



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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Notes From Your Board President

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Spring greetings, neighbors!

Spring is the perfect time to begin sprucing up your yard and exterior of your house. Please keep in mind we all need to work together to keep our home values high.

One thing to keep in mind is our neighborhood has one of the lowest dues in the entire area. Keeping our dues low has been a mainstay of Northwood Trails since the beginning. The reason we can keep our dues low is because of the many volunteers we have working behind the scenes for very little credit. We could sure use more volunteers not only as board members, but also as

members of committees. The Social, Pool, Pond and Grounds committees are always looking for more volunteers to help with all the activities and upkeep each committee undertakes each year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact a committee chairperson via their email address on the eNeighbors website.

Please be sure to pick up after your dog when you are walking around the neighborhood. Not only do you need to pick up dog waste from the street and neighbor's yards, but also any common area.

The next board meeting is 7 p.m. March 14 and the April board meeting is 7 p.m. April 11. We meet at Grace United Methodist Church across Ridgeview Road from Northwood Trails. As always, the first 30 minutes are the designated time for homeowner questions, comments, suggestions and solutions.

From The Treasurer

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The new year is in full swing and spring is just around the corner. The amenities of our neighborhood are on full display as the weather warms up. Just a reminder, your dues fund the maintenance of all these features we enjoy.

If you did not take advantage of the early-pay discount, your first payment will be due by the time this newsletter reaches you. The full balance will be due by May 1. In order to participate in the neighborhood social activities, enter the pool or use neighborhood-sponsored social media communities, you need to be a MIGS — a Northwood Trails Homes Association member in good standing.

Dues payments need to be made to Homes Associations of Kansas City either by mail or you may set up an account to pay online at www.ha-kc.org. As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please reach out to your volunteer treasurer, and I will answer best I can.



Above, Edward Murphy's view of snowy Northwood Circle. Left, neighbors Cathy Murphy and her daughter Sr. Kenosis (Briana Murphy) by an icy pond.

Architectural Committee News

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Howdy, neighbors!

Gardening and landscaping season is just around the corner. If you're looking to spruce up your lawn and garden don't forget to peruse the list of plants native to our area published by K-State Research and Extension at www.johnson.k-state.edu/natural-resources/Native-plants.html.

As you look forward to the changing of the seasons and plan new projects to renew and revitalize the exterior of your home and the outdoor spaces on your property, don't forget to submit your plans to your friendly neighborhood volunteer Architectural Review committee.

Crucial to the planning process is your perusal of the Declaration of Restrictions of Northwood Trails that you and every neighbor signed during the purchase of an NWT home. At the neighborhood's eNeighbors page, simply click on the Documents tab at the top. Under the Legal Documents section, click on Deed Restrictions. Items 3-4 on Page 1 establish the review committee and specify written approval is required "wherever this declaration specifies that written approval or consent must be obtained for any plan structures, additions, changes or appurtenances to the land bound by this declaration." Items 5-20 list the types of projects requiring approval, such as fencing and dog runs, covered decks and patios, roofing and siding materials, front door materials, outbuildings such as gazebos and the removal of trees larger than four inches in trunk diameter as measured two feet off the ground.

The all-volunteer board of directors appreciates your attention to detail as we all work together to keep home values high and abide by the rules to which we collectively agreed when we landed in the greatest neighborhood in Kansas!

Community Relations News

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Spring greetings, neighbors!

Northwood Trails' primary internet presence is our private neighborhood page found at www.eneighbors.com. This community resource includes:

The bulletin board, a place to post and read about neighborhood-related items, community news and concerns, school happenings such as performances and fundraisers, lost pets, found pets, lost and found items such as phones and keys.

The classifieds: If you've got a service or item to sell, click "Post Classified" under the bulletin board heading. You may upload photos to draw potential buyers and communicate with them through the site. It's also a great place to offer free items for giveaway.

The neighborhood directory: Look up your neighbors by first name, last name, address or simply view neighbors by street name in the directory. Find the names of your current all-volunteer board of directors with their role on the board and their contact information. Send messages to neighbors, a board member or even to all board members.

The calendar: Sync your spring and summer with NWT. Find upcoming special events such as the Easter Egg hunt on April 8 and garage sales May 6 and Sept. 16, board meetings, committee meetings, pool opening dates, and more.

Documents: Download an architectural request form and view important legal documents, such as our deed restrictions, bylaws and articles of incorporation; Pool, pond and social committee documents; or get nostalgic with Board of Directors meeting minutes and newsletter archives dating to 2000.

