



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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Notes From Your Board President

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As I reported last summer, it is my goal to highlight not only our neighborhood, but our neighbors as well. So many giving and committed individuals. This month I wanted to introduce everyone to Gerry Buehler. Gerry has been volunteering in Northwood Trails since she moved here and is passionate about our neighborhood and our community. Enjoy!

Thirty-three years ago, Jim (my husband's) job with United Telephone brought us here. I came from Indiana with two goals: find a home in the Olathe school district, and find a lot with trees, and do it in one week. I was batting zero until our realtor showed me a partial street with a possible lot on a hill with a few trees. Northwood Trails only had a couple streets and was much less treed then, but we loved the location and we were only going to be here a couple years (ha!), so we built our home. Our two sons, Erik and Kevin, thrived in this evolving community and the Olathe school district served them well.

Having been very active in Indiana, I was really afraid of being lonely here, so I joined Newcomers and Welcome Wagon, and later, Olathe Junior Service League. As we got to know our new neighbors, I started a couple Northwood Trails social groups (Dining In, Dining Out, Euchre Club) and joined a couple others that were beginning (Social Committee, Bunco, Book Club). Not long after, another resident and I started the Ladies Lunch group. The biggest social activity that I chaired was the Hawaiian Luau (1990), complete with professional hula dancers and a roasted pig. A photographer stood on a ladder to take a group picture of the crowd. Another memorable event was



Gerry Buehler

Spring Neighborhood Events

Saturday, April 11

NWT Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, May 1 – Saturday, May 2

NWT Spring Garage Sale

Saturday, May 30

NWT Summer Kick-off Pool Party

Are you expecting a baby? We have a hospitality group who would love to provide you with meals after the baby's arrival. Contact Brittany Craemer at hospitalityNWT@gmail.com.

when Northwood Trails residents boarded a bus and participated in Olathe Night at the Royals (1996).

Currently, I cook, read, garden, teach classes with the Extension Master Food Volunteers, help lead the Olathe Garden & Civic Club (hosting their annual May plant sale). Jim and I do ballroom dancing, travel to grandkids in Castle Rock and Dallas, and enjoy other traveling.

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

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.

Architectural Committee News

Tom Harrington

The requests that our committee received in 2019 included:

Roof - 12	Tree removal - 11
Fence - 9	Deck - 5
Windows - 1	Landscape - 1
Patio - 1	Pool - 1

Please remember to complete and send me the one-page Home Improvement Request for projects 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 (only back yard fences are allowed)
- tree removal
- additions or modifications of decks or patio coverings
- satellite dish/antenna placement on outside of structures
- other projects such as hot tubs and swimming pools

eNeighbors.com has the Home Improvement Request and the seven page Deed Restrictions. To access them, click on "Northwood Trails" on the blue banner above the Bulletin Board tab.

Grounds Committee News

Fox Foxworthy

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

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!

Pool Committee News

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 with any questions. If you have any constructive feedback about the pool, please contact Kenn Knisley.

Interested in a summer job? Interviews for pool attendant positions can be scheduled by contacting Jared Olson. Applications are a requirement, and they can be printed off eNeighbors.com. Thank you.

Jared Olson: jared_olson@1977@yahoo.com or 913-593-4232

Kenn Knisley: kenn.knisley@gmail.com

Pond Committee News

Pat Madden

After rushing in January to prepare the dock for the railing project, winter set in, and we got delayed. So the dock area was closed off for a longer period of time than we had planned. However, by the time this letter is published, I expect the new railing project will be complete and the dock will be open. We thank you all for your patience with the construction inconveniences.

There are no activities on the pond in the winter as the ice is dangerous and doesn't generally get thick enough to be safe. This winter it froze and defrosted several times, never thick enough to support man, child, or animal. We appreciate the attention paid to our warnings.

We look forward to preparing the pond for the summer season in these months of March and April and will return the aerators and fish feeder and celebrate spring with the return of fishing.

Social Committee News

Heather Olson

We kicked off the year by saying THANK YOU to our volunteers and board members at the Northwood Trails Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Austin’s Bar and Grill in late February. We appreciate your dedication to making our neighborhood a wonderful place to live!

We hope you and your family will hop on down to the park on Saturday, April 11 for the Northwood Trails Annual Easter Egg Hunt. It will be a fun morning filled with a visit from the Easter bunny, an egg hunt, and kid friendly activities.

More information on upcoming social events will be posted on eNeighbors.com and the Northwood Trails - KS Facebook group!

Welcome, New Neighbors

Casey & Misty Patton, 18504 West 114th Street

Angie Homann, 11514 South Millview Road



A beautiful, snowy Northwood Trails, photo submitted by Twyla Rist.



Far left: The Winrick family enjoyed making snow angels in the snow this winter.

Left: Keira and McKinley Rhodes built a snowman named “Connor” after a January snow.

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

[Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

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

Thank you to the Hospitality Committee, specifically Karen Schuette, Brittany Craemer, and Lauren McEnaney for providing meals to our family when we had our hands full!

- The Rhodes Family

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