

September

Summer Picnic for ROH

Join your Red Oak Hills neighbors for the annual Picnic in the Park!

The picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 20th from 5-8 at the Knights of Columbus Park.

Food catered by Yardhogs along with fun activities for all! Yard games, Shawnee Firetruck, face painting, and balloon artist!



Good Neighbors, Good Friends, and Good People

On the afternoon of Friday, July 14th, a storm was brewing while my wife and I were preparing to leave on vacation at 7 am the next day. I was downstairs in my office experiencing the lights fluttering when my wife Cindy came downstairs and wrote me a note that a tree had fallen on our patio. Since the power officially went out around 3:45, I went upstairs to observe the fallen tree on the patio damaging the patio set, patio lights and bushes.

I usually find myself helping others but now I had to make the decision whether to try and clean up the debris to save the bushes since I was traveling for 2 weeks or just leave it until I got home. With 14 hours to get it done, I chose to go out in the rain and start pruning all the limbs to uncover the main tree. I would cut a pile then take it to the woods, then my wonderful wife came out and started carrying limbs to the woods while I cut. My good friend Todd showed up and started helping to carry limbs. Todd asked what the plan was, and I explained I've got to get the tree off the patio since I'm going to be gone. After about 40 mins of cutting limbs, the rain had stopped so I decided to get out the chainsaw. After running the chainsaw for about 10 minutes, my neighbor and friend Jason Pitsenberger showed up with a chainsaw and began to help. Ten minutes later, our new neighbor Jonathan Neef showed up with 2 chainsaws. I must admit I was overwhelmed and humbled by the help. Todd then decided to run home and get his chainsaw. We were at the final stages of cutting up logs and cleaning up and our neighbor and friend Jana Bonham showed up and helped us clean up the debris on the patio. In less than 2 hours, friends and neighbors came together to help Cindy and I cut up and haul away the tree. We are so grateful to have such great neighbors who we also call friends. This is what the world is all about. Helping each other when it's needed. Be Kind, you never know what people are going through.



Thank you all, words can't express how much your help was appreciated.

Tom and Cindy Van Pelt



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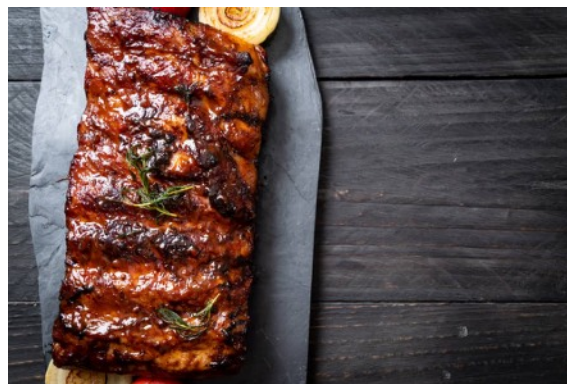
Great Grillers BBQ Competition

Shawnee's sanctioned BBQ competition, traditionally features live music, select food trucks, and more at this festival-style event. Shawnee Town 1929's grounds are taken over by dozens and dozens of competition teams creating a party-like atmosphere!

When: Friday, September 22nd and Saturday, September 23rd

Where: Shawnee Town 1929

Organizer: City of Shawnee Parks and Recreation



Wheels and Dreams Car Show

Gear heads and car aficionados are invited to the annual Wheels and Dreams Car, Truck, and Bike Show. With live music, vendors, food trucks, and of course hundreds of classic and souped-up vehicles it's the perfect weekend outing for the family. Have a cool ride you want to show off? You can even do that too by registering it with the Shawnee Town 1929 team.

When: Sunday, September 10th @ 1:00 P.M.

Where: Shawnee Town 1929

Organizer: Shawnee Town 1929 & Friends of Shawnee Town

Tickets: FREE

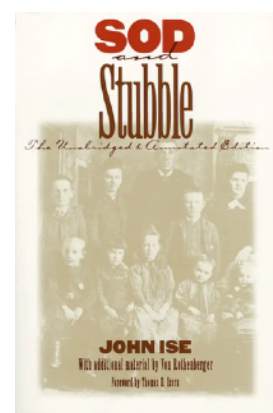


Step Back in Time to the Challenging Life of a Kansas Pioneer

Sod and Stubble by John Ise is a recommended read and currently in movie production.



"A few years ago, as I listened one night to my mother telling incidents of her life pioneering in the semi-arid region of Western Kansas, it occurred to me that the picture of that early time was worth drawing and preserving for the future, and that, if this were ever to be done, it must be done soon, before all of the old settlers were gone. This book is the result—an effort to picture that life truly and realistically. It is the story of an energetic and capable girl, the child of German immigrant parents, who at the age of seventeen married a young German farmer and moved to a homestead on the wind-swept plains of Kansas, where she reared eleven of her twelve children, and remembering regretfully her own half-day in school, sent nine of them through college. It is a story of grim and tenacious devotion in the face of hardships and disappointments, devotion that never flagged until the long, hard task of near a lifetime was done."—John Ise (from the preface) Visit <https://kansaspess.ku.edu/9780700607754/> for additional information.



Try Summer Moon

My visiting friend with Texas roots requested a special trip to Overland Park for a cup of Summer Moon coffee. She dreams about the Moon Milk. If you enjoy a good cup of coffee, stop by Summer Moon. This locally-owned Overland Park coffee shop is known for unique Oak Roasted Coffee and signature sweet cream Moon Milk. Summer Moon Overland Park is located off of W 91st Street and Metcalf Ave.



Power Outage Tips

- Consider a backup generator
- Immediately put ice in a cooler for insulin and other refrigerated medications
- Buy ice and store it in your refrigerator until the power returns
- Don't open the freezer
- If you have a washer that locks, wait until the storm passes before starting a laundry load. If mid-cycle, the washer will stay locked until power comes back on
- Purchase a solar or battery-powered phone charger
- Take an inventory of the items you need that rely on electricity. Plan for batteries and other alternative power sources
- Generators, camp stoves or charcoal grills should always be used outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows
- Never use a gas stovetop or oven to heat your home
- Turn off or disconnect appliances, equipment, or electronics. Power may return with momentary surges or spikes that can cause damage
- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. The refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours
- Use coolers with ice if necessary

**Interesting tips at <https://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/10-clever-hacks-to-get-through-a-power-outage-2/433649> including attaching a headlamp to a water jug, facing the light inward. The water amplifies the light to create a "lantern" to illuminate an entire room.



Friends of Shawnee Town Arts & Crafts Fair & Fall Festival

Each fall, the Friends of Shawnee Town host their annual Craft and Fall Festival on the Shawnee Town grounds! Explore the entire event as there are dozens of vendors who can offer great items to spruce up the house, serve as a great gift, or even get your earliest of early Christmas shopping done. PLUS there are free activities as well to entertain the kiddos.

When: Saturday, September 16th @ 9:00 A.M.

Where: Shawnee Town 1929

Organizer: Friends of Shawnee Town and Shawnee Town 1929

Tickets: \$1 per person, vendors must register



Visit <https://www.shawnee-ks.com/visit-shawnee/event-friends-of-shawnee-town-craft-festival/> for additional information.

About Us

Jana Bonham, 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.