Your profile: Manage your contact information (seen only by NWT Homes Association members) and customize your website experience through your profile. To get to your profile, click your picture in the upper right corner, or the dropdown next to your picture and select profile.

Your notifications: Set them as desired. In my case, I check every box with daily email. That way I stay on top of what is going on in the neighborhood. These notification preferences can be changed at any time if they are too much or too little. By default, email notifications are weekly, each Monday.

If you are new to eNeighbors and need support, you can email me at rickpickerill@gmail.com. There is also support available from eNeighbors and they typically respond in 24 hours or less.

Grounds Committee News

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Walk the trail that runs along your property. Spot any leaves, limbs, trash, mud and other debris there? Please be a good neighbor and keep your area of the trail clear.

Perhaps you don't frequent that area, but lots of other residents do. Please consider that parents often are pushing strollers through your section of the trail and going through mud is a frustrating mess for your neighbors.

Parents, please ask children who play in the volleyball court to leave the sand in the court (versus a drain). If they dig a big hole, ask them to return the sand to the hole when they are finished playing for safety's sake.

See an area on Northwood Trails property that needs attention? Grounds wants to know. Contact me (GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net or 913-894-0154) to alert the committee or if you're interested in joining our all-volunteer grounds committee, which meets the third Monday each month.

Upcoming Events

Monthly Board Meetings

Tuesday, March 14 and Tuesday, April 11
7 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church

The first 30 minutes are designated for neighbors to attend and offer comments, questions, suggestions and solutions.

Monthly neighborhood bunco group

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 15

E-mail Julie Pickerill at jpickerill61@gmail.com to join the list of players and substitutes.

Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

10 a.m. April 1 at Northwood Trails Access Park

Ladies' Lunch Group meets the first Thursday of every month. *Email GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net for details.*

Our **Dining Out Group** meets the third Saturday each month. *Email JimBuehler@sbcglobal.net for details.*

Pool Committee News

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Pool Committee's hard at work as spring draws near. A couple of vital reminders ahead of swim season 2023:

Timely payment of your 2023 dues in full is of utmost importance for neighbors anxious to scan their new key fob, open the new security gate, dive in to fun at your neighborhood pool and relax in your neighborhood hot tub as soon as we open for summer.

Allow two weeks minimum from the date your payment is received by Homes Association of Kansas City (HAKC, the administrator for our neighborhood association) before you will have access to use the pool.

Contact me with questions or to join the committee.

Interested in a summer job? Interviews for pool attendant positions can be scheduled by contacting Susie Kelling via email at susiekelling@yahoo.com.

Applications are a requirement, and they can be printed off eNeighbors.com under Documents.

Pond Committee News

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All is quiet on the pond. The bubblers are off when temperatures drop as cycling cold surface water to the bottom can lead to fishkill. They'll be running 24/7 soon enough and the committee is readying a course of treatment to keep the pond algae free.

Any fishing enthusiasts out there with volunteer time this spring? If so, drop me a line (pun intended) because we're seeking one who could work hand-in-hand with the social committee to stage this summer's annual Fishing Derby.

Kudos and kudos again to Pat Madden, c.e., for crafting a treatment battle plan from his winter post; to unit supply specialist Max Mueller; and to Jason Hrabe for representing the committee at a meeting regarding development east of Ridgeview Road that requires runoff management to avoid overwhelming our li'l pond.



A pond sunset by Jill Woods.

Social Committee News

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I can almost taste spring when I step outside. The weather is starting to warm up and my kids want to be outside riding their new bikes all the time. The Social Committee feels the same warm-weather excitement building. We are planning our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. April 1. Come early and the whole family can pose for photos with a surprise visitor who will greet

your youngsters. A change this year: The big kids' hunt will commence first, followed by the middle ages and ending with the youngest hunters. After their hunt, big kids are welcome to play respectfully on the playground or watch their younger siblings hunt.

Our spring neighborhood-wide garage sale is set for May 5-6 with a donation pick-up scheduled late Saturday. Watch the neighborhood social channels to add your sale to the list if you're itching to shift unneeded items out of your home!

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- Search "Northwood Trails."

Facebook.com

- "Northwood Trails - KS."
- Buying/selling: "Northwood Trails Buy, Sell, Trade"
- Children's play group: "NWT Playgroup"

Welcome, New Neighbors!

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Katie Holman

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