



# 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 three weeks, which means there will be many children out and about playing. Please adhere to the 25 mph speed limit everywhere in Northwood Trails.

The next board meeting will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, May

### Upcoming Events

**Monthly Board Meetings** *May 9 and June 13*  
7 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church

**Grounds Committee meetings** *May 15 and June 19*  
7 p.m. Mondays, at Gerry Buehler's home

**Summer Kickoff Party**  
Afternoon of Saturday May 27 at NWT Pool

The annual **NWT Fishing Derby**, 9 a.m. June 17  
NWT youth contest with multiple prize categories.

Our **NWT Dining Out Group** meets the third Saturday each month. *Email [JimBuehler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JimBuehler@sbcglobal.net) for details.*

9 and our June meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 13. We meet at Grace United Methodist Church across Ridgeview Road from Northwood Trails. As always, the first 30 minutes are designated for homeowners who want to attend to ask questions, make comments or suggestions and present solutions.


### From The Treasurer

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#### Spring has sprung!


Hard to believe another pool season is almost here. This time of year we really begin to see what our dues cover, such as pool, pond, grounds and trails operations and maintenance, all made possible by the dues we all contribute. And let's not forget about all the social activities sponsored by you!

#### Three important spring reminders:

 To use the pool and participate in social activities and neighborhood-sponsored social media, you need to be a MIGS — a Northwood Trails Homes Association member in good standing. Dues were considered late after May 1 and a late fee will

be assessed after June 1.

 Dues payments must be made to our neighborhood administrator, Homes Associations of Kansas City, by mail or you may set up an account to pay online at [www.ha-kc.org](http://www.ha-kc.org). There is no mechanism for paying cash, check or Venmo to the board or the pool committee.

 Payments take time to process! Neighbors cannot expect to pay the dues in the morning and use the pool that same afternoon.

Like all of your elected volunteer board members, my role as treasurer is not my full-time job, so I thank you for understanding the above realities.

As always, if anyone has any questions, concerns, suggestions or solutions, please reach out to your volunteer treasurer at the address above, and I will answer best I can.

## Architectural Committee News

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### Howdy, neighbors!

Don't forget to submit your plans to your friendly neighborhood volunteer Architectural Review committee. The board of directors appreciates you taking the time to check with the committee for project approval as we work to keep our home values high. Many projects, such as new roofs and siding, require a quick Architectural Review Committee stamp of approval. Check what projects require written approval under the NWT Declaration of Restrictions at the neighborhood's eNeighbors page under Documents > Legal Documents > Deed Restrictions.

## Community Relations News

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### Welcome to summer in Northwood Trails!

Please be reminded that city code allows for trash, recycle and yard waste at the curb no earlier than 5 p.m. Wednesday prior to our Thursday pickup. Many yard waste bags have been spotted sitting at the curb days earlier. Efforts to keep our neighborhood looking its best are always appreciated.

Don't forget, the City pulled back the containers-at-the-curb time by an hour to 7 a.m. in mid-April. Some pickups have been observed in that first hour in the first two weeks of the expanded pickup window, so take care not to miss your pick up.

As a warm weather reminder, NWT deed restrictions prohibit parking of recreational vehicles, boats, campers etc. on properties in the neighborhood. Please respect the covenants we agreed to in order to maintain the standards put in place when Northwood Trails was established. That means only bringing in your RV, boat, camping or similar vehicle for a brief period of loading and unloading. For more, refer to the NWT deed restrictions.

The Declaration of Restrictions is easily accessed at the neighborhood's eNeighbors page by clicking on the Documents at the top. Under the Legal Documents section, click on Deed Restrictions.


New to eNeighbors and need support? Email me at the above address or seek support from eNeighbors, which typically responds to inquiries in 24 or fewer hours.


## Grounds Committee News

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Tulips are in full bloom and spring has sprung here in Northwood Trails! Summer annuals will be planted after the tulips are finished showing off.

Here's a peek at items checked off Grounds Committee volunteers' to-do list:

 Steve Karasek placed additional solar lights at our entrance signs.

 Gary Lammers repaired the Mill Creek Stream bench.

 Fox Foxworthy purchased a Norwegian Sunset maple tree and he and Gary planted it between the pool parking lot and Northwood Drive.

 Concrete was poured for the pool house entrance and a poolside bench.

See a common area needing attention? Want to join our committee the third Monday each month? Use the email address above or call 913-894-0154.



The new bench by the pool and the young Norwegian Sunset maple between the pool and Northwood Drive.



## JOIN US ONLINE

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- Search "Northwood Trails."

