



RED OAK HILLS Newsletter

Upcoming Red Oak Hill Events

REMINDER

ROH Annual yard/garage sale is set, June 9-10th, 8 a.m.-4p.m.

Contact Carole Collyard at carolec@reecenichols.com if you have any questions.



Red Oak Hills presents Story Time. On June 17th, parents and children are invited to hear a book read to them by a neighbor of ROH. A small snack will be provided.

However feel free to bring lunch and set up picnic style. If there are no replies by June

14th, this event will be cancelled.

Please check you email on June 16th to confirm Story Time will take place.

[RSVP here](#)

June 17th @ the Greenspace at the center of Red Oak Drive by the picnic table

Reading starts at 11a.m.

The Garden Club of Shawnee is hosting their garden tour on June 10, 2023.

Proceeds from the tour are used for the club's grant program, which provides funds to Shawnee schools, churches, museums, and non-profit organizations to support their gardening projects helping fulfill the club's objectives. Visit <https://gardenclubofshawnee.org/garden-tour/> for more information.

The Geib's garden in ROH will be featured this year 😊



Learn about the history of neighboring Douglas County

Visit the Watkins Museum of History! Housed in a beautiful, historic building on the corner of 11th and Massachusetts Streets, the Watkins Museum showcases unique and fascinating stories from Douglas County's past. Admission is free to the public.

What You'll Experience:

The museum's core exhibits tell stories of the people and events that shaped the areas we know today as Lawrence and Douglas County, Kansas. The second floor explores struggles for equality, from the founding of Lawrence through the early 21st century. Third floor exhibits chronicle different themes in Douglas County life, including business, leisure, activism, sports, and more. The museum also has four temporary exhibit spaces that change every 3-6 months. Visit <https://www.watkinsmuseum.org/> for more information.



Jabez Bunting (J.B.) Watkins, a self-made millionaire constructed the building in 1888 to house two of his many businesses, the Watkins National Bank, and the Watkins Land and Mortgage Company. Contrary to the beliefs, the museum is named after Elizabeth Miller Watkins, the wife of J.B. Elizabeth M. Watkins was more than just the wife of an extremely wealthy man. Elizabeth was a philanthropist and a steward of education and health. Publicly, she is known for her generous monetary contributions made to both the City of Lawrence and the University of Kansas. If you have ever come across a Lawrence building or organization with the name Watkins on it or in the title, there is a good chance its existence is the result of Elizabeth's philanthropic donations. Another notable title associated to Elizabeth is businesswoman. In 1909, Elizabeth married J.B. while on a business trip to New York City. Elizabeth was 48, and J.B. was 64. It is difficult to pinpoint exactly when their relationship moved beyond professional to romantic, but it is suspected the



couple kept their relationship private for many years.

When J.B. died in 1921, Elizabeth inherited his estate of around \$2.4 million. With no heir, Elizabeth devoted her remaining life and resources to philanthropic work throughout Lawrence. From 1926 until her death in 1939, Elizabeth became a champion of health and education, which earned her the nickname, "Lady Bountiful." She built two scholarship halls that provide financial assistance and housing to women students at KU. For more about Lady Bountiful read **The Life and Legacy of Elizabeth Miller Watkins ...A Pioneering Philanthropist** by Mary Dresser Burchill & Norma Decker Hoagland.

Downtown Shawnee Moonlight Market

Moonlight Markets is every third Thursday started May 18th. Here you can grab fresh fruits and veggies from our Farmers Market vendors, check out unique, local crafts and handmade items, all while grooving to live music. There will be fun for the kids, food trucks and brews from our local breweries. While you are down here, be sure to stop in some of our local restaurants, breweries and shops! You can make a night of it by swinging through the City Hall parking lot at 11110 Johnson Drive anytime from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.



PARKED

In celebration of the 4th of July, Shawnee Park and Recreation will be hosting "PARKED".

When: Friday June 30th 5:30-9:30 pm

Where: Stump Park 4751 Woodland

What: Food Trucks, Fireworks, Music and Fun. Fireworks at 9:30



FIREWORKS IN SHAWNEE

Shawnee City Council voted May 2022 to allow fireworks during a specific timeframe and to allow the sale of fireworks in the city starting this year. Here is what you need to know. Fireworks can be set off between the hours of 10am -11pm on July 3-4th. Contact the police department at 631-2150 for concerns about fireworks being set off outside of designated days and time. Visit [https://](https://www.cityofshawnee.org/departments/fire/prevention/fireworks)

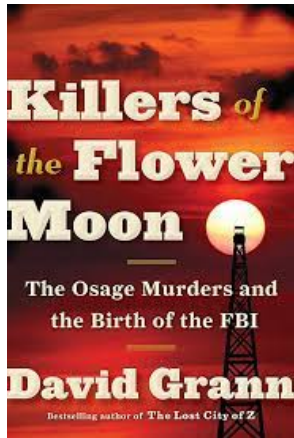
www.cityofshawnee.org/departments/fire/prevention/fireworks for additional information such as prohibited types of fireworks.



Killers of the Flower Moon

In *Killers of the Flower Moon*, David Grann revisits a shocking series of crimes in which dozens of people were murdered in cold blood. Based on years of research and startling new evidence, the book is a masterpiece of narrative nonfiction, as each step in the investigation reveals a series of sinister secrets and reversals. But more than that, it is a searing indictment of the callousness and prejudice toward American Indians that allowed the murderers to operate with impunity for so long.

Killers of the Flower Moon is utterly compelling, but also emotionally devastating. This is based on a true story and the subject of Martin Scorsese's film (titled as book) starring Lily Gladstone, Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert DeNiro. The film received a 9 minute standing ovation from the screening at Cannes International Film Festival.



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.

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.