



# 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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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Part of this program is a calling tree in case of emergencies, events, and important issues. Several days ago we were contacted when a homeowner found a pair of glasses. The entire e mail list was alerted and within 20 minutes a mother called us as her son had lost his glasses. She wasn't too happy with her son but happy to have the glasses back.

## THE PICNIC: FUN FOR EVERYONE



We had beautiful weather for the Annual Red Oak Hills Picnic and annual Meeting. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to everyone who organized the event, especially those who attended and brought all those lovely and delicious salads and desserts. No one left hungry! The candid shots of picnic activities are on the website for your viewing pleasure. Special thanks to Rick Hebenstreit for taking these great pictures!

## WHAT ABOUT THE SURVEYS TAKEN IN APRIL?

Thank you to everyone who answered the survey - we had over 100 responses. The front entrance definitely evoked the most commentary. Although 59.3% of the responses indicated people were somewhat satisfied or very satisfied about the front entrance, most of the comments told us that we need to fine tune parts of the renovation. The board is still working on the topics addressed in the survey and a more complete response will be provided in future issues.

## NEXT BOARD MEETING IS JUNE 12

The next Board meeting will be June 12th at 7:00 pm at the Shawnee Christian Church on Midland at 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.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Do you have a desire to be part of the decision making process of the ROH board? Have you done your share by contributing some time to the HOA? A Homes Association

exists to help protect property values and the Board of Directors makes decisions that it believes will enhance the possibilities of protecting home values. Please make a decision to participate in the decision making process.

Starting in August, we will need two people who do not mind speaking their mind and can devote a small amount of time to benefit all who live here. Board meetings are every other month unless an urgent issue arises. Mike Shepherd is retiring in August and we need someone to fill this very important Maintenance Chairman position.

An HOA in Shawnee that is only 20% larger than ours hires a management team to run its HOA. They pay over \$14,000 a year for this service.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Last week you should have received a new directory listing by e mail. The printed directory that you now have was expected to last for two years. However, many new families have moved into Red Oak Hills in the past 16 months so we decided to publish a new directory sooner. Please check this e mail version and report any changes that we have missed. We will publish the printed version very soon so call Laureen Way at 439-7483 or send an email to [jtlway@aol.com](mailto:jtlway@aol.com) with any changes.

## CENSUS SURVEY

Part of the dues statement contained a brief survey about the makeup of our homes association. 68% of members of the HOA responded. This is helpful because occasionally we are asked for demographic information. For example, a resident whose house is for sale called because a prospective buyer wanted to know how many kids are in our neighborhood. We had a good number to provide. Note that the extrapolated number is supposed to reflect a 100% rate of response. This is not necessarily a correct assumption. The survey indicates we have 2.95 persons per household.

Question	Survey Response	Extrapolated Number
Adults in home	469	689
Children under 6 years old	34	50
Children 7 - 17 years	84	123
Retired Adults	127	186
Adults over 55	222	326
Dogs	128	188
Cats	39	57

## MEDICARE

Would you be interested in hearing a representative from the insurance industry talk to a group about changes coming in Medicare? Her name is Marilyn Caldwell and she makes her living selling supplemental policies, but she cannot solicit anyone unless that person asks for an appointment. You may have seen Marilyn at Hy Vee behind a table with a Medicare sign. She would be available to do this in September or October. The Obamacare issue may be settled one way or another by the Supreme Court by then. Please indicate your interest by contacting Gary Turner.

## 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.

### Babysitting and Pet Sitting

Erin Burke (age 13) and Lily Burke (age 11) live on 68th Terr. Both girls are available all summer, and during school, in the afternoons and evenings. 248-4453

## ROH RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Upside Down Apple Tart

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 pkg (4 serving size) Jello lemon flavor gelatin
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 7 golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored and quartered
- 1 refrigerated ready to use pie crust
- 1 cup thawed Cool whip whipped topping

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Melt butter in 10 inch ovenproof non stick skillet on medium heat. Add dry gelatin mix and cinnamon. Cook and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Arrange apples, cut sides down, in a circular pattern on the bottom of the skillet. Top with remaining apples.

Cook apples on medium low heat 20 min. or until apples begin to soften and gelatin mixture starts to thicken. Place pie crust over apples. Place skillet in oven.

Bake 20 min. or until crust is golden and apples are tender. Cool 3 min. Using oven mitts, place large serving plate on top of the skillet. Carefully turn skillet over onto plate. Serve warm. Cut into 10 slices. Top each serving with about 2 tbsp of whipped cream.

