

Red Oak Hills Newsletter



Joke:

What March flowers grow on faces?

Tulips (2 lips)

Free Covid Test @ Shawnee Mission Park

Did you know there is free covid testing right in ROH's backyard? Go to testinthepark.com for details and information.



Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade

Join in the fun at the 38th Annual Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 13th at 1:00. The Parade starts on Johnson Drive & Monrovia & heads east on Johnson Drive to Nieman Road.

It's easy to participate in the parade by filling out a parade entry form. Visit the Irish American Club of Johnson County for additional info including the entry form. Bring the completed form and \$10 cash to the parade line up on Sunday, March 13th. Parade line up begins at 11:30am. This year's theme is "What's Your Irish Super Power". Email irishamericanclubofjoco@gmail.com if you have any questions.



KANSAS CITY JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Just the Two of Us performed by the Kansas City Jazz Orchestra

Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 8 p.m.
Helzberg Hall | Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts

Whether you're already a huge fan of Grover Washington and George Benson, or if you still need convincing, we can tell you that KCJO is going to blow the roof off with a completely fresh take on contemporary jazz. Breeze on in and check out the breadth of jazz, from smooth to funky and everywhere in between, with Grammy® Award-winning Kirk Whalum, the saxophonist heard on Whitney Houston's mega-hit, "I Will Always Love You."



Shawnee Newspaper

Early in 1834, missionary Jotham Meeker set up his printing press--the first press to be used west of the Missouri River--at the Shawnee Baptist Mission in present Johnson County. That year he published hymns, religious tracts, and other materials that were the first items printed in Kansas.

On February 24, 1835, Meeker printed the first number of the *Shawnee Sun* (Siwinowe Kesibwi), the first periodical publication in Kansas, and the first printed entirely in a Native American language.

The paper was issued at irregular intervals from 1835 to as late as 1844, probably in limited editions of 150 or 100 copies.

Measuring about 6 3/4 inches by 10 3/4 inches, the paper had two 8 1/2-inch columns of text per page.

The *Shawnee Sun* circulated among the Indians at and near the mission settlement. Today only one copy of one issue is known to have survived--the issue for November 1841, now in the library of the University of Missouri at Kansas City. The mission where Meeker served, Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site, is open to the public and administered by the [Kansas Historical Society](https://www.kshs.org/kansapedia/shawnee-newspaper/12115).



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ROH Generosity



We would like to thank our neighbors for all the jeans, hoodies, sweatpants and coats, blankets, flashlights, shoes and all the rest for the homeless drive. We've already delivered many of the items and they were much appreciated.

Each time we found donations on the front porch, it was just like Christmas. We were so eager to see what our Red Oak Hills elves had delivered.

And as we continue to provide clothing to our friends living on the streets, feel free to drop off items at any time in 2022.

God bless.

Rick and Alice Bush
17412 W 67 Terr



Longtime Shawnee Parks & Recreation Director and ROH resident, Neil Holman retires this month after serving our community for 30 years. Thank you, Neil, for the necessary and visionary work you've done on behalf of Shawnee residents to provide a multitude of community activities and spaces. Congratulations!

Meet the Rethorst Family

We are the Rethorst Family—Caitlin, Scott, William, and Charlie (2 years old)! We officially moved to ROH in June 2020 from Lindsborg, KS, but we finalized the purchase of the house in November 2020 from Caitlin's mom (so we were already pretty familiar with the area). We decided to move to Shawnee because our twins, William and Charlie, were born prematurely and spent their first five months of life at Children's Mercy Hospital. After discharge, we were commuting from Lindsborg to KC for many appointments, and we decided that a move was best. This house was a good fit for us, and Caitlin's mom was ready for a new scene. We love our neighbors, our backyard, all of the local parks, and especially being near Caitlin's family.

Scott and Caitlin both work from home, Scott as a software engineer for GE Digital and Caitlin as a talent acquisition researcher for EFL Associates/CBIZ.

William and Charlie love reading books, playing outside on their swings, doing puzzles, coloring with crayons, and creating general mayhem whenever

possible. They would love to meet new friends in the neighborhood (as would their parents!).



Meet Bernie and Samba Rethorst



Meet Bernie and Samba Rethorst! Bernie is (almost) a 3-year-old beautiful golden mutt who loves to play one-sided fetch in the yard. She has a hard time containing her excitement and doesn't know a stranger. Until we were gifted a doggie DNA test last year, we thought Bernie was a Golden Retriever/St. Bernard mix (hence her name)--but the results proved otherwise--she's all mutt!

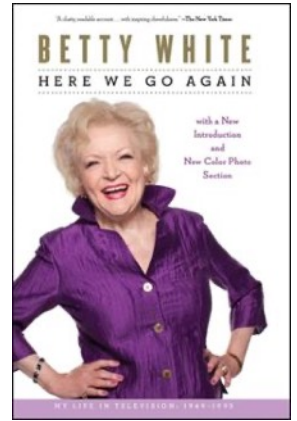
Samba is our little black panther, who you may have seen prowling in the grass out in our yard. Samba and Bernie like to play together, romping around the house like sisters do! Our furry kids love being big sisters to William and Charlie, although I think toddlers can be rough playmates sometimes!



Book recommendation

Here We Go Again: My Life In Television by Betty White

Here We Go Again is a behind-the-scenes look at Betty's career from her start on radio to her first show, Hollywood on Television, to several iterations of The Betty White Show and much, much more. Packed with wonderful anecdotes about famous personalities and friendships, stories of Betty's off-screen life, and the comedienne's trademark humor, this deliciously entertaining book will give readers an entrée into Betty's fascinating life, confirming yet again why this funny lady was one of the most memorable and beloved actresses of all time.



YouTube recommendation

Colin Furze is a British shed inventor and video maker. His aim is to make cool and crazy contraptions and share them with the world to perhaps inspire YOU to get on and make something. Check him out on YouTube.



Special Thanks

A special thanks to all the neighbors who shoveled their sidewalks and helped other neighbors with driveways.

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 Mwangi and I (Annis 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.