

# July

**COME JOIN US!**

Red Oak Hills Independence Day Parade  
Tuesday, July 4th at 10:30 AM

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

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



Greetings ISLANDS



The movie is Marcel: The Shell with Shoes On which will be showing at Buffalo Meadows Park in Lenexa on **FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023 AT 9 PM – 11 PM**. Visit [https://www.lenexa.com/government/departments\\_divisions/parks\\_recreation/festivals\\_events/movies\\_in\\_the\\_park](https://www.lenexa.com/government/departments_divisions/parks_recreation/festivals_events/movies_in_the_park) for more information.

## The Results are in.....ROH Election

The results from Red Oak Hill board of elections held June 25, 2023 are as follows:

- Tom Beckenbaugh-Vice President
- Ray Chandler-member of Architectural Committee
- David Leavitt- Board Member
- Caitlin Rethorst-Board Member

*Congratulations!*

# Beat the Heat

Whether you are in the mood to relax in the sun or get soaked under our 350 gallon conch shell, Splash Cove offers excitement to those seeking adventure. Splash Cove features include:

- Mini Wave Pool
- 125 foot full body slide (48 inches height minimum)
- Complete interactive playground feature
- Instructional pool
- Locker rentals
- Family changing rooms
- Full concession
- Party cabana

Splash Cove is the perfect destination to meet the needs of all young children. Come celebrate your child's birthday party with a fully themed rental at the facility under our party cabana today!



5800 King Avenue, Shawnee, KS 66203

## Open Swim

- Monday - Saturday\* 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday\* 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## Junior Chefs 2-Day Pro Culinary Arts Camp: **CAMP CHOP! CHOP! 7/11 + 7/12**

The Culinary Center of Kansas City. 7920 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park

### **Junior Chefs 2-Day Professional Culinary Arts Camp: CAMP CHOP! CHOP!**

#### **Class Description:**

Register early! Specifically designed for budding Junior Chefs (Ages 9-14), this interactive 2-day summer camp is taught by Executive Chef Richard McPeake, a Culinary Institute of America graduate, seasoned culinary instructor and award-winning BBQ Champion.

#### **DAY 1: Basics of BBQ & Grilling**

#### **DAY 2: Breadmaking & The Art Of The Sandwich**

Please [click here](#) for a full description of our policies and FAQ's.

Visit <https://kcculinary.com/cookingclasses/calendar/> for a listing of all upcoming classes.



## New Restaurant to try....**SILO MODERN FARMHOUSE**

Only at Silo Modern Farmhouse in Lenexa, Kansas can guests enjoy hand-made pastas, freshly baked breads and locally sourced ingredients amidst a breathtaking golf course view. Located within the prestigious Canyon Farms Golf Club, Silo Modern Farmhouse is a public restaurant that's giving everyone a taste of the good life. Join us for lunch, dinner or Sunday brunch and experience fine dining as it was always meant be.

# Lenexa, KS: Home of the Bumper Sticker

Forest Gill, credited with inventing the bumper sticker, started his business in the basement of his home in 1934. Having lost his job printing advertisements on the back of spare tire covers and unable to find work, Gill started a screen-printing business producing decals, signs, and posters. Ever since the automobile age began, drivers had advertised their opinions with handmade placards tied to their cars with bits of twine. In 1946, back at his desk, Gill cut out a sticker, according to his son-in-law Mark Gilman, who was a teenager working in the shop at the time. He probably called in his deputy, Ed McConnell, “and between Forest and Ed, they dummied up some copy, like ‘Jones for Sheriff.’ Then they went back to the car to see if the stickers would fit.”

Gill seized on two innovative technologies — self-adhesive paper and Day-Glo paint — and combined them into a novelty item perfectly adapted for America’s highways. By the 1962 presidential election, bumper stickers were everywhere, rivaling buttons as a favorite way for voters to declare their intentions. The company rapidly expanded, moving to Mission in 1963 and in 1968 to its current location in Lenexa.

Today, Gill Studios (located at 10800 Lackman Rd) continues to produce specialty advertising products such as refrigerator magnets, political yard signs and of course, bumper stickers. Read more about Gill Studios at the company’s website: <http://www.gill-line.com>.

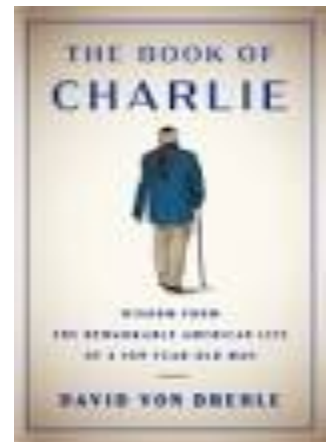
Visit <https://jcohistory.wordpress.com/2013/12/06/gill-studios-lenexa-kansas-home-of-the-bumper-sticker/> and <https://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/23/magazine/who-made-that-bumper-sticker.html> for more historical information about Gill Studios.



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## The Book of Charlie

When a veteran Washington journalist moved to Kansas, he met a new neighbor who was more than a century old. Little did he know that he was beginning a long friendship — and a profound lesson in the meaning of life. Charlie White was no ordinary neighbor. Born before radio, Charlie lived long enough to use a smartphone. When a shocking tragedy interrupted his idyllic boyhood, Charlie mastered survival strategies that reflect thousands of years of human wisdom. Thus armored, Charlie’s sense of adventure carried him on an epic journey across the continent, and later found him swinging across bandstands of the Jazz Age, racing aboard ambulances through Depression-era gangster wars, improvising techniques for early open-heart surgery, and cruising the Amazon as a guest of Peru’s president.



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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 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.