



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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Notes From Your Board President

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We are halfway through 2022, and the board is already planning for 2023. Please think about serving on the board for a two-year term (2023-2024). This is a great opportunity to become more familiar with the people and processes that keep this neighborhood functioning. Please email your interest/inquiries to Rick Pickerill,

Northwood Trails Community Relations, at rickpickerill@gmail.com. And if you have any questions regarding becoming a board member, feel free to bring those questions to any one of the current board members.

It is important to be a good neighbor! Ways to do that include keeping your property looking good, keeping the trails behind your house cleared, and keeping parked cars on the street to a minimum. Garages are there for a reason ... hint, hint. Also, per our deed restrictions, remember no boats and/or campers are allowed to be stored on your driveway. Please use our neighborhood for loading and unloading only.

The next board meeting is Tuesday, July 12 at 7 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. The first 30 minutes are available for member input.

Social Committee News

Sally Noltemeyer

Our annual summer kickoff was a huge hit. Brats and hot dogs were enjoyed by about 275 neighbors, and the weather was perfect. Thank you to the volunteers who showed up to help grill and to help the social committee set up and clean up the event.

Upcoming events include cool treats on July 24 and August 20, held in the afternoon near the pool tower. We are planning a fun surprise for the kids at the first event. Check

Upcoming Events

Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 7 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church

Cool Treats
Sunday, July 24

Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 7 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church

Cool Treats
Saturday, August 20

Follow posts on eNeighbors.com and Facebook for updates on events.

Do you need anything?

Our hospitality committee is here to help. Contact Brittany Craemer at hospitalityNWT@gmail.com.

eNeighbors.com and Facebook for more details as we get closer to the event dates.

We hope you're enjoying our fun scavenger hunt! Clues can be found on Facebook and eNeighbors.com.

This fall there will be our neighborhood garage sale in September and our annual fall event - traditionally a barbeque or chili cookoff - in October, depending on the Chiefs schedule. We will keep you posted on dates for the fall events.

Pool Committee News

Susie Kelling

Pool Season is here! You must be a member in good standing to have access to the pool, so be sure you have sent your HOA fees to the HOA office. Please know that it can take up to a week for your payment to be processed! Once your dues are paid and HAKC has process your payment, you will need to fill out a Pool Emergency Contact Form. The form is located on eNeighbors.com, under Documents > Pool Documents.

The pool attendant position is a great opportunity for the young people in our neighborhood to gain valuable soft-skill assets before entering the "real world." Several of our attendants are young, and, in some cases, this is their first job. Please support them and help them if you feel they need it and provide positive and constructive feedback to them if you see an opportunity to do so.

The attendants are there to help provide a clean and safe environment for our patrons. They are not lifeguards nor kid-sitters. Please set your expectations accordingly and be a positive role model. We hope you've noticed and are enjoying the new bottle filling station and the tropical plants at the pool. The pool committee and attendants have a few more surprises/fun opportunities coming in July! Water Polo and

Dodge Ball will be a few new games we will be bringing to the pool soon. These will be offered specific dates and times only.



Neighbors have been enjoying the pool this summer. Photos submitted by Susie Kelling.

Grounds Committee News

Gerry Buehler

Have you noticed trees or shrubs with yellowing leaves in our neighborhood? Iron chlorosis is a yellowing of plant leaves caused by iron deficiency that affects many desirable landscape plants. Some leaves will look yellow with green veins. This area is iron deficient. We have treated our pin oak a couple times in the last several years, and it needs it, again. Also, our oak leaf hydrangeas just received a dose of iron. The huge pin oak by the pool parking lot will be receiving iron injections. Treating with iron will help the tree be healthier and better able to resist diseases and insects. It also helps promote new growth and the leaves will once again be their dark green color. If you have questions about iron treatments for your trees or shrubs, contact the Johnson County Extension Office at 913-715-7000.

A few upgrades done by grounds committee volunteers:

- Fox Foxworthy refinished the 116th street light fixtures.
- Tony and Regina Wittman installed solar lights at the 117th street entrance.
- Mark Jeffrey replaced gutters on pool house and tower porch.

Coming soon: a stone bedding edge along the pool fence to block mulch from blowing onto the pool deck.

Should you see sprinklers running anywhere on Northwood Trails grounds after 10 a.m. any day, call Gerry, immediately. Our sprinklers are set to run 2 a.m. - 10 a.m. Do you see an area in our common areas that needs attention? Please contact GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net or 913-894-0154.

Pond Committee News

Matt Noltemeyer

Greetings! Intense heat in mid-June was no deterrent to the dozens of young fishing enthusiasts and neighbors who enjoyed a morning of sun, sport, snacks, games and prizes on June 18 during the Northwood Trails Father's Day weekend Fishing Derby.

The turn-out was excellent at 89 neighbors. Young neighbors baited hooks, cast their lines, and reeled 'em in. Fish or no fish, they repeated the process again and again during the two-hour contest.

Ultimately, more than 100 fish of all sizes were hooked, measured by volunteer judges Kirby Demott, Tom Harrington, and Tony Wittman, and released back into the water to compete again.

The record-large catches of the day were Allayah Seitz's 21.5-inch catfish, Atalie Marlow's 21-inch catfish, Sam Kelly's 17-inch bass, and Cade Ast's 9-inch bluegill.

Snacks and bottled water were provided by Northwood Trails social committee and representative Tobi Starks. The classic "Fishing Behind the Curtain" was a hit, as were yard games and sidewalk chalk thanks to volunteers Lauren McEnaney and her kids. At a station helmed by Orin and Kathy Swift, artistic youths had a chance to craft a card for dear old dad.

But the biggest buzz around the pond surrounded a new derby component: a disc golf station. Young sportsmen and sportswomen were invited to tee off; aiming for the chain-basket target. Special thanks to disc-golf expert Matt Jamison for providing equipment and instruction!

Pond and Social committees thank all the volunteers that made the derby a reality. Others who gave of their time included set-up and break-down experts Ken Gandy, Jason Hrabe, and Max Mueller; watermelon butchers Kristyn Allison and Lauren McEnaney; and fish-food goodie bag packer David Starks.

Derby participants were greeted with a clean body of water thanks to the Pond Committee's regular course of inputs and the addition of new equipment.

The bubbler system now cleaning our pond's water 24/7 could not have happened without neighbor Keith Read. He exhaustively researched options and vendors, presented his findings to the HOA

board, negotiated the price lower twice, and was on hand June 1 when the vendor opted for a surprise installation rather than a scheduled visit.

So be sure to check out the surface bubbles in three occasions when you come for a pond stroll or to feed the fish this summer! Just don't forget the sunscreen! Email MattNoltemeyer@gmail.com with comments or to join the pond team.



89 neighbors attended the Fishing Derby on June 18. Photos submitted by Tom Harrington.

Welcome, New Neighbors

Kristin & Blaine Ragsdale
18915 West 116th Street

Julia Roher
18402 West 114th Terrace

John Surbeck & Bayli Donaldson
18593 West 117th Street

ENJOY LUNCH WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Our Northwood Trails ladies' lunch group goes out to lunch, monthly, on first Thursdays. Come join us!

For details, contact Gerry Buehler at 913-894-0154 or gerrybuehler@sbcglobal.net.

RELAUNCHING DINING OUT

The Northwood Trails dining club has been reactivated! We meet the 3rd Saturday of each month at various restaurants.

For information, contact Jim Buehler at 913-461-4594 or jimbuehler@sbcglobal.net.

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- Children's play group: "NWT Playgroup"