RED OAK HILLS

January 2026 Newsletter

Kansas Day The Statehood of Kansas

On January 29, 1861, Kansas was admitted to the Union. It was the 34th state to join the Union. On January 29, 2026, Kansas will celebrate its 165th birthday!

Visit KANSAS TRIVIA for a Jeopardy-style trivia game to test your knowledge of Kansas history.

Helping the Homeless

Our neighbors, Rick and Alice Bush, continue to hand out much needed items to the homeless in KCMO and Grandview. Current needs
include tents, tarps, blankets, sleeping bags, flashlights, men's sweatshirts, jogger pants, socks, t-shirts, underwear, hats, gloves, coats and scarves. Drop off items on their front porch at 17412 67th Terrace. Feel free to contact Rick and Alice at richardalanbush@gmail.com. You can also reach Rick at 913-915-5282 or Alice at 913-909-7687, if you would like more details. Consider collecting items at your Super Bowl party!

Please be courteous when parking on neighborhood streets. The City regulates vehicle parking. Parking in yards, on public sidewalks, and other "No Parking" signed areas is prohibited. Vehicles parked on the street must be moved every 48 hours. Be aware of your vehicle's position so that your neighbors can back out of their driveway safely and allow at least 10 feet width of the street so adequate distance can be maintained for emergency vehicles. Vehicles may not be parked within six feet (6') of any mailbox.

New Coffee Shop
(Coming Soon)

We will soon enjoy another new business in downtown Shawnee. Current State Coffee Roasters aims to create a community hub by roasting and serving coffee while also providing a retail space. This red-brick building located at 11217 Johnson Dr. (across from The Flying Cow Gelato Shop) was built in 1932 and features vaulted and open-arched ceilings. The owners plan to transform the building into a coffee shop, roastery and retail space with a 70's ski lodge vintage vibe. Co-owners are not new to the coffee business having affiliation with Seleno Coffee, The Filling Station and Messenger Coffee. The coffee shop is expected to open by January.

Christmas Tree Recycling

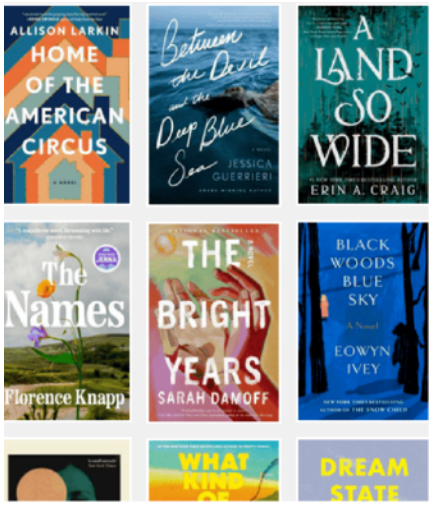
Christmas tree recycling is being offered until Jan. 31 at Theatre in the Park, 7710 Renner Road, Shawnee Mission (just north of the main entrance of Shawnee Mission Park)

Trees will be collected from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

No yard waste will be accepted - only natural Christmas trees. Wrappers should be removed from the discarded trees as well as any remaining decorations, particularly "icicles" and decorations made from mylar, shiny plastic or aluminum.

There is no charge for the disposal of trees. The program is open to anyone regardless of residency. Please call 913-888-4713 for more information.

Great Movies and Documentaries Free to Stream on Kanopy



From contemporary movie classics to hard hitting documentaries, there is something to please everyone available via the joco library's streaming service Kanopy. Kanopy offers film festival favorites, award-winning documentaries, indie and classic movies, world cinema, shorts and series. Includes selections from A24, BBC, Criterion Collection, The Great Courses, Janus Films, Kino Lorber, MGM Studios, Neon, PBS, Warner Bros. and thousands of independent filmmakers.Sign-up with your library card and get lost in a great film! Visit [Movies & TV | eLibrary & Online Resources | Johnson County Library] for more

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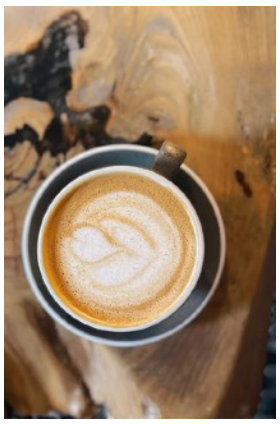


Explore the KC Streetcar

Looking for an easy, fun, and *completely free* way to explore downtown Kansas City? Hop aboard the **KC Streetcar**! Running from the **River Market, Union Station or Plaza**, the streetcar makes 16 stops along a two-mile route packed with dining, shopping, arts, and local attractions.

