

RED OAK HILLS

September 2025 Newsletter



Election Enlightenment

Did you know that every year is an election year?

Odd number years are usually for local elections. Local elections have an immediate impact on our lives. Every vote truly matters in local elections. Shawnee is divided into 4 Wards. Each Ward is represented by 2 city council members. All 4 Wards have candidates running in the upcoming election. To find out which is your Ward, learn about the candidates, and where and when to vote, go to <https://www.jocoelection.org/>.

30th Annual Great Grillers Blues & BBQ

September 26, 2025 - 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Shawnee Town 1929, 11600 Johnson Drive

Are you ready to get grillin' during the 30th Annual Great Grillers Blues & BBQ? The public is invited to take in the sights and smells of this annual tradition on Friday, September 26th from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. You can find a full rundown of all the fun on the Great Grillers website at

shawneegreatgrillers.com.



JOIN US FOR THE
**RED OAK HILLS
ANNUAL PICNIC**

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH 2025
4 PM - 7 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARK
19699 SHAWNEE MISSION PARKWAY

RSVP BY AUGUST 10TH



OR BY EMAIL TO:
MZIEGLER21@GMAIL.COM

COME FOR THE FOOD, STAY FOR THE FUN!



FAQs About Deed Restrictions

Q: Are there deed restrictions in Red Oak Hills?

A: Yes. Most properties in Red Oak Hills have deed restrictions.

Of the original 86 lots in Red Oak Hills, the developer sold 54 lots with deed restrictions. As development of the subdivision progressed, another 187 lots were sold with similar deed restrictions. In recent years 4 property owners have added deed restrictions to their property. There are currently 28 properties in Red Oak Hills that do not have these deed restrictions.

Do you know your property's deed restrictions? See the [ROH Website](#) to learn more.

(Un)common Cures

DIY eyeglass cleaner:



Ingredients:

- *1 fluid ounce of cool or lukewarm water
- *1 fluid ounce of rubbing alcohol (70% isopropyl alcohol)
- *2 drops of liquid, lotion-free dish soap
- * 2-fluid-ounce spray bottle

Fill the spray bottle halfway with 1 ounce of cool or lukewarm water.

Fill the rest of the bottle with 1 ounce of rubbing alcohol.

Place 2 drops of dish soap into the bottle.

Put the lid on the bottle then gently roll or swirl the bottle around to mix the ingredients.

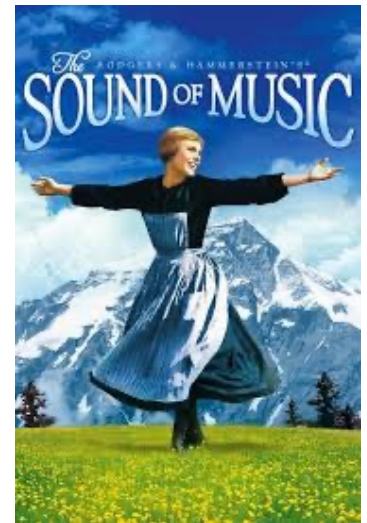
Note: Because rubbing alcohol is included, this type of DIY cleaner is best for lenses with no special coatings.

Visit [https://](https://www.allaboutvision.com/eyewear/maintenance/diy-glasses-cleaner/)

www.allaboutvision.com/eyewear/maintenance/diy-glasses-cleaner/ for more information.

The Sound of Music 60th Anniversary

September 13 at B & B Theatre
Experience the breathtaking theatrical presentation of Rodgers & Hammerstein's® iconic musical film The Sound of Music. Meticulously restored and remastered in 4K for its 60th anniversary, the beloved classic is more brilliant than ever with pristine picture and sound. In this true-life story, Julie Andrews lights up the screen as Maria, a spirited young woman who leaves the convent and becomes a governess to the seven unruly children of Captain von Trapp (Christopher Plummer). Her warmth, charm and songs soon win the hearts of the children and their father. But when the threat of war rises, Maria is forced to attempt a daring escape with her new family. One of the most successful movie musicals of all time, The Sound of Music features unforgettable treasures like “Edelweiss,” “My Favorite Things,” “Climb Ev’ry Mountain” and “Do-Re-Mi.” This Fathom’s Big Screen Classics release includes exclusive insights from Leonard Maltin.

