



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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Notes From Your Board President

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May is a very busy month. Please take a moment to read about all of the wonderful activities we will be having in the neighborhood this month and the months to come. The weather is perfect for working outside on projects.

I have had numerous complaints about barking dogs already this spring. Many neighbors have their windows open and don't want to hear dogs barking. Also, please be mindful of cleaning up after your dog and outdoor cat. Several neighbors have reported having to clean up dog and cat waste in their yards.

Just a reminder that school ends in three weeks, which means there will be a lot of children out and about playing. Please adhere to the 25 MPH speed zone.

Our next monthly board meeting is Tuesday, May 11 at 7 p.m. at Olathe Community Center. As usual, the first 30 minutes is reserved for member input.

Guest Column: Keep Informed About City Projects Impacting NWT

Kim Culley

Many of you are probably aware of development projects proposed near Northwood Trails, such as the College & Ridgeview apartments to the north, and the 119th Street extension project to the south. Numerous informative posts have been put on eNeighbors.com and the Northwood Trails Facebook page, but if you are not on those platforms, I wanted to make sure you know how to find information about the 119th Street project. The project is in the 'impact study and preliminary design' phase. A tree survey has been done, and next geotechnical boring and noise evaluation will occur.

This project has not yet received final approval. I would encourage all Northwood Trails residents to contact the project manager and the City Council, and express concerns you may have about this project. The City needs to be encouraged to seriously look at starting this project from the existing Northgate/Nelson intersection, rather than running it directly behind the houses on S. Skyview Lane that back up to 119th Street. Here is the web page dedicated to the project: www.olatheks.org/119extension.

The project manager is Therese Vink and her email is TMersmann@olatheks.org. You can find email addresses for City Council members here: olatheks.org/government/city-council/councilmembers.

If you'd like more information about the project, feel free to contact me, Kim Culley, at kac815@gmail.com. Thanks for caring about Northwood Trails!

Do you need anything?

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

Upcoming Events

NWT Spring Garage Sale

Friday, May 7 – Saturday, May 8

NWT Summer Kickoff Party

Saturday, May 29

NWT Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 19, 9 a.m.

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

Pool Committee News

Jared Olson

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 2021 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.com > Documents > Pool Documents.

The pool attendant position is a great opportunity for the young adults in our neighborhood to 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 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. You can also contact Jared Olson or Kenn Knisley with any issues or positive feedback on the attendants. Remember the attendants are there to ensure a clean and positive experience at the pool. They are not lifeguards nor kid-sitters. Please set your expectations accordingly and be a positive role model. Constructive feedback and suggestions about the pool operations is always welcome and encouraged.

Pool Dates and Hours

May 18 & 19: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

May 20: 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.

May 21 – Sept. 6 (Labor Day): 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Social Committee News

Heather Olson

The Northwood Trails Social Committee will host the Summer Kickoff Party on Saturday, May 29 at the pool tower. There will be food and activities for the whole family ... check out Facebook and eNeighbors.com for additional event details!

If you enjoy our neighborhood events, we encourage you to join the Northwood Trails Social Committee to ensure the fun continues – there are lots of different volunteer opportunities. Please contact Heather Olson at 913-593-6413 or missmybeach@yahoo.com.



Social Committee volunteers at the Easter Egg Hunt, April 3. Photo submitted by Heather Olson.

Pond Committee News

Matt Noltemeyer

Spring has sprung, and the trails surrounding the pond find more and more residents each day. Those who prefer a serene scene usually walk between sunrise and 9:30 when the twin aerator fountains automatically activate. The aerators help keep the water circulating to avoid stagnation but add pleasant noise and an eye-catching aesthetic to your stroll.

For worry-free fountain operation and maintenance, we have original Northwood Trails homeowner Keith Read to thank. He donates time and expertise that saves about \$600 every year.

