

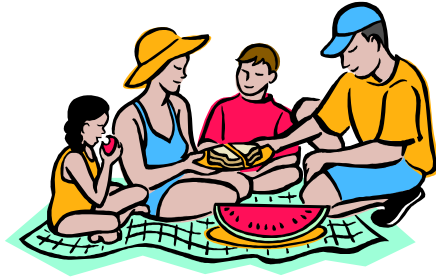


# WHAT'S NEW?

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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## ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC



Kansas law requires an annual meeting for all HOA's. Due to graduations, weddings, and other activities the meeting and picnic was changed to Sunday evening, June 23rd. It will still be at the Knights of Columbus shelter.

Appetizers and drinks will be available between 5:30 and 6:00. Dinner is being catered and it will be served beginning at 6:00 pm. There will be a

"Moonwalk" for the kids.

Odd numbered homes are asked to bring appetizers or veggies. Even numbered homes are asked to bring desserts. There will be presentations concerning the proposed Cluster Box Project and the Native Wildflower and Grasses Project. We hope to see everyone there.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION



On May 17th, at the Shawnee Police Department 9th Annual Award and Recognition Reception, Cindy Van Pelt was recognized for her roadside assistance on behalf of Lee Helfrich. Cindy and Lee are good friends and are both air traffic controllers in Olathe. Cindy did not know who was struck by a car until she turned around and drove back. Cindy did see Lee's dog walking freely on Red Oak Dr. After returning to the victim of the hit and run in the ditch, she

recognized her friend. The police officer who did the presentation said that he was not a very good speaker. He underestimated himself as he had the entire room spellbound with every word. We are happy that Lee continues to mend and proud of Cindy for assisting her.

## RESTRICTION OF THE MONTH

Restriction #16: No mobile home or trailer with or without wheels shall be kept on any lot. Motorboats, houseboats, and other similar waterborne vehicles may only be maintained, stored, or kept if housed completely within the residential structure. No non-operating motor vehicle shall be kept on any lot.

## TALL GRASS

Due to the abundant rainfall so far this spring, some grass lawns are getting high. Several residents have asked that homeowners be reminded that city code requires grass and weeds be mowed before the grass grows over 8 inches. Even if the grass is in your back yard it creates an eyesore for your neighbors plus allows weeds to spread to others.

## RECYCLE CARTONS

Deffenbaugh has installed new equipment so that milk cartons, egg cartons, juice boxes, and other beverage boxes can now be recycled at curbside.

## CLUSTER BOX PROJECT

We have discussed the possibility of ordering new cluster box mailboxes in several newsletters now. In June we plan to issue a detailed letter to all homeowners providing specific details, some of which follow. In July, we will do a homeowner survey asking for approval of the project. It is very important that you voice your desires, should you want to do so, before a final decision is made that will affect all of us.

The USPS will not replace old rusting, leaking, leaning, or otherwise defective 30 year old boxes. We have to replace them ourselves with USPS approved boxes. If all 264 residents participated, formal and informal members, and non-members, the cost would be a one-time charge of less than \$125 that could be spread over several years. The HOA would use \$20,000 of the reserve. It is not a matter of "if" this must be done; it is a matter of when. About a third of our mail boxes are in need of leveling or replacement.

Most homeowners want a more modern, attractive cluster box that adds charm to the neighborhood and is comparable to the style in new upscale subdivisions.

Your letter with additional facts will be coming to you soon. Please contact Gary Turner or any committee member (Lyn Wrenn, Jill Peterson, Sharon Bowden, Niels Benberg, or Cindy Ralston) with questions or comments.



### **CITY OF SHAWNEE NEWS**

Thousands of American flags will be displayed in downtown Shawnee and Merriam from June 30 to July 6. We are considering American flags (or a flag) for Red Oak to be displayed on patriotic holidays but have no plan yet. If you are interested in providing an idea, please contact any board member

### **WW2 BAND OF BROTHERS**

Charles Stabus lives on Red Oak Drive. Recently he treated a group of ROH veterans to his experiences in World War II. Charles was a paratrooper with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne which was the inspiration for the TV series "Band of Brothers". Charles displayed war souvenirs that included Hitler's personal stationary from Berchtesgaden. Thank you Charles for sharing your memories.

### **MARK BALDERSON RETIREMENT**

We're sure Shawnee Mission Northwest is going to miss Mark Balderston, their Girl's Softball Coach who is retiring after 12 successful years. Mark, a ROH resident, won consecutive state titles in 2002 and 2003 and was named Kansas Coach of the Year in 2003. Mark owns Balderston Chiropractic in Shawnee.

### **LANDSCAPING HELPING HANDS**

Thanks to Cindy Lance, Cindy Scholtz, Cindy Ralston, Lyn Berlin and Dale Lance who all helped with the plantings at the Midland entrance. We appreciate their hard work.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED ON AUGUST 1ST

The only qualifications needed beyond being a formal member or an informal member of the HOA are:

1. An open mind and a desire to help maintain a quality subdivision.
2. Being respectful and willing to consider other's opinions
3. Being unafraid to voice your own opinion. If you feel a certain way, you can be assured that others probably do also.
4. Attending the second Tuesday night board meetings in Jan, Feb, March, and April. May is the annual meeting and picnic; there is no meeting in June or July. We resume meetings in Aug, Sep, Oct, and Nov. In December we have the Christmas dinner. You would not be expected to attend every meeting or event, we just ask that you attend as many as possible. If there are no pressing issues and we can communicate via email, we do not have a meeting.

We need residents who are willing to be on the Board and help us make decisions. You can be assured that most, if not all, residents of Red Oak Hills appreciate what the Board tries to do. They may not agree with the board decisions all the time but know that decisions are made in what we consider to be the best interest of ROH HOA. Please contact Gary Turner at 268-4513 or [gturner@kc.surewest.net](mailto:gturner@kc.surewest.net). This is your opportunity to make a difference!

## 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 Directory Changes

ADDRESS	ADDRESS LISTING	ALPHABETICAL LISTING
17219 W 68th		Pg 13 Change Scott Adam's e mail address to <a href="mailto:scotta@kansascityhomes.com">scotta@kansascityhomes.com</a>
17711 W 67 <sup>th</sup> Te		Pg 20 Change Kuhlma to Kuhlman
6639 Red Oak Dr	Pg 32 Delete Cantrell info Add Janice Butts	Pg 15 Delete Darrell & Sharon Cantrell and 962-0049. Pg 14 Add Janice Butts 486-2877
7011 Red Oak Ct	Pg 31 delete Rogan info	Page 24 Delete Rogan 248-4428
17700 W 66 <sup>th</sup> Te	Pg 34 Add 17700 W 66 <sup>th</sup> Te Cliff Hall and Carla Hanson	Add Cliff Hall and Carla Hanson, 322-6999

## 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.

### The 100 Calorie Chocolate Cupcake

18.25 oz Devil's Food Cake Mix  
1 1/3 cups water  
1/2 cup fat free sour cream  
5 large egg whites (or 3/4 cup egg substitute)  
1/4 cup powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line cupcake pans with paper baking cups. Beat cake mix, water, sour cream, and egg whites in a large bowl on low speed for 30 seconds. Increase speed to medium speed and continue beating for 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Divide batter between the 24 cupcake cups. Bake for about 17 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely. Dust the tops with powdered sugar using a sifter, sugar shaker, or wire mesh strainer.

Per serving: 98 calories, 2 g protein, 18.5 g carbohydrate, 1.8 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, .5mg cholesterol, .5 g fiber, 200 mg sodium.