

Introducing...



The Nordling Family

From left: Yoly, Sophia, Joe, Larry and dog Eliza

Yoly, Larry, Joe, and Sophia Nordling moved from Salina, Kansas to Roeland Park in 2009. The Nordlings gravitated to Roeland Park because the City offered a similar type of small-town atmosphere that they enjoyed in Salina. Their main criteria when looking for a new place to call home was ensuring their children would be able to attend a Catholic school, and they were able to find that in Bishop Miege and St. Agnes.

In addition to the familiar small town feel and the top notch catholic schools, the Nordlings benefit from being close to the Kansas City metro in a variety of ways. Larry is an attorney who works downtown, and has a short, 15 minute commute. After hearing his colleagues complain about 45+ minute commutes, this is something that he does not take for granted.

Yoly is a first generation Cuban American and a Spanish teacher at St. Agnes. Her family quickly settled into St. Agnes because it embraces diversity and encouraged Yoly to share her culture and background with the students. (Cont. on pg. 2)

Resident Spotlights

The City of Roeland Park is excited to feature its residents in the new Resident Spotlight section of The Roeland Parker. Residents will share a little about themselves and what they love about living in Roeland Park. We hope you enjoy getting to know more about your neighbors and learning about your community.

Resident spotlights will feature families and individuals of all ages, ethnicities, backgrounds and walks of life. If you have ideas on a resident and/or family to feature, let us know! You can submit your ideas to

jjoneslacy@roelandpark.org or complete a form on our website www.RoelandPark.net.

Upcoming Events

- December 5th—Holiday Tree Lighting; **New Location:** Roeland Park Community Center, 4850 Rosewood

Holidays: City Offices Closed

- November 12th—Veterans' Day Observed
- November 22nd and 23rd—Thanksgiving
- December 24th and 25th—Christmas Holiday
- January 1st – New Year's Day

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2018 Leaf Collection Program

What You Need to Know



The City leaf program using the new vacuum truck started collection on November 5th. There will be three opportunities for residents to get their leaves picked up by simply raking them to the curb or sidewalk in front of their homes. Here's what you need to know to participate.

- 1. Do Not rake leaves into the street.** Leaves should be in long piles behind the curb abutting the street. Leaves should be placed within six feet of the street or back of curb.
- 2. Place leaves in the above location the Sunday prior to your scheduled weekly pickup** (see full schedule and map at www.roelandpark.net/328/Fall-Leaf-Pickup-Program)
- 3. Keep leaf piles free of limbs and litter.**
- 1. Keep leaves away from obstacles** such as trash cans, mailboxes, cars and utility poles.
- 2. Do not park your car in front of your or your neighbors leaves** during collection hours of M-F 7a-5p and Sat 7:30a-3:30p. If your neighbor parks in front of your leaves, please reach out to them and kindly request they move their vehicle.

Thank You R Park Donors

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Family Spotlight (Cont. from Cover)

Joe and Sophia have thrived from the resources in and around Roeland Park over the years. Joe, 16, participates in the robotics team, varsity bowling, Student Council, tutoring, and technical support with sound equipment for the theater program. Sophia, 15, is involved with tutoring, theater and the school musical, and choir. Sophia has used resources inside the Roeland Park community as well as nearby Kansas City programs to enhance her theater talents. Outside of school, Joe and Sophia both enjoy walking to friends' houses and spending time with their friends who live in the community. Lastly, Joe has been able to practice his driving skills safely in the quiet streets of Roeland Park before graduating to the busy freeways.

The Roeland Park Community Center

Roeland Park Community Center

(913) 826-3160

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8 am-8 pm

Friday: 8 am-5 pm

Fitness Room

Monday-Thursday: 7 am-8 pm

Friday: 7 am-6 pm

Saturday: 8 am-12 pm

Sunday: Closed

Room Rental Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8 am-10 pm

Friday-Saturday: 8 am-10:30 pm

Sunday: 11 am-8 pm

Cooking: Around the World, Ages 8-13, November 3 or December 1, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, \$36

Young cooks are guided on a world tour of favorite foods and recipes. This class shows how much fun and adventurous cooking can be! All supplies and materials included in the course price.

