



The Rosedalian

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Planning & Zoning Commission requests changes to CVS Pharmacy proposal

On March 9, the Unified Government Planning & Zoning Commission asked the developers of a proposed CVS Pharmacy at the southwest corner of 43rd Ave. and Rainbow Blvd. (site of the former Quik Trip) to revise their proposal and come back with a new plan that complies with the Rosedale Master Plan for land-use.

The CVS developers are scheduled to submit their new plans to the P&Z Commission on April 13.

The March hearing followed two prior public meetings at which the de-

velopers presented their plans directly to Rosedale residents and property owners.

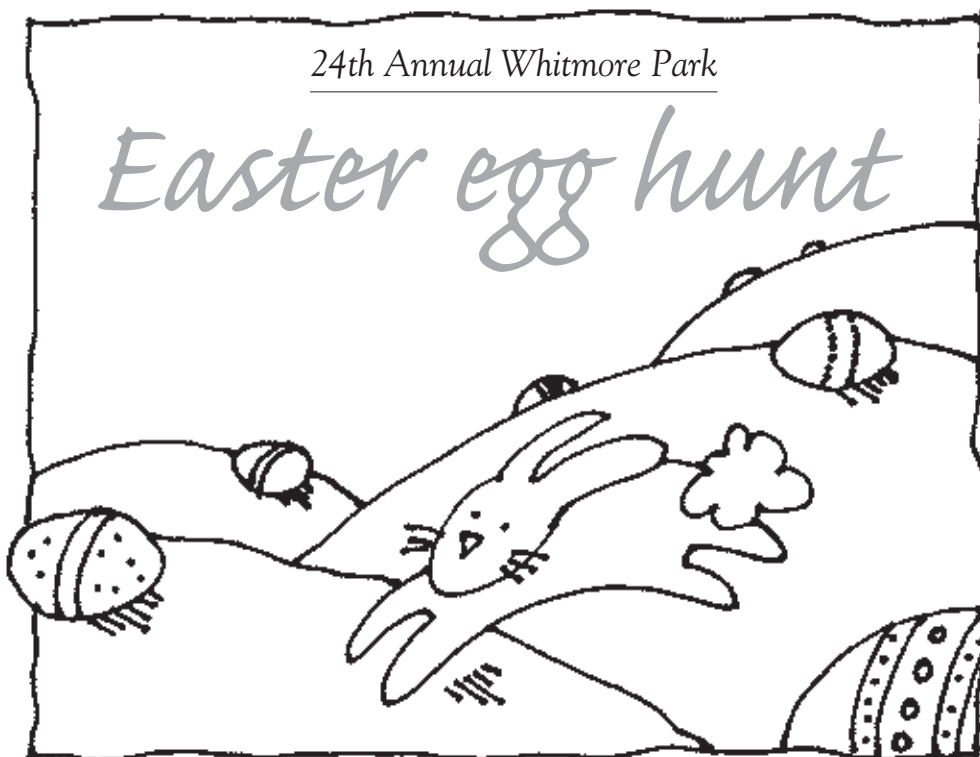
While most residents are not opposed to having a new pharmacy in the community, many expressed concerns with the original CVS proposal, such as incongruity with the Rosedale Master Plan, access and traffic issues, proximity to residences on Adams St., the pedestrian unfriendly design, and lack of integration with the surrounding community.

As called for in the Master Plan, there is a desire for CVS to institute a

“walk-able,” urban-style design and site plan at the 43rd and Rainbow location, rather than the suburban, “big box”-style that has been proposed.

The “hold over” motion by the P&Z Commission will allow the developers an opportunity to address some or all of these concerns.

The Rosedale Master Plan, developed by members of the Rosedale community and approved by the U.G. Commission in 2005, can be viewed on RDA’s website: www.rosedale.org/landuseplan.htm. ☞



Saturday, April 11, 2009
10:30 a.m. (don't be late!)
1400 block of Southwest Blvd.

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**General Election:
April 7**

Positions up for election include: Mayor/CEO, U.G. Commission, Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Board of Public Utilities (BPU), KCK Community College Board of Trustees, and KCK Board of Education.

Make your voice heard and exercise your democratic right to vote!

