



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 CLARK AND SUSAN TALLY



Clark and Susan Tally are originally from Northeast Iowa. They moved to St. Joseph in 1987 after Clark accepted a position with Hillyard Chemical and he has been employed there since. Susan works as the Operations Manager for the National Association of Farm Broadcasting, a non-profit association located in Platte City. Congratulations are in order because they celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in June. The move to Red Oak brought them closer to their two grown daughters who both live in the Kansas City area and their families, in particular their three grandchildren: Delanie (7); Brooklyn (4)

and Addison (3). Clark and Susan added that they are once again "tickled pink" to be expecting another granddaughter due in November. They love the neighborhood and their new house at 17721 West 66th Terrace. Welcome Clark and Susan!

NEXT BOARD MEETING



The next Board meeting will be Tuesday evening, August 14th, at 7:00 pm at the Shawnee Christian Church on Midland and Renner. All homeowners are welcome. The first 15 minutes of the meeting is reserved for residents who wish to present concerns. Please let someone on the board know if you wish to speak at the meeting.

Officers of the board will be voted on at the meeting in August. The current officers are:
President-Gary Turner, 67th Terrace
Vice Pres-Mark Peterson, Red Oak Dr
Secretary-Cris Loomis-Ney, Vahalla Court
Treasurer-Jill Peterson, Clairborne Court

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Someone has been dumping yard waste behind the Red Oak Hills marker on Elmridge and 70th. This practice is contrary to city code and HOA restrictions. If IT IS proven that your waste ends up on HOA common areas, the board will take appropriate action. You can contract with Deffenbaugh to pick up yard waste for \$6/month for a 9 month period. It is difficult for us to imagine that HOA members or residents in Red Oak Hills would want to despoil the area with waste. ROH restrictions as well as city codes do not allow dumping any waste in common areas.

The Board is working to get lights installed and working on all four entrances. This includes Elmridge and 67th, 66th Te and Lind, 66th Te and Red Oak Dr. as well as Midland and 70th.

NEW HOA DIRECTORY

The 2012-2013 Red Oak Hills Directory is almost ready for distribution. Since the publication of the 2011 directory, there are a number of new homeowners in ROH. Due to the number of changes we decided to republish the directory.

If your e mail address changes, and you want to continue receiving Red Oak communications, please forward the changes to gturner@kc.surewest.net.

We welcome our new residents in 2011 and 2012. The Barry and the Hewitt families have moved in on Red Oak Drive. The Soyster and Raouf & Khalil families are new residents on 69th St. The Pistol and the Tally families have moved into 66th Terrace. The Simmons and the Green families are recent additions to Clairborne Court. The Kehrwald and the Sabina families have moved in to Clairborne Road. If anyone was left out, please notify us.

FIRE DANGER



Due to the large amount of urban forest area that we have in ROH, the Shawnee Arborist, and at a later date, the Fire Marshall walked the trails and common areas to give us an assessment of fire danger. We walked the nature trail and the common area on the west side of Red Oak Drive. The Fire Marshall asked that ROH residents be watchful and careful when cooking out. No other outside fires are allowed in Shawnee due to the dry conditions. Since we have some heavily treed areas, we need to be extra vigilant.

Our mature, green trees are deciduous and will not explode like the Colorado conifers do when exposed to high heat and fire. Underlying brush that is alive does not pose a significant risk either. Both the Fire Marshall and the Arborist rated the risk of fire as low.

However, brush and limbs that have been hauled into common areas or private property should be removed to prevent the possibility of a fire like the one that occurred last year in western Shawnee. This fire could have resulted in significant loss of property if it had

not been discovered. Due to the vigilance of the people involved, the fire was contained by the Shawnee Fire Department before it could reach any homes. The Fire Marshall recommends that homeowners remove any brush that is close to their homes.

Please use extreme caution when disposing of smoking materials and do not dispose of them out of vehicle windows. Not only is it illegal, discarded materials can cause grass fires that tend to occur in highly populated areas and heavily traveled roads making it difficult for Firefighters. Both the Fire Marshal and Police Officers will be keeping an eye out and issuing citations when appropriate. At home, smoking materials should be completely extinguished and placed in a non-combustible container filled with water. Potted plants with potting soil should not be used to extinguish smoking materials. The lack of sufficient rainfall and extremely high temperatures make the organic materials found in potting soils highly combustible. These materials have been the cause of several fires in and around our community.

MAIL BOXES

Recently, an audit of the cluster mail boxes was made and many boxes need repair work. So far, the postmaster has not been encouraging about the likelihood of repairs being done. Some boxes are rusted and some tilted. Some of the boxes are so bad that it detracts from the neighborhood. Due to the financial condition of the Postal Service, perhaps we should look for other solutions. Please feel free to send comments to Gary Turner at gturner@kc.surewest.net that he can take to the Post Office. Any other suggestions are welcome.

ANNUAL DUES PAYMENTS RECEIVED

Thanks to everyone! All dues have been received except for a few residents that have been experiencing some economic difficulties beyond their control. In these rare instances, the Red Oak Hills treasurer works with them on an extended program. The Board anticipates that 2013 dues will remain at the present level. We do have a problem with the retention pond dam that may eat into our reserves. Chad Johnson, who is on the maintenance committee and a civil engineer, is working to resolve the problem.

CANINES AT THE COVE



Bring your four legged friends to Splash Cove on Saturday, August 18th before the pool is drained at the end of the season. The cost is \$6 per dog and proceeds will benefit local pet charity organizations. This event will give you an opportunity to have a fun play day at the pool with your dog. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

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 email to Gary Turner for possible inclusion in the next newsletter.

ROH RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Raspberry–Chipotle Barbeque Chicken Pizza

1 can (13.8 oz) Pillsbury refrigerated pizza crust
1/4 cup red raspberry preserves
1/4 cup hickory smoke flavored barbecue sauce (or other favorite flavor)
2 tsp chopped chipotle chiles in adobo sauce
1 pkg (6oz) refrigerated grilled chicken breast strips, cubed
1/2 medium red onion, cut into thin strips
1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (6oz)
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Lightly spray a 13 x 9 inch pan with oil. Unroll pizza crust dough in pan and press dough to the edges.

In a small bowl, mix preserves, barbeque sauce and chiles. Spread mixture evenly over dough to within 1/2 inch of edges. Top with chicken, onion, and cheeses.

Bake 12 to 20 minutes or until cheeses are melted and edges are deep golden brown. Sprinkle with cilantro. 6 servings.