



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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Notes From Your Board President

By Twyla Rist • twyla@twylaristassociates.com

Each February we host a dinner to thank those volunteers who so selflessly volunteer their time to make Northwood Trails the amazing neighborhood that it is. The incredible number of man hours that are donated each year is what keeps our annual homes association dues so reasonable.



As I was visiting with the board and committee chairs, I quickly noticed that some of these committee members have served for an incredibly long time, and I wanted to investigate further. To that end, I want to commend the following for over 15 years of service – most closer to 20 or 30 years. This is so incredible and just goes to show the

wonderful neighbors we have and their commitment. If I have missed anyone, please let me know so that you can be properly recognized.

- Gerry and Jim Buehler
- Fox Foxworthy
- Pat Madden
- Julie and Rick Pickerill
- Sue and Keith Read
- Kathy and Orin Swift
- Luke Webber
- Regina and Tony Wittman

My personal thank you to each of you your continued service.

Additionally, I want to let you know that volunteers in our neighborhood have started a hospitality group to help neighbors in times of need. This can include (but not be limited to) the birth of a baby, illness/disability, loss of a loved one, or job loss. Services that hospitality group can provide are bringing meals and helping with light yard work or housework. If you or a neighbor that you know could use assistance in any of these areas, or if you would like to volunteer to help meet any of these needs, please contact Brittany Craemer at hospitalityNWT@gmail.com. Within a few short weeks, Brittany has already had 30 neighbors reach out to volunteer – amazing! We are thrilled to see this committee come to life.

Giving back is so rewarding, and Northwood Trails neighbors shine! Again, thank you all so much!

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 join the meetings.

Spring Events

Easter Egg Hunt | Saturday, April 20

Spring Garage Sale
Friday-Saturday, May 3-4

Summer Kick-off/Pool Opening
Saturday, May 25

Fishing Derby | Saturday, June 15

Social Committee News

By Heather Olson

Before we officially wrap up winter, the Northwood Trails board and committee leads would like to say how much we appreciate the volunteers that dedicate their time and talents to making our neighborhood a wonderful place to live. We hope that all of the volunteers and their guests that attended the NWT Volunteer Appreciation dinner at Asian Pearl Restaurant this February enjoyed an evening filled with friends, food, and fun.

Looking on to warmer weather, we are expecting a visit from the Easter bunny at the annual NWT Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20 for children ages 0 to 10. Event times will be posted on eNeighbors.com and the Northwood Trails - KS Facebook group.

Interested in helping with social committee events? The NWT Social Committee has a variety of opportunities that are sure to fit your schedule! Please contact Heather Olson at missmybeach@yahoo.com if you are interested in learning about these fun volunteer opportunities.

Pool Committee News

By Jared Olson

Spring is approaching, which means the pool committee has started preparation for another season. If you're interested in joining the pool committee, please contact Jared Olson or Kenn Knisley. If you have any constructive feedback about the pool, please contact Kenn Knisley at kenn.knisley@gmail.com.

Interested in a summer job? Interviews for pool attendant positions can be scheduled by contacting Jared Olson at jared_olson@1977@yahoo.com or 913-593-4232. Applications are required; they can be printed off the eNeighbors website. Thank you.

Remembering Warmer Days



Jim Buehler hands out a fishing derby award on June 16, 2018, while Kathy Swift applauds, next to her husband Orin and Carole Carter.

Pond Committee News

By Pat Madden

The groundhog has come and gone, and with the announcement that the days of spring will soon be upon us, so will the reopening of the Northwood Trails pond.

In March your Pond Committee is getting the aerators reinstalled, the algicides and colorants begun, and the fish feeder reinstalled – to set us up for a great summer.

Events coming up this year are the work day Saturday on April 21 (Earth Day weekend), and spring fishing to practice for the Fishing Derby on June 15 (Father's Day weekend).

As you and your family traverse the pond – especially if you have little ones – be sure to visit the fairy garden just off the path on the north side of the pond. There are mini elf houses and fairy lairs. There is even a photo op site. If you would like to get more involved in the care and maintenance of the pond, we always welcome new pond committee members. Just give me a shout.

Architectural Committee News

By Tom Harrington

Please remember that you need to complete and send the one-page Home Improvement Request for projects, which include fence replacements, to Tom Harrington at woden70@gmail.com or drop it by my home at 18502 W 114th St. Our committee needs to review roofing materials and color, fence height and materials, tree removal, satellite dish/antenna placement on the outside of structures, additions or modifications of decks or patio coverings, and other issues like above ground hot tubs and swimming pools. Northwood Trails on eNeighbors.com has this form and the seven pages of NWT Deed Restrictions. A fast way to access these is to click on "Northwood Trails" on the blue banner above the Bulletin Board tab, then scroll down to Public Documents.

Do you know the distinction between eNeighbors and NWT Facebook group? eNeighbors contains documents, a directory of registered residents, and other useful information. While in theory all 459 homeowners should be registered on eNeighbors, 418 are currently registered – the 41 who aren't registered show up as red dots on eNeighbor's Google Maps mashup. NWT Facebook group has 304 members with new members joining all the time. It's another useful resource for neighborhood information.

I check my email daily, and I look forward to reviewing your requests, with excellent help and advice from several former Architectural Committee chairs. Let's keep Northwood Trails looking great!

Neighborhood Thanks

Thank you to the 30 neighbors who have volunteered for the hospitality group!

There have been numerous reports of neighbors helping each other shovel driveways during all the snow we've had. Thank you!

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

Grounds Committee News

By Fox Foxworthy

The neighborhood spring cleanup will be in April. Watch eNeighbors for date information in April. As in the past, tree limbs and bushes will be collected at the tower parking lot for disposal.

If your children are playing in the sand at the volleyball court, please make sure the sand remains in the court. Sand put into the nearby shower drain clogs the drain and results in costly repairs. If your child digs holes, please put the sand back so the court is usable and safe for other users.

If the neighborhood path runs by your house, please clean any debris from it that may have blown in over the winter months. Adults and children in the neighborhood use these paths regularly, so let's try to make them safe for the use of all.

Have a great spring!

Welcome, New Neighbors

Bader Al Sayyed & Nahed Subhi Sayyed
11873 South Skyview Lane

Robert McLaughlin
18325 West 116th Street

John Alexander
18992 West 118th Street

Joo Hyuan Kang
18317 West 117th Street

Matthew Jamison & Karen Kroge
11424 S Hunter Drive

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Our beautiful neighborhood trails during the January 11-12 snowfall.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ONLINE

Eneighbors.com

- Search for “Northwood Trails.” Email support@eneighbors.com for technical assistance.

Facebook.com

- Neighborhood group: “Northwood Trails - KS.”
- Buying and selling: “Northwood Trails Buy, Sell, Trade”
- Children’s play group: “NWT Playgroup”