



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 THE SHARP FAMILY



Charlie and Emily Sharp and their four children are the new homeowners of 17730 West 68th Terrace. Charlie grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan and Emily is from Kansas City, KS. Both earned their associates degrees from Community Colleges in their respective locations. Kansas City, Ks, was home for the Sharps before moving to Red Oak Hills. Charlie is an Air Traffic Controller for the Federal Aviation Administration and works in Olathe at the Kansas City Air Route Traffic Control Center. Charlie and Emily are foster parents, and as such have three foster children and one they have adopted so far. They are Lucy (4), Matthew (4), Noah (2), and Lily (2). They are in the long process of adopting Lucy and Noah, who have been in

their home for over two and a half years. Charlie says Emily's job as homemaker is ten times more demanding than his! Their domain also includes Gilbert, a grey long haired tabby cat. Charlie enjoys reading Sci-Fi and fantasy novels, playing video games, and games of all kinds. They are looking forward to getting to know their neighbors, particularly those with children. We're happy to welcome the Sharps to Red Oak Hills.

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 right

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Here are the changes to the Red Oak Hills Directory from last October to present.

ADDRESS	ADDRESS LISTING	ALPHABETICAL LISTING
6640 Lind	Pg 31 delete Hoffman info Add Philip & Elizabeth Rishel	Pg 19 delete Hoffman info Pg 24 add Philip & Elizabeth Rishel 816-729-6288
17730 68 th Te	Pg 35 delete Brent info Add Sharp	Pg 15 delete Brent info Pg 24 add Charles & Emily Sharp 634-6813
177203 W. 67 th	Pg 34 delete Young info Add Bob Malkamas & Sharon Sappenfield	Pg 28 delete Young info Pg 21 add Bob Malkamas & Sharon Sappenfield 244-7332
17820 W 68 th	Pg 35 delete Taylor Add Ken & Michelle Buck	Pg 26 delete Taylor info Pg 15 add Ken & Michelle Buck 205-6075
6732 Clairborne Rd	NA	Pg 20 Lucas New phone number is 608-5664
17609 W 70 th	Pg 38 delete Simonich info Add Robert and Debbie Foust	Pg 25 Delete Simonich info. Pg 17 Add Robert and Debbie Foust 408-677-4513
6706 Vahalla Dr	Pg 33 Delete Hampton info Add Sheila Trierweiler	Pg 18 Delete Hampton info. Add Sheila Trierweiler 730-3556
17611 W 67 th Te	Pg 35 Delete Clifford info Add Kelli and Steve Jackman	Pg !6 Delete Clifford info. Add Steve and Kelli Jackman 403-1853
17617 W 70 th	Na	Pg 14 Blundell New phone number is 631-3796
6817 Red Oak Dr	Pg 33 Delete Prutsman info	Pg 23 delete Prutsman info

7032 Clairborne Ct	Pg 30 Add Angie Benson to David Evans name	Pg 16 Add Angie Benson to David Evans name
6707 Clairborne Rd	Pg 30 Change Lisa to Michelle	Pg 25 Change Jake & Lisa Smith to Jake & Michelle Smith
17208 W 67 th		Pg 21 Manning New phone number is 816-591-7241
6639 Red Oak Dr		Pg 15 Cantrell New phone number is 913-909-2126
		Pg 8 Nelson Creations Correct fefinishing to refinishing

CITY OF SHAWNEE NEWS

A Visit with the Safety Engineer last Monday when he informed me that 69th St would be overlaid this summer. Curb and gutter problems will be addressed at this time also.

Liberty Holding Group is the developer of the new Holiday Inn Express and will begin pouring the foundation in March. There will be no restaurant and the entrance has been moved to the center of the building.

The Shawnee City Council has proclaimed March as Myeloma Awareness Month. Myeloma is an incurable cancer that is an uncontrolled growth of plasma cells in the bone marrow which can lead to anemia, infections, bone lesions, vertebral compressions, osteoporosis, severe pain and kidney dysfunction. Through support from the International Myeloma Foundation, support groups across the United States are making efforts to bring awareness of this disease. Early detection will help people live longer through many treatment options, including chemotherapy, radiation, stem cell transplantation and novel emerging therapies.

SOCIAL ORGANIZER NEEDED

Do you enjoy planning and providing good times for others? Dick Ralston has been on the board for five years, orchestrating the annual meeting and picnic and the Christmas party. He has determined that it is time for him to retire and we are looking for someone to replace him as Social Chairman and/or board member. Now is the time for you to step forward and volunteer!

There are at least 6 board meetings per year which are on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 at the Christian Church at Midland and Renner. Please contact Gary Turner at 268-4513 if you are interested.

ANNUAL DUES

The treasurer reports that residents are responding to dues statements. If you have not received yours, please contact Jill Peterson or Gary Turner. Everyone should have

received their statement by now but mistakes do happen. We have been successful in negotiating with some vendors to save money so dues are remaining at \$300 for 2013. We can't guarantee that they will remain at \$300 after this year, but the Board continues to work with vendors on behalf of our homeowners. Our dues are low compared to other homes associations.

Dues are considered past due by Feb 15. If you are a victim of some hardship, please contact us so we can work out a payment plan.

PICKLEBALL ANYONE?

Pickleball is like a merging of tennis, badminton and ping pong. It's played on a badminton-size court, with a low net as in tennis, hitting wiffle balls with a solid paddle. Doubles is most popular. The game was invented in the 1960's as a way for folks of different ages to play together. Pickleball may be the fastest growing sport in the U.S. While pickleball can be played outdoors or in, local community centers are favored sites to play because weather and wind aren't factors inside.

Shawnee Civic Center makes courts available Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 - 12 and Wednesday evening from 8 - 10 for \$1. (See the current Parks and Recreation bulletin for more information.) They supply all needed equipment. The folks who play M & W mornings are a welcoming group, emphasizing fun and exercise and eagerly teaching new players. We have some Red Oak residents who participate at this time.

Quite a few online instructions and videos of games are available; <http://www.usapa.org> is a good place to start. If you are looking for a fun and social way to exercise this winter, give it a try!

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Have you noticed the ROH sign as you drive off Elmridge on to 70th? It has been reconstructed and repainted after more than 25 years. Drivers on I-435 have commented that it is visible from the interstate. Niels Benberg is working on the 67th and Elmridge, Red Oak Dr. and 66th Te, and Lind signs also. The new colors are designed to be consistent with the black and gold of the Midland entrance and the nature trail markers.

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.

CUPCAKES FOR COFFEE LOVERS

1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
3/4 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup brewed coffee
1-1/2 teaspoons instant coffee granules
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup prepared white frosting
24 chocolate-covered coffee beans (optional)

Directions

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Line 12 cups in standard-size muffin pan with cupcake liners. In a bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, allspice, cinnamon and salt.
2. Beat butter and sugar in large bowl about 2 minutes or until light colored and smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. On low speed, add flour mixture, alternating with brewed coffee. Divide batter among prepared liners, 1/3 cup in each.
3. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until firm to the touch. Let cupcakes cool in pan on rack for 5 minutes. Remove from pan to rack and cool completely.
4. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine instant coffee, vanilla and 1 teaspoon warm water. Stir until coffee is dissolved. Stir in white frosting until blended and no dark streaks remain. Spread 1 heaping tablespoon over each cupcake. Decorate tops with coffee beans if desired.