



## 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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### DOUBLE THE PLEASURE, DOUBLE THE FUN



Red Oak Hills is fortunate to have two new families at 6812 Red Oak Drive instead of just one. Tom and Kathy Sievert, from the Kansas City area, have made Red Oak Hills their new home. Kathy is the Principal of the Heritage Christian Academy, a private school for pre-kindergarten through sixth grade students. Her husband, Tom, is an accountant and financial analyst for Deffenbaugh.

Their three children are grown and live outside the home. What made this home in Red Oak Hills so attractive was the fully finished lower level with its own kitchen. This is now the ideal home for Dick and Norma Shannon, Kathy's parents. Originally from Michigan, Dick and Norma have been married for 57 ½ years and they have twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren. They have traveled extensively. Dick, now retired, was one of the founding administrators of the Whitefield Academy. Both families are happy to be here and enjoying their joint occupancy.

### PROPOSAL TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

In the near future you will be asked to vote on a bylaw change that would enable the board to achieve greater representation of the residents of the HOA. There are nine members of the board now, tasked to make decisions concerning the business of the HOA. The bylaw change would add two members making a total of eleven members. Two residents of Red Oak Hills are willing to join the board as soon as we can make the change. Both are engineers with backgrounds that will enhance the HOA in the area of storm water management and our website (which is long overdue).

There are several reasons to have more representation.

1. More people will make us more effective by spreading the work. We are all unpaid volunteers with families, jobs, and other interests that have greater priorities.

2. More people mean a greater diversity of opinions and thinking.
3. More people can cover for absent board members. There have been times when we have not had enough people at a board meeting to have a meaningful discussion of issues. That is a waste of everyone's time and talent.
4. More people will mean more representation of different sections of the sub division that have different needs and interests from other sections

We can always use your interests and talents as a volunteer. Volunteers usually are willing to make a limited time commitment in something that they have a specific interest and/or experience in. For instance, Cindy Ralston has taken on the task of renewing the Red Oak Hills directory in an electronic form. Due to a dramatic increase in cost, the spiral bound directory had to be discontinued. The Board is considering bringing back a hard copy in 2011 when a suitable format is found.

Gary Turner

## BOARD MEMBER CHANGES

The Board of Directors of Red Oak Hills would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of **Phil Feil** who has served on the board and served as president for the past 8 years. Phil spent countless hours overseeing the numerous details that are needed to make Red Oak Hills an enjoyable place to live. Although Phil has retired from the board, he has not retired from being an active member of our community. Phil will continue as a volunteer, handling roofing applications and the garage sale.

**Darrell Cantrell** has also retired from the board. Darrell was in charge of maintenance of the common areas and entrances. We all owe him a huge vote of thanks for the much needed improvements to the entrances.

**Robin Hill** also retired from the board. After her retirement from the Shawnee Mission School District, she continues as a substitute teacher. She will continue, however, her responsibility for the signs at the entrances to Red Oak Hills as a valued volunteer for the Board.

That is enough of the bad news. The good news is that we have other residents stepping up to fill the vacant board positions.

**Mike Shepherd** is the new chairman of the Maintenance Committee. Mike has served on this committee for several years. Mike and his family have lived in Red Oak for nine years. Mike works for the Shawnee Mission school district. His wife Tammy previously served on the board as treasurer and is the Chief Financial Officer for the medical administrative services of KU Med. They have 3 children.

**Jane Newman Ford** has joined the board as Secretary. She received her degree as a chemical engineer from Iowa State and her master's degree from KU in Engineering Management. She works for Black and Veatch. Her husband is an interior designer for Display Studios. They have a 10 year old son and a 2 year old corgi who you can often see pulling Jane down Red Oak Drive.

**Nancy Bunn** is the Vice President, Assistant Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary. She has lived in Red Oak for four years. Nancy is a Senior Accountant with two grown sons

that no longer live with her. Nancy especially likes to golf. Her husband Jim is retired from the Department of Transportation.

**Kelby Helwig** is a new board member and is on the maintenance committee. You may have seen Kelby's picture in local newspapers as he is the Streamway and Trailways Parks Manager for Johnson County. Kelby's experience with stream and path management is a great fit for our common area committee. Amber, his wife, is an Area Director for Kansas Special Olympics. Both graduated from K State and they have lived in Red Oak for five years. They have two young sons.

Please join me in thanking the retiring Board members for their service and extending our cooperation and support to the new Board members.

Gary Turner  
President

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Mark your calendars! The Holiday Party is scheduled for Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. 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!

## RED OAK HILLS EXPENDITURES YTD 2010

AS OF August 8, 2010

Revenue	Budget	Actual
Dues	70900	71643
Interest	250	128
Other	450	
Total Revenue	70900	71643

Expenses	Budget	% of Total Budget	Actual YTD	% of budget spent YTD
Insurance	\$ 3,000	4.30	\$2,941	98%
Office Supplies	\$ 1,000	1.40	\$205	21
Courtesy Comm	\$ 1,000	1.40	\$203	29
Legal,Bank,Acct	200	0.00	\$0	0
Website	\$ 500	0.70	\$257	52
Water	\$ 2,000	2.90	\$430	21
Electric	\$ 600	0.90	\$272	45
Trash	\$ 35,000	50.10	\$19,556	56
Grounds Maint	\$ 15,400	22.00	\$9,548	61

Taxes	\$ 100	0.00	\$0	0
Meeting Signs	300	0.40	\$27	9
Ann Mtg, Holiday	\$ 3,200	4.60	\$1,873	57
Reserve+restore	\$ 5,000	7.20	\$0	0
Misc/Repairs	\$ 1,000	1.40	\$0	0
Capital Improv	\$ 2,500	3.60	\$2,359	98
Total exp YTD 2010	\$ 70,800		\$37,671	53
% of year gone 7/12	58%			
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 47,284			
Checking	\$ 21,800			
Savings	\$ 25,484			
Average Exp/Mo	\$ 5,213			

## 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. This month's recipe was contributed by Cindy Ralston.

### Chinese Salad

Mix together:

- 1 large head of Nappa Cabbage
- 3 diced green onions
- ½ cup of sesame seeds

Dressing:

- ½ cup of oil, 1 tsp. soy sauce, ½ cup sugar and ¼ cup of vinegar

Brown 1 pkg. slivered almonds – let cool

Right before serving, add dressing, almonds and 1 pkg. Ramen noodles to the cabbage.