



WHAT'S NEW?

This is a publication for residents of Red Oak Hills to keep us up to date on our community and to provide a forum for sharing information.

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WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS



We are happy to welcome Nick Kehrwald and Jamie Morris who live at 6906 Clairborne Road. Jamie is originally from Kansas City and Nick is from Cherokee, Iowa. Before moving to Red Oak, they lived in Las Vegas for three years.

They met at the University of Missouri where they were both getting degrees in Counseling; School Counseling for Jamie and Counseling Psychology for Nick. Afterwards Nick spent three years at the University of Iowa getting his law degree. Jamie is now a 3-5 grade school counselor at Lansing and Nick is the student conduct officer at KU. He enjoys landscaping, barbequing, and when there is time, golfing. (According to Nick, chasing the little white ball may be more accurate). Jamie enjoys scrapbooking, reading, and going to the movies.

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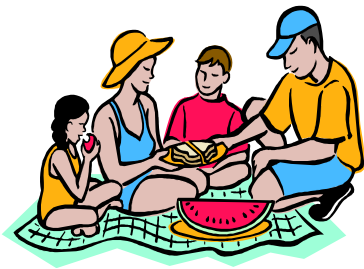
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

On April 19th, the Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP) met to continue organizing and hear Mayor Meyers and Officer Loridon from the Shawnee Police Department speak. Here are some of the topics covered.

1. Dogs are to always be under control which means that they should be on a leash or confined. If a dog is well trained and can walk with you, it is okay for the dog to be off leash. However, dogs can get distracted. It is acceptable to use appropriate force to protect yourself or your dog if you are attacked (see above). Mace or a club is acceptable to use as a protective measure.
2. Forty eight hours is the maximum that a car can be parked before it is considered to be abandoned.
3. If you feel you must have a gun for protection, a 12 gauge shotgun is best.
4. Solicitors must have a license issued by the city. If a solicitor comes to your door, ask to see his license.

5. On the issue of speeding, adding speed bumps and/or reducing speed limits are not part of the city's plan. Police cruisers and speed traps are part of the city's plan and will continue to be used in Red Oak Hills. Make a personal resolution to only go 20 MPH within our community. Every time a new family with small children moves into ROH, the Board gets emails from parents fearing that their children are in danger due to excessive speeds.
6. Please do your best to park in your driveway and stay 100 feet from intersections. The hills and curves in ROH can reduce visibility; do not make it worse by creating new blind spots with your parked car.
7. We live in a relatively safe area. However, with easy and quick access to I-435, a child on the way to the school bus could be easy prey. "Watching out for each other is the best method to keep safe" according to Officer Loridon. If you see someone who appears to be out of place, call 911.
8. Skateboarders are not illegal, but if they are on your street and you want them to leave, call 911. When a police cruiser shows up, they generally leave.
9. When you see a street light out or any other city service that is in need of repair, go to www.cityofshawnee.org, click on Contact Us and then click on Citizen's Service Request and describe the problem. We have done it many times and it is 100% effective.
10. Our ward had the highest percent of voters who voted in Johnson County. 20% of us voted compared to the county average of 12%.

SAVE THE DATE! ARE YOU READY TO PICNIC!



May 12th is the date of the annual Red Oak Hills picnic. An earlier date was chosen to avoid conflicts with vacation plans once school is out. A favorite event - **Tree Climbing** with Brandon Hendrickson - will be back again.

We encourage everyone to come out and visit with your neighbors. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs and soft drinks will be supplied.

TIDY TOWN IS COMING SOON

Tidy Town is the name of Shawnee's large item pick up service and for residents who live west of Pflumm it will take place on **Saturday, May 5th**.

Your trash hauler is responsible for picking up these items. This service is included in your basic rate. Contact your hauler for specific instructions that they might have and for a list of items that they will pick up.

Remember, do not place hazardous materials such as car batteries, paints, solvents, or liquid waste out for collection. Call Johnson County Department of Health and Environment for disposal of these items at 715-6900.

Haulers will pick up all items that they accept that look like they are out for pick up. Please be sure to remove items that you want to keep like basketball goals, containers you intend on keeping, etc. from the curb during your collection day.

Special Reminder: If you are a Deffenbaugh customer, you will need to set one of your Deffenbaugh carts at the end of the curb so they know to pick up your items. If you do not do this, your items will not be collected

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cris Loomis Nay has recently joined our Board as Secretary and Chairman of the Neighbor Watch Program. Cris replaces Nancy Bunn, Vice President, who resigned due to a heavy work load. We appreciate her Nancy's service and input and look forward to Cris's contributions.

We will have one vacancy when Mike Shepherd retires after many years of service. Mike's years of service plus his wife Tammy's years of service approach fifteen years. Mike has been the Chairman of the Maintenance Committee for the past three years and was part of that committee for seven years prior.

Are you interested in being on the Board? Call Gary Turner for more information. The next Board meeting is June 12.

DOG ALERT

A dog being walked by its owner was attacked by another dog on Clairborne Court on Saturday, April 14th. The attack dog was possibly a lab or Rottweiler mix, mostly black with some medium brown in it, and was huskier in the neck/shoulder area than a lab. It was wearing a red harness. There was no provocation; the dog attacked from behind. The dog that was bitten (several times) required veterinarian care and the owner has bruises from attempts to separate the dogs. Can anyone identify this dog?

PLEASE do not allow your pets to roam freely as serious consequences could be the result. Anyone seeing animals that are loose in the neighborhood should contact Animal Control.

YARD WASTE REMINDER

DO NOT PUT YARD WASTE INTO YOUR TRASH CART. The driver is instructed not to pick up a cart that has yard waste sticking out of it. Also, please leave three feet between carts and sacks.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

In a week you will receive a new directory listing by e mail. The directory that you now have was expected to last for two years. However, many new families have moved into Red Oak Hills in the past 16 months so we decided to publish a temporary new list of names and phone numbers.

HOMEOWNER SURVEY

If you have not already done so, please click on

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C8L6D9V> and complete the Spring Homeowners survey. We have already received much valuable feedback - don't be left out! Make your voice heard today. The Board does take your opinions into consideration.

DELINQUENT DUES



We have an unusually large number of dues outstanding. Some of the envelopes were sent to the correct home but the current owner's name may have not been on it. If you have not paid your annual dues, please contact Gary Turner at 268-4513 or Jill Peterson at 268-7454. No \$50 late fee will be imposed if you contact us promptly. Imposing a fee will be necessary if we do not hear from you. If your dues are not current, your neighbors are paying for your trash service and I'm sure none of us wants to be in that situation.

CLASSIFIEDS

If you are a resident and have something to sell or you have a service like babysitting or lawn mowing, you can send an email to Gary Turner for possible inclusion in the next newsletter.

ROH RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Bacon Appetizer Crescents



prep time 20 min
total time 35 min
makes 16 servings

1 pkg. (8 oz.) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
8 slices OSCAR MAYER Bacon, cooked, crumbled
1/3 cup KRAFT Grated Parmesan Cheese
1/4 cup finely chopped onions
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

1 Tbsp. milk

2 cans (8 oz. each) refrigerated crescent dinner rolls

Heat oven to 375°F. Mix all ingredients except crescent dough.

Separate each can of dough into 8 triangles; cut each triangle lengthwise in half. Spread each dough triangle with 1 generous tsp. cream cheese mixture; roll up, starting at short side of triangle. Place, point-sides down, on baking sheet. Bake 12 to 15 min. or until golden brown. Serve warm.



