



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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Notes From Your Board President

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We are halfway through 2021 already, so the board will soon be planning for the next year. We will be filling several positions on the board next year. Please think about serving on the board for a two-year term. If you have any questions regarding becoming a board member, please ask one of the current board members what the duties might be.

Not only is it important to keep your property looking good, it's also important to be a good neighbor. Please keep cars on the street to a minimum. Remember no boats and/or campers are allowed to be stored on your driveway.

The next board meeting is on July 13th at 7 p.m. at Olathe Community Center. The first 30 minutes is reserved for member input.

Nominating Committee

Julie Rippberger

Northwood Trails' annual meeting will be conducted in November, and as part of that process, we are recruiting individuals for the Board. Positions include administrative roles such as President, Vice President, Secretary and Finance as well as committee representatives for the pool, pond and grounds.

The time commitment varies by the position but varies from 2-3 hours a month for primarily administrative positions to 10 or more for those in charge of a committee.

We are in particular need of an individual who has a passion for neighborhood architectural design. As you know many changes to your home, such as siding, shingles and fencing, need to be approved by the Architectural Committee. Time commitments vary with the number of requests received and approval responsibility is shared with a committee.

If you have questions or would like your name on the ballot, please contact Julie Rippberger at 913.269.7116.

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If you aren't on eNeighbors, here's how to join.

Receive invite code: 6 digit code mailed to new homeowners when they move in, or provided to existing homeowners by a board member. This invite code is required.

Follow these steps to register a new account:

1. Go to www.eNeighbors.com
2. Search for your home street address
3. Select your street address from the list
4. Click the "Sign Up" button shown on the map
5. Complete the form and click "Sign Up". Give eNeighbors.com your preferred email address, password, and your 6 digit invite code.
6. Check your email inbox to confirm your email address. You will not have access to your account until you complete this step.

Upcoming Events

Cool Treat - Shiver's Shaved Ice
Sunday, July 11 at 3 p.m.

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Sunday, August 8 at 3 p.m.

NWT Doggie Dive
Tuesday, September 7 at 6 p.m.

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

Pool Committee News

Jared Olson

The swim season is in full swing. Reminder the pool is swim at your own risk. The neighborhood patrons have the authority to address any areas of concern while at the pool, including unpleasant language and unsafe behavior. If you see/hear something, please say something. Please do not expect a sixteen-year-old attendant to address a situation you yourself as an adult won't address.

A couple of suggestions for addressing offensive behavior:

- Ask the offending party to stop.
- Ask the offending party to leave.
- If they don't stop or leave, ask for their access badge. Take the badge to the attendant and obtain the parents' contact info and call the parents. If they're a guest of a NWT resident, then get the resident's (sponsor) badge, as they are responsible for their guest.
- If they don't have a badge nor a sponsor, then they shouldn't be there and the police can be called for trespassing.

Escalation path for patrons and attendants:

Get an adult to help > Get a parent to help > Contact pool committee volunteers > Call police (Police will only intervene if someone is in physical/safety distress.)

Pool-related documents can be found here:
eNeighbors.com > Documents > Pool Documents.

Constructive feedback about the pool operations is always welcome and encouraged.



McKinley Rhodes enjoying the water balloons at the Summer Kickoff Party in May. Photo by Lindy Rhodes.

Social Committee News

Heather Olson

Thank you to everyone who attended the Summer Kickoff Party in May! Our amazing event leads, Sally Noltemeyer and Melanie Weilert, and volunteers made sure there was plenty of food, fun and entertainment.

And thank you to everyone who attended the Fishing Derby in June! Our awesome event lead, Jim Buehler, and volunteers from both the social committee and pond committee braved the heat to host a fun-filled morning, with a splash of friendly competition, for everyone.

The summer fun will continue with our cool treat events in July and August. Check the Northwood Trails - KS Facebook group and eNeighbors.com for event dates and details.

Architectural Committee News

Tom Harrington

I have included a photo of Architectural Committee loose-leaf notebooks that date back to April 1996. (I assume the developer made these decisions during NWT's early years.) These notebooks document hundreds of fairly easy decisions, some bigger and possibly controversial decisions, and interpretations of our developer's Deed Restrictions that are in place today. For example, the committee said: 1) no to vinyl siding 2) yes to asphalt shingles in lieu of the originally required wood shakes/shingles, etc.

These notebooks represent countless hours of work by the volunteers who've served on the Architectural Committee, including current members and former chairmen Rick Pickerill and Tim Wilson.

Since I started as chairman in 2018 I've gone all-digital, with a collection of request forms and photos organized by date and documented in an Excel spreadsheet. I was already retired when I started and won't be able to continue much longer.

To continue to enjoy the all-volunteer model that keeps our dues affordable, NWT will need more younger residents to step up and contribute to committees such as Architectural. Let me know if you're interested in joining.

Grounds Committee News

Fox Foxworthy

Because of rain, scheduling and shortness of laborers, path replacement will continue sometime after Labor Day. If you live along the path to be replaced, you will receive a letter prior to the start of any work.

The volleyball court by the pool becomes a giant sandbox during the day for children in that area. If your child is, or children are, among those playing in the sand, please ask them to fill in any holes they dig. Recently, large holes have been left unfilled. This creates a hazard to anyone playing volleyball. The holes are large enough that stepping in one could result in a serious injury. Thanks for your help with this.

