

Red Oak Hills

Newsletter



Can You Dig It?

ROH's Annual Spring Cleanup will be on Saturday, April 10th from 9 am-12 pm. Help spruce up the walking trail, retention area and entrances. Projects available for all ages and skill levels! Meet at the retention area east of Red Oak Dr. and 69th St. Bring work gloves and hedge clippers capable of cutting one-inch soft wood branches. Contact Roger Bellas at rsbellas@yahoo.com if you have a small chainsaw to bring or have any questions.

Easter Egg Hunt



Please join us for the Red Oak Hills Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd at 10:00 am ! See the link below for more information.

Click the link below:

[Red Oak Hills Easter Egg Hunt](#)



Summer Pet Parade

The Pet Parade will be a summer event. Watch for details in an upcoming newsletter!

New Neighbors

Meet the Folsie Family



Geoff, Christy and Cayden moved from Overland Park to Shawnee in August 2020.

Geoff is a district manager in retail and Christy works in insurance claims. Cayden attends Lenexa Hills online this year and will be heading to middle school in the fall.

They enjoy traveling as a family and hope to travel more in the near future.

They love their new home and neighborhood and would like to thank the Red Oak Hills community for such a warm welcome!

HISTORICAL TOUR OF SHAWNEE (by car or foot or pedals)

Step or drive back in time and enjoy the historic sights in downtown Shawnee. Click the link below to view Shawnee Town's Walking and Driving Tour.

https://cityofshawnee.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_8941388/File/Residents/Tour%20brochure_2020.pdf

Notes from our resident researchers (I've added some notes for the areas we thought were confusing).

Driving tour notes:

- A. Chouteau McAnany House is located at 5311 McAnany Dr. The oldest portion of the house (shown in brochure) was demolished due to extensive termite damage. The rock portion standing was built in 1913.
- B. Just a few doors from the Fangro House is the 1891 Bousman House.
- C. Dunbar School later became the first Shawnee library. It no longer stands, but resembled the little 1889 Baptist church located **south** of 57th and Reeder.
- D. From Nieman, turn east on 59th Terrace just south of McLain's Bakery.
- F. The Governor's house is located at 10910 W. 60th St.
- G. The Blacksmith's Shop (just like the Wagon Master's House) no longer stands. The star mentioned in the tour is embedded in a historical marker in the parking lot of 6130 Nieman.
- I. The cemeteries are next to each other on Quivira.

Walking tour notes:

Only a few of the buildings mentioned in the walking tour are still standing. Wonderscope is no longer housed in the former Flint School.

All about the dogs...Ellie Mae Winkley



My name is Ellie Mae Winkley and my favorite things include chasing squirrels, trips to the dog park, pup cups at Chick-fil-A, and snuggling up in a warm blanket. I spent the first few months of my life in Topeka, KS, but then I met my humans, Konner and Emma, in Manhattan, KS.

I have lived in several apartments with my little family so I am very thankful for my new big backyard to explore. My mom and dad recently grew tired of not knowing what breeds make me so cute, so they had my DNA tested and were super excited when they found out I am a Blue Healer/Boxer/Lab mix. My mom tells me I am "the cutest little stinker" on a daily basis. I am one spoiled and loved pup.

When I meet new people I have a tendency to bark at them but as soon as you give me a treat I will be your best friend forever! I may even do one of the few tricks I know...sit, shake, high five, down, and stay (stay is the hardest one for me to master).

I am excited to sniff around my new neighborhood and meet my new doggy friends!

Ruff ruff, Ellie

Tech Tip!

Texting abbreviations

In this texting instead of talking world, sometimes things get lost in translation (or just lost). Here are some common text abbreviations and what they mean:

LOL Laughing out loud

BRB Be right back

NVM Nevermind

TBH To be honest

LMK Let me know

B3 Blah,blah, blah

IDK I don't know

IKR I know, right

NP No problem

ILY I love you

KPC Keep parents clueless

FC Fingerscrossed

TTYL Talk to you later

IMO In my opinion

IOW In other words

J/K Just kidding

BTW By the way

CTN Can't talk now

please send ideas and technical questions to annissalh@me.com

Aunt Jean's Cup and Cone

Aunt Jean's Cup & Cone is a family-owned Gelato and Coffee shop! They make all of their homemade gelato right here in Shawnee, Kansas. The gelato is made with ingredients from Italy for an authentic gelato experience and they proudly serve locally roasted coffee from The Roasterie.

Entertainment

Book:

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse (68 weeks on New York Times best seller)

Charlie Mackesy offers inspiration and hope in uncertain times in this beautiful book, following the tale of a curious boy, a greedy mole, a wary fox and a wise horse who find themselves together in sometimes difficult terrain, sharing their greatest fears and biggest discoveries about vulnerability, kindness, hope, friendship and love. The shared adventures and important conversations between the four friends are full of life lessons that have connected with readers of all ages.

Movie (PG):

YES DAY-Netflix

A mom and dad who usually say no decide to say yes to their kids' wildest requests – with a few ground rules – on a whirlwind day of fun and adventure.

Israeli Salad



Ingredients

2 extra large tomatoes, finely diced
1 English cucumber, finely diced
1 cup red onion, finely chopped (1/2 of a medium red onion)
1 red bell pepper, finely diced
1 yellow bell pepper, finely diced
1 cup fresh herbs (Italian parsley, mint or cilantro, or a mix of all three)
zest of one lemon
Lemon juice (start with 1/2 a lemon, add more to taste)
4 Tablespoons olive oil
Salt and pepper, to taste

Instructions

1. Chop the first 6 ingredients into a very small fine dice. The smaller, the better. Take your time with this and a sharp knife really makes this easier!
2. Place in a large bowl and toss with the lemon zest, olive oil lemon juice, salt, pepper.
3. Taste and adjust lemon and salt to your liking.

About Us

Jana Bonham, Jessica Horine, Chasity Mwangi and I (Annisia Freeman) are putting together this monthly newsletter for our Red Oak Hills community members. Why? We love our community to be published and want us all to stay connected not just for fun and sharing but also for help. The newsletter is to share news, events and fun things with one another. This newsletter will only be in electronic format, however feel free to print and share with neighbors. If you would like for information to be published you can contact us at annissalh@me.com, jessica.horine@gmail.com, jbonham94073@gmail.com and chasityrmwangi@gmail.com. We will try to prioritize and publish but please be patient as we try to keep the newsletter content to 3 pages with fun and business (mostly fun!!)