



# NORTHWOOD TRAILS

## Newsletter

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Springtime around Northwood Trails is a good reminder to keep the trail behind your home tidy. One of the big topics of conversation at the annual meeting was the amount of money that is spent on our trails. We will never quite keep up with the trails needing repairs due to associated costs, but if we can all work to keep the trails behind

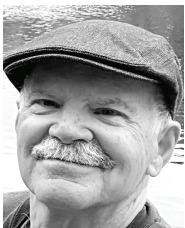
our homes clean and clear, we can extend the life of many of our trails.

In discussion following a neighbor's suggestion at the February meeting, the Board of Directors decided to contact the US Postal Service regarding rusted and worn-down mailboxes around NWT. E-mail me if there are

specific mailboxes in poor shape so we can put together a running list. There are no guarantees on this, as it's USPS's job to get this done, but we will do our best to lobby for replacements. My email is [peterfmundo@gmail.com](mailto:peterfmundo@gmail.com).



### Pond Committee News • *Keith Read* • [keith.read@att.net](mailto:keith.read@att.net)



We are happy to share that this is the first year we have had no incidents of adults or children attempting to walk out on the pond. Each year, the national news brings tragic stories of children venturing onto ice they believed was safe. Your cooperation and, especially, your conversations with your children, have clearly

made a difference. Thank you all for taking pond safety seriously.

#### **Enjoying the Pond This Season**

As the weather begins to warm, we invite you to enjoy the pond from the shoreline. The calm,

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## Neighborhood communications • Julie Pickerill • [jpickerill61@gmail.com](mailto:jpickerill61@gmail.com)

NWT is more than just a collection of houses; it's a living, breathing community. When we look out for one another, we aren't just following a policy, we're creating a place where everyone truly belongs

Being a good neighbor means being aware of how our habits affect others. Simple acts like managing noise levels after hours, and keeping shared spaces tidy go a long way.



### Participation and Connection:

Whether you volunteer for or simply attend one of our fantastic social events or even a quick chat at the mailbox, neighborly interactions build the trust that makes our community resilient.

**Other helpful tips:** If you see your neighbor's empty trash cans at the curb, wheel them back up the

## Welcome to our new neighbors!

**Dolina Maharjan**  
11570 South Skyview Lane

**Andrew Peck**  
11535 Northwood Drive

**Ridgeline Invest LLC**  
11405 South Hunter Drive

**Robert Gerling**  
18380 West 116th Street

driveway for them.

Offer to bring in packages or water plants for a neighbor who is traveling to help keep their home looking occupied. And while you are offering, ask a trusted neighbor to do these things for you.

If you see a neighbor struggling with a heavy task or notice a porch

light that's been out for a while, a simple "can I help?" may make a world of difference.

## Pond update

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mirror-like surface has been reflecting beautiful blue skies and clouds. Sunset is an especially scenic time to take it all in. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

### Power to the pond update

Recently, a power line feeding the pond aerators and dock lights was damaged. Evergy has experienced challenges boring a new line from 114th Terrace down to the pond due to rocky conditions. The company returned with a specialized rock drilling machine to complete the work in mid-February.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, the new power line will have been installed and the temporary cable across the path has been removed. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this process.

### Request for help protecting the dam and landscaping

Pond Committee would like to end this update by asking for your help. The boundary marker



boulders along the west side of the path over the dam are an important part of the landscaping. They were set in concrete by volunteers who generously spend many hours planting flowers, laying mulch and pulling weeds to keep the neighborhood common area looking its best.

Unfortunately, in January, some of the cemented markers were kicked loose and thrown down the back of the dam. Neighbors also witnessed landscaping rocks being tossed into the pond. These are rocks so heavy

that it took teamwork for the young neighbors to lift and heave them into the pond. This kind of damage is discouraging for those who work hard to maintain and beautify the area.

Also, the fish feed machine was broken into last year, which cost us more than volunteer labor to repair.

We respectfully ask everyone to help prevent further vandalism by reminding children and teens to treat the landscaping, fish feeder and the dock with care.

## Architectural update • Max Mueller • [architecturalcommittee@nwthoa.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:architecturalcommittee@nwthoa.onmicrosoft.com)

As the weather warms, I am sure that a few of you are starting to think about potential projects. Our deed restrictions require you to submit an Architectural Review Request form for any project modifying the outside of your home. This includes a new roof, siding, windows, fences, porches, decks, screen rooms and any other exterior change.

