



The Rosedalian

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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RDA receives grant for Green Corridor

RDA recently received a grant from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City (HCF) to implement the creation of a Green Corridor Master Plan. The plan will initially be for a half-mile wide, 3.9 mile long corridor in Wyandotte County that will emphasize physical improvements to encourage healthy lifestyles and green businesses.

The HCF mission is to provide “leadership, advocacy and resources that eliminate barriers to quality health for the uninsured and underserved” in their service area. HCF has given millions of dollars in grant money since 2005 in accordance with their mission. The planning grant to RDA is in the amount of \$109,478.

RDA has a vision of making this Green Corridor a space where businesses and residents can thrive with easy accessibility through a multi-modal transportation plan, including bicycle and pedestrian transportation, within the Green Corridor.

Besides transportation and green businesses, RDA hopes that the plan can include parks, preservation of green spaces and improved lighting to create a safe atmosphere in the Green Corridor. The dream includes the creation of healthy homes and healthy lifestyles for residents and their families.

The overarching idea is to create an area in Wyandotte County, and eventually into Johnson County, that will promote healthy living by providing residents with the infrastructure and social programming needed to live healthy lives. The Green Corridor plan will help achieve this goal by increasing access to healthy foods, making safe places for physical activity easily accessible and changing policies affecting these goals through education and advocacy.

The Green Corridor plan complements the mission of the Healthy Kids Initiative, which has already developed networks to advocate for policies to reduce childhood obesity in Rosedale. A core aspect of their work is increasing access to healthy foods in Rosedale.

With this grant money, RDA will hire a part-time project director to guide and implement the creation of the Green Corridor Master Plan. The Master Plan will be developed through a process of public engagement and will also utilize the help of an urban design

consulting firm, KC Healthy Kids, Healthy Kids Initiative, KU Medical Center researchers, MARC, interns and other agencies.

RDA believes that the development of a Green Corridor Master Plan will lead to community improvements that will benefit all residents of Rosedale and hopes the community will take part in the project by attending public input meetings meant to guide the project to fit the community’s needs. Community support will be crucial for a successful project. ☞

Rosedale Farmers Market official kick-off.

On Sunday June 27, the Rosedale Farmers Market will officially kick-off a summer and fall of great produce brought to the community by local farmers and gardeners. The Rosedale Farmers Market is every Sunday afternoon from noon to 4 p.m. through October 17 in the parking lot of Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care, 340 Southwest Boulevard (corner of Rainbow and Southwest Blvd). The event will feature

family activities for children and their families, a Fresh Fest cooking demonstration so one can learn the best ways to prepare the food available at the market, and a community resource table. Come out and enjoy a true Rosedale community experience. The market is able to accept SNAP and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Benefits and will provide double value (\$1 = \$2) for all spending with these benefits. ☞



Nicholas R. Garcia of Anti-Hero Farms shows off his goods at the Rosedale Farmers Market.

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Volunteer Spotlight:

Males 2 M.E.N Kauffman Scholars

In May, a group of Kauffman Scholars arranged to do a cleanup with RDA in the 40th Ave. and Minnie area. The Scholars are a very impressive volunteer group that stayed on task and did a great amount of work in a short period of time for Rosedale.

This group of Kauffman Scholars, led by William Dowdell, call themselves the Males 2 M.E.N group. Dowdell is referred to as the "life coach" for this group of scholars and is charged with helping the students, "delve deeply into issues related to self-esteem, decision-making, problem-solving, and peer pressure."

Dowdell is also teaching these young students about community service. In order to do this he contacted Linda Wright at RDA to ask about possible service projects. Dowdell's scholars have volunteered with RDA before. Wright said that he does a great job of keeping the kids focused and working to their full capacity.

The pace at which they worked was very evident when the results of the day's work were put together. Wright said that



The Kauffman Scholars Males 2 M.E.N group did an excellent job cleaning up the Minnie St. area and providing a significant help to many elderly folks in the area.

the scholars collected eight shopping cars, 10 tires, 60 bags of trash/debris and a large pile of brush from 11 elderly home owners' yards and four vacant lots.

Though the Kauffman scholars program is primarily about putting more urban youth on the path of college graduation, RDA hopes that this sort of work will help cultivate in these young people a desire to be active and responsible members within their communities the rest of their lives.

Their work was certainly valued by many of the residents in the Min-

nie area. Some of them sent letters of thanks to the Kauffman Scholars to express their appreciation for all their hard work.

RDA also thanks the Males 2 M.E.N group for being willing to come to our community (again) and invest their time and energy in order to improve the lives of some of the folks in Rosedale. Cleanups like this one along Minnie are important to keep the community looking good, assist those in need who rarely ask for help, and to introduce volunteers to our wonderful residents and community. ☺

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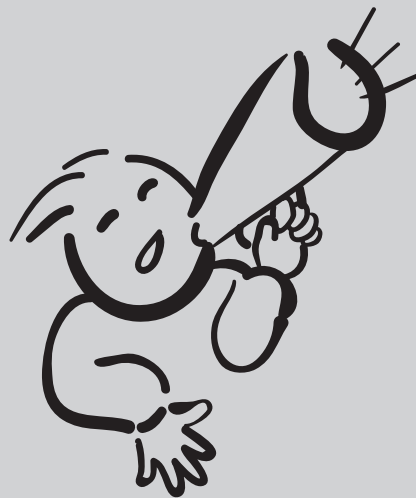
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Two new interns begin at RDA

This summer RDA is happy to have the added services of two interns provided through KU Medical Center's Community Health Project (CHP). The CHP is intended to give students in medical fields the opportunity to create a project that will have an impact on a local agency, such as RDA, while earning graduate level credit and scholarship funds.

