



Red Oak Hills

July 2024

Join us
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4th of July
annual parade!

Thursday, July 4th at 10am.
Meet at the ROH main entrance for a short parade.
Spectators please set up along the route or at the Little Library.
Refreshments will be served at the end of the parade route.
Proudly wear your red, white, and blue!



Annual Board of Directors Election—

This year you will be voting to fill three positions on the board by email / electronic vote. Look for details in an email in early August. If you are interested in running to serve on the board, please email Jay Carlson no later than July 15th (jay@carlsonmediagroup.com Resident volunteers keeps HOA fees to a minimum.

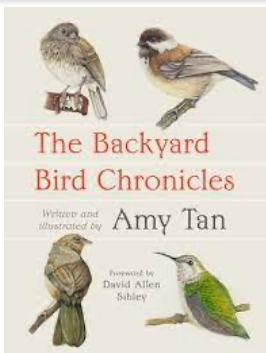
Garage Sale Survey

Thank you to all who participated in the Neighborhood Garage Sale this year! We would like to continually seek feedback and improve the neighborhood events. Whether or not you were able to attend, please fill out this brief survey: <https://forms.gle/X91RAPX6UyeMF4jj8>

Art Nine Disc Golf Course at Shawnee Mission Park

This new course is near the inclusive playground in the southeast corner of the park. There are 10 art sculptures you can see on the course (one for each hole). The course is designed to be beginner-friendly and family-friendly. Visit <https://www.jcprd.com/1913/Art-Nine-Disc-Golf-Course> for more information.





The Backyard Bird Chronicles by Amy Tan

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A gorgeous, witty account of birding, nature, and the beauty around us that hides in plain sight, written and illustrated by the best-selling author of *The Joy Luck Club*. In 2016, Amy Tan grew overwhelmed by the state of the world: Hatred and misinformation became a daily presence on social media, and the country felt more divisive than ever. In search of peace, Tan turned toward the natural world just beyond her window and, specifically, the birds visiting her yard. But what began as an attempt to find solace turned into something far greater—an opportunity to savor quiet moments during a volatile time, connect to nature in a meaningful way, and imagine the intricate lives of the birds she admired.

The Blue Angels (2024)

Follows the veterans and newest class of Navy and Marine Corps flight squadron as they go through intense training and into a season of heart-stopping aerial artistry. It has been called "an intimate look at the men and women who make up the U.S. military's most famous flight demonstration squadron".^[14] The film shows the close bonds that develop among Blue Angel team members and their cooperative efforts to be precise in flight performances.



HAPPY BOTTOMS

Did you know that government safety net programs like food stamps, WIC, and Medicaid don't cover diapers, leaving 1 in 2 families struggling to afford them? HappyBottoms fills this need in our community by providing diapers to more than 5,000 children every single month. We can help support families by donating diapers! Donate diapers between July 1-31 (sizes 4, 5, and 6 needed most) or donate diapers online [HERE](#). Use the group name Mason/Jianas Family Drive.

Donations can be dropped off at 17820 W.69th Street. We accept open packages as well!



School's out for Sunflower Summer!

Sunflower Summer is a program from Kansas Tourism that offers Kansas families free admission to attractions across the state, throughout the summer. Sunflower Summer offers Kansas families a get out of the house free card you can carry in your pocket. Enjoy a chance to have free rein (and free admission) visiting museums, zoos, historical attractions and nature centers. Visit <https://sunflowersummer.org/> for more information.



Missouri River Queen

All aboard, for a riverboat cruise down memory lane on the Missouri River from the Port of Kansas City. Whether you call them riverboats, steamboats or paddlewheelers, these large vessels were once a common sight and mode of travel more than 100 years ago. In an attempt to bring the adventure and romance of river travel back, Captain Richard “Dick” Lynn brought the Missouri River Queen to Kansas City in 1985, offering a variety of cruises from his landing pier at One Grand Boulevard. A Kansas City native, Lynn began his life’s work on the Missouri River in 1959 and operated the Sharlyn Marina and restaurant for 10 years before it was destroyed by fire in the late 1960s.

The Missouri River Queen was custom built to resemble a paddlewheeler of yore, but diesel fuel powered the two 300 horsepower engines. Its two smokestacks were 45 feet high and the vessel featured three decks, with the top deck open for those who wanted to sit rail side. Lynn, as the featured captain, used the latest navigational equipment while plying the waters during cruises that lasted one to two hours. The 125-foot long boat was manufactured by Marine Builders Inc. of Louisville, Ky., and cost \$1 million. A 12-member crew was augmented by waiters, servers, cooks and entertainers to serve the needs of the 600-passenger boat. In addition to dinner and Sunday brunch cruises, the boat featured a concession stand and cash bar where souvenir glassware was available.

The “Queen” replaced Lynn’s first boat, the 200-passenger “Westport” that began offering cruises in 1970. Fed up with Kansas City’s lack of development along its riverfront, Lynn moved the Queen to a new pier in Kansas City, Kan., to develop River City USA, an amusement park at Kaw Point in 1989. He added a new modern boat, the 150-foot, 800-passenger “America River Cruiser” to his fleet, along with the “William S. Mitchell,” a historic river dredge that was opened to the public as a museum.

In addition to regularly scheduled cruises that ran from March through December, boats were available for special occasions such as weddings and corporate events. A one hour cruise on the Queen was priced at \$5.75 for adults at 2 p.m. daily, while a dinner cruise that included a prime rib buffet and live entertainment started at \$22.50 for adults, with discounts for seniors and children. A moonlight 9 p.m. cruise was offered on Friday and Saturdays for \$10.

Wishing to retire, Lynn sold the Queen in 1997 and she was renamed the “Georgia Queen,” plying the waters of the Savannah River until 2016. Lynn passed at age 88 in 2014. Find additional information at <https://northeastnews.net/pages/remember-this-81/>

You can still float on the river! If you need help, check out kcriverrun.com.



Shawnee Farmers Market

Visit local farmers to stock up on fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade goods and more every Saturday from May through October. You can shop in the City Hall parking lot at 11110 Johnson Drive from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Summer Caesar Salad...*the it's not the salad it is dressing*

Salad ingredients:

Romaine lettuce
Tomatoes
Bacon bits (if you like)
Chicken, Steak or Shrimp
Croutons
Avocado (if you like)

Dressing Ingredients:

1 1/2 cup Hellmans Mayonnaise
1 tbsp mustard
1 tbsp anchovy paste
1/4 tsp Worcestershire sauce
4 garlic cloves
1/2 lemon juiced
1 tsp lemon zest
1 1/4 cup finely grated parmesan/reggiano cheese



Directions:

1. Rough cut lettuce and place on platter
2. Mix all of the dressing ingredients, make sure they are mixed well
3. Depending on the amount of lettuce, add dressing until all of the lettuce is covered
4. Place the lettuce on a platter
5. Place meat over the lettuce
6. Cut tomatoes into bite size pieces and sprinkle over lettuce
7. Sprinkle with bacon bits, croutons and avocado slices

Enjoy!

About Us

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.