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## Summer Picnic for ROH

Save the date! Join your Red Oak Hills neighbors for the annual Picnic in the Park!

The picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th from 5-8 at the Knights of Columbus Park.

Food catered by Yardhogs along with fun activities for all! Yard games, Shawnee Firetruck, face painting, and balloon artist!



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## Keep Red Oak Hills Looking Great

Please remember to store your trash and recycling containers out of public view. Property restrictions in Red Oak Hills require containers to be stored in your garage or obstructed from view if stored outside. Also, please remember that City Ordinances and our restrictions only allow containers to be put at the curb within 24 hours of the scheduled trash collection. If you notice a resident that is consistently in violation of these rules, please email [vicepresident.redoahills@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresident.redoahills@gmail.com) and the Board will anonymously address your concern.



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## Evergy Medical Customer Program

When a future power outage occurs, Evergy provides assistance if you need electricity for medical reasons. If you are homebound and rely on electrically-operated life support equipment that doesn't have a backup power supply, Evergy can help you make special arrangements during power outages.

They will provide you with a special phone number to call during outages.

The program doesn't guarantee continuous service, but it does make it easier to report any outages and track restoration efforts.

Visit <https://www.evergy.com/outages/safety/medical-customer-program> for additional information.

For immediate help, you can check the Red Cross's shelter listing, call for emergency help or reach out to the hospital.

Do you have helpful advice to share with your neighbors to ease the hardships of a power outage? Email me at [annissalh@me.com](mailto:annissalh@me.com) and your suggestions will be included in the next newsletter.



## Meet the Wamshers



**M**ike and Sandy Wamsher have resided in Red Oak Hills since 1989. Their love began when fate brought them together - introduced by Mike's dear friend, Sandy's brother. Love blossomed, leading them to tie the knot in October 1964.

Both hail from Kansas City, Kansas, Mike embarked on a path of service by joining the National Guard, eventually serving in Vietnam. Meanwhile, Sandy nurtured their young two-year old son, David, back home. With time, their family grew as they welcomed their daughter, Dana, 11.5 years later. Sandy discovered Red Oak Hills during a playdate for Dana. Captivated by the neighborhood's charm, Sandy persuaded Mike to embark on a new adventure - building their dream home in 1989. Inspired by a captivating residence featured in Southern Living Magazine, they created a stunning abode tailored to their lifestyle, complete with two levels of garages that accommodated Mike's treasured collection of classic cars.

Mike worked in the automobile industry, initially painting cars and later established a business focused on historical memorabilia ranging from the Revolutionary War to modern times. He is passionate about collectible cars, history, and nurturing relationships with family and friends.

Sandy worked in the insurance business and retired from State Farm Insurance in December 2017. Sandy finds great joy and takes immense pride in her family and lights up when talking about her two children and four grandchildren, who affectionately call her "Mingo," while Mike is known as "Papa." Sandy cherishes making new memories in her home with family and friends.

### The Shawnee Mission Park Marina is now open!

Renovations to the existing marina building include:

Addition of a new ticketing area

Construction of a new boat storage facility to the west of the marina building that will store boats in the off-season, as well as life jackets and paddles for easy access to patrons

Accessible upgrades to the marina's current dock

Upgrades and relocation of the observation-deck-level restrooms

Although it is located east of the marina, installation of a new accessible kayak and canoe launch which will allow patrons of all abilities to launch their vessels by themselves is also part of this project.



### BLACK HOOF PARK LAKE LENEXA

Black Hoof Park is a 231-acre park featuring 35-acre, deep-water Lake Lenexa. The park offers a unique dam and spillway, several miles of trails through open grass and wooded areas and fun natural play areas for children. You'll be able to experience beautiful nature and observe a wide variety of wildlife.





## I SPY A “NEW” VIEW TO TRY

A Johnson County sculptor whose artwork is in collections around the world and were featured in Marvel© and DC© comics-related movies was also the creator of a public artwork recently “rediscovered” in Shawnee Mission Park.

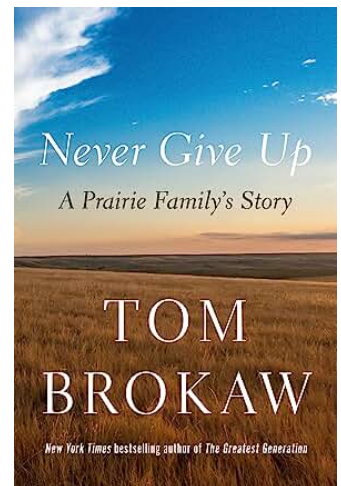
The piece in question consists of three steel and wooden cylinders with seats inside overlooking the lake near Shelter #4 just north of the marina on the lake’s north side. They were created and donated to the park in the early 1970s by local artist Arlie Regier, who passed away in 2014.

Earlier this year, JCPRD officials came across a 1972 newspaper clipping about the art installation. This comes at a time when the park district is actively working toward installing new public art in district parks. “This is a great discovery of the very first public art within JCPRD parks,” said Superintendent of Culture Susan Mong. “Arlie was ahead of his time in so many ways. He saw the magic of installing public art in park spaces and he also understood the power of community engagement when creating these pieces. It is clear that Shawnee Mission Park was a special place for his family, and we are honored to tell his story. These are really well used even today – and designed to allow someone to sit and just take in the view. Our staff have shared how often they will see someone peacefully enjoying the park from these structures.” The JCPRD Public Art Committee, which Mong leads, has formally approved action to dedicate resources from the agency’s public art maintenance fund to restore these pieces. Officials hope to complete the restoration by the end of 2023. Visit <https://shawneemissionpost.com/2022/04/27/inside-jcprd-1970s-art-installation-in-shawnee-mission-park-now-a-hidden-gem-145214/> for additional information.



## NEVER GIVE UP by TOM BROKAW

Tom Brokaw is known as one of the most successful people in broadcast journalism. Throughout his legendary career, Brokaw has always asked what we can learn from world events and from our history. Within *Never Give Up* is one answer, a portrait of the resilience and respect for others at the heart of one American family’s story. Tom’s father, Red, left school in the second grade to work in the family hotel – the Brokaw House, established in Bristol, South Dakota, by R. P. Brokaw in 1883. Eventually, through work on construction jobs, Red developed an exceptional talent for machines. Tom’s mother, Jean, was the daughter of a farmer who lost everything during the Great Depression. They met after a high school play, when Jean played the lead and Red fell in love with her from the audience. Although they didn’t have much money early in their marriage, especially once they had three boys at home, Red’s philosophy of “Never give up” served them well. His big break came after World War II, when he went to work for the Army Corps of Engineers building great dams across the Missouri River, magnificent structures like the Fort Randall and the Gavins Point dams. Late in life, Red surprised his family by recording his memories of the hard times of his early life, reflections that inspired this book.



## About Us

Jana Bonham, Chasity Robinson Mwangi and Annissa Freeman contribute to putting together this monthly newsletter for our Red Oak Hills community members. Why? We love our community 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 friends and family.