



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 TO BOB AND SHARON



Red Oak Hills welcomes Bob and Sharon Malkames 17203 West 67th Street. Bob and Sharon have been Kansas natives for quite a while. Sharon grew up in Wellsville, little town about 25 miles south of here. Bob was born in Alexandria, Virginia but was raised in the Johnson County area since he was five years old. Most recently they lived in Olathe until they decided they needed a little more room for family gatherings and fell in love with this area. They are both retired now. Sharon owned J & K Rentals for over twenty five years renting everything from party supplies to trenchers and Bob just retired in November of this year from BNSF railroad. Between them they have five children, eight grandchildren & one five pound Yorkie named Cricket.

Bob is a runner and has been for many years. He also enjoys woodworking and cars. Sharon has been singing for the past twenty years as a member of the Sweet Adelines, an International women's barbershop organization. She also enjoys playing games, reading and walking. They enjoy a wide variety of cuisines, particularly Chinese and Mexican. They both like to travel.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is on **Jan 8th**, 2013, starting at 7 pm at the Shawnee Christian Church at Midland and Renner. Residents are welcome and the first 15 minutes are open for residents to voice their concerns.

BUDGET FOR 2013

Annual dues statements will be going out in early January for payment by Feb 1. We strive to keep the budget close to what a non HOA resident would pay for trash and recycle pickup charges. Viewed from that perspective, HOA members are paying almost zero for all the benefits membership conveys.

Expense	Budget for 2013
COURTESY	900
ELECTRICITY	800
MISC	250
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	16,500
INSURANCE	800
SIGNS	200
OFFICE SUPPLIES, POSTAGE	1,000
ANNUAL MEETING, CHRISTMAS	3,500
TAXES, LEGAL	250
TRASH	35,000
WATER	3,000
WEBSITE	5,000
TOTAL	67,200
CAPITAL EXPENSE, GREEN SPACE	7,500

MINI DISH POLICY

The city of Shawnee does not allow for dish satellite receivers or antennae to be installed on the front roof of a house or a side of the house that can be viewed from the side street. Please ask the installer of a dish satellite to be aware of our restrictions and city code. Our restrictions mirror city code.

MAINTENANCE

Initial work has begun on the retention dam but additional work still needs to be completed.

ANIMAL PROBLEMS: A RESIDENT'S VIEW

I am trying to be nice about this, but I am tired of animals roaming my backyard and leaving their waste. There are two cats that frequent the yard chasing small animals and they sit on my lawn furniture and we have some that are allergic to cats. So, now not only do I have to clean up after the cats' waste, I have to clean my furniture. There also is a large black dog that will chase my children out of their own yard.

At first I thought it just might be other animals, but after observing the dogs and cats in the yard many times, (and making a mess) I know it's not.

I do not understand why dogs are supposed to be kept up and not the cats also.

I know this is only a few animals and so forth, but frankly my first step is you and then I am ready to call Animal Control. I am tired of having to "walk" my yard before my kids can go out to play. And I just had a big mess to clean up off my walkway in the backyard this morning and I'm tired of it.

Thank you for your time and I'm sorry to dump all of this on you but after dealing with this all summer (and the smell in my backyard) I've had enough.

Please do not post my name.

POST OFFICE CLUSTER BOXES



You may have noticed that some of our 25-30 year old (or older) cluster boxes are in bad shape. We are trying to get the post office to respond to our requests for repairs or replacements but so far we have had no cooperation or meaningful response.

In the future we may look into the possibility of obtaining the new type of cluster box as shown to the left.

As we develop options, it will be very helpful for us to know which homeowners are using which cluster box. Please go to our website, Redoakhills.com, and select the survey that includes the mail box that you use. **Please provide your contact information on the survey provided. You need only answer the**

question regarding the mail box that you use. Thank you.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

On Page 20 of your ROH directory, please change the phone number for Lucas, 6732 Clairborne Rd, to 608-5664.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AT MIDLAND ENTRANCE

Thanks to Cindy Scholtz, Cindy Lance, and Niels Benberg for working on the decorations.

ROH RECIPE OF THE MONTH

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE CAKE

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1 package chocolate cake mix
- 1 package instant chocolate pudding mix
- 12 ounces semisweet chocolate chips
- confectioners' sugar

PREPARATION:

Beat eggs, sour cream, water and oil together in a large bowl until thoroughly mixed. Add cake mix and pudding mix. Beat until smooth. Stir in chocolate chips. Pour into bundt or tube pan and bake at 350F for 1 hour. When cool, sift powdered sugar on top of cake.