



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.

NOVEMBER ISSUE

MEET THE LUCAS FAMILY

Scott and Heather Lucas have moved twelve times in their seventeen year marriage, but we hope 6731 Clairborne Rd is the place they hang their hats for a long period of



time. Scott was originally a portrait artist specializing in sports stars, but he is now a chemical engineer working in St. Joseph, Mo. Heather is a stay at home mom managing an energetic household of three children, a dog, and a cat. She loves running, sewing, reading, beading, and she is a Master Gardener. Their children are Isabella (7 years old), Sophia (5 years old), and Jack (3 years old). The family pets are Frisbee, a cocker spaniel puppy, and Tiger, the cat. The Lucas family moved here from Wichita

so Scott could be closer to his job. They have been very impressed with the friendliness of our neighborhood and Red Oak Hills is happy to welcome them!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOV 7th

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday November 7th at 2:00 a.m. The Fire Department reminds us that this is a good time to change the batteries in our smoke alarms as well. According to the National Fire Protection Association, a working smoke alarm increases your family's chances of a safe escape from a fire by more than 50%. For more information about the free smoke alarm program and helpful fire safety tips, call the Fire Department at (913) 631-1080.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR NOV 9th

Homeowners are encouraged to attend the board meeting which will start at 7:00 pm at the Shawnee Christian Church ON November 9th. The agenda will include an update on the web redesign and homeowner's directory redesign projects. There will be reports on the Path and Common Area Committee, the Holiday Party, Amendment Changes, Budgets, Maintenance, Deffenbaugh, and much more. There is a lot going on you don't want to miss!

DOCUMENT SHREDDING ON NOVEMBER 13th

Shawnee in conjunction with ProShred Security will host a shredding event at the Splash Cove parking lot (5800 King St) on November 13th from 11:00 to 1:00 pm. The shredding service is free but a donation to benefit CityRide of \$5 per regular banker box and \$10 per large banker box is encouraged. For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at (913) 742-6243.

HOLIDAY PARTY IS DEC 7th



Mark your calendars! The Holiday Party is scheduled for Dec 7th. We have reserved the entire gym floor at the Shawnee Civic Center which will give us more room. We will have round tables instead of rectangular ones – more conducive for visiting!

NEW RECYCLING CODES EFFECTIVE JAN 1st

As of Jan 1, 2011 the City of Shawnee will implement the new city codes relating to trash and recycling. These are NOT the rules of Deffenbaugh or any other hauler. These are city ordinances. Here are some of the key provisions:

Everyone will be required to have a recycling cart. There are no exceptions. Residents with disabilities (steep driveways, for example) can get help from Deffenbaugh. If you have not ordered a recycle cart, now is a good time to do it. HOA members can call Gary Turner at 268-4513. Non members should call 631-3300 for Deffenbaugh Customer Service.

In order to encourage recycling, excess trash will be subject to a PAYT (pay as you throw) fee. The more trash that you have the more it will cost. Your cart must be securely closed. Bags sticking out the top of the cart will not be picked up unless a sticker is attached. The HOA will have stickers for sale at a cost of \$1.20 each.

NEW PAPER ROH DIRECTORY

Cindy Ralston and Jane Newman-Ford are working on a paper directory of ROH residents that will be ready for distribution soon after the New Year. Residents who have businesses they would like to advertise in the directory may do so for a moderate fee. Please contact Cindy Ralston at (913) 268-7422.

NEW ROH WEBSITE DESIGN

Scott Adams and Jack Kirkham are redesigning the Red Oak Hills website. Please go to redoakhills.org and check out what has been done so far. This is still a work in progress and your comments and suggestions are encouraged. Our goal is to make the website more informative so we can utilize it for communicating more information in the future.

ROH RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Have a favorite recipe you want to share? Email nkoporc@att.net and you may be published. This month's recipe was contributed by Kathy Hebenstreit.

PARMESAN AND THYME CRACKERS

¼ lb (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
4 oz freshly grated Parmesan cheese (about 1 cup)
1 tsp minced fresh thyme leaves
½ tsp kosher salt
½ tsp freshly ground black pepper
1 ¼ cups all purpose flour

In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, cream the butter for one minute. With the mixer on low speed, add the Parmesan, thyme, salt and pepper and combine. With the mixer still on low, add the flour and combine until the mixture is in large crumbles, about 1 minute. If the dough is too dry, add 1 tsp water.

Dump the dough onto a floured board, press it into a ball, and roll into a 9 inch log. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or for up to 4 days.

Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cut the log into 3/8 to ¼ inch thick rounds with a small sharp knife and place them on a sheet pan lined with parchment paper. Bake for 18-22 minutes, until very lightly browned. Rotate the pan once during baking. Cool and serve at room temperature.