

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Good neighbors

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. Coffee and conversations, held the first Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. at 1401 Southwest Blvd. is a great way to learn about new or upcoming volunteer opportunities. As always, feel free to reach out and learn more about how to get involved with RDA.

 To learn more about volunteering with RDA, contact Juanise Oliver at juanise@rosedale.org.



The Daughters of the American Revolution clean up the Rosedale Memorial Arch.



THE ROSEDALE

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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.



Rainbow Summer Program scholars have fun while learning

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 business community. We invite our local businesses to give back by hosting a youth employee this summer!

One of the competencies of our ARCH program, Advancing Rosedale Commu-

nity Health, is job readiness. To achieve this for our youth, we partner with local businesses to host and mentor them over six weeks during the summer, at no cost to the business. Through grant funding provided by KCBPU, RDA pays youth \$10 an hour for both their work at your business and their additional weekly job readiness training that is provided by RDA throughout the duration of the program.

The connections our youth and businesses establish through this program has led

to job placements once the youth were eligible for full employment. The SYE program is an investment into our future. We are excited to welcome back many of our past 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.



MIKE GLYNN
Last year, volunteers improved several homes in the Rosedale area thanks to the Christmas in October program.

House need help? Apply for Christmas in October

By Sarah Waggoner

Rosedale is full of lovely old homes that have character and charm, with many homes in the area being about 100 years old! Old homes need regular repair and maintenance, but for some Rosedaleans who live on a fixed income or are disabled, these repairs are costly and doing it themselves is not an option. RDA wants to help those individuals. We are now accepting applications for our Christmas in October program, which offers minor home repair to qualifying individuals and families at no cost.

To be eligible for the Christmas in October program, the applicant must be a homeowner and own only one residence, the home in which they currently live. They also must lack the finances or resources to complete repairs themselves, cannot have received assistance from Christmas in October in

the past year, and the home cannot be a mobile home. Applicants must also meet one of the following criteria: be aged 62 years or older, have a physical disability at any age, or be a veteran or have a veteran living in the home.

Applications are available online or in our office. Once the application is submitted, RDA will call and follow up with the homeowner, making sure the repairs needed are a good fit for what the program can offer. This usually includes a home visit as well. Then, on October 8, groups of volunteers who are skilled in the areas of plumbing, electric, and carpentry will head to the designated homes and spend all day working on and fixing up the project.

📌 To learn more or to apply for Christmas in October, visit rosedale.org/minor-home-repair

WYCO Residents are eligible for free Covid-19 Resources

By Jessica Kingsley

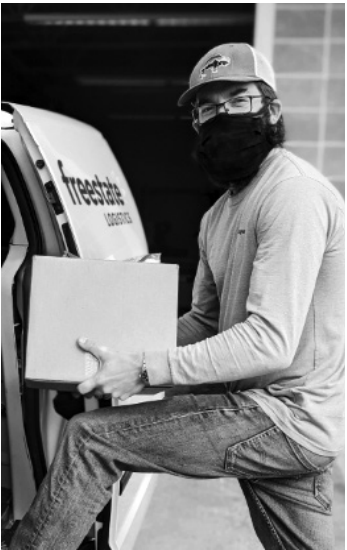
Did you know there are a variety of FREE Covid-19 resources available for Wyandotte County residents? One of these no-cost resources is the Covid Assistance Response (CAR) program, which provides home delivery of free food and supply boxes to people who are quarantining or isolating due to a Covid-19 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 16,647 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 913-371-9298.

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.



JESSICA KINGSLEY
CAR provides groceries and more to those in need.

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

Jake Pitts joins RDA Board of Directors

By Erin Stryka

“Everyone thrives when they experience safe 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 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 Erin Stryka

After a two-year hiatus, Rosedale Family and Friends Day is back! Typically the first Saturday in June at Fisher Park, the event was canceled during 2020 and 2021 for everyone’s safety. We are delighted to see it return and to remember that the importance of community is priceless.

Rosedale Family and Friends Day starts at noon on Saturday, June 4 and lasts until sunset. Participants should bring enough food and non-alcoholic beverages for their immediate family, as well as blankets, chairs, tents (no tent stakes), and bug spray. Raffle tickets will be sold the day of the event, with proceeds going to fund future Rosedale Family and Friends Day celebrations.

For those ready to get together again the next day, The 47 Foodie Fest also returns this year! The first 47 Foodie Fest took place in 2019 and celebrated the restaurants and businesses in the 47th and Mission area with live music and delicious food. This year, all are invited on Sunday, June 5, from 12-4 p.m. at 2809 W. 47th Avenue (the Retail Grocers Association parking lot). The event is free, but everyone will have the opportunity to support local



RDA STOCK
Neighbors have fun and connect at The 47 Foodie Fest.

cal businesses by purchasing goods and services. Kids can enjoy a bounce house, face painting, and other activities, and everyone can enjoy the great food the 47th St. area has to offer!

The 47 Foodie Fest is a joint project between Kansas City, KS, Roeland Park, Westwood, and the businesses that call the 47th and Mission area home. The three municipalities work together to promote “The 47” and continue to build a thriving food and business district. If you’d like to volunteer at the event, or if you live or work near 47th and Mission and want to get involved, please contact

sarah@rosedale.org.

We are grateful to everyone who has held off on large community events over the past few years to keep our neighborhood safe, and we can’t wait to get together again. At these and at all events, please pay attention to current public health guidance and continue to do your part to keep Rosedale healthy.

📌 To learn more about The 47 Foodie Fest, or to promote your church, school, or organization’s event that is open to the public, call 913-677-5097 or email sarah@rosedale.org so we can help spread the word.



Let’s be rock solid together!

Please accept my donation in support of RDA.

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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

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.

Rosedale Development Association

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

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