



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 THE RISHELS



Nebraska's loss is our gain. Additionally, they may be ROH's most recently married couple - May 27th was the big day. Elizabeth and Phil Rishel both hail from Plattsmouth Nebraska. Phil went to college at the University of Nebraska and Elizabeth went to the University of Nebraska at Kearney. They both owned condos in downtown Kansas City MO before moving to 6640 Lind. Phil is an architect for Black & Veatch. Elizabeth is an interior designer who owns her own design firm specializing in kitchen and bath design called Orion Design, Inc. (www.designbyorion.com).

Phil loves to golf and they both love to travel. They have recently been to Greece , Aruba, Napa Valley and San Francisco, and they have their sights on

Peru next! We want to extend a warm welcome to Red Oak Hills.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is on Nov. 13th starting at 7 pm at the Shawnee Christian Church at Midland and Renner. Residents are welcome and the first 15 minutes are open for residents to voice their concerns.

POSSIBLE COMMITTEE TO STUDY SHEDS

Eric Van Allen is looking for more residents who might be interested in looking at changing our current HOA restrictions so that sheds could be built on private property. Please call Eric; his phone number is in the ROH directory.

BUDGET FOR 2013

Our bylaws require the board to have a budget ready for your review by Nov. 15th of each year. We are working on the budget now and do not foresee any increases in dues, largely due to some negotiated savings in 2012 which will continue. We need to remember that only \$150/year (\$13/month) of your dues goes to the HOA expenses. Trash and recycling account for other \$150.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE



The newest renovation of the main entrance should be completed by the time that this newsletter reaches you. The Board extends its thanks to Cindy Schultz, Cindy Lance, Cindy Ralston, and Earl May Garden Center for their time and effort. They will be looking to improve the other four entrances when this project is complete.

Someone stole all the pumpkins from the main entrance. It is too bad that some of the efforts of the gardeners were in vain.

Cindy Ralston would like to start a garden committee. If interested, please call her at 268-7422.

The Maintenance Committee really needs another person to help with the activities of this committee. Niels Benberg chairs the Maintenance Committee and he is assisted by Chad Johnson. Both are working full time and have other obligations. If you could help out, please call Niels or Gary Turner.

CURB APPEAL (OR LACK THEREOF)

Who would ever have thought that we would see a washer and a dryer sitting on the curb in front of a home in Red Oak Hills? They had been there for a over a week before a Citizens Service Request was submitted to the city. This was in front of a home that is not in the HOA.

City code requires that homeowners not put out trash until 24 hours before pickup. Carts and yard waste are to be stored behind the set back if not in the garage.

Please see that guests at your home do not park on the sidewalk as this create safety problems for walkers who have to walk in the street to get around a car blocking the sidewalk.

CHRISTMAS DINNER



The annual ROH Christmas Dinner will be Dec.5th at the Shawnee Civic Center. More information will follow later. Appetizers, side dish, and dessert dishes are provided by residents: meats, potatoes, dinnerware, drinks are catered by Hy Vee.

VETERANS DAY AT HY VEE

Monday, Nov 12th is the morning for veterans to gather at the Hy Vee Grocery store near Shawnee Mission Parkway and Pflumm. Veterans will be treated to a wonderful breakfast From 6:30am to 11:00am. This Hy Vee store feeds over 600 veterans each year.

DEFFENBAUGH

Normally from March through September, Deffenbaugh picks up 6 bags of yard waste without stickers. The stickers are \$1.25 apiece. Gary Turner has some stickers so you do not have to buy a complete sheet of 10 stickers.

However, during October and November, Deffenbaugh will pick up 10 bags of yard waste if you have contracted with them. This is according to an email from Customer Service.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please update your Red Oak Hills 2012 directory to reflect these changes due to new ROH HOA residents.

ADDRESS	ALPHABETICAL LISTING	ADDRESS LISTING
6640 Lind	Pg 19 delete Hoffman	Pg 31 delete Hoffman
	Pg 24 add Philip & Elizabeth Rishel	Add Rishel
	816-729-6288	
17730 68th Te	Pg 15 delete Brent	Pg 35 delete Brent
	Pg 24 add Charles & Emily Sharp	Add Sharp
	634-6813	
177203 W. 67th	Pg 28 delete Young, Shirley	Pg 34 delete Young, Shirley
	Pg 21 add Bob Malkamas & Sharon	Add Malkamas &
	Sappenfield 244-7332	Sappenfield
17820 W 68th	Pg 26 delete Taylor	Pg 35 delete Taylor
	Pg 15 add Ken & Michelle Buck	Add Buck
	205-6075	

CALL POLICE

Last Saturday night a resident called Gary Turner at 11:30 pm. after calling the police. The resident reported that there were prowlers in her yard and in the woods behind her home and that she was calling the police. Gary appreciates the call at whatever hour so he is aware of issues within our HOA.

Last August a policeman and the mayor addressed a gathering of ROH people and impressed upon us the need to call the police whenever something does not look right. Please call the police whenever you notice suspicious behavior.

CLASSIFIEDS

Medicare Review

As a Medicare Specialist with Sterling Insurance, Eric Brandenburg offers review and education for those who are approaching Medicare age and would like assistance sorting through the rights and eligibilities of Medicare. For those already on Medicare, he can review of your current situation and well as review Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage) to determine which plan is best for your situation in 2013. Eric says "As a resident of Red Oak Hills since 1980 and having just qualified for Medicare myself, I feel that I understand the challenge in navigating through the Medicare maze. I would enjoy helping you."

Please call to discuss/review: Eric Brandenburg, 913-962-5505.

ROH RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Acorn Squash with Cranberry Stuffing

2 medium acorn squash
1/4 cup chopped celery
2 tbsp each chopped onion and butter
1 medium tart apple, peeled and diced
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp lemon juice
1/8 tsp pepper
1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
1/2 cup sugar
2 tbsp water

Cut squash in half; discard seeds. Cut a thin slice from the bottom of squash so they sit flat. Place squash hollow side down in an ungreased baking dish. Add 1/2 inch of water. Cover and bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes.

Meanwhile sauté celery and onion in butter until tender. Add the apple, salt, lemon juice, and pepper. Cook over medium to low heat until apple is tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in the cranberries, sugar, and water. Cook and stir until berries pop and liquid is syrupy. Turn the squash halves over; fill with cranberry mixture. Cover and bake 10-15 minutes longer or until squash is tender.