



# NORTHWOOD TRAILS

## Newsletter

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### Notes From Your Board President

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May is a very busy month. Please take a moment to read about all the wonderful activities we will be having in the neighborhood this month and the months to come. The weather is perfect for working outside on projects.

I have had numerous complaints about barking dogs already this spring. Many neighbors have their windows open and don't want to hear dogs barking. Also, please be mindful of cleaning up after your dog and outdoor cat. Many neighbors have reported having to clean up dog and cat waste in their yards.

Just a reminder that school ends in about three weeks, which means there will be many children out and about playing. Please adhere to the 25 MPH speed zone.

Our next monthly board meeting is Tuesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. As usual, the first 30 minutes are available for member input.

### Upcoming Events

#### Spring Garage Sale

Friday-Saturday, May 6-7

#### Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 7 p.m.

#### Summer Kickoff Pool Party

Saturday, May 28, 4 p.m.

#### Father's Day Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m.

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](mailto:hospitalityNWT@gmail.com).

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### Pool Committee News

Susie Kelling

It's getting close to pool season! With that being said, the company we used to service our pool for the last 10+ years has decided to not service our area of Johnson County any longer due to staffing issues. The Pool committee is working diligently to secure a new company to service our pool. We will post updates on eNeighbors.com as information becomes available.

The Pool committee has some wonderful plans/updates planned for this summer, and we are looking forward to providing the neighborhood with a wonderful place to relax and enjoy!

We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Kickoff Pool Party on Saturday, May 28. More information can be found in the Social committee update on the following page.

## Grounds Committee News

*Gerry Buehler*

Thank you to all who took advantage of the spring clean-up dumpster, April 23-24.

Fence repairs can be expensive. When dirt, weeds, shrubs, trees and vines are against the fence boards, the life of the fence is shortened. Routinely check along the bottoms of your fence boards.

Ridgeview fence repairs are nearly complete. Thank you to homeowners that back up to the fence for keeping their properties clear of debris, weeds, bushes and tree limbs. Keeping those areas clear helps lengthen the life of the fence and saves on repair bills that come out of our homeowners' dues.

The 116th and 117th street entrance beds have been rejuvenated. Summer annuals plots at the fronts of the beds will welcome our residents with a bright cheery presentation.

Do you see an area in our common areas that needs attention?

Please contact [GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net).

## Social Committee News

*Abby VandenHull*

At the April 13 meeting we discussed the annual Northwood Trails Easter Egg Hunt held four days earlier. Good times were had by all who braved the cooler temperatures, which may have limited participation. The food drive that day collected 45 items that were donated to a local food pantry. Look for a new Bunny coming to the Easter '23 hunt, as this was the final year for the old costume.

Just around the corner on May 28 is the Summer Kickoff party at the pool tower. Northwood Trails was awarded a \$500 grant from the city of Olathe, which will help fund brats, hot dogs, watermelon and popsicles, along with a kids water balloon toss. Non-perishable food items will again be collected for donation to a local food pantry. To put on the unique events for which Northwood Trails is known, we need your help, neighbor! Watch [eNeighbors.com](http://eNeighbors.com) and Facebook for a sign-up link seeking volunteers to

set up and break down the event, plus slots for three grillers, two gamers and water balloon fillers, and four to six watermelon donors.

Mark your calendars for the following events: Our annual Spring Garage Sale on May 6-7 and the Father's Day Fishing Derby, 9-11 a.m. on June 18. Watch signs & socials for Food Truck Fridays and Shaved Ice purveyors visiting Northwood Trails periodically throughout Northwood Trails Summer '22, and for details about a new Northwood Trails scavenger hunt now in the planning phase!

Remember, we'd be thrilled to have you join us. The events you love about Northwood Trails? Volunteers make them happen. The time commitment is mild: monthly meetings at the pool tower this summer, along with helping with events when you can. If interested, contact Abby Vanden Hull at [beemariemvh@gmail.com](mailto:beemariemvh@gmail.com).



### Easter Egg Hunt!

Northwood Trails residents of all ages enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

## Architectural Committee News

*Andy VandenHull*

Hello Neighbors, the Architecture committee would like to remind you to submit request forms before moving forward on projects that require approval. The form can be found under Documents on eNeighbors.com. We hope that y'all have a happy spring and we look forward to seeing more of you as the weather improves!

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. Also consider ways that you can contribute to the local pollinator population with your gardens and yards.

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## Pond Committee News

*Matt Noltemeyer*

Greetings! I hope you're having a splendid spring. Your pond is out of winter dormancy. Our neighborhood water feature and the surrounding trails are rested and ready for walkers, runners, scooters, Striders, and bikers - with and without canine companions.

The pond's condition this spring and throughout the year is the result of volunteer hours from your neighborhood pond committee. On an April 2 work morning; Keith Read reinstalled aerator motors he had skillfully refurbished with new parts to give the aging motors the best chance of lasting another season; chairman emeritus Pat Madden piloted the dinghy and supervised a water treatment regimen focused on breaking down the slimy algae-feeding sludge at the bottom of the pond using hungry, beneficial bacteria; Tony Wittman cleared shallow areas of floating leaves, branches and debris; and Jason Hrabe pulled the ice signs and trimmed out a few dozen feet of fishing line snagged impossibly high in trees along the banks.

If you've got a young fishing enthusiast in your family, mark Saturday, June 18 on your calendar with a fish. The Pond and Social committees team up for this sporting morning every year. It's catch and release, but kid fishers can score a sweet prize for largest, smallest and most fish caught. Spectators are welcome and we would love your help staging the

event. Watch the Northwood Trails social networks in late May for a link to the sign-up sheet.

Speaking of young neighbors, a respectful request. The Pond committee's policy is rock-friendly: we love to skip stones and see a splash as much as anybody. Little rocks are fine, but we ask you and yours not uproot and toss the landscaping boulders from the spillway, pelt the steel cone drain or take rocks from adjacent private property.

Two items of note from the committee's April 14 meeting: We're seeking estimates on having the dock protected with a clear sealant. And we're considering the purchase of a bubbler system that would force compressed air through tubes to diffusers on the pond floor, shooting thousands of tiny bubbles toward the surface every second, oxygenating and cycling the water. The idea is that this device will work alongside the aerators to lessen the occurrence of algae to the point where we can put fewer chemicals into the water. This is projected to provide some relief from the sky-high costs Pond committee has seen for these additives over the past 16 months.

Thanks to Mr. Read, the committee is doing its due diligence researching vendors and prices that best suit Northwood Trails' needs and auditioning new suppliers with an eye toward vendors who can provide on-site installations and could even handle our chemical maintenance regimen should that be needed in the future.

If you have questions about the equipment under consideration, consider attending the May Northwood Trails board meeting. A committee representative plans to present the potential purchase during the opening segment, which is reserved each month for homeowner comments. Contact me at: [MattNoltemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:MattNoltemeyer@gmail.com).

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## Neighborhood Thank You

Thank you to the social committee for organizing a fun Easter Egg Hunt, and for all of your work with the upcoming summer events! And thank you to all the other committee volunteers for keeping our neighborhood beautiful, safe, and fun. Your time is appreciated! -*Lindy Rhodes*

## Welcome, New Neighbors

**Thomas & Mackenzie Giller**  
18936 West 117th Terrace

**Rick & Catharine Sales**  
18770 West 117th Street

**Andrew McAleavy**  
11582 South Brentwood

**Camille Nuti & Shawn Pieschl**  
11409 Northwood Circle

**Daniel & Jessica Henderson**  
18425 West 116th Street

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