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Rosedale youth land jobs, gain valuable life skills

For the 11th year, RDA is providing job opportunities for local youth during the summer months through its Summer Youth Employment program. This year's young people have been hired, trained, and placed with participating businesses, and will continue working through the end of July.

An annual program, SYE places 14-16-year-olds at a local business or agency for the summer. For many of the participants it is their first job, and is an excellent opportunity to gain work experience, learn about a particular profession, and earn money. Each youth must submit an application and participate in an interview with RDA in order to be accepted into the program.

After acceptance into the program, each youth is required to attend a week of training sessions to help them prepare for their work experience. Then, they must participate in a second interview with their prospective employer and a representative from RDA before they officially start working. RDA staff continues to monitor the youth throughout the summer by periodically "checking in" with their supervisors.

This year's training sessions were held June 8-10. The sessions covered topics such as money management, budgeting, taxes, communication and conflict resolution skills, and professional conduct on the job. The youth also listened to advice and heard words of encouragement from several people who work in Rosedale. On June 23, there will be a special training session on True Colors, a personality assessment tool.

The Board of Public Utilities and Women With One Voice provide grant funds to support the program. RDA pays the youth on a weekly basis using the grant funds. This allows the participating employers to acquire extra help for the summer with minimal added expense. Many thanks to the funders for their commitment to Rosedale's young people.

LINDA WRIGHT PHOTO

Back row l to r: Michael Lopez, Travis Moore, John Nelson, Jay'Von Jacoway, Stephan McIntosh, Jackson Loren, Carlos Orozco, Corey Sutton. Front row l to r: Robert Burnett, Floyd Nelson, Nicholle Smith, Trisha Lopez, Kimberlee McFadden. Not pictured: David Perez.

The following is a list of this year's participating businesses and youth employees:

Annedore's Fine Chocolates
Trisha Lopez

Halfy's Thrift Boutique
Kimberlee McFadden
Nicholle Smith

Holy Name School
Corey Sutton

John Fiske Elementary School
Jay'Von Jacoway
David Perez

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Thank you and good luck to the Goerings

There will be a send-off for Joel and Emily Goering at noon on Sunday, June 28, at the Rainbow Mennonite Church, 1444 Southwest Blvd, including a salad and sandwich potlatch. Everyone is welcome.

Joel has been invaluable in providing services to Rosedale youth and families over the past five years. The Goerings are moving to Austin, Texas, where they will continue their work and studies. We will miss them and wish them all the best as they move forward with their lives.

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Rosedale Middle School
Stephan McIntosh
Travis Moore
Floyd Nelson
John Nelson

Sol's Glass
Carlos Orozco

Vital Signs
Michael Lopez

***Rainbow Mennonite Freedom School**
*Robert Burnett
*Jackson Loren

* The youth employed at the Freedom School participated in RDA's SYE training sessions, but are receiving their wages through the Freedom School, not RDA.

For more information on the SYE program, contact Linda Wright: (913) 677-5097.

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Working in partnership with residents, businesses, and institutions to build a strong and healthy community and to improve the quality of life for those who live, work, and play in Rosedale.

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Healthy Kids Initiative

Healthy Kids Initiative Upcoming Events

Please join us!

Date	Event	Time	Location
Every Sunday	Healthy Kids Farmers' Market	12:30 – 3 pm	Parking lot of Rosedale Congregational Church, 4326 Lloyd St, KCK
June 28, 2009	Urban Farms and Gardens Tour	11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Healthy Kidz Community Garden & Rosedale Middle School Garden
July 3, 2009	First Friday event featuring a presentation by the Healthy Kids Initiative	5:30 – 7:30 pm	SW Blvd Family Health Care, 340 SW Blvd, KCK
July 7, 2009	Community Gardens Strategy Team	6:30 pm	Rosedale Congregational Church, 4326 Lloyd St., KCK
July 8, 2009	Walking School Bus Training for parents and volunteers	8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Rosedale Congregational Church, 4326 Lloyd St., KCK
July 8, 2009	Rosedale Healthy Kids Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm	Trinity Church of the Nazarene, 4418 Rainbow Blvd., KCK
July 22, 2009	Healthy Kids Carnival, a fundraiser for the Rainbow Mennonite CDF Freedom School	Beginning at 3:00 pm	Whitmore Park, next to Rainbow Mennonite Church, 1444 SW Blvd., KCK
August 3-8, 2009	Healthy Kids Camp	All day	Rosedale Congregational Church, 4326 Lloyd St., KCK

For information on upcoming Strategy Team meetings, please call 913-236-6337 or 913-645-7826 or email heidihealthykid@att.net

The RDA Board adds two new members

Karen Johnson brings decades of legal experience to the RDA Board.

After graduating from KU Law School, Johnson practiced real estate law in Kansas City, Kansas. Later, she joined Shook, Hardy and Bacon where her focus was product liability law.

Johnson is the former mayor of Westwood and has worked with the RDA and the Unified Government on several land use issues.

"Neither Westwood nor KCK exist in a vacuum. It is essential that we talk to one another and work with one another," Johnson says recently.

Johnson lived in Rosedale when she first came to Kansas City with her husband, Burton Johnson, who was the head of the photography department at KU Med. Later, they relocated south to Westwood where they raised their family.

