



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.

MAY 2010 ISSUE

BOARD MEETING MAY 11TH

Everyone is welcome to attend the Homes Association meeting on Tuesday, May 11th at 7p.m. at the Shawnee Christian Church on the northeast corner of Midland and Renner. The agenda will include:

- Finding two new board members to replace those “retiring”
- Update on the Annual meeting and picnic
- Treasurer’s report and an update on late dues payments
- Update from the Common Areas Committee

MEET JUSTIN AND TAMMY BEINS



What do you say when a young man who lived in Red Oak hills as a child comes back to establish a home here with his new bride? Welcome back, Justin! Justin and Tammy Beins have ambitious remodeling plans for their new home at 6724 Clairborne Rd. In their free time, they enjoy mountain biking and visiting Colorado and discovering new culinary adventures. Both graduated from K-State. Justin works for the Golf Club of Kansas and Tammy is a buyer for Buckle. Their family includes two black Goldendoodles (Reilly and Ringo) and an orange cat (Ernie Bert Reynolds). Red Oak Hills is happy to have the

Beins family back.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

We all want to thank Charles Groslin for cutting the grass at the vacant foreclosed home on 17233 W. 70th. For those that may not know Charles, he is our resident painter, sculptor, and a dedicated historian. He created the stone mural in Pioneer Crossing Park of a covered wagon drawn by oxen, the wagon master on horseback and a woman walking beside her wagon. He has many other works, both paintings and sculptures, on display in and around Shawnee.

One good deed often begets another. Niels Benberg, also a 70th St. resident, has offered to cut the grass the next time if it gets out of hand. Ron and Linda Johnson at 17427 W 67th Terrace want to thank the nice early walkers that always throw their paper up near the garage. Thank you to all of these community minded residents!

RECYCLING GLASS IS A SUCCESS

Shawnee has collected over 50 TONS of glass in three months through its partnership with Ripple Glass, First National Bank of Olathe and Perceptive Software. You can obtain a small durable plastic home bin to make it easier to store glass at home and transport it to a drop-off location. The bins measure 24" x 16" x 13" and are bright purple. The bins only cost \$5 and are available at Shawnee City Hall and the Civic Centre. Stop by today and get your new bin while supplies last! For more details visit www.cityofshawnee.org or call 742-6014.

TRASH TALK

Here are some questions posed from homeowners.

Q: Is there some kind of ordinance that states whether trash cans can sit out in front of houses? I've noticed a few homes that never put their trash cans out of sight after trash is picked up. I would hate to think we live in an area where this becomes common practice. I guess I kind of look at trash cans like I do having trailers sitting in front of houses. Those aren't exactly lovely to see.

A: Yes, city codes and homes association codes state that trash cans may be out 24 hours in advance of pickup and are to be back in the garage or behind the house as soon as the trash is picked up.

Q: I heard large paper bags will become a requirement for household waste and yard waste in the future. Is this true?

A: Yes. Costco has them now for \$7.99 for 25 bags which works out to 32 cents per bag. To keep household waste from spilling out when dumped, it is recommended to line your trash cart with the bag, which will also keep the cart from smelling. The paper bags decompose quickly compared to plastic and they are better for the environment.

Q: Do we have to use a recycle cart?

A: Recycle carts will be mandated by the city in 2011. It is recommended to order a cart now and avoid the last minute rush. Call Gary Turner at 268-4513 for assistance.

Q: Do I have other recycle options?

A: Retailers are starting to furnish bins for the recycling of glass, plastic, aluminum cans, plastic bags, cell phones, ink cartridges, and trash. For example, Target now has four bins for recycling the items just listed in front of the check out registers on the grocery side of the store.

TIDY TOWN REMINDER

Shawnee's Tidy Town is a special curbside, large item pick up, for those items not collected by routine trash services. This free program is for Shawnee residents only. For residents on the west side of Pflumm Road to the west City limits, pick up will be on **Saturday, May 8th.**

Additionally, with an appointment, Deffenbaugh Industries will pick up refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners and other items containing CFCs (refrigerants) at no charge on the same Saturday. Residents west of Pflumm need to call Deffenbaugh Industries at 631-3300 before **Friday, May 7th**, to schedule an appointment for pick up of items containing CFCs. For more information, contact City Hall at 742-6951.

Tips:

- Get all materials to the curb by 7:00 a.m.
- Reduce bundled or loosely packaged items to weigh less than 65 lbs.
- Cut branches and limbs to 4' or less and securely bundle.
- Cut carpet into 4' lengths, roll and tie.
- Call Deffenbaugh Industries to schedule a special pick up for items containing refrigerants.
- Do not place anything at the curb that you do not want to be removed, like a trash can

Items not collected:

- Car batteries, car parts or more than four tires (rims must be removed).
- Large volumes of remodel, construction or concrete debris.
- Liquid waste, paint, solvents or hazardous materials. (Call 715-6900 to arrange disposal of these materials.)

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: Dependable teen with own equipment to trim and mow yard at vacant home at 6732 Clairborne Road. Please call Carol Flood at 816-997-9136 (h), 913-234-6129 (w) or 913-205-8050 (c).

FREE: Basketball back board at 6721 Red Oak Drive. It will be part of the Tidy Town pick-up on Saturday so get it right away if you want it!

WANTED: 2 young men to move furniture this Friday from a basement to the curb for Tidy Town. Call Linda on 67th Terrace at 631-4463.

ROH RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Have a favorite recipe you want to share? Email nkoporc@att.net and you may be published. This month, Rick and Kathy Hebenstreit contributed our recipe of the month.

BACON, LETTUCE, & TOMATO BUCATINI WITH GARLIC BREAD CRUMBS

FOR THE GARLIC BREAD CRUMBS

- 1 clove garlic
- 1 cup Italian bread cubes
- 1 tsp olive oil

Salt to taste

FOR THE PASTA

2 strips of bacon, diced
1 cup halved grape tomatoes
½ tsp sugar
½ cup thinly sliced leeks (or green onions)
½ cup low sodium chicken broth
¼ cup dry white wine
1 tsp. red wine vinegar
¼ tsp. red pepper flakes
4 oz. dry bucatini or spaghetti
1 cup fresh spinach leaves
¼ tsp. minced fresh thyme

Bring a pot of salted water to a boil for the pasta. Mince garlic for the bread crumbs in a food processor. Add cubed bread and process until coarse. Heat oil in a nonstick skillet over medium heat; add crumbs and toast until golden, 3-4 minutes, stirring often. Season with salt; set aside.

Cook bacon in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until crisp. Remove with a slotted spoon. Pour off all but 1 tbsp. drippings. Caramelize tomatoes and sugar in drippings over medium heat. Cook until tomatoes begin to brown, 5 minutes. Add leeks; sauté until wilted, 3-4 minutes. Deglaze skillet with wine; simmer until liquid is nearly evaporated. Add broth, vinegar, and pepper flakes. Simmer until liquid is reduced by one third, about 5 minutes.

Cook bucatini in boiling water according to package directions. Add the spinach, thyme, and cooked bacon to the tomato mixture. Transfer cooked pasta from the cooking water to the skillet using tongs. Toss to coat; season with salt. Divide pasta among plates and sprinkle with bread crumbs.

Makes 2 servings