Lists of approved roofing, siding and fencing materials are posted in 'Documents' on the eNeighbors website. All outside projects should have city permits. Sheds and outbuildings are prohibited by the deed restrictions. Hot tubs



are prohibited unless you receive approval from the Architectural Review Committee related to how you are going to screen it in. Another document at the site details where fences may be placed in your yard. If there is a question, you can contact the committee at [ArchitecturalCommittee@nwthoa.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:ArchitecturalCommittee@nwthoa.onmicrosoft.com).

The Architectural Committee will try to work with you on any project so that it meets the requirements of the deed restrictions as well as your needs. We do our best to approve projects as quickly as possible.

## Social Committee News • Jess Perry • [jessperry805@gmail.com](mailto:jessperry805@gmail.com)

### Let's make 2026 a year to remember!

As winter begins to fade and longer, warmer days return, your Social Committee is excited to share what's ahead for our neighborhood this year. Our goal is simple: create more opportunities for neighbors to connect, for families to make memories and for our community to feel like home.

We're kicking things off with our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4. It's always a favorite for families. In preparation, we'll be hosting an egg-stuffing party on March 31, and volunteers will help place eggs shortly before the event begins. Keep an eye out for event details, including age group schedules and park location information. It takes a village to make the magic happen — and we'd love your help!

As we head into summer, we'll celebrate with our Summer Kickoff on May 30, bringing neighbors together for food, fun and the unofficial start of the season. Throughout the summer, we'll also host monthly food truck



### Volunteers make it all possible

All NWT's terrific events are the result of neighbors stepping up to help.

We are always looking for volunteers — whether you can give an hour or take on a larger role behind the scenes. This year, we're especially encouraging teenagers who need volunteer or service hours to get involved right here in our own neighborhood. Helping with events is a great way to earn credits, build experience, and give back to the community they're part of every day.

Volunteer opportunities will be shared through SignUpGenius, along with clear expectations and time commitments so you can easily find something that fits your schedule.

If you've ever thought, "someone should organize that," this is your sign — come join us! Fresh ideas, helping hands, and new faces are always welcome.

Here's to a season of sunshine, laughter, and neighbors coming together. We can't wait to see you at the events ahead!

nights, giving everyone an easy excuse to skip cooking and enjoy a relaxed evening with friends and neighbors.

July brings something extra special this year as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary with our Great American Bike Parade on July 11. We're working to involve local first responders and make this a festive, patriotic event for all ages.

Mark Sept. 19 on your calendars for the Fall BBQ Showcase featuring great food, community spirit and

a dessert potluck everyone can contribute to. Then in October, the Northwood Trails Trick-or-Treat Trail will transform the pond area into a festive Halloween experience complete with apple cider, apple bobbing and a scarecrow scavenger hunt.

We'll wrap up the year with a beloved Northwood Trails tradition on Dec. 5. Cookies with Santa features holiday cheer, decorations, refreshments and plenty of smiles for families during the Christmas season.

## Pool Committee News • *Susie Kelling* • [susiekelling@yahoo.com](mailto:susiekelling@yahoo.com)

### Pool season's around the corner!

Though a few months remain before the pool gate opens, the Pool Committee is already excited to kick off another fun-filled pool season in our community!

We've added several new lounge chairs to replace older worn or broken ones. The new chairs have arrived just in time for summer, giving everyone a comfortable place to relax, soak up the sun, and

enjoy the pool.

Your Pool Committee is hard at work preparing for a safe, welcoming, and fun-loving season for all residents. We can't wait to see neighbors gathering, families enjoying the water and everyone making the most of these warm days ahead.

### Splash Pass Reminder

Please remember, take care of your 2026 membership dues payment

before applying for your Splash Pass. Allow the Homes Associations of KC (our neighborhood administrator) at least two weeks for processing. Then, complete your new emergency contact form found at [eNeighbors.com](http://eNeighbors.com). This ensures you're ready to dive in when the season begins.

Here's to a fantastic summer!



## Notes from your Board Treasurer • *Bryan Kelling* • [bryan\\_kelling@hotmail.com](mailto:bryan_kelling@hotmail.com)

### Spring is nearly upon us.

This is when we really begin to see what our dues cover. The operation and maintenance of the pool, pond and other common areas are made possible by our membership dues. The busy social event calendar completes the picture of a beautiful, active, family-oriented neighborhood. To use the amenities, attend the events, or use neighborhood-sponsored social media, you must be a member in good standing (MIGS). Your dues are considered late after May 1. A late fee will be



assessed after June 1. Dues payments need to be made to Homes Associations of Kansas City by mail or through an HA-KC online account.

Please keep in mind payments take up to two weeks to process and for HA-KC to notify your volunteer neighborhood Pool Committee. It is not reasonable, for example, to pay your dues and expect to access the pool that same day.

As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please reach out to me and I will answer the best I can.