

Red Oak Hills Newsletter

NOVEMBER



HAYYYYYY-Let's go for a ride

Join your neighbors for the 1st annual Red Oak Hills Hayride Friday November 12th

Where: Shawnee Mission Park

Time: 5:45 pm

Following the hayride we will gather around the fire to drink apple cider and roast marshmallows.

Click link to RSVP by November 8th, 2021

<http://evite.me/ca1HKWc5em>



Veterans Day Celebration

ROH's Veterans Day Ceremony will be Thursday, November 11 at 4:30 pm. Meet at the Red Oak Dr. and Midland entrance to observe the holiday by raising a new American flag honoring the veterans of Red Oak Hills and sing the National Anthem. Additional ceremony activities include a brief account of the purpose of Veterans Day. At the ceremony's conclusion, a professional trumpeter will play TAPS. Cookies, cider and coffee will be provided. Please join us with your families for this short celebration.



THANK YOU, VETERANS

Meet the Johnstons



Tyler and Amanda moved to Shawnee July 2020 for their current jobs. Amanda is a clinical pharmacist and works in the Family Medicine Clinic at the University of Kansas Health System and Tyler is a sports trained physical therapist, and also works at KU. They love to travel and have lived in several states while both completing residency training in their respective fields. They most recently lived in Salt Lake City, UT where they loved hiking and skiing in the mountains. They are both from small town Iowa, and met through mutual friends while Amanda was in

graduate school, Go Hawks! They got married October 2020 and have a 3 year old labradoodle named Leo who loves to play fetch and bark at squirrels. Being relatively new to KC, they would happily take any recommendations on fun adventures or favorite restaurants.

Cyclocross in Shawnee

What was once an unusable floodplain in Western Shawnee has been transformed into the Donderdag Cyclocross Bike Park course for all to enjoy. Located just north of Shawnee Mission Parkway and Woodland Drive along the Clear Creek Trail (which connects to the Gary Haller Trail), you'll see a racecourse set up that winds back and forth, around in circles, in and out of the sand, and up and down a grass hill. Feel free to hop on and go for a few laps! Cyclocross is a form of bicycle racing that holds races typically in the fall and winter consisting of many laps of a short (1.5–2 mile) course featuring pavement, wooded trails, grass, sand, mud, steep hills, and obstacles requiring the rider to quickly dismount and carry the bike, while navigating the obstruction and remount.

Who is Donderdag? Donderdag is a not-for-profit organization that centers around youth enrichment through cycling. If interested, the Donderdag! Youth Cyclocross Clinics has reserved the park for every Thursday evening until the end of November. Visit <https://donderdag.bike/practice/> for more information.



Creamy Potato Soup

Ingredients

- 3 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 white onion, chopped
- ½ tsp sea salt
- 4 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 4 c vegetable broth
- 1½ lbs Yukon gold potatoes, about 5, chopped
- 1½ c cooked white beans, drained and rinsed
- ½ tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- ¼ tsp smoked paprika
- Freshly ground black pepper



Instructions

- Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large pot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onion, salt, and several grinds of pepper. Sauté 6 to 8 minutes, until softened.
- Add the garlic, stir, and cook 2 more minutes. Stir in the white wine vinegar and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds, and then add the broth, potatoes, and white beans. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer 30 minutes.
- Let cool slightly, then transfer half of the soup to a blender with the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil, the mustard, lemon juice, and paprika. Blend until smooth and return the pureed soup back to the pot.
- Use a potato masher to gently smash the potato chunks and beans. Season to taste with more salt and pepper and serve with desired toppings.

Sweet Treats for Troops

Donate your leftover candy for deployed troops and local military units, veterans and first responders. Drop off location 6747 Red Oak Dr.

November 1-7

Collection bin on porch

Questions? text 816-863-2345

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ENTERTAINMENT

Clickbait-Netflix

When family man Nick Brewer is abducted in a crime with a sinister online twist, those closest to him race to uncover who is behind it and why.

Happy Birthday Estehr Geib

Esther's Dairy Drive

Celebrate Esther Geib's 9th birthday weekend by donating milk, eggs and butter for those in need. Consider all the holiday items that require dairy products. Many food pantries receive plenty of canned goods but lack the refrigerated items that are key ingredients for holiday recipes. On Saturday, November 13 from 9 -11, drop off these dairy products at Bruce and Kristie Pietig's home at 7000 Red Oak Dr. Your donations will be delivered to Shawnee Community Services. SCS prefers eggs in dozen cartons. Either gallon or ½ gallon milk containers are appreciated. Questions? Call Jana at 816.863.2345.



Support a local business.....Sunflower Pies

Sunflower Pie Co is a charming, small bakery in Olathe, whose mission is to share the delight and creativity of handcrafted and customizable pies. All menu items can be made traditionally, as well as vegan and/or gluten-free. Emily (owner) has a passion for bringing the joy of pie to the KC Area, while truly connecting with her customers. Visit sunflowerpie.com to place your order today! Don't forget to like/share Sunflower Pie Co on Facebook!



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.