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- Children's play group: "NWT Playgroup"



## Pool Committee News

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Ready for summer? If you haven't already, here's how to get an NWT Splash Pass Card, your pass to open the new electronic gate into the pool house and pool.

Find the Pool Information and Emergency Contact Form on the NWT eNeighbors page (Documents > Pool Documents), fill it out, and text a photo of it to me, your Pool Committee chairwoman, at 913-908-5587. You must be a Member in Good Standing (MIGS) to receive your Splash Pass. Homes Associations of Kansas City, our neighborhood administrator, sends the Pool Committee an updated spreadsheet of all NWT MIGS every two weeks, so please allow two weeks for your payment to process and the updated list to be distributed.

The old pool entrance will remain locked. Poolgoers will enter and exit through the pool house gated entry. But an outward-opening emergency exit gate (complete with an alarm sound) will be installed for use in case of an emergency, such as when passing through the pool house would pose a safety hazard. In light of the alarm feature, please keep close watch and prohibit little ones from playing with that gate.

Get ready for new all-ages gaming action on deck for the 2023 season! Four-square and pool volleyball are now in the lineup, joining water polo and dodge ball. Watersports fans should make sure to check the game times posted near the attendant's table.

The little ones won't be left out. Their games and fun include a flock of rubber ducks in the wading pool.

Poolgoers will find dozens of new chairs replacing ones with broken straps and welding. Guests will find more space at the pool complex devoted to the most



A new accessible ramp, electronic entry gate and dozens of new chairs, tables and umbrellas await you at the pool.

popular poolside spots: the tables. There are several new ones with new umbrellas along the north and south borders of the pool deck. The east and west sides are reserved for those neighbors who like to soak in the rays on a sunlounger.

In addition to our old security camera system, we've added eight more high-definition cameras to create a safer environment for our patrons.

Provided we have no mechanical equipment surprises awaiting us, the pool will open May 22, weather permitting, followed by the grand opening Saturday afternoon on Memorial Day weekend.

The Pool Committee has been working diligently to provide a thoughtful, organized, safe, relaxing, fun pool experience in 2023. We're excited for neighbors to see the improvements and upgrades designed to maximize the enjoyment of your pool!

## Social Committee News

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Hopefully the spring NWT garage sale gave you a chance to mingle with neighbors, find a bargain or two and clear space at your place by excising some unneeded items. Social Committee has been busy planning a slate of neighborhood events dotting the calendar over the next two months.

The Summer Kickoff Party at the pool May 27 will feature family games and a cookout meal of brats and hot dogs. Social Committee is seeking volunteers who

could donate watermelons. If that's you, e-mail event co-lead Sally Noltemeyer ([scowen77@gmail.com](mailto:scowen77@gmail.com)) to talk details. Set-up, serving and tear-down volunteers, watch Facebook for the sign-up genius link.

On Saturday afternoon June 24, head down to Cool Treats at the Pool. From the Egg Hunt in spring to Cookies with Santa at year's end, all the terrific traditions of NWT — the ones you heard about before you even moved in — thrive with volunteers. If you have a couple free hours a month and have ideas on the evolution of neighborhood social events, e-mail [beemariemvh@gmail.com](mailto:beemariemvh@gmail.com). We could use your help!

## Pond Committee News

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Greetings! The pond is set for summer thanks to a dedicated Pond subcommittee fighting algae and to Keith Read for his annual refurbishment of the aerator fountain motors and repairing critter-hit power cables.

The Pond Committee is proud to present the annual Fishing Derby at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 17 at the NWT pond. The Derby will feature fun games and activities for NWT youths of all ages and, of course, the fishing contest, where the participants can compete for prizes in several categories. Keep an eye on eNeighbors in the coming weeks for information and volunteer participation opportunities.



## Welcome, New Neighbors!

**Lucas & Tara Mathes**  
18835 West 116th Street

**Severeno & Jennifer Woods**  
11333 South Millview Road

**Lucas & Emily Widder**  
18802 West 117th Street

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## A note of neighborly thanks

A few weeks ago we rescued a young Cocker Spaniel dog and are working on acclimating it to our home. On Monday evening I was walking the dog and stopped to get the mail, the dog became spooked and was able to get out of his collar and take off running up 117th St. As I was chasing after the dog and calling him, I realized that he was not going to stop. I was so fortunate that a young teenage boy

saw this and asked as I was going by if I needed help. Needless to say I did and he was able to quickly catch up to our dog and calmly hang on to him as I caught up. I was able to give him a quick thank you but he deserved all of that and more. I am not sure if I would have caught up to the dog without him. I just want to say thank you and recognize you for helping me and representing being a good neighbor in this fine neighborhood we live in.

**— Chris Thies, March 15**