



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

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Board President Notes

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Happy New Year! As we all begin thinking about the upcoming year and everything that's to come in Northwood Trails, I believe it's always valuable

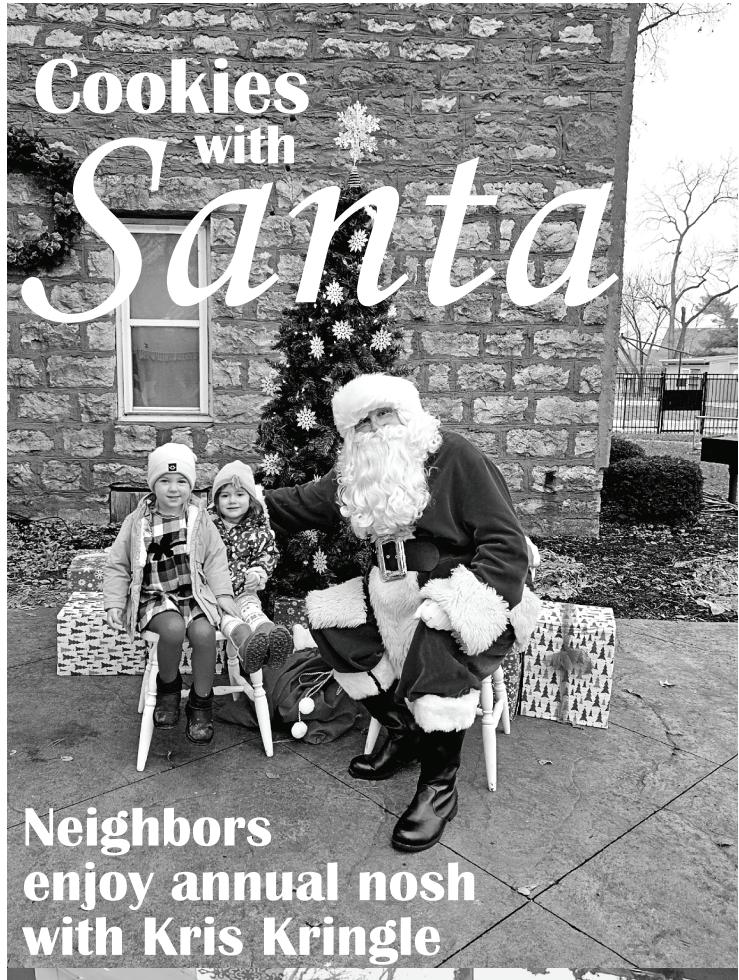


to take a step back and realize how grateful my family is for this outstanding neighborhood we get to call home. Terrific memories were made across our community in 2025.

Transparency and accessibility will be a continuing goal of this Board in 2026. eNeighbors has been updated with changes to the board, which has everyone's contact information, and we encourage everyone to stop by our monthly Board of Directors meetings set for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13 and Tuesday, Feb. 10 at Grace UMC across Ridgeview Road from NWT. The first 30 minutes are available for homeowner input. The more everyone in the community knows about the happenings and operations of the board, the stronger our community will be and the better we can all work together to strengthen and protect Northwood Trails.

We had a record turnout at the 2025 annual meeting in November, and despite some disagreements amongst neighbors, it was respectful, spirited, conversational and transparent for all who wanted to have their voice heard. Thank you to all who showed up.

After not increasing dues in 2025, dues are going to be increasing this year to \$700, up \$40 from 2024. Please feel free to review the budget that was extensively discussed at the annual meeting — it can also be found on eNeighbors — so you can review how your money gets spent within the neighborhood and how the board is saving for major repairs coming in future years to the pool, trails, pond and entrances.



**Neighbors
enjoy annual nosh
with Kris Kringle**



Pond Committee News • *Keith Read* • keith.read@att.net

Our pond treatment company has pulled and stored the aerators for the winter. We can still enjoy the pond's beauty during the winter months. The area takes on



a totally magical look, especially with ice or snow on the pond and the trees. Enjoy a peaceful walk around the pond but, please be careful should we have snow or ice on the paths.

Have you noticed the area around the pond is usually free of litter and debris?

Many people help with that "well-kept look" by picking up trash as they walk our paths. Thank you to Tony and Regina Wittman for frequently walking the neighborhood and picking up trash and branches. We can all help by picking up any trash and depositing it in the pond area garbage cans. Thank you, Jason Hrabe, for dragging the trash container every week all the way up the hill to the street for pickup.

Thank you to Orin and Kathy Swift, Jim Buehler and Chelsea Fehl for their continued work with keeping the flowers looking great and weeds in check on the dam.

David Starks has packed away the popular fish feeder for the winter months. Thank you Dave, for cleaning, filling and repairing the feeder. So many of us enjoy feeding the fish.

The signs have been posted to remind everyone to stay off the ice. Please share with your children that it is unsafe at any temperature to go out on the pond ice no matter how fun or solid it may appear. Per the Kansas Extension Service, it is dangerous to venture out on frozen over ponds in our area. Our area ponds and weather make it unsafe to go out on pond ice



no matter how solid it may appear! I also plead with adults to please set a good example and don't test the ice even around the outside edges. Young neighbors could see and mimic that action thinking it is OK to dangerously venture out on the pond. Thank you for your help in keeping our kids safe.

Thanks Max Mueller, Bob Gamache and Matt Noltemeyer for your frequent help with the aerators last year.

And thank you to Kirby Demott and Jim Buehler and the Social Committee members for a terrific edition of the annual favorite Father's Day Fishing Derby.

Thank you, Matt, for being our Pond Committee Chair for so many years. I am very happy you are staying on the pond committee along with taking on your new position as NWT HOA Vice President.

