

September

DRIVEWAY PARTYYYYYY !!!!

Before we settle in for winter and start our NFL cheers, let's get together in our driveways and celebrate the end of summer with our neighbors and friends.

When: September 14th 6 p.m-8 p.m.

Where: (two options)

Your's or a neighbors driveway

How: Talk to your neighbors and decide whose driveway will host. bring some goodies and have a good time. Feel free to play music, dance, sip and sing if you like. Walk around the neighborhood and meet new neighbors in driveways you have never visited.



save the Date

Red Oak Hills

ANNUAL

picnic

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 6

4:00-7:00PM

The graphic features a central text area surrounded by a decorative border of autumn-themed illustrations, including various leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow, as well as clusters of berries and mushrooms.

WIKI-SHAWNEE.....what does Wikipedia say about where we live?

Shawnee /ˈʃɑːniː/ is a city in [Johnson County, Kansas](#), United States. It is the seventh-most populous municipality in the [Kansas City metropolitan area](#). As of the [2020 census](#), the population of the city was 67,311.

Territory of Kansas

Before and after the [American Civil War](#), Shawnee served as a government road that connected [Fort Leavenworth](#) to [Fort Riley](#). During the mid 19th century, branches of the [Oregon Trail](#) and nearby [Santa Fe Trail](#) that travelled through, [Olathe](#), [Overland Park](#) and [Kansas City, Missouri](#) saw settlers travel through the area. A Shawnee Indian mission had been established at the present site of Shawnee in 1831. Shawnee was laid out as a town in 1857. Kansas entered the union as a free state on January 29, 1861, to become the 34th state. The declaration of a free state, added to the tension between the anti-slave abolitionists and pro-slave Confederate guerrillas.

American Civil War

In October 1862, [William Quantrill](#) ordered an attack on Shawnee, which saw the town pillaged and burned to the ground. Quantrill and his army of bushwhackers return in the summer of 1863, to raid and look for an escape route from Lawrence, which he was intending to sack. The raids on Shawnee served as a training exercise before attempting the full scale siege on Lawrence.

Shawnee was selected by Quantrill for its proximity to Lawrence, being 35 miles away (56 km).

| Historical population | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Census | Pop. | %± |
| 1930 | 553 | — |
| 1940 | 597 | 8.0% |
| 1950 | 845 | 41.5% |
| 1960 | 9,072 | 973.6% |
| 1970 | 20,946 | 130.9% |
| 1980 | 29,653 | 41.6% |
| 1990 | 37,993 | 28.1% |
| 2000 | 47,996 | 26.3% |
| 2010 | 62,209 | 29.6% |
| 2020 | 67,311 | 8.2% |
| 2022 (est.) | 69,198 ^[15] | 2.8% |

U.S. Decennial Census^[16]
2010-2020^[5]

(111.01 km²), of which, 41.85 square miles (108.39 km²) is land and 1.01 square miles (2.62 km²) is water.

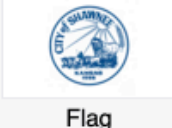

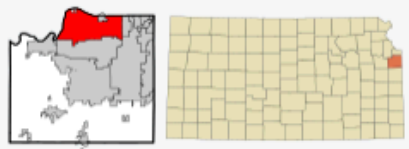
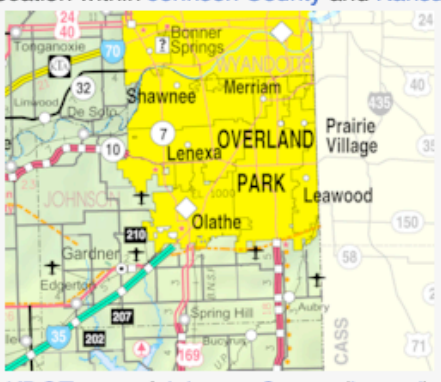
Shawnee Mission Park is a 1,600-acre (6.5 km²) park that includes a 120-acre (0.49 km²) lake.

Shawnee it the 7th largest city in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area.

Lawrence was established for the political reason of being an anti-slave town and had many clashes with the confederate army started before the American Civil War. The first documented event of [Bleeding Kansas](#) was the [Wakarusa War](#) that saw both sides clash and come to a temporary truce. This allowed Lawrence to add to its defenses before the [Sacking of Lawrence](#). In August 1863, the [Lawrence Massacre](#) took place at the hands of William Quantrill. This saw 250 men corralled and murdered and \$2.2 million from damages.