Cooking: Dried Herbs and Spices, Ages 50 and over, November 15, 10 am-11:30 am, \$36

Spices are the foundation to every good dish. Come and learn how to make common household spices with a food dehydrator. All supplies included. Take home a sample.

Cake Decorating 101, Ages 8-13, November 17, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, \$36

Discover how fun and easy it is to decorate a beautiful cake! Topics include the basics of coloring icing, decorating techniques and using appropriate tools. Take home your masterpiece and wow the family! All supplies included.

Holiday Event: Holiday Marketplace , All Ages, December 8, 10 am-1 pm, FREE

Gather your family and friends for a festive holiday morning at the Roeland Park Community Center. The Holiday Marketplace is open to shoppers of all ages. Children will enjoy a visit from Santa, holiday crafts and a special shopping experience to find the perfect gift for any member of their family. Volunteers will be on hand to help kids purchase presents for family and friends and assist in the wrapping to keep the gifts a surprise. All gifts available for purchase will be \$15 or less and there will be a free gift wrap station. Gingerbread house making and lunch available for purchase.

VENDOR OPPORTUNITY - Items sold must be handmade, appeal to children and adults, priced under \$15. Contact Lisa at (913) 826-3161 or e-mail lisa.scharnak@jocogov.org.

Cooking: Insta- What?, Ages 50 and over, December 11, 5:30 pm-7 pm, \$36

Instant Pots are the latest trend. Find out what it is, how it works, and make a holiday meal. All supplies included.

Noon Year's Eve, Ages 50 and over, December 31, 11 am-1:30 pm, \$15

Celebrate the New Year at noon! You don't have to stay up late or pack a crowded restaurant to ring in 2019! Enjoy a catered lunch, musical performance, and followed by six games of bingo. This is one party you don't want to miss! Cost of admission covers food and staff time to administer the bingo program. No additional charge for bingo.

Child Care information - Now enrolling!

Come play and learn with us! The Child Development Center is a true hidden gem offering part-time and full-time childcare options. Fully licensed by the State of Kansas and Five-Star rated with the KS Quality Rating and Improvement System. The center can accommodate 22 children, ages 3-5. To learn more call (913) 826-3170.



For more information, a complete list of all our available programs or to register for activities please call (913) 826-3160 or visit us online at www.jcprd.com.



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Public Art Makes Sense—and Cents!

Investment in our City's public art has tangible and intangible benefits.

- **Quality of life:**
 - Makes a city more dynamic & attractive
 - Establishes a positive local identity & promotes civic pride.
- **Community:**
 - Creates vibrant gathering places which encourage community engagement
 - Creates an enhanced sense of ownership & responsibility for our public spaces.
- **Economic Impact:**
 - Enhances City's visibility, image, property values, & commercial tax revenues
 - Cultural activities & amenities attract new residents & businesses.
- **Health:**
 - Draws people to public spaces for fitness & social interaction.
 - Reduces stress, inspires creativity, & boosts the immune system.

Help Name the R Park Sculpture!

Win a \$50 Gift Certificate Donated by Houlihan's in Fairway!

Citizens Sculpture Initiative for R Park is holding a naming contest for the new sculpture by Jorge Blanco which will be installed in R Park around May of 2019. This whimsical sculpture was designed for R Park to celebrate the site and symbolize the forward movement of our city. Blanco has generously agreed to let the community help name the R Park sculpture through a contest which ends Dec. 31, 2018. You are urged to enter as many creative and fitting names for the sculpture as you can think of. The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate donated by Houlihan's in Fairway.



Future R Park Sculpture (2019) and Pavilion (2020)

For details on making a donation to R Park or entering the sculpture naming contest, visit www.roelandpark.net.