



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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Notes From Your Board President

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Spring is the perfect time to begin sprucing up your yard and exterior of your house. Please keep in mind we all need to work together to keep our home values high.

One thing to keep in mind is our neighborhood has one of the lowest dues in the entire area. Keeping our dues low has been a consistent mainstay in our neighborhood. The reason we can keep our dues low is because of the many volunteers we have working behind the scenes for very little credit. We could sure use more volunteers not only as board members, but also as members of committees. The Social, Pool, Pond and Grounds committees are always looking for more volunteers to help with all the activities and upkeep that each committee does throughout the year.

Please be sure to pick up after your dog when you are walking around the neighborhood. Not only do you need to pick up dog waste from the street and neighbor's yards, but also any common ground area.

The next board meeting is on Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. The April board meeting is on the 12th, also at 7 p.m. We meet at Grace United Methodist Church across the street. As usual, the first 30 minutes is reserved for member input.



Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m.

NWT Spring Garage Sale

Friday-Saturday, May 6-7

Summer Kick-off

Saturday, May 28 at 4 p.m.

Father's Day Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 18

Follow posts on eNeighbors.com and Facebook for updates on events.

Do you need anything?

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

From The Treasurer

Bryan Kelling

I know it seems early to say, but spring is just around the corner. This is when we really begin to see what our dues cover. The operation of the pool, the maintenance of common areas and trails, and the operation of the pond are all possible thanks to the dues we all contribute. Thank you to everyone for your help in keeping our neighborhood a great place to live! If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, and I will help as best I can.

Left: photo by Keith Reed after February 17 snow.

Social Committee News

Abby VandenHull

The social committee is planning an exciting year of neighborhood activities. From the Easter egg hunt and summer kick-off, to the fall party (be preparing your best BBQ recipes), this will be a full year!

The Easter egg hunt will be held on the morning of Saturday, April 9 (a week early this year). This is a very exciting event for the community as we get to be together, outside again! There will be egg hunts divided up by age for children up through 5th grade. The first egg hunt begins promptly at 10 a.m., so get there a little early so you are ready for the hunt to begin.

The Spring garage sale is coming up May 6-7 so it is time to start pricing and prepping for your garage sale. We will hopefully have a donation pick up again this year at the end of the day as well.

Summer kick-off will be a fun celebration of the pool opening and school being out. Dinner will be provided for this...so come have dinner, get to know your neighbors, and swim!

The fishing derby is on the schedule for June this year. Come out and see if you can catch the biggest fish!

All this and more to come this year. Watch Facebook and eNeighbors.com for more details about these events and the other events that are coming this year.

Pool Committee News

Susie Kelling

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 Susie Kelling at susiekelling@yahoo.com with any questions.

Interested in a summer job? Interviews for pool attendant positions can be scheduled by contacting Susie Kelling via email at susiekelling@yahoo.com. Applications are a requirement, and they can be printed off eNeighbors.com under Documents.

Looking forward to another great pool season!



February Snow Day Fun!

Top: Carmella and Emmy Currie play in the snow.
Bottom: The Winrick family makes snow angels.

Grounds Committee News

Gerry Buehler

Our Neighborhood spring cleanup will be April 22-24. Tree limbs, twigs and bushes may be taken to the dumpster at the tower parking lot. Do not place yard waste or rocks in the dumpster.

Take a look at the neighborhood path which runs by your house. Please clean any debris from it and check for overhanging limbs that could harm bicyclists riding through. Adults and children use these paths regularly, so let's make them safe for everyone.

Report any item in our common areas that need attention to Gerry Buehler at ger-rybuehler@sbcglobal.net. Our grounds meetings are the third Monday of each month. To join our committee, contact Gerry.

Pond Committee News

Matt Noltemeyer

Greetings! I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirit at the onset of spring. All is well at the Northwood Trails pond.

In January, nightly reflections of neighbors' holiday displays dwindled until only the low lights keeping watch over the dormant aerator fountains and the string lights at the dock remained. Those lights became the perfect complement to a thick blanket of snow that arrived in mid-February.

