# Red Oak Hills June Newsletter

# Community News



# Red Oak Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale

Friday, June 10th and Saturday June 11th from 8am-5pm. Signs will be posted near highway and entrance of neighborhood.



## Social Event Survey

We would like input from Red Oak Hills neighbors about social events, specifically the annual picnic and holiday party. Please let us know what ideas you have and what you and your family would enjoy at the following events. Click the following link to participate <u>Social Event Survey</u>

#### Mailbox Maintenance-

Since the mailboxes are owned by the HOA, thus we are responsible for maintenance. If you live near a mailbox and are willing to clean it (just soap and water) Please email Jay Carlson @

#### President ROH

## Rising Waters, Fallen Town

The Holliday Drive exit off of I-435 is the only remaining namesake of the former town of Holliday, Kansas.

Holliday, originally named Waseca, was platted in 1882 on the south bank of the Kansas River. It was the arrival of the Santa Fe Railroad—founded by the town's namesake, Cyrus K. Holliday—three years later that breathed life into the small community. As many as 45 workers found employment at the depot, which also served as a refueling station for the steam locomotives of the era.

By the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the town was also a hub for farmers in the surrounding area, and in 1910 boasted three general stores, a restaurant, blacksmith shop, barbershop, dance hall, depot, and two churches and schools. After World War II, things



began to go south for the little town. First, the transition from steam to diesel locomotives diminished Holliday's importance as a railroad refueling station, and the depot closed in 1949. Then, in the summer of 1951, the Kansas River valley was swept by a historic flood, and the town of Holliday was among the casualties. For nearly a month, the flood waters cut off the people of Holliday from the rest of the world. After the flood, few townspeople rebuilt. The school consolidations of the 1960s shuttered Holliday's schools.

In the years that followed, what remained of the once bustling hamlet fell into disrepair. In 1968, the City of Shawnee annexed the area. A series of fires claimed some of the structures, including one of the historic general stores. By 2002, just eight homes still stood. That year, Deffenbaugh Industries purchased the town site to expand the Johnson County Landfill, and bulldozers demolished the last vestiges of the little town of Holliday.

For additional information and photos, visit <a href="https://jocohistory.wordpress.com/2010/12/14/then-now-the-holliday-edition/">https://jocohistory.wordpress.com/2010/12/14/then-now-the-holliday-edition/</a>.





**Support a local business** Seafood Island located at 10810 W. 75th St., in Shawnee offers a variety of seafood dishes along with steaming seafood boils in a bag. The boils come in a variety of flavors and spice levels with corn, eggs and potatoes. Flavorful, spicy and good.



#### Union Station Model Train Exhibit

What does 8,000 square feet of model trains look like? Come and see Union Station Kansas City's Model Train Exhibit and find out! From tiny N-scale model trains to the big G-scale giants of the model train world, sample the hobby and enjoy the fun of model railroading. The Model Train Gallery – visited by over one quarter of a million people annually — is designed, built, and maintained by Union Station Volunteers. Because of these dedicated volunteers, the Model Railroad runs year-round and nearly doubles in size during the Christmas holiday



season. Eight different train scales run simultaneously. More than 80 total trains are running daily to capture the imaginations of model railroaders and casual fans of every age. Suggested donation is \$5/Person or \$10/Family. Hours are Tuesday - Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm and Sunday: 12 pm - 5 pm. The exhibit is located at the north end of the Grand Plaza in Union Station.

Nick and Susan Geib and their three children moved to Red Oak Hills in August of 2017 after many years of looking for just the right place. They chose 68th St. in ROH for the woods behind the home and how close it is to Shawnee Mission Park. They enjoy living here and love their neighbors! "We're a Christian homeschool family who hike and kayak together as often as we can," Susan shared with us. She also enjoys gardening and would love to share her garden with you. So, stop on by sometime for a personal tour.

# Meet the Geib Family



# Mark your calendars

Please mark your calendars for this year's Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on **Sunday**, **June 26**<sup>th</sup> at **1:30pm** at the Monticello Library. **There will be two important votes at the meeting**, the first is to elect board members, and the second is to vote on several revisions to our Homes Association's Bylaws.



# **Peach Dump Cake**

Ingredients
Cooking Spray

2-15 oz cans sliced peaches in syrup

1 box of cake mix

1 tsp ground cinnamon

1 1/2 stick butter, thinly sliced

Ice cream for serving



- 1. Preheat oven to 350° and grease a 9"-x-13" baking dish with cooking spray. Combine peaches along with syrup and cinnamon in prepared baking dish and stir to combine.
- 2. Pour cake mix over peaches in an even layer. Layer butter evenly on top.
- 3. Bake until fruit is bubbly and cake is cooked through, 50 to 55 minutes.
- 4. Serve with ice cream.

#### 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 a.m. to 12 p.m. The farmers will be excited to see you for this <u>Farmers Market season!</u>



Carnival, Vendors, and a Parade-Oh My!

One of Shawnee's biggest and most beloved community events is here! Old Shawnee Days runs from Thursday, June 2 through Sunday, June 5 and it is PACKED with fun! Check the Old Shawnee Days website at oldshawneedays.org for a full rundown of the carnival hours, entertainment lineup, vendor information and much more! For more information click Old Shawnee Days



# Are you willing to host an exchange student?

Her name is Mar. She has been accepted to attend Shawnee Mission West for the fall. Here is some information about her.

Hello! I will be 16 years old. I enjoy baking, basketball, board and card games, computers, cooking, going to sporting events, robotics, snow skiing, swimming, and volunteering.

I have chosen the United States because I am very attracted to the US educational system, with a more practical and experimental approach and a project-based system. I also see a challenge of being without my family for a year. Being able to deal with a new reality in a new school and deciding by myself, obviously counting on the support of my host family. I am mature, I care for things and people, responsible,



and hardworking, but also like to have fun, play sports, and do many different things.

I try to make things better around me. I am a happy, positive, trustful, and open-minded young girl, who likes cooking, especially sweet desserts. I enjoy many sports: basketball, ski, swimming, and am very excited in becoming part of a new family. I like spending time with little kids and being useful for the local community. I love to learn new things and travel.

The host family provides a bed, meals, and cultural guidance.

If you have a significant life event you would like to share with the neighborhood such as a birth, wedding, adoption, graduation,

**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.