



# The Rosedalian

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## "You can do it!" RDA celebrates and says thank you to its young volunteers

More than 50 people – parents, siblings, friends, and others – turned out to recognize the achievements of the Rosedale Youth Volunteer Club at an awards dinner and ceremony on May 12.

One of RDA's youth programs, the Volunteer Club consisted of 18 fifth-grade students at Frank Rushton and T.A. Edison elementary schools. Each month, the group met after school to study a different topic of community interest and complete a service project related to that topic. Some sessions were held at the school. During others, the group took field trips to off-site locations.

The Volunteer Club completed a variety of service projects this year, including: making holiday cards for seniors and get-well cards for people in the hospital, sorting donated canned goods, walking and playing with abandoned dogs up for adoption at a local no-kill animal shelter, writing letters to state representatives to advocate for school funding, and picking up trash at Rosedale Park and in other parts of the neighborhood.

The goal of the service-learning program was to increase civic awareness and community involvement. According to an internal evaluation, club members said that they now participate in more volunteer projects and that they are more involved in their community.

At the celebration event, Kristin Riott — Community Outreach Director for Bridging The Gap, a local environmental education and advocacy organization — spoke to the attendees about "5 Green Things" they can do to help protect and care for the environment.

Cynthia Robinson, a life coach with the Kauffman Scholars program, also addressed the group and encouraged the students and their families to believe in themselves and their ability to make a



WENDY WILSON PHOTO

**Members of the Rosedale Youth Volunteer Club were honored for their hard work and service to the Rosedale community at a special awards ceremony this past month. The students engaged in many service-learning projects throughout the school year.**

difference in their community.

Each Volunteer Club student received a certificate of achievement and a bronze medallion with the inscribed words, "2009 Rosedale Community Service Award."

Sarah Stueve and Shannon Eberlein, the Volunteer Club's adult sponsors, were also honored at the ceremony

for giving their time to benefit the students in the program.

Thank you to Westwood Apple Market for providing a significant discount on the food and drinks for the awards dinner and to the donors that made the Volunteer Club possible this year: Rosedale Optimist Club, H&R Block, and Rainbow Car Wash. ☺

## Healthy Kids Initiative takes root

On May 13, the RDA and the Rosedale Ministerial Alliance hosted the official "Kickoff" for the Healthy Kids Initiative (HKI), a new project to reduce childhood obesity in Rosedale through nutritious eating and active living. The HKI is one of 21 similar projects across the nation supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Approximately 40 people attended the event at the community garden at 4130 S. Minnie St., which featured music, guest speakers, and family-friendly garden activities. The master of ceremonies for the event was DJ Miles Bonny.

Children walked with adults from nearby Frank Rushton Elementary

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School, demonstrating the “walking school bus” concept. Upon arrival, they sang songs and later planted seeds.

Those in attendance were asked to sign up to participate in the Healthy Kids Initiative through one or more work teams, including: growing and expanding access to community gardens; increasing use of churches, schools, parks, etc. for physical activity; developing physical after-school activities; expanding transit options; advocating for sidewalks and other infrastructure; and increasing access to healthy foods.

Other partners in the project are the KC Healthy Kids and the University of Kansas Medical Center-Internal Medicine Foundation.

More volunteers are needed to make the HKI a success. To sign up, contact Heidi Holliday: (913) 645-7826 or [rosedalehealthykid@att.net](mailto:rosedalehealthykid@att.net). For more

information, visit RDA’s website: [www.rosedale.org](http://www.rosedale.org). 



JOEL GOERING PHOTO

**Children show off one of the strategies to reduce childhood obesity, the “walking school bus,” at the HKI kickoff event.**

## 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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## Another “green” home raised in Rosedale

Students in the University of Kansas School of Architecture Studio 804 program hosted an open house at 3716 Springfield St. on Saturday, May 16. Students of the Studio 804 program built the home during the past semester as a “hands-on” field experience.

The expectation is that the home will be certified LEED Platinum by the U.S. Green Building Council for its energy efficiency and use of environmentally-sustainable building materials and methods. The house on

Springfield St. will be one of only 287 homes in North America with such a distinction.

This year’s Studio 804 residence is the fourth in six years constructed by program students in the Rosedale community. The previous three Rosedale homes are located at: 3914 Lloyd St. (2007), 750 Shawnee Road (2005), and 3908 Lloyd St. (2004).

For more information about Studio 804 and this year’s project, visit: [www.studio804.com](http://www.studio804.com). 




## Got ghosts?

Do you know any ghost stories involving Rosedale people and places? Have you heard of haunted buildings or paranormal activity in Rosedale? If so, Ghost Tours of Kansas wants to hear about it.

Ghost Tours of Kansas, a company providing guided visits to haunted locations around the state, is interested in starting a Rosedale ghost tour.