The pond and its surrounding environment remain in partial winter lockdown mode. The fountains are off. The fish food dispensary is in dry dock. The fairy trail remains open to neighbors big and small, although most of the fairies have migrated north for the season.

Though its attractions may be fewer, your neighborhood water remains a unique, convenient perk of this terrific community. Serenity now awaits those taking the air. Benches on the dock and at four pondside spots are perfect for reflection.

The signature tranquility of the Pond was broken on several occasions when neighbors had to be asked to leave the pond's icy surface in January. Most, but not all, were minors. Parents, please drop a reminder about ice safety and neighbors, please don't model dangerous behavior.

In March, committee meetings will resume. We're a formidable bunch totaling a baker's dozen. But we don't want to keep the excitement all to ourselves. So, we invite all those interested to join us, new neighbors or old(ish) ones, aqua-scientists or marine biologists. Even non-science types with ideas about pond operations are invited! In fact, most of us fall into that category. I'd also like to extend a special invitation to folks handy with tools, as well as anyone with a hankering to occasionally toil in the Saturday sun for neighborhood beautification purposes.

If you're interested, keep an eye on the neighborhood's social channels for meeting details to come. At our first meeting, we'll be formulating our plans for 2022 and mulling the pros and cons of a major purchase: a subsurface aeration system.

The unit under consideration works with our aerator fountains to disperse oxygen to avert stagnation and algae formation. The system is projected to ultimately cut back the need for chemical scum-prevention inputs, the costs for which have skyrocketed.

The Deep Aire unit features a low operating cost to power a compressor, which would be located away from the pond, near the electrical box. A buried PVC air tube would send compressed air to a membrane diffuser sitting on the bottom of the Pond from which thousands of tiny bubbles would constantly emerge,

oxygenating the water and pulling surrounding water along to the surface. Maintenance would be minimal as the in-water unit has no moving parts.

Watch this space for more on that subject and stay tuned to NWT social media for meeting dates and a save-the-date for the pond's flagship event, the Father's Day Fishing Derby!

Contact me with cheers, jeers, queries and suggestions: MattNoltemeyer@gmail.com.

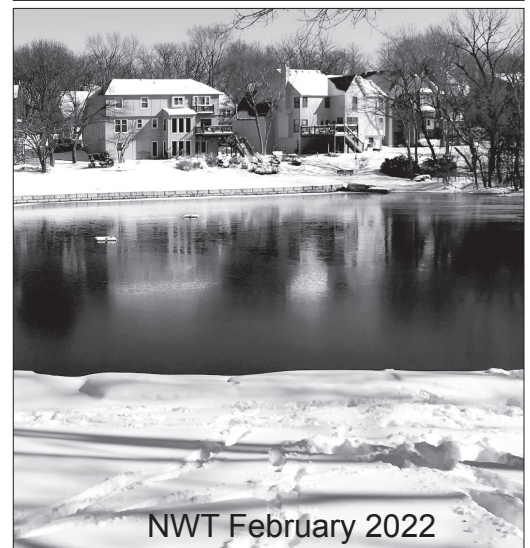
Now and Then: 1988-2022



NWT promo flyer ~ 1988



Beautiful rolling, wooded terrain, neighborhood pool, lake and park, paved jogging trails.
Homes From \$130's.
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Located at 116th & Ridgeview



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Architectural Committee News

Andy VandenHull

The Architecture Committee is excitedly looking forward to Spring with you, rodent prognosticators' negativity notwithstanding! We'd like to remind you as you consider your Spring projects to send in your request forms for approval. If you have any questions, please let me know!

I would also recommend that you refrain from cleaning up leaves until after the weather is consistently above 45 degrees as there are likely butterflies cocooned amongst them.

Finally, if you are considering planting trees, please consider a native species that will not only enhance your yard but the health of the local ecosystem.

Welcome, New Neighbors

Megan Arens & Andrew Goggin

18403 West 114th Street

Lowell Zaugg

18811 West 115th Terrace

Ethan & Lauren Bogner

11844 South Skyview Lane

Andrew & Rachel Miller

11457 Northwood Circle

Paramdeep Baweja & Rajinder Singh

11524 South Brentwood

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