



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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Notes From Your Board President

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Happy spring, Northwood Trails neighbors. We are certainly in an interesting time right now and I feel so fortunate to live in a neighborhood with such amazing, caring, compassionate and giving people. So many of you have stepped in to help in so many ways, not just for our neighbors, but for our community.

Thank you to all our heroes, we have so many who are working each day to help others in so many roles and we applaud you and appreciate you so very much.

If you are in need or know of a neighbor in need, please let us know so that we can see if there is something that we can do to help.

Keep the positivity going, and stay safe!

If you, or someone you know is interested in being highlighted in our newsletter, please reach out to me ... I would love to share your story.

Typically our board meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Grace Church beginning at 7 p.m. The first 30 minutes of the meetings are reserved for homeowner input. If there is anything you would like to share or questions or concerns you have, please attend the meetings and let us know. If we are still under a stay-at-home order, our next meeting(s) will be held via Zoom. Reach out to me for the Zoom link at TwylaRist@reecenichols.com.

Do you need anything? Our hospitality committee is here to help. Contact Brittany Craemer at hospitalityNWT@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Events

May 18 – September 7

Tentative Open Pool Dates

Follow posts on eNeighbors.com and Facebook (Northwood Trails - KS) for updates on events and pool schedule.

Social Committee News

Heather Olson

The NWT Social Committee would like to thank everyone for being so understanding about the neighborhood events that have been cancelled or rescheduled as a result of COVID-19.

Regardless of our cancelled events, we have seen our community come together with bears in windows, uplifting messages in windows and driveways, and positivity boards popping up in yards. This just proves our neighborhood knows how to stay connected and continue to support one another when the going gets tough.

As we continue to navigate our way through COVID-19, we will update eNeighbors.com and our Facebook group with any changes to upcoming social events.



Yard signs around the neighborhood

Architectural Committee News

Tom Harrington

Everyone in Northwood Trails needs to turn in Architectural Requests for applicable projects since our HOA's Deed Restrictions require them, no exceptions. In recent years, most requests are for: roofs, fences, tree removal, decks, and landscaping.

Our document for composite/asphalt shingles was 15+ years old and has just been updated. It will be posted on eNeighbors.com under Documents.

If you remove a tree, our committee encourages you to plant a new one. When planting multiple trees, the consultants at Grass Pad recommend biodiversity - different varieties. These photos shows how the scrawny red maple that friends help us plant in the fall of 2013 has grown.



Your one-page Home Improvement Request can be emailed to me at woden70@gmail.com or dropped off at 18502 W 114th St.

Pool Committee News

Jared Olson

Splish Splash! Pool season is upon us. 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. To receive your 2020 pool access sticker you must complete the emergency contact form and deliver it to the pool attendant upon your first

visit to the pool. The form is located on eNeighbors.com. eNeighbors (top-left) > Documents > Pool Documents. You can also access the pool party form at the same location. The party form reserves three tables for a two-hour window. Pool party reservations are not allowed on national holidays. Note, you cannot reserve the pool tower - tower access is first come/first serve basis.

Last year we had quite a few mechanical issues with a variety of elements that support the pool. Hardware failure isn't uncommon, but last year's occurrences were plentiful in comparison to previous years. The committee is continuously working with the pool manager to identify opportunities to ensure we can catch or stop these type failures and keep the pool operating at the standard we all expect. However, much like you and your home appliances, there is no foolproof way to know when electronics or hardware will decide to stop working. Please be patient as the season opens and understand the committee is always doing the best we can to ensure the luxury of a pool is always available to the neighborhood. We are also a committee always searching for new members ... sign up today!

The pool attendant position is a great opportunity for young adults in our neighborhood gain valuable soft-skill assets before entering the "real world." These attendants are young and, in some cases, this is their first job. Please support them, help them if you feel they need it, and provided positive and constructive feedback to them if you see an opportunity to do so. You can also contact Jared Olson or Kenn Knisley with any issues or positive feedback on how the attendants are performing their duties. Be a positive role model.

Lastly, and on everyone's minds, the pool dates and hours. It is possible that COVID-19 will impact our schedule. We will continue to align with the local and county authorities concerning pool opening this season. Below are the TENTATIVE dates and times for the upcoming season. Please monitor eNeighbors.com and our NWT Facebook page for any pool related updates over the next several weeks.

**May 18 – September 7
10 a.m. – 10 p.m**

Constructive feedback about the pool operations is always welcome and encouraged.

Grounds Committee News

Fox Foxworthy

As of April 19, I am still awaiting notification that a dumpster will be available to residents of NWT for disposal of trees, limbs and bushes. I am still expecting that it will be in May. I will post a date in eNeighbors and on the Facebook page as soon as I get that date.

Repairs and painting at the pool house and tower should have begun by the time you get this newsletter. Some of the siding and trim on the pool house and tower has rotted over the years and is being replaced. Both structures will be painted.

Path repair will continue this year. More on that later.

If you are interested in participating on the Grounds Committee, or if you have any input you'd like to share, you can send me an email at fox1948@yahoo.com. If you notice any damage to any of the common areas, please take a moment to let me know. That will enable us to take any action necessary promptly.

Pond Committee News

Pat Madden

For those of you that are not aware of it, we have a beautiful pond located at the north end of Northwood Trails, between 114th St./Ter. – Hunter St., Millview, and Northwood Circle. It is accessible by the trail system.

Having said that, I want to extend my apologies for the large algae bloom on the pond this spring, but the requirements of the COVID-19 sheltering and the quick warm spell in March have negated any aerators being installed and major algae treatment. We hope that this will resolve itself soon and we can get the pond cleaned up.

We have just completed a renovation of the dock and fishing (catch and release) is encouraged. So come down and relax. A trip around the pond is very calming and pretty, and as many of us have observed, taking advantage of the time and social distancing by walking our trails, including those around the pond.



As a paramedic with Miami County EMS, John Hileman has spent his days on 48 hour shifts on the ambulance



Lexi and Liz Jeffrey taking a break along our trails



Connor and Audrey posing for a photo near the pond



Lillian and Louie on a walk in April



The Selenskys are using their time at home by rebuilding their dilapidated deck

Our neighbor Belinda Bassene let me borrow her wheelbarrow, and her son Zander came running over with a shovel to help. I went to the back yard with a wheelbarrow full, and when I got back to the driveway Belinda's husband Janvier was in the bed of the truck with a shovel of his own. Thank you!



- Hunter Hamilton

Thank you to members of the HOA for handing out Easter candy and fish food to residents!

Thanks to Molly Heinlein and other members of our community for making face masks!

*Please send **Neighborhood Thanks** submissions to Lindy Rhodes at lindyrhodes85@gmail.com.*

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