Jeff Whorton, of Topeka, and Amanda Summerville, of Phillipsburg, KS, began working with RDA on a project to create the Green Corridor Master Plan. They will be working with RDA's executive director, Wendy Wilson, Gil Pintar and an urban design team led by Daniel Serda to guide their projects.

Sommerville is studying medicine and Whorton is studying health information management at the KU Medical Center. By working at RDA through the CHP the two interns hope to provide a service to the community while gaining helpful experience in a subject related to their field.

The Green Corridor will be a long-term project meant to make living healthy lives in Rosedale easy. It will also attract green businesses with changes to the built environment along the Boulevard/Merriam Lane that will make for easy commutes via walking, biking or driving, an attractive landscape for business and residents and a safe places for kids to play.

RDA is very pleased to have two bright, young students to help in the beginnings of what promises to be a very beneficial project for the Rosedale community. ☺

Glass recycling location changed

Ripple Glass, the glass recycling business with purple bins around town, will be moving the bin located on Southwest Blvd. next to Strasser True Value Hardware to a new location north of 39th street between Rainbow and Cambridge streets. Do not put plate glass, mirrors, Pyrex, Corning Ware, ceramics or dishes into Ripple Glass containers. Ripple Glass accepts all glass food and beverage containers of any color. ☺

RDA cleans up graffiti

Every summer RDA organizes volunteers to help clean up Rosedale and combat gang-related tagging.

Along with the warmth of summer, the season tends to bring a sharp increase in the amount of graffiti in Rosedale. Many residents of Rosedale, who keep RDA informed about important goings on in their neighborhoods, call to inform it of new instances of graffiti.

Graffiti is blight that creates a bad image of the community. Sometimes it is hostile and it is always a form of disrespect. While graffiti sometimes seems to be only a nuisance, keeping it under control is an important sign that residents of Rosedale care about their neighborhoods.

The graffiti, however, certainly does

not disappear magically as a result of community disapproval. It is taken care of with the hard work of RDA staff and volunteers.

With the help of volunteers such as Samantha Grube and Sara Meeker, Linda Wright has already been busy painting over graffiti throughout Rosedale this summer. More often than not, Wright does this work on Saturdays, sometimes with her grandchild Turner.

Wright reported that recently, in keeping with the family tradition, Turner was upset because he found out that his grandmother had painted over some graffiti without him. Though Turner might not like it, RDA is working so that with enough community support, we can stop graffiti and make painting over it unnecessary. ☺

Rememberances

Brincie L. Johns

RDA offers its condolences to the family of Mr. Brincie L. Johns, a longtime member of and avid supporter of the Rosedale community. Mr. Johns passed away at the age of 97 on June 4. The funeral was held on Friday, June 11. Mr. Johns was buried with military honors. Mr. Johns is survived by his wife Eula Johns, his daughter Diane Johns Revels, four grandsons, six great-grandchildren, and eight great-great grandchildren. He was a great asset to Rosedale and will be greatly missed.

June "Howard" Markus

RDA offers its condolences to the family of Mr. "Howard" Markus who died at the age of 54 at KU Medical Center. He had a passion for the restoration of old cars, especially mustangs, and enjoyed going to car shows. He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Markus; son, Thomas H. Markus; brothers, Forrest L. Rhea and Austin Rhea; sisters, Sherry Douglas, Toni Brienfelt and Hazel Bradley. Howard supported RDA and was a strong voice for his community.

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The variety of work provided by Carroll Seating, one of Rosedale's newest businesses, might only be matched by the variety of work clothes worn by its employees. From stadium seating to residential cabinetry and from chemistry lab fume hoods to basketball hoops the variety of services provided by Carroll Seating has kept them busy, even in these difficult economic times.

The casual dress at Carroll belies the busyness of the office. While some employees wear sweats, others wear shorts and shirts, still others wear jeans and polo shirts, and on a sales call, you might even catch an employee in a suit.

The casual dress fits into a work atmosphere in which everyone seems to do a bit of everything, and is willing to help each other with anything. Shauna Miller said that she did not



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Top, from left Mike Yager, Barndon Foster, Trent Pearson, Ray Smith, Christopher Hines and Kim Derusseau spontaneously got together to show off some sample seats and bleachers they keep at the office of Carroll Seating.

even know what her title would be because she does a little bit of everything.

Doug Mead a salesman and project manager with a degree in architecture said that at Carroll Seating, "everybody just does what needs to be

done." Sometimes, this even involves watching someone else's child while they are away from the office.

Aside from its work atmosphere, Mead said that Carroll Seating distinguishes itself by being a full service dealership, meaning that they offer expert help with the design phase of a building or a remodeling job, provide installation services, and are ready to help with repairs after the grind of daily usage begin to wear on the products they install.

This important fact has won them many distinguished clients such as the Sprint Center, Arrowhead Stadium – where they are currently remodeling the suites – and Kauffman Stadium.

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