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.

Pond Committee News

Matt Noltemeyer

The typical tranquility of the neighborhood water feature surrendered to the joyful sounds of community and conversation June 19 as a sizable assemblage of neighbors shook off pandemic-era limitations and angled for a winner in the annual Northwood Trails Father's Day Fishing Derby.

The annual fishing derby returned to Father's Day weekend for the first time since June 2019. Over the course of a warm, sun-drenched morning, 110 neighbors tested their freshwater fishing ability or gamely managed youngsters' attempts to haul in a prize-winner.

The volunteer-run event brought together neighbors, and in some cases, they had a chance to chat out from behind the mask for the first time in more than a year, unless they had done so three weeks earlier at the Summer Kickoff Party.

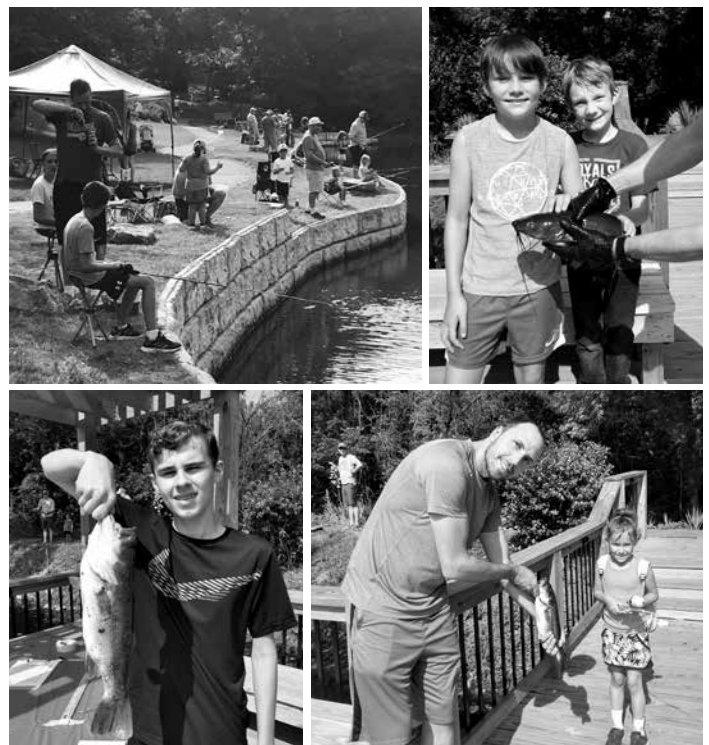
Numerous hungry species of freshwater fish were anxious to snack on hot dogs or other bait snacks. Many more fish were nabbed than during the Covid-delayed 2020 contest in September.

Youthful anglers in three age brackets vied to reel in the most fish caught, the biggest fish, and the smallest fish. In the latter category, a seven-inch bluegill took the prize, while the largest fish caught was a 22-inch catfish.

Prizes were awarded to Chloe Ast, Andrew Craemer, Boland Homann, Adelaie Homann, Barry Jensen, Audrey Katzenberg, Lillian Lueck, Kellan Sewell, & Skylar Stahl.

Special thanks go out to resident Jim Buehler. As a member of committees Pond and Social, Jim was uniquely suited to oversee the collaborative event. Both committees contributed funds and volunteer hours to actualize the popular tournament. Jim's leadership enabled the whole fishing match, including snacks and the fun games to entertain the youngest neighbors or those not interested in fishing, such as the Father's Day Card tent, sidewalk chalk art, cornhole, and the venerable NWT Fishing Derby classic, "Fishing Behind the Curtain."

Many thanks go out to neighborly volunteers Brad Craemer, Rebecca Francis, Jenna Gant, Kathy Swift, Sam Wallace and Melissa Welch, as well as Social Committee volunteers Gerry Buehler, Erika Katzenberger and Sally Noltemeyer for jumping in and making the good times roll. *(continued on back)*



NWT residents enjoying the Fishing Derby and showing off their catches. Photos by Tom Harrington, Keith Read.

The pond was in fine form, thanks in large part to a few months' prep work by a dedicated group of pond stewards. The pond was clean and clear thanks to Max Mueller and Keith Read who treated the water aboard the trusty neighborhood dinghy. Thanks to Keith for looking out for safety vis-à-vis that pesky sinkhole and assisting Gerry with poison ivy removal.

Also deserving of shout-outs are Jason Hrabec who, with Max, handled equipment transportation logistics and helped set up the derby along with Pond Committee loyalists Kirby Demott and Luke Weber. Kirby, Tom Harrington and Orin Swift lent their piscatorial expertise as impartial judges measuring beaucoup fish presented at their station on the dock.

On the horizon for the Pond Committee are a few projects in late summer and early fall to improve even further the beauty and functionality of our neighborhood water feature. In the meantime, make time to take a stroll around what is truly a unique neighborhood amenity.

Welcome, New Neighbors

Gene & Erin Twomey

11430 South Millview Road

Emily & Donald Gardner

11406 South Millview Road

Ben & Krista Shenk

18750 West 117th Street

Jason & Kristyn Allisson

11338 South Millview Road

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- Children’s play group: “NWT Playgroup”