It’s not just about ghosts . . . it’s also an exciting new tourism opportunity and driver of economic development. Downtown KCK has had ghost tours that have provided a boost to area businesses, and soon, Rosedale will have a presence in the ghost tour industry.

For more information or to share your ghost stories, call Janet Reed: (913) 231-7848. For more information, visit: [www.ghosttourkansas.com](http://www.ghosttourkansas.com). 



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**The new Studio 804 home in Rosedale possesses many environmentally-friendly features, including a wind turbine, geothermal heat pump, photovoltaic solar panels, and a rainwater collection system. At the time of printing, the home is still for sale...interested buyers should contact Studio 804: (785) 864-4024**

## Happy 150th Birthday, Wyandotte County!

### Sesquicentennial Events

#### Saturday, June 6

10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, June 7

10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Wyandotte County Park  
126th & State Ave.  
Kansas City, Kan.

There will be concerts, dances, food, first-person re-enactors, historic exhibits, and other fun activities for the whole family.


Join us for this FREE two-day celebration of the founding of Wyandotte County.

## Beautification projects blossoming in Rosedale

Take a look around Rosedale and notice the many physical improvements to the community.

At the 42nd St. and Mission Rd. mural project, local artists continue to paint a story, and new trees have been planted. The grassy triangle-shaped plot at Southwest Blvd. and Mission Rd. has spring bulbs, roses and now iris to greet people as they drive into the neighborhood. There are several new community gardens that are helping to build relationships and offer nutritious food. Gorgeous flowers and other landscaping thrive in the lot to the east of the RDA office. Many other examples dot our corner of the county.

All of these improvements are due to the hard work of volunteers, a fact that should not be taken for granted. Volunteer efforts — ordinary people taking pride in their community and responsibility for its welfare — are the key to creating a strong and healthy neighborhood. RDA encourages all Rosedalians to get involved and find ways to utilize their talents for the common good.

If you'd like to volunteer with RDA, contact our office: (913) 677-5097. Many volunteer opportunities are available. 

# 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](mailto: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](http://www.rosedale.org) to see more.

### Last month's photographs & question:

**Question:** This image depicts the construction of Rosedale's most-recognized landmark, the Rosedale Arch. What is the name of the hill on which the Arch stands?

**Answer:** Mount Marty.

**Winner:** The first person to answer correctly was Bill Thomas, a Rosedale resident. Todd Smith also answered correctly.



### This month's photograph & question:

**Question:** Name the early Rosedale industry depicted in this photograph. It is said that Rosedale "grew up" around it.

The answer will be provided next month.



LARRY ROLLINS PHOTOS

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## 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.  
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*Rosedale Business of the Month:*

**Annedore's Fine Chocolates**

**Address:** 1915 W. 45th Ave., Kansas City, Kan. 66103, **Phone:** (913) 831-0302, **Website:** www.annedoreschocolates.com  
**Hours of operation:** Wed.-Fri., 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Sat., 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Step right up, chocolate lovers. Annedore's is now open for walk-in business right here in Rosedale.

One of Kansas City's premier chocolate companies, Annedore's has been in the area for more than 20 years. Current owner Sheri Weedman purchased the business and moved it to Rosedale about two years ago. At first, she focused solely on wholesale and business-to-business sales, but due to popular demand, she decided to offer retail hours.

Building on the legacy of the original store located near the Country Club Plaza, Annedore's strives to produce the best chocolate around, combining exceptional taste and presentation. The company has a slogan — "Uniquely Annedore's" — highlighting its one-of-a-kind product.

"We want our customers to have a great chocolate experience," says Weedman. "We strive to provide wonderful-tasting chocolate, beautifully presented."



JOEL GOERING PHOTO

**Sheri Weedman and Aaron Dearing serve Kansas City's finest chocolate.**

Annedore's chocolatier, Aaron Dearing, has been making chocolate for seven years. He possesses a deep care for his work, creating all of the company's treats by hand at the store. This attention to detail and quality helps Annedore's chocolates stand out.

"I don't use any shortcuts, no preservatives or artificial flavoring,"

Dearing says. "I also try to use as many local ingredients as possible."

The "buy local" policy fits with Annedore's desire to be a positive force in the community. Weedman is looking to get more involved in the neighborhood through volunteering and philanthropy. The company plans to host a youth employee through the RDA's Summer Youth Employment program, as well.

"Rosedale has a real sense of community," says Weedman. "I'd like to give something back."

If you have an urge for chocolate, there's no need to wait.

Customers can visit the store at 1915 W. 45th St., near the State Line antique district.

Annedores can provide chocolate for corporate events, weddings, receptions, holidays, and any other occasion. Annedore's specializes in customized, handmade chocolate. Truffles, crèmes, caramels, barks, bars, and assorted shapes — you name it, they have it.



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