

Red Oak Hills

Newsletter

INSPIRATION

Read about how our neighbors are inspiring others with their stories. Click below to read about ROH very own Heidi Burke who lives on W 68th Terr. Her parents are Byron and Dawn Burke. Heidi's piano teacher, Connie Sorter, also resides in ROH on W. 67th Terr.

https://www.kctv5.com/news/shawnee-teen-excels-in-school-music-without-hands-feet/article_814f9a00-2cb4-11e9-b8e5-438092359f8d.html

<https://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article250163555.html>

Calling all Gardeners



In the common ground area behind us is a new flower garden. Red Oak team is requesting that if gardeners have extra Hosta, Coreopsis, Columbine, Bleeding Heart or Sedum, they would be appreciated. Text Mary at 816-820-0881 and she will come get them.

Caring and Kindness

If you ever hear of a neighbor battling an illness, let me know. The ROH prayer group has put together care packages including a homemade soup/casserole mix, two books *Safe in the Shepherd's Arms* and *The Waiting Room*, and a package of homemade cookies. A card is included with phone numbers, if a neighbor needs any help. Email jbonham94073@gmail.com



Meet Lilian and Andrés

We are Lilian and Andrés Cibils. Anna and Elisa (our grownup daughters) visit us regularly and complete our family. Although we've had pets in the past, we are currently a pet less household.

We moved to Red Oak Hills from New Mexico, mid-pandemic, at the end of 2020 for work.

Andrés traded his job in academia for a new one in the Kansas City location with the National Institute of Food and Agriculture of the USDA. Lilian brought her writing projects with her after also leaving academia behind. We are enjoying our new friendly neighborhood and we are also loving the existence of four clear seasons. Spring here is fabulous! We can't believe how everything seems to bloom and green up effortlessly! In New Mexico we seemed to have just two seasons: summer and December...oh, and maybe, Monsoons. While on the nature trail, you may see us on the deck, enjoying a barbecue—a trait that may give away our origin, Argentina. But...we wouldn't dare compete with KC barbecue!



From “See” to Shining “See”

With a motto of “Service TO Mankind”, the Shawnee Mission Sertoma Club played a pivotal role in the making of Shawnee Mission Park and its various attractions. Many locals have fond memories of the observation tower which was located just southwest of the dog park. Completed in 1964 and sponsored by the Sertoma Club, the tower offered views of the entire park. After 55 years, the tower was demolished in 2019. Rather than rebuild in SM Park, a new tower was constructed in Kill Creek Park. The Russell and Helen Means Observation Tower opened last summer. This 58’ tower has an elevator and expansive views of the surroundings including the KC Speedway and University of Kansas. Kill Creek Park is located at 11670 Homestead Lane in Olathe, KS. Explore the park’s many trails, swimming beach, playground and marina.



All about the dogs...Reno and Reggie



Meet Reno & Reggie! Reno is an 8 yr old cocker spaniel and Reggie is a 2 year old Britney. Reno enjoys his family time, taking walks, and playing fetch. His favorite toy is a tennis ball! Reggie loves to watch and chase squirrels and take hunting trips with the boys! He is an excellent & obedient bird dog. Both of these guys love the outdoors but also cuddling in the house with their family!



Meet and Greet (bring the dogs along)

Come meet some of your neighbors while enjoying Kona Ice and playing yard games! See the link for more info!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044DAEAB2CA3FE3-kona>

Local Vacation Bible Schools

Shawnee Campus of Christ Community Evangelical Free Church June 7 - 11

https://christcommunitykc.org/event-details/?ccbpress_event_id=17048

Lenexa United Methodist Church June 21 - 25 <https://lenexaumc.org/vbs/>

Trinity Lutheran Church June 21 - 25 <https://tlcms.org/vbs/>

Community Covenant Church July 5 - 9 https://eaglelakecamps.com/camp/community_lenexa/

Church of the Resurrection United Methodist Church July 18 - 23

<https://cor.org/west/event/vacation-bible-camp-2021/2021-07-18>

Lenexa Baptist Church July 19-22 <https://lenexabaptist.com/events/>

Crest Bible Church <https://www.facebook.com/events/4675899959103786>

Grace UMC <https://graceumc.church/2021/04/22/neighborhood-vbs-is-back/>

The Neighborly Thing to do

As new neighbors move into ROH please be mindful of speeding. Children are out playing and sometimes balls and pets get away

Drive slowly. By driving at or under the reduced speed limit in neighborhoods you can prevent a severe accident.

Exercise caution at intersections and turns. Look in all directions for potential hazards.

Don't tailgate slower vehicles. Be polite towards bicycles and scooters and keep a safe following distance until you can clearly pass them at a passing distance of greater than three feet.

Happy Valley Farm

On your way to Kill Creek Park, stop at Happy Valley Farm in DeSoto. This farm is a hidden gem of homemade jams, honey (from hives right there on the farm), press your own cider, farm fresh eggs and much more. Stop by the mini farmers market which sells blueberries in June, sweet corn, tomatoes, melons (and so much more) in the summer and apple cider and pumpkins in the fall. Do you want to grow your own fruit? Check out the nursery!

Be sure to bring your jar to the farm and fill it with honey from the tap! This is fun and gets you the best price per pound. Of course, pre-bottled honey is ready to go as well. Visit <http://happyvalleyfarm-ks.com/>. The peach butter is highly recommended!



Pineapple, apricot and lime punch



*2 cups of pineapple juice
1 1/2 cup apricot juice
1 cup ginger beer (this is non-alcoholic)
1 cup soda water
1/4 cup lime juice*

Pour all ingredients together. Stir or shake (depending on container).

Pour over ice and serve with slice of lime.

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 neighbors. If you would like for information to be published you can contact us at annissalh@me.com, jessica.horine@gmail.com, jbonham94073@gmail.com and chacityrmwangi@gmail.com. We will try to prioritize and publish but please be patient as we try to keep the newsletter content to 3 pages with fun and business (mostly fun!!)