

Red Oak Hills

Newsletter



July Events

July 2- Pup parade 6 pm (start @ gatehouse on Midland)

July 2-10- Cinderella Shawnee Theatre in the Park

July 4-Overland Park Star Spangled Banner Corporate Woods

July 11- Lenexa Outdoor Concert Series (free) Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park

July 24-Aztec Shawnee Theatre

July 24-Water Garden Tour

July 31- Shawnee Town 1929's Automobiles-Shawnee Town

Question for the board???

Recently we voted for sheds, trash cart barriers and solar panels, but there was no additional information, about how violations will be enforced. How will violations will be enforced and who enforces?

This question will be sent to the board and the answer published in the August newsletter.

Please submit questions for the board to

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Digging Deeper: Shawnee Truck Farming

When Belgian immigrants came to America from the West Flanders Province, many of them found their way to the Shawnee area beginning in the late 1800s.

On family farms of 10 to 40 acres, truck farmers grew vegetables as they had done in Belgium and sold the produce at the City Market in Kansas City, MO and other local markets. Using horses and wagons in the field and planting, weeding and picking by hand, farmers then hauled their produce to market in stake bed trucks so named for the upright stakes that could be installed on the flatbed to create a “fence” around the load.

Truck gardening was a major fixture in Shawnee especially in the 1920s. By this time, large-scale farmers relied on tractors to cultivate hundreds of acres of crops like wheat or corn. Farmers piled thousands of tomatoes, ears of corn and other produce into trucks and arrived before dawn at the markets that would provide support for their families.

By 1930, Belgian-born immigrants made up 28% of Shawnee’s population, and many more residents were children of those immigrants.

Shawnee Town 1929 Truck Farm is open to the public and recreates this time in Shawnee’s history. Be sure to stop by on a busy farm week to harvest vegetables in the garden, feed the chickens, load the truck for market, wash laundry, explore the historic farmhouse and more!

Newsletter Anniversary



left to right: Annissa, Jessica, Jana and Chasity

July 2021 marks the one year anniversary of the ROH Newsletter. This month we introduce ourselves with a fun fact.

Annissa is a Dallas Cowboy’s fan and named her dog Zeke Patrick (after Ezekiel Elliott and Patrick after Patrick Mahomes) (resident since 2015).

Jessica loves nature, traveling and reading (resident since 2015).

Jana teaches yoga, hikes and volunteers at local community garden (resident since 2007).

Chasity loves salsa dancing and her wedding was in Kenya (resident since 2015).

We are proud to be a part of this special community and look forward to sharing more great experiences with all of you incredible neighbors and friends!

Water Garden Tour

The Water Garden tours is back for 2021. There are 2 houses in our neighborhood that are participating. The self guided tour is Saturday, July 24th from 9-5 rain or shine. If you would like to do the whole tour, tickets can be purchased at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/puddle-jumping-water-garden-tour-july-24-tickets-142938513943> Our neighborhood is included in the July 24 tour.

For ROH residents you can see 2 on the tour for free because they are in ROH.

The addresses are below:

17813 W 68th St
17735 W 67th St

Please be respectful of the day/time above.



Steak and Potato Kabobs

Ingredients:

1/2 lb fingerling potatoes
1 1/2 lbs beef tenderloin, cut in 1 1/2 inch cubes
2 tbs extra virgin olive oil
salt
pepper
1 bunch of asparagus cut into 1-2 inch pieces
1/4 cup ketchup
2 tbsp dijon mustard
2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
1 tbsp worcestershire sauce
2 tsp steak sauce
pinch of red pepper flakes



1. Preheat grill to medium high and brush grill with vegetable oil. Put the potatoes in a microwave safe bowl, cover and microwave until just tender, about 5 minutes. Toss the beef with the olive oil in a large bowl and season with salt and pepper. Thread beef, potatoes and asparagus onto 8 10-inch skewers
2. Combine ketchup, mustard, vinegar, 2 tbsps water, worcestershire sauce, steak sauce and red pepper flakes in small bowl. Grill the kabob, turning occasionally, until marked, about 6 minutes for medium rare. Serve with sauce.

Changing Lives One Scoop at a Time

The Golden Scoop is a non-profit ice cream and coffee shop that opened in the spring of 2021. It provides innovative and meaningful employment for individuals with developmental disabilities and delicious ice cream and coffee to the Kansas City community. Serving sips, scoops and snacks, it's a great stop to celebrate the July 1904 invention of the ice cream cone. Open Wednesday - Sunday, The Golden Scoop is located at 9540 Nall Avenue in Overland Park. The Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream is highly recommended!

Tech Talk/Tip-AirTag

This is an airtag. Created by Apple to track location for anything to which it is attached. For example, if you misplace your keys, you can see on your iPhone the location and as you get closer it will tell you which way to turn to find and the screen goes from red to green. There is also a feature to play an audible noise to locate once you are in close proximity. Airtags will work with android phones with limited functionality, however Galaxy has its own version call a Smart Tag (\$39.00). There are a variety of accessories to hold airtags. If you have a dog that gets away from you time to time, you could add one to its collar.



Retails cost \$29.00

Movie: Cruella

Estella is a young and clever grifter who's determined to make a name for herself in the fashion world. She soon meets a pair of thieves who appreciate her appetite for mischief, and together they build a life for themselves on the streets of London. However, when Estella befriends fashion legend Baroness von Hellman, she embraces her wicked side to become the raucous and revenge-bent Cruella.

Book: Amazon Unbound: Jeff Bezos and the Invention of a Global Empire by Brad Stone

In Amazon Unbound, Brad Stone presents a deeply reported, vividly drawn portrait of how a retail upstart became one of the most powerful and feared entities in the global economy. Stone also probes the evolution of Bezos himself - who started as a geeky technologist totally devoted to building Amazon, but who transformed to become a fit, disciplined billionaire with global ambitions; who ruled Amazon with an iron fist, even as he found his personal life splashed over the tabloids.

About Us

Jana Bonham, Jessica Horine, Chasity Mwangi and I (Annisah 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!!)