The aerators work with the numerous inputs designed to eliminate algae on the pond bottom and water surface and clarify the water. Chairman Emeritus Pat Madden, a 19-year resident, handles the logistics of these inputs, works to tamp down weeds along the shoreline, and supervises a crew (including navigator Max Mueller) that climbs aboard our dinghy tri-weekly during the summer to treat the pond.

On April 24, a pond committee crew completed the following improvements:

- Mulched the permanent amenities of the west-side picnic area: three tables (recently power-washed/stained), two charcoal grills and a garbage can.
- Cleaned out and mulched the bench and bed of plants and flowers on the northwest corner, and trimmed back the tree overhead.

- Cleared brush and Osage hedge ball saplings that had encroached the southwest corner path.
- Leveled the flagstone fishing rocks along the north shore and filled a major sinkhole under one.
- Filled the north shore ground depressions and seeded the dirt.
- Rebuilt, leveled and backfilled three paving-stone landscape walls along the north shore.

Many thanks for their sweat and toil go to the volunteer crew: Jim Buehler, Ken Gandy, Jason Hrabe, Pat Madden, Matt Noltemeyer, Keith Read, Kathy and Orin Swift, Luke Weber, and Tony Wittman.

The Pond Committee’s focus now turns to planning the annual Fishing Derby with the Social Committee. Volunteers are welcome, and needed, so if you are interested, email MattNoltemeyer@gmail.com.

Make time this summer to explore your pond, have a picnic, find your fishing spot or experience the wonder of the fairy trail. Enjoy a unique neighborhood amenity that is just one of several attributes that make Northwood Trails such a great place to live!



Top: A group of 11 pond committee volunteers worked on 7 projects on April 24. Photos submitted by Keith Read.
 Bottom: Olivia and James Kelly fishing at our beautiful pond. Photos submitted by Lauren Kelly.

Architectural Committee News

Tom Harrington

Recommendations/best practices for fence construction:

1. Along with you architectural request, submit a map/sketch with dimensions of the sides/back.
2. A survey guarantees correct placement - ask your fence company if they provide one.
3. The next best thing to a survey is a written agreement about property lines from neighbors.
4. When sharing a fence line and tying into the neighbor’s fence, a written agreement is also important.
5. Privacy fences block views and breezes - please consider why one is necessary and discuss the fence with all adjacent neighbors.

We continue to appreciate everyone’s willingness to maintain the quality of our neighborhood. People here in Northwood Trails “get it!”

Grounds Committee News

Fox Foxworthy

Thanks to all of you who took advantage of the spring clean-up dumpster on April 24 - 25.

We will be replacing more of the path again this year. I will post a note on eNeighbors.com once I have a schedule for the work. Each member affected by the path replacement will receive a letter with information.

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 with an email. That will enable us to take any action necessary promptly. Now that Spring is finally here, enjoy!

Welcome, New Neighbors

Susan & Loren Laird

18990 West 117th Street

Samantha Shultz

18315 West 116th Street

Carla Marchetti

11481 South Millview Road

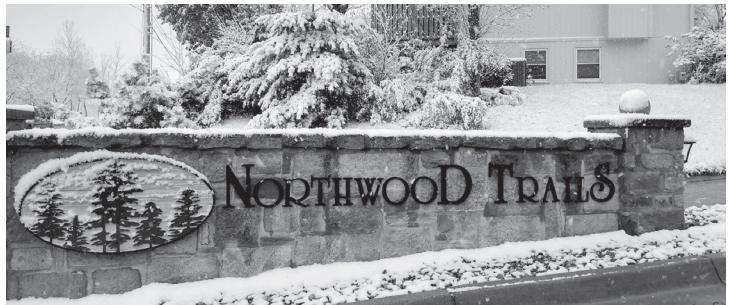
Thank you, neighbors!

Thank you to Erika Katzenberger for letting me borrow crutches when I sprained my ankle. Your act of kindness was very appreciated!

- Heather Olson

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[Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) • Neighborhood group: “Northwood Trails - KS.”



Above: Rebecca Francis’s grandchildren explore the frozen creek in February; Tricia Marie captured beautiful neighborhood photos of spring snow in April.