larger than RDA – we need the involvement of our local businesses. We invite our local businesses to host and mentor Rainbow Summer Program scholars have fun while learning participants and new faces this coming summer, and can’t wait to see them working, learning, and growing at your local business this year.

To learn more about our SYE program, contact Juanise Oliver at juanise@rosedale.org. To apply to host a youth this summer at your local business, visit rosedale.org/sye.

Summer program enrollment is coming to a close, apply now!

By Sarah Waggoner

A reminder to all Rosedale families who are solidifying their summer plans – this is the last call to enroll in Rosedale Development Association’s summer programs. All of our applications are online and take less than 15 minutes to fill out, making it easy for you to complete.

We have a few spots left in our Summer Youth Employment program, starting June 6, which is for youth ages 14-17 who are looking for a smooth entry into the workforce. This program provides youth with a variety of professional skills, mentorship from their job site, and job training provided weekly by RDA. Paying $10 per hour for an average of 15 hours per week, this successful program has prepared hundreds of youth with the tools and confidence they need to both be a good employee and learn their worth in the job market.

Our other main program this summer, the Rainbow Summer Program, also has a few spots available, with a waitlist option once those spots are filled. This literacy-based summer program’s main focus is to help students retain their reading level throughout the summer, while also giving them hands-on experience with sports, nutrition, gardening, financial literacy, and advocacy. The program has a registration fee of $35, with a later activity fee of $75, and parents will need to meet in-person with Samanthé, our program director, to fill out additional paperwork.

Our summer programs have participants who come back year after year; youth who become involved in the Rosedale community and whose families become champions of their neighborhoods. We are so excited to continue these programs, and have a summer of fun, learning, and creativity with the incredible youth of Rosedale!

To learn more, email Samanthé at samanthe@rosedale.org. To apply for our Summer Youth Employment program, visit rosedale.org/sye, and to apply to Rainbow Summer Program visit rosedale.org/rsp.
Wyco Residents are eligible for free Covid-19 Resources
By Jessica Kingsley

Did you know there are a variety of FREE Covid-19 resources available for Wyandotte County residents? One of these no-cost resources is the Covid Assistance Response (CAR) program, which provides home delivery of free food and supply boxes to people who are quarantining or isolating due to a Covid-19 exposure or infection.

The CAR program has been delivering free food and sanitation supplies since the early days of the pandemic, May 2020. To date, CAR has helped over 4651 households, estimated at 19,647 individuals. 87.94 percent of the deliveries went to people who contracted Covid-19. Currently anyone living in Wyandotte County who has been exposed to and is isolating/quarantining due to Covid-19 is eligible for free food and Covid relief supplies (cleaning, hygiene, PPE, and medical items) delivered to their doorstep. To submit a request for this assistance, visit wycohelp.org and fill out the food needs request form. If you do not have access to the internet, you may also submit a request by calling 3-1-1, or the Community Health Council at 913-371-9236.

This program is provided by the Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) and The Community Health Council (CHC) of Wyandotte County, who are committed to supporting the community through the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond.

To learn more about the CAR program or other additional resources, including emergency rental assistance and testing, vaccination, and food pantry locations, please visit wycohelp.org.

Jake Pitts joins RDA Board of Directors
By Erin Stryka

“Everyone thrives when they experience safety and secure relationships with themselves and their environments,” wrote Jake Pitts in his application to join the RDA Board. Born and raised in Rosedale, Jake volunteered with RDA’s Rosedale Healthy Kids Initiative as a young person, following in his family’s footsteps to serve the Rosedale community and look for ways to make a difference. Now a Master of Social Work and the senior coordinator of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Department at University Health, Jake is excited to bring his unique skills and passion to serve Rosedale once again. Welcome to the board, Jake!

Gather with neighbors this summer in Rosedale
By Sarah Waggoner

Neighbors have fun and connect at The 47 Foodie Fest.

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Events Calendar

MAY
May 17 Adult learning class 5 p.m.
1401 Southwest Blvd.
May 18 Rosedale Leadership Council 6:30 p.m.
1401 Southwest Blvd.
May 21 Yoga in the Park 9 a.m.
Whitmore Park

JUNE
June 2 Coffee and conversation 10 a.m.
1401 Southwest Blvd.
June 4 Rosedale Friends and Family Day 12 p.m.-sunset
Fisher Park
June 5 The 47 Foodie Fest 12-4 p.m.
2809 W. 47th Ave.

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