As you can see it takes a number of people to keep our neighborhood area looking great. In the Spring, we will be doing some grounds maintenance projects around the pond and could use some additional volunteer help. Reach out to me if you can help.

Pool Committee News • *Susie Kelling* • susiekelling@yahoo.com

Happy New Year to the neighbors of Northwood Trails and pool fans!

Though we're in winter mode between seasons at the moment, the hard-working volunteers of the Pool Committee are always thinking about ways to improve the pool. Our purview includes the budget; hiring and

managing attendants and the pool maintenance contractor; inspections and permits; and pool rules meant to maximize the safety and enjoyment of residents while protecting the neighborhood asset.

If you've been thinking about those things too, consider joining us. Stay tuned to this space and eNeighbors

for information on planning meetings for the 2026 pool season. Also, watch for reminders as pool season approaches about submitting your emergency form to activate your NWT Splash Pass (your pool access key card).



NWT OFFICIAL

• Board communication, calendar, directory, bulletin board, classifieds: eNeighbors.com



NWT SOCIAL

• Community-run forum: Facebook "Northwood Trails - KS"
• Classified advertising: Facebook "Northwood Trails Buy, Sell, Trade"

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The recent Annual HOA Meeting saw a record turnout, with 88 households attending in person and another 60 represented by proxy. Board members and Committee chairs presented highlights of 2025 accomplishments, introduced the 2026 Board, and reviewed the upcoming budget. A constructive discussion was held regarding the proposal for a new basketball court, which was brought forward by the Board on behalf of homeowners concerned about the summer closure of the existing hoop. While the proposal did not pass, valuable ideas were shared on how to keep the current basketball hoop open for continued use. We extend our sincere thanks to all households who participated and supported this year's annual meeting, helping to ensure



Welcome to our new neighbors!

Robert Moeller & Kimberly Dudenhoeffer-Moeller

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our community remains engaged and forward-looking.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend my deepest thanks to Matt Noltemeyer for his outstanding dedication over the past several years. Matt has done a fantastic job putting together our HOA newsletter. It is great to have his expertise and meticulous attention to detail in producing this vital communication for our residents. His work has been invaluable, and we are incredibly grateful for his commitment.

Social Committee News • Jess Perry • jessperry805@gmail.com

Wrapping Up the Year Together:

Notes from your Social Committee:

As we welcome a new year in our little corner of Olathe, I keep coming back to one of my favorite things about this neighborhood: somehow a bunch of strangers turned into friends ... and then those friends quietly turned into family. The kind that waves from driveways, swaps recommendations, shows up when it counts, and sends their kids sprinting across the cul-de-sac like it's the world's safest racetrack.

This December, we got one more reminder of how good we have it. Cookies with Santa on Dec. 6 was a huge success thanks to everyone who bundled up, brought their holiday energy, and helped make our very own neighborhood Santa feel like a local celebrity. The turnout was fantastic, and the kids' faces were basically pure sugar-cookie-fueled joy.



You may remember our fall BBQ event that was canceled earlier in the year due to low volunteer numbers and interest. Well, we didn't let that leftover budget go to waste — not a chance. Instead, we invested in a set of brand-new yard games that we'll debut at the Summer Kickoff Party in May. Think: lawn battles, friendly rivalries, and the kind of wholesome chaos that makes kids sleep really well that night.

But here's the real talk:

This community runs because we run it. There is no magical HOA elf doing the behind-the-scenes magic. It's literally neighbors showing up to lift the load together — and we could use more hands.

If you've ever thought, "Someone should do something about..." — well, that someone might be you! We'd love to have you join any of our committees:

NWT Social Committee – Events, gatherings, fun, chaos management

NWT Pond Committee – Water, wildlife, and keeping things looking beautiful

NWT Grounds Committee – Landscaping, shared spaces, curb appeal

NWT Pool Committee – Summer happiness, sunscreen, and smooth operations

If you want our neighborhood to keep growing stronger, more connected, and more fun, reach out. Join a committee. Meet new people. Help shape the vibe of this place we all call home. Get involved!

Here's to another year of community, connection, and those small moments that make this neighborhood feel like more than just houses on a map.

Happy New Year, neighbors. It's going to be a great one!

Notes from your Board Treasurer • *Bryan Kelling* • bryan_kelling@hotmail.com

Welcome to 2026!

The start of the new year brings a start to the HOA year as well. By now, dues notices have gone out. Dues increased modestly to \$700 for the year with a \$35 discount if paid in full by Jan. 31. If opting for two payments, the due dates are Feb. 28 and April 30.

Late fees (\$50) will be added as of



May 1 again this year. Please keep that in mind. The dates are set in an effort to have all members in good standing before pool season and summer kick-off events.

These first few months are a slower time for HOA social activities and for maintaining our common areas. This is also a time when planning for the next year takes place. Our big four committees, Pond, Pool,

Grounds, and Social are always looking for volunteers. The phrase "many hands make light work" is never more evident than when events are taking place.

Please consider getting involved on a committee. The time commitment is minimal and it is a perfect way to become more engaged with our community and to become more informed about what it takes to put together our successful events.

Architectural update • *Max Mueller* • architecturalcommittee@nwthoa.onmicrosoft.com



Just a reminder, folks: For any project that is being planned on your home's exterior or your property's landscape, you must submit a review request per the bylaws governing the Northwood Trails Homes Association, which you agreed to and joined when you purchased your home. This month's deed

restriction refresher is 20(b): Above ground swimming pools and above ground hot tubs are prohibited, unless completely screened in a manner approved in writing.

Have questions about your request? Email ArchitecturalCommittee@nwthoa.onmicrosoft.com.