



RED OAK HILLS Newsletter

Red Oak Hills May Events

DRIVEWAY GATHERINGS

Spring is here, temperatures are rising and it's a good time to reconnect with our neighbors. Let's celebrate the season through driveway gatherings in May.

Who: All neighbors

When: Saturday May 6th

Time: 8 am (for the early riser/walkers) if you want to do coffee & pastries
7 pm (for winding down) drinks and snacks

Projected temperature: 70 degrees

Please reach out to the neighbors around you to plan or feel free to walk at these times and meet new neighbors.



Upcoming Teach and Read Events

The neighborhood is alive with giggly, fun and energized children. I would like to organize Saturday reading sessions, where parents and children could gather in a neighbors driveway and have a story read to them.

Here are my thoughts, every Saturday in June a neighbor would select and read a story in their driveway to children in the neighborhood.

Parents would bring children in strollers and/or chairs/or blankets. It would be an outing for the children, mom/dads could meet and older neighbors can engage with the next generation. The schedule for June will be in the June newsletter. Looking for 4 volunteers (one for each Saturday in June). Speaker/ mic and snacks will be provided. Volunteers

will need books and about 30 minutes on a Saturday morning. If you would like to volunteer as a reader please contact Annissa at 773-470-6612 (call or text).



Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Where: Lenexa Public Market

When: May 5, 2023

Time: 5-10 pm

Be entertained with live music (band to be announced soon), shop handcrafted products all made from Hispanic/Latina owned businesses, and try specialty dishes from guest food truck(s) (to be announced soon), and Lenexa Public Market merchants 5 to 8 p.m.



UPCOMING..... HOA Annual Yard/Garage Sale

As you spring clean, keep in mind the things you could sell that someone may need because the annual yard and garage sale for ROH is set to be June 9-10th 8 am-4pm.

Signs advertising the sale will be displayed in late May. If you would like your items to appear in a promotional flyer send your address and list of items to Carole Collyard at carolec@reecenichols.com by Friday, June 2nd. Reach out to Carole for any questions about this event.



Meet the Wrens.. A Couple's Story of Love, Community, and Family

Marsha and Lynn Wren have been residents of the Red Oak Hills (ROH) for 30 years. The couple met on a blind date, set up by friends who wanted someone to go on a double date, 63 years ago. They have now been married for 60 years. Before moving to Shawnee the Wrens lived in Kansas City, Kansas. While looking for their forever home Marsha had a list of 10, while Lynn had only 1 on his list; ROH, the house on 70th with the windmill and stone bearing the Wren name. By the way the windmill is a guide for Lynn to know what to wear for his daily runs. They love living in Red Oak Hills because of the diversity of neighbors of all ages who embrace the idea of 'good neighbors have good neighbors'.

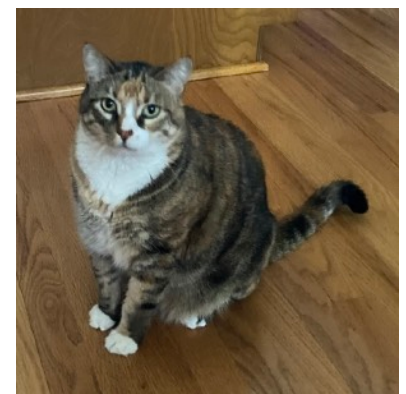


Marsha, originally from Pennsylvania, moved to Kansas City, Missouri, as a child. Marsha was a librarian and an administrative assistant. She retired from the Area Vocational School. Marsha loves to play bridge and mahjong. She walk in ROH with a group of friends and their dogs.



Lynn grew up in Kansas City, Kansas. He was an assistant principal and still volunteers at a local elementary school, helping fourth-grade teachers and students with math. Lynn is an avid K-State fan (check out his attire), he is also a runner and golfer. Lynn says he runs "Because I still can at 82!"

Together the Wrens enjoy bowling and helping others. While Marsha likes historical fiction, and Lynn likes mystery and John Grisham books, and they both love and watch sports. The Wrens own a 300-acre family farm, 'The Wren Family Farm', established in 1880, located between Lawrence and Ottawa, Kansas. This farm has been passed down through generations. The family shares the work and love of the land. The family is made up of a son and daughter, 4 grandchildren and 2 cats (Oliver, black/white and Kitty, multicolored). The cats are like siblings who do not always get along. They



love all the children and fur babies the same.

If you see the Wrens running/walking around ROH, give them a "hi" or high five, they are good neighbors.

Vacation Bible School/Day Camp

Email annissalh@me.com by May 20 if your church is hosting a vacation bible school or day camp this summer. We will include a list in the June newsletter.

Movies to watch on rainy days..



The Sea Beast

In an era when terrifying beasts roamed the seas, monster hunters were celebrated heroes and none were more beloved than the great Jacob Holland. But when young Maisie Brumble stows away on his fabled ship, he's saddled with an unexpected ally. Together they embark on an epic journey into uncharted waters and make history. Preview this movie before young kids watch it due to some scary images.

Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris

In partnership with the House of Dior, "Mrs. Harris Goes To Paris" tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. After she works, starves, and gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior. Costume designer Jenny Beavan utilized Dior's historical archives, which contained the designer's original sketchbooks, workbooks, and patterns, to recreate the Dior dresses seen in the movie. Some were vintage pieces borrowed from the House of Dior, some were replicas, and some were inventions designed in the Dior tradition.



From Covered Wagons to Bikes and Cars

As you enjoy the beauty of spring flowers and trees, consider taking the Historic Monticello Driving and Biking Tour compiled by the Monticello Community Historical Society. Visit www.monticelloks.org and select the Sites tab to access the tour. The Historical Society is dedicated to the appreciation, preservation, and celebration of the history and heritage of the Monticello Township community in Johnson County, Kansas. The old towns of Monticello, Wilder, Holliday, Zarah, and Craig were once part of the township. (Historic sites such as the Chouteau Trading Post, the Virginia School, and the Union Cemetery are a few of the valued sites.) The township area is today the western sections of Shawnee and Lenexa, Kansas. A small part on the north is now Bonner Springs, and a small part on the south is now Olathe, Kansas. The Historical Society Museum is located at 23860 W. 83rd St. in Lenexa. Admission is free and the museum is open most Saturdays March-October from 10am to 1pm (except holiday weekends).



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.