



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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HOLIDAY PARTY HIGHLIGHTS

Good food and warm fellowship marked the ROH Holiday Party on December 6th at the Shawnee Civic Center. Santa Claus made an appearance to the delight of the children. Thanks to everyone who organized and helped with the party. Attendance was lower than anticipated, however. A survey will be circulated before next year's party to help pinpoint remedies to increase participation. Ideas can be communicated to Gary Turner or other members of the Board at any time.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

At the Holiday party Gary Turner announced the volunteer selected to receive the 2011 Volunteer of the Year award. Cindy Ralston was cited for her work on the ROH Directory. She received a \$50 gift card and a plaque in appreciation for her efforts to assist the Homeowner's Association. Because of the number of new families in Red Oak Hills, a revised directory is underway.

CONTRACTOR LISTING

Several meetings ago the board approved the creation of a contractor listing on the ROH web page. This list would contain homeowner references for good workmen submitted by residents. You may submit references to Gary Turner by email to be included.

UNSIGHTLY MAIL BOXES

We have contacted the Post Office about some of our cluster boxes in need of repair or replacement. Unfortunately, we have to report that the Post Office is not going to fix them any time soon due to their budget problems.

YARD WASTE INFORMATION

Here is a link to an excellent brochure explaining the new yard waste regulations going into effect January 1, 2012.

<http://www.deffenbaughindustries.com/pdfs/JohnsonCountySolidWasteMgmtBrochure.pdf>

DISPOSING OF BATTERIES

Non-rechargeable batteries may be disposed of with regular household waste. Rechargeable batteries should be taken to a location that has a recycling /waste program for the specific type of battery. But knowing where to take specific batteries is not always easy. Earth911 is an environmental services company that addresses solutions for products' end-of-life for businesses and consumers. They have a great web site called Earth911.com that provides this information. For example, on the web site type "rechargeable batteries" under "Find local recycling centers for" and give your zip code, and you will find a complete listing of where to take each kind of battery.

AN OPEN LETTER TO DOG OWNERS

Hello, I live at 6702 Red Oak and my name is Sheryl Granville. In the recent past, I have found three large piles of dog excrement in my yard. These piles are not by the street. They are well back in my yard. For a dog to get to this spot, it has to be running loose. All the piles have been the same and in almost the same place, so I have to believe the chances of the dog being from outside the general neighborhood are slim.

My rescue dog that was homeless managed to eat a small part of one mess and got sick, requiring medicine. Both of my dogs have found the piles before I did, and they rolled in them. That necessitated giving them both baths.

With the recent pile, my dogs did NOT find it, because I looked before releasing them back there. Now, until it rains, MY dogs cannot go in their own yard, as they will try to roll in the remains of the dog mess.

Does anyone see anything wrong with this? When I find out whose dog is doing this, I will call the city. Gary (Turner) and others have asked repeatedly for people to please leash their dogs and to clean up after them.

Enough is enough.

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 e mail to Gary Turner for possible inclusion in the next newsletter.

ROH RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Have a favorite recipe you want to share? Email nkoporc@att.net and you may be published. Here is a favorite from the Holiday Party contributed by C R Scholtz.

Brussels Sprouts Recipe

Fresh Brussels sprouts (about 1 to 1-1/2 lbs), sliced thinly
4 green onions or small shallots, sliced thinly
4 pieces cooked bacon crumbled (I used turkey bacon)
1/2 - 1 cup chicken stock
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
Salt/Pepper to taste

Sauté sprouts and onions in about 1 Tablespoon olive oil until wilted and slightly browned. Add chicken stock and cook until tender - add bacon. Stir in the walnuts just before serving. This can be served at room temperature and it's also really good freshly cooked and hot. The walnuts can be omitted.

