



## Cool Off and let the Kids Explore in the Sun

The Wilder Bluff and Erfurt Park Splash Pads are open for the 2022 season!

Located at 24200 W. 55th St in Shawnee, operating hours for the splash pads are 10:00am-8:00pm. Splash pads are open daily. Wilder Bluff features over 40 acres of parkland with a unique treetop canopy playground, hillside slide and a natural themed sprayground. The park has a 1.38 mile trail, natural grasses and a patio overlook. The Wilder Bluff shelter includes a fireplace and a buffet ledge with power outlets.

**COME JOIN US!**  
Red Oak Hills Independence Day Parade  
Monday, July 4th at 10:30 AM

Decorate you bike, scooter, wagon, stroller or pet! Enjoy popsicles with neighbors following the parade!

Parade starts at the entrance of Red Oak off Midland and ends at The Little Library

*Greetings ISLAND*



Erfurt Park is located at 24135 W. 71st in Shawnee. It features 20.6 acres of parkland with a pond, observation hill and 0.6 mile walking trail. Kids love the combination of a modern playground and nature playground featuring a built in slide, climbing boulders and sand play. Erfurt Park has two multi-use sports fields and two shelters. The Erfurt Park Pavilion is the largest shelter in Shawnee and includes a fire place and buffet ledge with power outlets. Erfurt is popular for parties of all sizes, outdoor play and its beautiful views from the top of the observation hill.



## Medicine's Hall of Fame and Museum in Shawnee

Experience an extraordinary exhibit of medical history, showcasing the advancement of medicine throughout the ages! Learn about those who have contributed to the advancement of medicine. View examples of many of the tools of the medical trade used by these physicians, healers and medicine men. Follow the story of various cultures through the centuries and how they have dealt with the diseases and ailments of the human race. Marvel at little known facts and surprising revelations about early treatments and unusual methods of practice.



Located at 6305 Lackman and open daily from 1pm to 5pm, this museum is one of the jewels of Shawnee and packed with medical gadgets and artifacts you never knew existed! Learn more at <https://www.medicineshalloffame.com/>

## Meet the Mathew Family

We instantly fell in love with ROH when we drove through. The unique character of all the homes and trees made us feel like we weren't in Kansas, but still in KC!

We are both Kansas kids. Abe grew up in Olathe and works for Sporting KC. I, Jaime, am from Lawrence and I work as a Care Progression RN at Saint Luke's. We love concerts, grilling out, traveling and trying local eats.



Our 2 kids Lilliana and Moses are both excited to have a home here. Lilliana's first year at Lenexa hills was wonderful and we found out that a few of our school friends live here too! Moses is very excited to be in Kindergarten this fall. They love swinging in our front yard and meeting everyone they



can! You will likely see our dogs Zeus, Bailey, and new pup Gus Gus enjoying the sunshine.



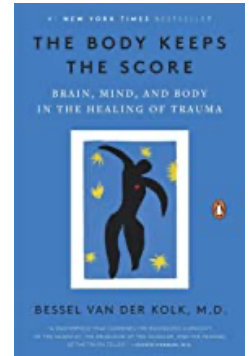
## Movie Recommendation

Set in the late 60s, *Belfast* tells the story of nine-year-old Buddy played wonderfully by newcomer Jude Hill – whose carefree childhood comes to a brutal end when a frenzied mob of Unionists storms up his street, smashing bricks through the windows of the houses belonging to Nationalists. Suddenly, the life Buddy knows, where children play happily in the streets between the terraced houses and neighbors look out for each other, is shattered and his parents (Jamie Dornan and Caitriona Balfe) need to decide whether to stay amidst the increasing danger or leave behind everything they know and love for a new, safer life.



## Book Recommendation

It's easy to see the trauma that war causes. Too many veterans come home with PTSD and suffer from a range of difficulties because of it. But more and more people are experiencing their own ordeals that leave scars on their minds that are tough to heal. Chances are you've had a traumatic event or two in your own life. Whether you realize it or not these do affect you, and in some cases a lot. You're probably wondering about the impact that these tragic memories have on your mind and body. And why is it so difficult to get free of the pain they cause? This book teaches you how to get through the difficulties that arise from your traumatic past revealing the psychology behind them and giving some of the techniques therapists use to help victims recover.



## Local Vacation Bible Schools

**Community Covenant Church in Lenexa** Three Trees and Little Sparrows Day Camp  
July 11-15 from 9:00-4:00 p.m. <https://www.communityks.com/news/day-camp>

**Grace United Methodist Church in Olathe** Make Waves: What You Do Today Can Change the World Around You  
July 18-21 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. <https://graceumc.church/event/vbs-2022/>

**Trinity Lutheran Church in Mission Monumental:** Celebrating God's Greatness  
July 11-15 9:00-11:30 a.m. <https://vbspro.events/p/events/0dcc54missioncampus>

**Church of the Resurrection in Olathe** Hero U: We Watch, We Know, We Become  
July 18-21 9:00-11:30 <https://cor.org/kids/vacation-bible-camp>

## Support a local business

Melissa Kreisler, owner of Melissa's Menagerie (a boarding and grooming facility in Shawnee), saw a need to find homes for animals in need of a second chance. In 2019, Melissa's Second Chances began with the rescue of a dog named George Jetson. Since then, they've worked their tails off to give as many animals as possible their Second Chance. We have an opportunity to help this local business. From July 11 -17, drop off wish list items at 6747 Red Oak Dr. Suggested donations: Dog Food (Dry & Wet / Adult & Puppy), Leashes, Collars, Easy Walk & Gentle Leader Harnesses, Dog Toys, Puppy Pads, Peanut Butter, Spray Cheese, Cat Food - Science Diet Preferred (Dry & Wet / Adult & Kitten), Kitty Litter (Clumping & Non-clumping), Cat Toys, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent and Cleaning Supplies

Visit <https://www.mscrecue.org/> for more information. Over 1469 lives have been saved since Second Chances opened. Thanks for your support!

If I win the lottery I probably won't tell anyone... but there will be signs.



## Fluffy Key Lime Pie

### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup boiling water
- 1pkg (0.3 ounce) Sugar-free lime gelatin
- 2 carton (6 ounces each) key lime yogurt
- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen fat free whipped topping, thawed
- 1 9 inch graham cracker crust

### Directions

1. In a large bowl, add boiling water to gelatin; stir 2 minutes to completely dissolve. Whisk in yogurt. Fold in whipped topping. Pour into crust.
2. Refrigerate, covered, until set, about 2 hours.



## Upcoming ROH picnic-needs volunteers

Looking for parents to help with planning for the annual picnic in September. The neighborhood provides great input, but I need help! If interested, please reach out to [secretary.redoakhills@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.redoakhills@gmail.com) (Kelly Mason)

How much time will this take? Not much at all! A zoom meeting to discuss activities we want for the kids and discussion on how to make it happen!

## Dog Poop

Dog poop is still an issue among many neighbors. Please reach out to the HOA board if you are having this problem. Perhaps as a community we can encourage the board to purchase a few doggy stations. While this does not fix the problem, it hopefully will encourage the violators to be responsible.

Please be mindful that poop breeds harmful bacteria that can easily be tracked into our homes, where we eat, sleep and relax. Let not your negligence do harm to others. Be a good neighbor.

A good neighbor increases the value of your property.

Czech Proverb

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*If you have a significant life event you would like to share with the neighborhood such as a birth, wedding, adoption, graduation, anniversary or loss, please send to [annissalh@me.com](mailto:annissalh@me.com).*

## About Us

Jana Bonham, Jessica Horine, Chasity Mwangi and I (Annissa 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 friends and family.