

RED OAK HILLS

August 2025 Newsletter

Dog Days of Summer

Every dog needs his day and yours is no exception! Bring your leashed pup to Shawnee Town on Saturday, August 16 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm for a fun adventure in the historic 1920s downtown. Enjoy dog-friendly vendors and community services, food trucks, splash pools, music, contests, and raffle prizes, PLUS you don't want to miss the Kansas City Disc Dogs demonstration! The Dog Contest categories include Best Dressed, Waggiest Tail, Sweetest Smile, Best Bad Hair Day, Biggest Bark, Most Talented Trickster, Smallest Dog, Largest Dog, Longest Tongue, and Twinning Couple. All dogs must be kept on a leash during the event. Admission to the museum grounds is free 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Event is rain or shine. Visit <https://downtownshawnee.com/event/dog-days-of-summer/> for more information.



JOIN US FOR THE

RED OAK HILLS ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH 2025
4 PM - 7 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARK
19699 SHAWNEE MISSION PARKWAY

RSVP BY AUGUST 10TH



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COME FOR THE FOOD, STAY FOR THE FUN!



ROH HOA results 2025-2026 Board:

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Tiny Tot Triathlon

Next date: Saturday, August 23,
2025 | 09:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Location: Little Mill Creek Park, W.
79th Street & Cottonwood Street in
Lenexa

Kids ages 3 to 9 will bike, get wet,
run and go down an inflatable slide
on their way to the finish line!

Two courses to choose from:

Beginner (bike 650 feet, run 550
feet, inflatable water slide)

Intermediate (bike 1310 feet, run
1,220 feet, inflatable water slide)

All participants will receive a medal
at the finish line.

Parental assistance required.

Visit <https://www.lenexa.com/City-Calendar/Annual-Events/Tiny-Tot-Triathlon> for more information.



Cleaning Hack



Baseboards Without the Bending

Attach a microfiber cloth to the
bottom of a broom using rubber
bands, then run it along your
baseboards. It grabs dust and
cobwebs without needing to
bend or crawl—your back will
thank you!

Tiblow Days Festival in Bonner Springs

The Annual Tiblow Days Festival on August 21, 22, and 23
has occurred for over 35 years in downtown Bonner
Springs. Activities include a sanctioned BBQ competition;
Saturday parade; car show; craft, food and commercial
vendors; Tiblow Trot 5-K race sponsored by the Rotary
Club; entertainment and performances at Kelly Murphy
Park; carnival; bands and Third Street Asylum preview.
Tiblow Days is hosted by the Bonner Springs-
Edwardsville Chamber of Commerce and City of Bonner
Springs. Entertainment is in the evening at Centennial
Park on Friday, 8/22, and Saturday, 8/23. Both concerts
are FREE to attend!

Bonner Springs Police Department K-9 Car Show is on
Saturday, 8/23. You can register for \$25 in advance or
day of, starting at 8 AM. The show is from 9 AM-1 PM, with
awards at 2 PM.

The Carnival is on Thursday, 5-10 PM, Friday, 5-10 PM,
and Saturday, 11 AM -9 PM. Wristbands are \$25 and
single tickets are \$1.

The Kids' Zone is FREE and will be in the parking lot of
Winkle Berry on Oak St. on Sat. 8/23 from 11 AM to 4:00
PM. There will be a bounce house, games, balloon
animals and more. Face painting will be available for an
additional cost.

The Tiblow Days Parade is on Saturday, 8/23.

Visit <https://www.bsedwchamber.org/tiblow-days> for
more information.



Book - *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams

Set in a quiet London suburb, *The Reading List* follows two unlikely friends: Mukesh, a widower looking to

reconnect with his book-loving late wife, and Aleisha, a teen working at the local library who discovers a mysterious list of recommended reads. As the two form a gentle bond through these books—from *To Kill a Mockingbird* to *The Kite Runner*—their lives begin to change in unexpected ways. The novel is a celebration of the quiet power of reading, the healing potential of human connection, and how stories can bridge generations and experiences



Movie- *Echo Valley* (Apple TV)

Kate's secluded life is interrupted by her troubled daughter when she shows up frightened and covered in someone's blood. As Kate unravels the truth, she learns how far she'll go for her child.