Geography

According to the [United States Census Bureau](#), the city has a total area of 42.86 square miles

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| Shawnee, Kansas | |
| City | |
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| Flag | Seal |
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| Location within Johnson County and Kansas | |
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| KDOT map of Johnson County (legend) Coordinates: 39°00′57″N 94°48′27″W﻿•﻿39.01583°N 94.80750°W﻿•﻿39.01583; -94.80750^[1] | |
| Country | United States |
| State | Kansas |
| County | Johnson |
| Government | |
| • Mayor | Mickey Sandifer ^[2] |
| Area ^[3] | |
| • Total | 42.86 sq mi (111.01 km ²) |
| • Land | 41.98 sq mi (108.72 km ²) |
| • Water | 0.89 sq mi (2.30 km ²) |
| Elevation ^[1] | 820 ft (250 m) |
| Population (2020) ^{[4][5]} | |
| • Total | 67,311 |
| • Estimate (2022) ^[6] | 69,198 |
| • Density | 1,600/sq mi (610/km ²) |
| Time zone | UTC-6 (CST) |
| • Summer (DST) | UTC-5 (CDT) |
| ZIP Codes | 66203, 66214, 66216-20, 66226-27, 66299 |
| Area code | 913 |
| FIPS code | 20-64500 |
| GNIS ID | 485652 ^[1] |
| Website | cityofshawnee.org |

Meet the Goodwins

Sue and Kent are among the longest-standing residents of Red Oak Hills, having moved here in 1993. Both hail from North Central Kansas – Sue was raised on a farm in Woodston, while Kent grew up in Harp. Their paths first crossed during their freshman year at Fort Hays State University, where they met on a blind date. Two years later, they were married and celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary this past August. After college, with the draft in full swing, Kent enlisted in the Army, and Sue joined him in Okinawa. There, she taught first grade at Kadena Air Force Base School. Their first daughter was born in Hays while Kent awaited his next assignment at the AFEES Station in Oklahoma City. Following his military service, the couple moved to Wichita, where Kent spent 21 years as an insurance underwriter. Sue also taught elementary school before transitioning to a full-time homemaker and mother after their second daughter was born.

A job transfer eventually brought them to Kansas City, where they lived in a hotel for several weeks while searching for a home. Accustomed to the ranch-style homes of Wichita, they found the two story designs prevalent in Johnson County a bit of an adjustment. However, after viewing over 90 homes, they decided that Red Oak Hills was the perfect fit, thanks to its first-floor laundry and primary suite – a choice that has proven wise as they've faced health challenges over the years. They also appreciated the easy highway access and the diverse range of homes in the area.

Faith and family have always been the bedrock of Sue and Kent's lives, and retirement has given them even more opportunities to cherish those values. They delight in spending time with their 13 grandchildren – nine in Lenexa and four in Texas – creating memories that will last a lifetime. But Kent's retirement hasn't been about slowing down. He's embraced a thrilling part-time role as a game day guest service representative for none other than the Kansas City Chiefs. For the past five years, Kent has had a front-row seat to the action, experiencing the electric atmosphere of Arrowhead Stadium and witnessing three unforgettable Super Bowl victories. It's a job that keeps him connected to the excitement of the game and adds a little extra thrill to his well-earned retirement.



SHAWNEE 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 27th (open to the public from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.) and Saturday, September 28th (closed to the public for judging).

Where: Shawnee Town 1929

Organizer: City of Shawnee Parks and Recreation



White Chicken Chili

Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 small onion , diced
2 cloves garlic , minced
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon cumin
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
1 1/4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
4 ounce can of diced green chiles
1 1/2 cups chopped cooked rotisserie chicken
15 ounces cannellini beans , rinsed and drained
2 ounces light cream cheese , cut into small cubes
2 teaspoons lime juice
1/2 cup freshly shredded Monterey Jack cheese , for serving
1 diced scallion , for serving
2 tablespoons freshly chopped cilantro , for serving
1/2 ripe avocado , sliced, for serving
crushed tortilla chips , for serving, optional



Instructions

1. In a medium heavy bottomed pot, warm the oil over medium-high heat.
2. Add the onion and saute until it softens, about 3 minutes.
3. Add in the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 20 seconds.
4. Add in all the seasonings and cook, stirring, for 1 minute.
5. Pour in the broth and chiles. Bring to a gentle bubble and simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes.
6. Stir in the chopped chicken, beans, cream cheese, and lime juice; simmer for a few more minutes to warm through and allow the cream cheese to melt.
7. Ladle into bowls and top each serving with a little Monterey Jack cheese, scallions, chopped cilantro, avocado, and crushed tortilla chips.

8. Enjoy!!

About Us

Jana Bonham and Annissa Freeman work together to create 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.