**For more information, contact
the Wyandotte Co. election office:
(913) 573-8500.**

In Memoriam

Support RDA at the 2009 KUMC Street Fair

**Saturday, April 4,
2009**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

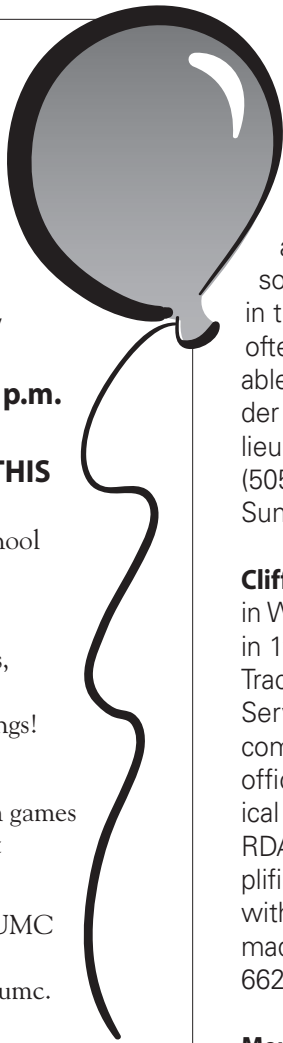
NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR:

Rosedale Middle School
3600 Springfield St.
Kansas City, Kan.

Music, Games, Rides,
Prizes!
Free Health Screenings!

Admission is free,
but all proceeds from games
and rides will benefit
RDA.

Sponsored by the KUMC
Student Governing
Council: <http://sgc.kumc.edu>.



Howard J. "Bob" O'Neal, Jr., a long-time Rosedale resident and community leader, passed away on March 15. He was 81. Bob graduated from Rosedale High School in 1946 and served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of Local Union #124, I.B.E.W., for more than 50 years and was active in the Wyandotte County Democratic Party. According to some, Bob was the unofficial "Mayor of Rosedale;" he was heavily engaged in the political process and in striving to make his community a better place. He often volunteered for candidates he believed in, and then held them accountable once they were elected. Bob knew how to get things done at city hall in order to benefit Rosedale. Bob also was an exceptionally strong RDA supporter. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Westwood Christian Church (5050 Rainbow Blvd., Westwood, Kan. 66205) or to the First Tee organization at Sunflower Hills Golf Course (122nd and Riverview, Bonner Springs, Kan. 66012).

Clifford L. Tracy, 69, died March 14 following a battle with cancer. Born in 1939 in Washington, D.C., Cliff and his wife, Shirley, moved to the Lake of the Ozarks in 1977, where they operated Mickeyland Resort for seven years. In 1987, the Tracy's moved to Overland Park, Kan. Soon thereafter, Cliff founded Mechanical Services Corporation, a heating, air conditioning and commercial refrigeration company. For many years, the company's office was located close to the RDA office in the 1400 block of Southwest Blvd. An RDA business member, Mechanical Services Corp. served as a job site for high school-aged youth involved in RDA's Summer Youth Employment program. This spirit of "giving back" exemplified Cliff and his business. Condolences and fond memories may be shared with the family at www.kccremation.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kansas City Hospice (10100 W. 87th St., Ste. 100, Overland Park, Kan. 66212).

Mervin Carver, former owner of the Rosedale-based Williams-Carver Company, passed away on Feb. 24. He was 79. A Topeka, Kan. native, Mervin attended Washburn University and served in the Navy. In 1963, he and his family moved to the Kansas City area. Nine years later, Mervin purchased The Williams Engineering Company. Through his leadership and that of his children, the company became a nationally-known supplier of process stainless steel and industrial refrigeration systems. Williams-Carver's main office is located at 4001 Mission Rd. The family asks in lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the Journey of Faith fund in care of the Overland Park Church of Christ (13400 W. 119th St., Overland Park, Kan. 66213).

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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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Sign up now for Freedom School

Pre-registration for the Rainbow Mennonite Children's Defense Fund Freedom SchoolSM is now open.

Freedom Schools are literacy-based enrichment programs for children in grades K-8 (ages 5-13). Points of emphasis include reading, cultural awareness, social action and community service, parental involvement, and multigenerational mentoring and leadership training.

This summer will mark the third year for the program in the Rosedale

community. Rainbow Mennonite Church serves as the host site (and is one of 16 Freedom Schools in the Kansas City metro area). Program capacity is 100 "scholars" (the name for students in Freedom School).

Registration is first-come, first-serve. Preference will be given to the first 100 children; after that, a waiting list will be created.

To sign up your child(ren), call the Rainbow Mennonite office: (913) 236-8820. ☎

Attention Rosedale business owners!