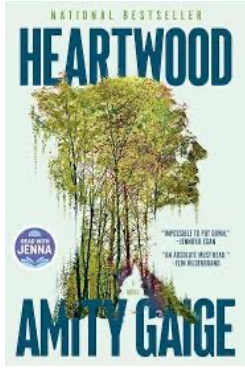


Interesting facts about Shawnee, Kansas

- **Historical Roots**
Shawnee began as **Gum Springs**, serving briefly as the **Johnson County seat** in the late 1850s before that honor passed to Olathe
- **Birthplace of the First Newspaper in Kansas**
In 1835, the **Shawnee Sun** — printed in the Shawnee language — became the first newspaper in Kansas, started by missionary Jotham Meeker
- **First Jail in the State**
The very first jail constructed in Kansas was located in Shawnee in 1843
- **Territorial Capital (Briefly)**
The **Shawnee Methodist Mission** served as the **second capital of Kansas Territory** from mid-July to early August 1855, during a key period in Bleeding Kansas history

Heartwood by Amity Gaige

Heartwood takes you on a journey as a search and rescue team race against time when an experienced hiker mysteriously disappears on the Appalachian Trail in Maine. She is forty-two-year-old



Valerie Gillis, who has vanished 200 miles from her final destination. Alone in the wilderness, Valerie pours her thoughts into fractured, poetic letters to her mother as she battles the elements and struggles to keep hoping.

At the heart of the investigation is Beverly, the determined Maine State Game Warden tasked with finding Valerie, who leads the search on the ground. Meanwhile, Lena, a seventy-six-year-old birdwatcher in a Connecticut retirement community, becomes an unexpected armchair detective. Roving between these compelling narratives, a puzzle emerges, intensifying the frantic search, as Valerie's disappearance may not be accidental.

Backyard Neighbors

Keep an eye out this season — cardinals, blue jays, and even the occasional hawk are frequent visitors to Red Oak Hills backyards

- **Trail Town & Food Hub**
Shawnee once stood along the **Oregon and Santa Fe**. By the 1920s, its **truck farms** (small-scale produce farms) had made Shawnee a major regional center for fruits and vegetables
- **Population & Growth** Today, Shawnee is the **seventh-most populous city** in the Kansas City metro area, with a population of around **67,311** as of 2020
- **Modern Demographics**
The median age is about **38.4 years**. Approximately **one-third (33.9%)** of adults hold a college degree. The average household income stands at around **\$88,941**, while average family income is near **\$106,647** annually
- **Cultural Landmark**
- The **Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of Kansas City** sits in Shawnee and serves the region's Hindu and Jain communities. It opened its doors in 1988 after a few years of planning

Red Oak Hills is more than a neighborhood — it's part of Shawnee's history. Long before the first homes were built, this land was farmland shaded by the oak trees that gave the area its name.

Today, many of those oaks still stand, linking past to present. The neighborhood was designed with larger lots and winding streets to keep its natural character, and that sense of place continues to set it apart.

Neighbors here often say Red Oak Hills isn't just where they live — it's a community. From friendly chats on evening walks to neighborhood gatherings, it's a place with deep roots and a strong spirit.

Marcella

Marcella Hazan didn't just teach Italian cooking--she changed the way America eats. Fearless, passionate, and exacting, she introduced authentic recipes to millions. Julia Child called Marcella "my mentor in all things Italian." Featuring Jacques Pépin, Danny Meyer, April Bloomfield, and Lidia Bastianich, this documentary reveals the bold woman who forever shaped home kitchens.



Tupelo Southern

Tupelo Honey, a Southern-style restaurant chain rooted in the Appalachian culinary tradition, has launched its first Kansas City-area location at 16720 City Center Drive, nestled in the Lenexa City Center "Restaurant Row" development. Tupelo Honey is known for **scratch-made, chef-inspired Southern favorites**—expect dishes like fried green tomatoes, shrimp & grits, honey-dusted fried chicken, and innovative brunch items—served alongside handcrafted cocktails, local beers, and wine.

Saturday,
September 06,
2025 |
09:00 AM to
04:00 PM
Sar-Ko-Par
Trails Park,
8801
Greenway Ln.



The family-oriented Lenexa Spinach Festival is packed with food, music, entertainment, hands-on activities and craft vendors. Experience the World's Largest Spinach Salad, learn about our history, or submit your favorite dish to the recipe contest. There's plenty to do for everyone in the family! Visit <https://www.lenexa.com/Events-Activities/Festivals-Special-Events/Spinach-Festival> for more

Annual Friends of Shawnee Town Arts & Crafts Fair & Fall Festival

When: September 20, 2025 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Where:
Shawnee Town
1929,
11600 Johnson
Drive

Description
Enjoy the 48th
annual Friends of
Shawnee Town

Arts & Crafts Fair & Fall Festival, featuring over 130 vendors showcasing their handmade, homemade, and repurposed items! There's something for everyone, including a variety of local food vendors, FREE Kids Activities, games, and Live Music scheduled throughout the day! Admission is a \$1.00 donation, collected at the gates. All money raised benefits the Museum and its educational programs. If you're interested in being a vendor, please email krueger@cityofshawnee.org or call (913) 248-2360 for more information.



Neighbors, 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.