



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 GIESSEL'S



Jerrod and Katie Giessel both grew up in Topeka. Katie played soccer at the University of Dallas then finished her degree at Washburn. Jerrod graduated from KU. They moved here from Highland Village, a Dallas suburb in Texas. Katie is a pharmaceutical sales rep and Jerrod is an MRI technologist. The

Giessel's have two children, Daegan who is eight years old and Kasen who will be one year old in January. Daegan is always on the lookout for neighborhood children to play with outside. The family is completed by two dogs, a one year old black lab and a very old American bulldog. They enjoy going to the Lake of the Ozarks and Colorado.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Heather Lucas, our new social chairman, got off to a great start with the Christmas Dinner. 148 persons were registered and it is possible that more people missed the registration. Santa was a hit and says that he will be back next year.

CLUSTER BOX VOTE RESULTS

As of 1-7-14, 229 votes were in. 191 or 83.4% of residents voted yes and 38 residents voted no. There are about 30 residents who have not voted. The board members will attempt to contact them. The majority preferred sandstone (beige) as the color. The next color that most preferred was hunter green.

DUES AND BUDGET FOR 2014

Please plan ahead for payment of annual dues which will be due January 28, 2014 and past due February 22, 2014. The Board finalized the budget for 2014 and it is below. Dues will remain the same as they have been for the last four years. We have been able to negotiate some savings to keep dues stable.

The collection of Yard Waste was negotiated in the new Deffenbaugh contract. Trash, material to be recycled **and** yard waste will be collected all twelve months.

	2013 Budget	Year End 2013 Expenses	2014 Budget
Insurance	800.00	724.00	800.00
Office Supplies and Postage	1000.00	799.43	1000.00
Courtesy	900.00		900.00
Acctg & Legal	250.00	2837.79	1500.00
Website/Surveys	500.00	0	700.00
Water	3000.00		4000.00
Electric	3000.00		4000.00
Trash	35000.00		37000.00
Grounds Maintenance	16,500.00		16,500.00
Misc	250.00		815.00
Signs	200.00	0	0
Christmas Dinner and Annual Mtg	3500.00		3500.00
Capital Improvements	7500.00		2200.00
Reserves	0	0	0
Storage Space Rental	0	360.00	360.00
Meeting Room Rental	0	125.00	125.00
Total	70,200.00	64,383.44	70,200.00

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MY CHRISTMAS TREE

The Johnson County Park and Recreation District will again be accepting post holiday contributions of discarded natural Christmas trees at three locations.

Collection sites are:

The northeast corner of the marina parking lot at Shawnee Mission Park, 7900 Renner Road, Shawnee;

The Heritage Park marina parking lot, 16050 Pflumm Road, Olathe; and,

The north side of the parking lot at the marina at Kill Creek Park, 11670 Homestead Lane, Olathe.

Trees will be collected at all three sites from December 26 through January 31 during regular winter park hours, which are 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., except at Shawnee Mission Park, which opens at 6:00 a.m.

No yard waste will be accepted - only Christmas trees. Wrappers should be removed from the discarded trees as well as any remaining decorations; particularly "icicles" and decorations made from mylar, shiny plastic, or aluminum.

There is no charge for the disposal of trees. The program is open to anyone regardless of residency. For additional information, call (913) 888-4713.

OLD OR BROKEN HOLIDAY LIGHTS

It's that time of year again! People will soon be going through holiday decorations including their holiday lights. Ever wanted to get rid of those strands that just need to be replaced, but didn't want to throw them away? Southeast Enterprises of Kansas City, Missouri has several drop-off locations in the metropolitan area where you can take your unwanted lights.

Drop off locations in Shawnee include:

Security Bank

5450 Roberts ST Shawnee KS 66226
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Mission Bank

15110 Shawnee Mission Pwky, Shawnee KS 66217
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Walmart

16100 W 65th St, Shawnee KS 66217

Walmart

5701 Silverheel St, Shawnee KS 66226

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and will reopen on Tuesday, January 21st, at 8:00 a.m.

ROH RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Hot Crab Dip

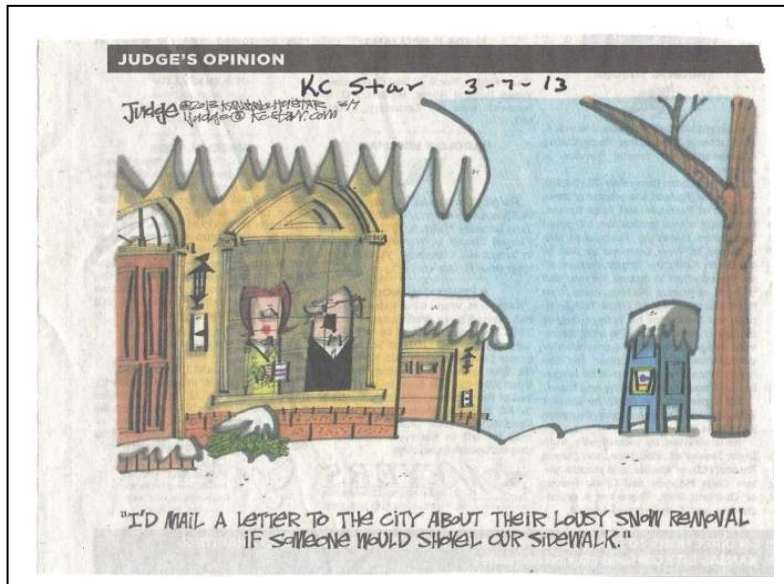
Ingredients:

2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
4 tablespoons mayonnaise
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
2 (6 ounce) cans crabmeat
1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons hot sauce
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
paprika, for garnish

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

In a medium bowl, mix the cream cheese, mayonnaise, Cheddar cheese, crabmeat, lemon juice, hot sauce and Worcestershire sauce. Transfer to a shallow 9x13 inch baking dish. Garnish with paprika. Bake in the preheated oven 30 minutes, or until golden brown and bubbly.



Remember to shovel your sidewalk after each snowfall.

VALENTINE'S HOME TOUR



A Benefit for
**OPERATION WILDLIFE
& THE NATIONAL BORZOI
RESCUE FOUNDATION**

Sunday February 9th 12:00 to 5:00
At Borzoi Bluff
17700 West 66th Terrace
Shawnee, Kansas 66217
Off street private parking

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Advance Tickets Adults: \$15.00

Children: 5 to 11 \$5.00

Ages 4 and under free

At the Door: Adult \$20.00 Children \$7.00

Credit card or Paypal

www.owl-online.org

www.nbrf.org

Or send checks payable to either:

"nbrf" or "operation wildlife"

17700 west 66th Terrace

Shawnee, KS 66217

Questions? Call 913 217 5971