Planning and preparation for RDA's annual Summer Youth Employment program is underway. The program places high school-age youth (ages 14-16) in a job at a local business for 6-8 weeks during the summer. Each youth is required to attend employment skills training sessions at the beginning of the summer. The youth are paid minimum wage through an RDA-administered grant from the Board of Public Utilities.

RDA is recruiting Rosedale businesses that are interested in hosting and supervising a youth for the summer. The program is a great way for businesses to gain some extra help for the summer at no extra cost (since RDA pays the youth), in addition to providing an opportunity for young people to learn valuable job skills and develop a solid work ethic.

Participating businesses are simply responsible for supervising the youth throughout their term of employment. RDA will take care of any disciplinary actions, should they be necessary.

Interested businesses should contact the RDA office as soon as possible: (913) 677-5097. ☎

Rosedale faith community celebrates Holy Week

The Rosedale Ministerial Alliance's annual Holy Week ecumenical worship service with the Rosedale community will be held on Tuesday, April 7, starting at 7:00 p.m., at St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church (4000 S. Minnie St. in Kansas City, Kan.).

Pastors from several Rosedale churches will offer brief reflections on the traditional Seven Last Words of Christ. The choir from Greystone Heights Missionary Baptist Church (see feature on page 4) and the "Fun with Singing" chorus will each perform a few musical selections.

Come worship with the vibrant Rosedale faith community as it prepares for Easter. See you on April 7! ☎

Rosedale History Quiz

In each issue of *The Rosedalian*, we will publish a Rosedale historical photograph along with an accompanying question. The first person to answer the question correctly will receive a prize. Submissions must be e-mailed to: rosedalehistoryquiz@yahoo.com or called in to the RDA office: (913) 677-5097. Please provide your name, address, and phone number. If you enjoy these historical photos, please visit: www.rosedale.org to see more.

Last month's photographs & question:

Question: This is a photo of the Bell Memorial Hospital, named after Dr. Simeon Bell. When was it built?



Answer: According to *The Winding Valley and the Craggy Hillside*, a Rosedale history book by Margaret Landis, Bell Memorial was built in 1905. However, some other records indicate 1906 as the year of construction.

Winner: Brett Doolittle, of the Hanover Heights neighborhood in Rosedale.

This month's photograph & question:

This is a photo of the "welcome home" celebration for soldiers returning after the end of World War I, hosted by the Rosedale community. What was the nickname of the U.S. Army Division honored at the celebration?



The answer will be provided next month.

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 Church of the Month:

Greystone Heights Missionary Baptist Church

Address: 133 Greystone Ave., Kansas City, Kan. 66103, **Phone:** (913) 321-7031
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m., **Worship Service:** 11:00 a.m.

Perched high above I-35 near the Cambridge Business Park, Greystone Heights Missionary Baptist Church sees itself as a beacon of hope for its parishioners and for the Rosedale community as a whole.

The church grew up in the midst of a predominantly African-American neighborhood at the far northeastern part of Rosedale. Founded in 1927 from a merger of two other churches, most of the members lived in the immediate area at that time.

However, in 1966, Greystone had to move to its present location due to the construction of I-35. The Highway Right-A-Way Commission bought the church's original property and the congregation relocated to a new building a few blocks away, up the cliff known as Greystone hill.

According to Pastor Ephthallia "Lou" Banks – in service at Greystone since 1993 – many of the church's members moved to other parts of the metro area as a result of the I-35 construction.



The current building for Greystone Heights M.B.C., erected in 1966. The church is visible from I-35, near the Cambridge Circle and 7th St. exits.

Nevertheless, their commitment to the Rosedale community stayed the same. "The people here have strong feelings for the Rosedale area," he says.

Despite the congregation's relatively small size, Greystone is active in numerous community and broader church organizations. For example, the church was an early member of the Rosedale Ministerial Alliance,

an ecumenical coalition of Rosedale pastors and lay leaders committed to neighborhood improvement. Rev. Banks serves as the current President of the Alliance.

Greystone is also part of the Kansas Baptist Kaw Valley District Association, the Kansas State Missionary Baptist Convention, and the National Baptist Convention USA.

The church offers Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and a praise-filled worship service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

In addition, the church has a Wednesday night Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, starting at 7:00 p.m. The choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

The community is invited to the Annual Church Parade and Carnival, to be held May 16, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. There will be horses, a marching band and drill team, dunk tank, rides, games, food and prizes...fun for the entire family, to be sure.

Greystone's Vacation Bible School is June 16-19. To sign up, contact the church office. ☎



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