Highlights Along the Route:

- **River Market** – Grab fresh produce, unique spices, or lunch at City Market.
- **Power & Light District** – A hub for concerts, sports bars, and lively nightlife.
- **Crossroads Arts District** – Perfect for gallery hopping and grabbing a bite at a local brewery.
- **Union Station & Crown Center** – Great for families with Science City, LegoLand, and seasonal exhibits.

Why Ride?

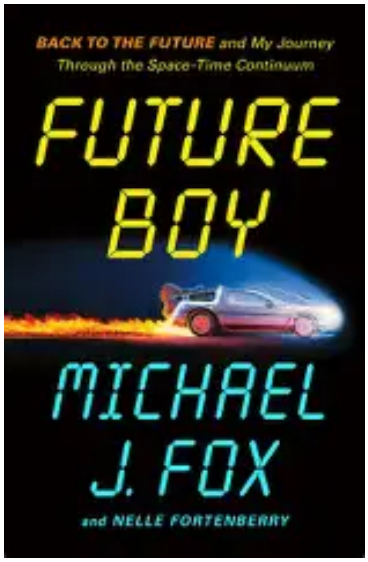
- It's **air-conditioned**, **ADA accessible**, and runs **every 10-15 minutes**.
- You can **hop on and off as much as you like**—no tickets, no stress.
- It's a great way to see the city without worrying about parking or traffic.

Whether you're planning a date night, a family day out, or just want to be a tourist in your own city, the KC Streetcar is a smooth ride through the heart of downtown.

Pro Tip: Park near the River Market, Union Station or Plaza for easy access and then let the streetcar do the driving.

Future Boy: Back to the Future and My Journey Through the Space-Time Continuum

A poignant, heartfelt, and funny memoir about how, in 1985, Michael J. Fox brought to life two iconic roles simultaneously—Alex P. Keaton in Family Ties and Marty McFly in Back to the Future. An amazing true story as only Michael J. Fox can tell it.



In early 1985, Michael J. Fox was one of the biggest stars on television. His world was about to get even bigger, but only if he could survive the kind of double duty unheard of in Hollywood. Fox's days were already dedicated to rehearsing and taping the hit sitcom Family Ties, but then the chance of a lifetime came his way. Soon, he committed his nights to a new time-travel adventure film being directed by Robert Zemeckis and produced by Steven Spielberg—Back to the Future. Sitcom during the day, movie at night—day after day, for months.

In Future Boy, Fox tells the remarkable story of playing two landmark roles at the same time—a slice of entertainment history that's never been told. Using new interviews with the cast and crew of both projects, the result is a vividly drawn and eye-opening story of creative achievement by a beloved icon.

The Kansas City Music Hall

Kansas City's Music Hall, a 1936 Art Deco venue located as part of the Convention Center complex, is fully self-contained with its own marquee, box office, and guest amenities. It seats 2,363 and hosts all kinds of events, including traveling Broadway shows. The Music Hall is also the home of the 1927 Robert-Morton Theatre Pipe Organ that originally was in the Midland Theatre. The 2026 Broadway Series brings some of the biggest shows in the world to KC: "Hamilton" (February), "The Great Gatsby" (March/tickets on sale Dec. 12), and "Wicked" (August). Visit Music Hall - Kansas City Convention Center for more events and information.

KC Streetcar

BISCUIT POT PIE

Ingredients:

- **¼ cup** unsalted butter
- **1** sweet onion, *diced*
- **2** carrots, *peeled and sliced*
- **2 ribs** celery, *diced*
- **3 cloves** garlic, *minced*
- **2 teaspoons** chopped fresh thyme leaves
- **¼ cup** all-purpose flour
- **¼ cup** dry white wine
- **2 ½ cups** chicken stock
- **1 cup** half and half
- **3 cups** shredded rotisserie chicken (or turkey)
- **1 cup** frozen peas
- **2 tablespoons** chopped fresh parsley leaves
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, *to taste*
- Pre-baked flaky biscuits

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
- Melt butter in a large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onion, carrots and celery. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 3-4 minutes. Stir in garlic and thyme until fragrant, about 1 minute.
- Whisk in flour until lightly browned, about 1 minute.
- Stir in wine, scraping any browned bits from the bottom of the stockpot.
- Stir in chicken stock and half and half. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until thickened, about 6-8 minutes.
- Stir in chicken, peas and parsley; season with salt and pepper, to taste. Top with biscuits.
- Serve immediately

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.