Johnson is interested in the preservation or urban wooded areas and supporting the creation of pedestrian and bicycle trails in the area.

"I think Rosedale is blessed to have such natural areas that have not been surfaced in concrete," she says.

Johnson enjoys reading, creating art and gardening. She is the current president of the Mid America Pastel Society.

She has two children and two grandchildren who all live in Colorado.

"When the kids were little, we vacationed every year in the mountains, so I guess it is our fault that they abandoned the plains in favor of proximity to the mountains."

Robert Roddy, a Rosedale resident, is a professional engineer with 30 years experience in administration management and public works. During his tenure with the Unified Government he has been responsible for street and bridge maintenance, traffic engineering, governmental fleet maintenance, solid waste and wastewater service, public transportation, and other public services.

Roddy worked internationally as team leader on a city twining program linking Kansas City, Kan. and Karlovac, Croatia. He is currently the Assistant County Administrator/Director of Public Works, a position he has held since 2002.

Roddy received degrees from the University of Missouri in Columbia and Rolla.

Freedom School returns to Rosedale

For the third consecutive summer, Rainbow Mennonite Church is hosting a Children's Defense Fund Freedom School[SM] in the Rosedale community.

Based on the 1960s-era Freedom Schools in the South during the peak of the civil rights movement, the modern-day Freedom Schools are designed to bring out the best in children — instilling a love of reading, promoting academic enrichment and a sense of pride in one's self, culture, and community in a safe and supportive environment. Children are taught appropriate methods of conflict resolution and the importance of community service.

Rainbow's site — which is just one of 16 Freedom Schools in the Kansas City metro area and one of 140+ Freedom Schools across the country — serves approximately 100 children in grades K-8 for six weeks, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The majority of the students — called "scholars" — live in Rosedale. While there is no fee to attend, parents and/or other family members are required to participate in weekly meetings and get involved in supporting the program.

This year's Freedom School theme is "Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds," emphasizing the correlation between healthy food choices and physical exercise and positive brain development. The Freedom School theme is an ideal fit with the Rosedale Healthy Kids Initiative, an RDA- and Rosedale Ministerial Alliance-supported project to reduce childhood obesity through better nutrition and active living.

The two initiatives will intersect on **Wednesday, July 22 from 3:00-8:00 p.m.**, for the Healthy Kids Carnival at Whitmore Park (across the street from the RDA office). The event will draw together Freedom School and Healthy Kids Initiative participants. Preliminary plans call for the sale of culturally-appropriate healthy food items and produce from Rosedale's community gardens, sports contests and carnival games that encourage physical exercise, and information booths on various health topics.

One of RDA's goals is to expand educational opportunities for children and youth in the Rosedale community. As such, RDA strongly supports the Rainbow Mennonite Freedom School.

To learn more, visit: www.kcfreedomschools.org.

Membership application

Annual business dues: $100 Annual household dues: $15

Name of business **or** name of household

Address | City | State | ZIP code

Contact person

Day phone | Evening phone | Fax

E-mail address

Please mail application, along with check made payable to:
Rosedale Development Association
1403 Southwest Blvd.
Kansas City, Kan. 66103

Rosedale Business of the Month:

Alistair Tutton Photography

Address: 1405 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, Kan. 66103, **Phone:** (816) 500-4402, **Website:** www.alistairtutton.com/

The Rosedale Theatre, built in 1922, and renamed Vox Theatre some years later, is being updated for large gatherings through the efforts of Alistair Tutton, a photographer/architect, who recently bought the building. He and a small staff are cleaning it up and readying it for use as an event venue for more than 200 people.

The Vox Theatre project is the beginning of a larger project Tutton calls "The Rosedale Wedding Triangle." He hopes to link with a nearby church, partner with a catering business located next door to the theatre, and open up the rear of the theatre to a garden space, creating a trifecta for one-stop wedding events.

"I've really explored KC and looked for areas that offer fantastic opportunities for strong community/business involvement and future growth, Tutton says. "If we manage to put in a big enough anchor and get neighbors involved, we could do something special."

Tutton, an Englishman, came to the Midwest in 1996 to study architecture at the University of Kansas. He later interned at an architecture firm in downtown Kansas City. After working in that career for several years, he decided he needed a change and took up photography. Tutton had been looking for a space for his photography business when the theatre building went up for sale. Currently, the building is being used as a large studio for Tutton's photography business and as office space.

Ryan Yoakum photo

Alistair Tutton

"By a twist of fate, I happened to drive through this section of Rosedale when the Vox went on the market. My business has some relatively stringent requirements for space and I was absolutely fortunate to find it in the Vox Theatre," Tutton says.

Tutton designed the framework that holds up the curtain that hangs over the stage area.

While working around the stage, they uncovered the fixtures for a series of lights that surround it. It only took cleaning the fixtures and screwing in attractive bulbs to light up the stage.

"With the lights restored and the curtain up, the theatre feel came back," Tutton says.

There will be an open house **July 2 from 3:30-11:00 p.m.** This will be a joint event between Tutton's Vox Theatre and Springboard Design.

"I find KC to be a fantastic place to live. I really find the relationships, professionally and socially, to be warm and genuine and that the overall community is committed to constantly making KC a great place to live, and I see Rosedale as a microcosm of that."

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