

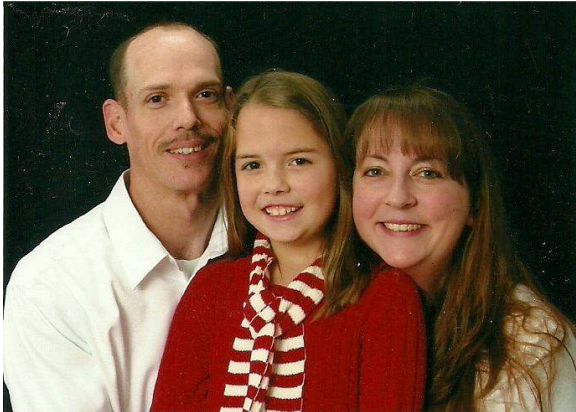


## WHAT'S NEW?

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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### MEET THE SHAMHARTS



Dallas's loss became our gain when Craig and Laura Shamhart moved into 17233 W. 70<sup>th</sup> Street. Craig is a diesel mechanical instructor who moved the family to take advantage of a job opportunity with KC Freightliner. Laura is an independent insurance adjuster. Their daughter, Chloe, is in the fourth grade at Broken Arrow. The oldest daughter, Angelica, remains in Texas where she will be starting college shortly. Laura loves to

cook. She also enjoys all crafts, scrapbooking, and sewing. An interesting note - she clips and mails expired and unwanted coupons to military bases overseas for use at the PX and Commissary. Craig likes home improvement projects and hunting with a bow. Chloe is an avid reader and likes to do craft projects in addition to playing with the family pets, Phoebe, a Boston terrier, and Jackson, the cat.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Red Oak Hills Board meeting will be March 8th at 7:00 pm at the Shawnee Christian Church located at Renner and Midland drive. The agenda will include a new 15 minute block of time designed to give residents an opportunity to present issues for Board consideration. Residents wishing to take advantage of this opportunity should email or call Gary Turner ([gturner2@kc.rr.com](mailto:gturner2@kc.rr.com) or 268-4513) to be scheduled. The Board asks that remarks be limited to three minutes or so. Written statements to distribute to Board members are also encouraged.

### WE NEED YOUR VOTE AGAIN



The proposal to increase the ROH Board of Directors from nine to twelve positions has passed. Three individuals have volunteered their time and energy to fill these vacant board positions. They are Chad Johnson, Carol Collyard, and Jack Kirkham. Please follow the link below to vote on whether or not to accept these individuals on the Board.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/257MMSC>

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

*A note from Barbara Garrity:*

"I would really like it if you would thank those with snow blowers who cleared neighbor's driveways and sidewalks. The previous snowstorm, a fellow whose name is Jeff ( I think) cleared our driveway and sidewalk as well as all the neighbor's sidewalks in his area and the driveway across from us. After the recent snowstorm our new neighbor to the north cleared our sidewalk and driveway with his snow blower. I think he also did the sidewalk to his north. Good people like them need recognition!"

*A note from Linda and Ron Johnson:*

We would like to thank the kind person who plowed out our drive after the storm. Both of us are ill and this helped us get out. I wish we knew who to thank personally. It's nice to know we live in such a kind neighborhood. Thank you.

## HELP MILITARY FAMILIES

BY LAURA SHAMHART

If you are like me, you may have coupons from your Sunday paper that you do not want, need, or use as well as coupons that expire before you can use them. Military families overseas can use current and expired coupons at the Commissary and PX! The program I participate in asks for individuals and/or groups to submit clipped and sorted coupons by mail to the military bases for use on a monthly basis. (You can view the website at [www.ocpnet.org](http://www.ocpnet.org)) No costs are involved - only donated, unwanted and expired coupons and time. The end result is that someone is benefiting from something we would otherwise throw away. Some of these families are single income families and assisting them is just another way to say "thanks" for their dedication and service.

If anyone would like to donate their unused, unwanted coupons from the Sunday paper, I will be happy to include them in my shipments and donate them on behalf of The Residents of Red Oak Hills. I will even clip and sort! If anyone is interested, I will have a plastic tub on my front porch at 17233 W. 70<sup>th</sup> Street that you can drop the circulars into any time/day. I will also be happy to stop by and pick up what anyone may have. Just drop me an email at [laura.shamhart@att.net](mailto:laura.shamhart@att.net). Thank you!

## OLD TRASH CANS NEEDED

Brandon Hendrickson would be interested in any trash cans that homeowners are discarding. Please feel free to drop them off in his driveway at 17234 W. 70<sup>th</sup> St.

Tina Gadwood is a music teacher who would also love to have the old trash cans for a STOMP presentation at her school. You can also drop them off in her driveway at 6908 Millcreek. They do not have to be in good condition or cleaned – Tina will take care of that.

## CITIZEN SERVICE REQUEST

Did you know that you can submit your non-emergency service requests on-line to the City of Shawnee 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year round, at [www.cityofshawnee.org](http://www.cityofshawnee.org) by clicking on On-line Services?

The Citizen Service Request provides you an opportunity to be actively involved in keeping Shawnee a quality place to live, play and do business. You can submit anything you have concerns about; and if the submission doesn't fit into any of the pre-defined categories, you can click on "Other." The Citizen Service Request administrator will make sure that the request is routed to the correct staff member. You can also request that you be notified when the request is resolved or completed. If a request is submitted electronically, a number is provided so that you can check the status of your request when it is convenient for you.

The City's goal is to provide residents 24-hour access to City Hall. If you do not have Internet access, we encourage you to submit requests the more traditional way, by calling 631-2500 or visiting City Hall.

## DUES

Thanks for your attention to dues. They will become past due on Feb 15.

## DIRECTORY

The hard copy directory is nearing completion and should be distributed early next week. Some information that was in the last directory was moved to the website in order to make updating more effective. The directory has a section for names in alpha order, one for names in street address order, and one for advertisements. The cover is a 2009 fall picture of Red Oak taken by Rick Hebenstreit.

Cindy Ralston and Jane Newman-Ford did a wonderful job in constructing the directory. We have checked and rechecked but there may be some errors. Let us know right away and we will send out corrections via e mail.

## SPRING GARAGE SALE



Numerous inquiries have been made about having a spring garage sale and plans are in motion. Tidy Town is May 7, so it would appear that April 30 would be a good date for a garage sale.

## ROH RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Have a favorite recipe you want to share? Email [nkoporc@att.net](mailto:nkoporc@att.net) and you may be published. This recipe was contributed by Lynn Wren.

### Sunflower Seed Cookies

1 cup butter softened  
¾ cup shortening  
2 cups sugar  
1 Tablespoon water  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
3 cups flour (sometimes you may need to add a little more if dough is real sticky)  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 cup roasted salted sunflower seeds

Cream butter, shortening and sugar, add water and vanilla, and mix well.  
Add flour, baking soda and baking powder, and mix well.  
Stir in sunflower seeds.  
Roll in balls (whatever size you want) and flatten with glass dipped in sugar.  
Bake at 350 degrees on ungreased cookie sheets for 13-14 minutes.



Chloe Shamhart's snowman surveys the neighborhood.