



WHAT'S NEW?

This is a new 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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MEET THE VAN ALLEN'S



68TH Terrace has brand new neighbors! Eric and Sara Van Allen just moved into 17734 W. 68th Terrace in January and are in the process of settling in. Their sons are pre school age and keep their parents pretty busy and very entertained! Eric is a social worker, and works for a managed health care company consulting in Medicaid. Sara's career was in marketing and management before children became her full time focus and she continues to occasionally work in freelance marketing. The Van Allen's are also adding two dogs to our pet population: Marley, a Sheltie-Red Heeler mix, and Toby, a Brittany Spaniel-Weimaraner mix. The Van Allen's were already familiar with Red Oak Hills from family and friends and we

hope our neighborhood fulfills all their expectations.

RED OAK PATHWAY

We are making progress on the first phase of the path that will wind its way through the green space starting on 67th Terr to the north and extending southward. The only live vegetation that is being removed include very small "trees" that are in the middle of the path; some small branches that might hit you in the face as you walk the path; and other items that may pose a hazard (like a couple of "shrubs" with nasty thorns). Also, we are about to clean the creek that runs through the area and make some repairs to conduits. We hope this will be a useful amenity for Red Oak residents.

To ensure that we capture all comments about this project, the Board's March 9th meeting agenda will be designed to solicit resident feedback. So, we encourage everyone to attend the meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 7pm.

NEW SHAWNEE ORDINANCE CONCERNING TRASH AND RECYCLING

Compared to many other cities across the nation, Shawnee lags behind in its efforts to promote recycling. In an attempt to catch up, the city of Shawnee passed a new ordinance concerning the collection of trash and recycling. The ordinance will not go

into effect until January of next year and it will not be fully implemented until August of 2011. Here is a recap of the provisions that will affect us in the future.

All carriers licensed by the city will be required to pick up recycling. Currently, Deffenbaugh is the only carrier that picks up both trash and material to be recycled.

The 6 bag trash limit beyond the 65 gallon or 95 gallon cart will be eliminated. No bags of trash will be picked up unless a sticker is pre-purchased. If you use bags for extra trash or yard waste, you must use the pre purchased sticker and paper bags that will decompose faster than plastic.

The 18 gallon recycle bin will be discontinued and everyone must have the 65 gallon cart. If you choose not to recycle and consequently you overfill the trash cart so that the lid will not close, it may not get picked up. There will be no recycling exemption for seniors.

Currently, the HOA is billed \$10/mo for the 65 gallon cart, \$10.50/mo for the 95 gallon cart, and \$1.70 for recycling. Clearly, the city is encouraging efforts to recycle to the maximum extent.

62% of Red Oak HOA members are currently using the 65 gallon recycle carts. If you want a recycle cart, please contact Gary Turner. We will keep residents informed as more information becomes available on the new ordinance.

TRAILERS, BOATS, AND RV'S

City code prohibits trailers, boats, or RVs from being stored in driveways. A trailer or boat may be stored at the side of a house IF there is a masonry pad and the boat or trailer does not extend beyond the front of the house. Violations can be reported to Shawnee Codes Enforcement, Mike Underwood, at 742-6273.

OH, NO. MY MAC WON'T OPEN THE ROH DIRECTORY...



Don't worry. Here's a tip from a neighbor who is a MAC user. Try using "quick look" on the MAC to open the electronic version of the ROH directory. However, to print the directory, you'll need to take screen shots (Command+Shift+4) and print each with pages or preview.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS

On January 25th, the 27th annual Ground Hog run occurred in the Hunt Midwest SubTropolis, the nation's only totally underground organized race. 3,000 runners participated in this unique event, ranked as one of the top 65 races in America by Runner's World. All proceeds raised by the Groundhog Run support Children's TLC programs and services, directly benefiting more than 500 students throughout Kansas City. Children's TLC (Therapeutic Learning Center) provides

therapeutic and educational intervention for children with disabilities from birth through age 8.

Red Oak Hills was well represented with three age group winners.

| Age group | | Time for 10K |
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| 60-64 | Susan Robinette | 55:42 |
| 65-69 | Suzie Turner | 58:50 |
| 65-69 | Lynn Wren | 48:23 |

Congratulations!