Seven Stories Bookstore in Shawnee

Everyone has a story. Inside Seven Stories Bookstore in Shawnee, Halley Vincent wants to share seven stories with customers each month.

"We can't carry hundreds of books at a time," Vincent said. "We just highlight seven different books and they're for kids through adults."

It's the reason it's called Seven Stories. Vincent says it's a small store with a big heart.

"It really is a tiny shop and we care about the simple things, like writing notes and saying thank you to people," Vincent said.

The store hosts book clubs and "sketch and flow" events, where customers can come in to spend some quiet time to journal or sketch.

Select books and art pieces marked with "Paws Up KC" labels benefit three metro animal shelters: Chain of Hope KC, Great Plains SPCA and the Humane Society of Greater Kansas City.

Vincent is used to giving back. KSHB 41 first interviewed Vincent in 2019 about Paws Up KC, an organization she started at just eight years old.

She raised funds for animal shelters, provided items such as dog food and cat litter for the pets and later started a book mobile to provide hundreds of free and used books for families, which she continues to do today.

The store is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. The location is 11111 W 59th Terrace in Shawnee. (Don't blink or you will miss it!)

Vincent says she hopes people not only come and visit the store but bring animal shelter donations and donate books for her book mobile, if they are able.

For more information, visit <https://www.kshb.com/> and <https://shop7stories.com/>.



Renovated bicycle pump track in Shawnee Mission Park now open

The newly renovated bicycle pump track in Shawnee Mission Park has officially opened to the public. Renovations include a new entrance, a purpose-built beginner flow trail beginning at the edge of the nearby woods, new dirt jump lines which are gravity-fed and feature difficulty ratings from beginner to advanced.

There is also a hub-fed progressive drop zone which will allow riders of all ages to progress their skills in a controlled environment outside of the existing single-track trails in the woods.

The new mountain bike hub, constructed of harvested rock from Shawnee Mission Park feeds into the drop zone with jumps ranging from one, two, three and six-feet in height and features three difficulty levels.

Renovations began in the fall of 2024 and were completed by Johnson County Park and Recreation District staff along with Urban Trail Co. volunteers.

Visit <https://fox4kc.com/news/renovated-bicycle-pump-track-in-shawnee-mission-park-opens/> for more information.

Lenexa Public Market's 2 newest restaurants now open

Bakery and café Homestead Kitchen + Bakery and Turkish eatery KC Döner are new to the Lenexa Public Market.

Homestead serves "a little bit of everything".

On the café's menu, customers can find items like sandwiches, salads, pastries and cookies.

The restaurant originally got its start in Baldwin City, Kansas, nearly a decade ago.

Homestead's regular hours will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday and Monday, and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

"Whether you want a healthy salad and protein balls, or you have a hankering for a burger, fries, and ice cream, we have something for every mood," said co-owner Lori Gardner. "We've been in business for close to nine years and we've worked very hard to build a concept that our customers enjoy."

KC Döner serves Turkish cuisine.

The mother-and-son-owned restaurant offers "Mediterranean cuisine with a strong Turkish identity" and is primarily known for its döners (meat wrapped in a tortilla with onions, sumac, parsley, and tomato sauce).

Other dishes on the menu include baklava, kisir salad, potato pie and spicy pepper rolls.

KC Döner's regular hours will be 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

"My mom leads the cooking, bringing the traditional flavors of southern Turkey to life, while I bring in my experience from when I worked as a cook at Hilton Barcelona," said co-owner Sami Jenedi about his mother, Nesrin Jenedi, via a release Tuesday. "Every dish is made with care, and we want people to feel at home through the food we serve."

Visit <https://johnsoncountypost.com/2025/07/02/homestead-kc-doner-open-lenexa-263104/> for more



About Us

Neighbors, Jana Bonham and Annissa Freeman, work together to create 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.