



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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Notes From Your Board President

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Reminder: The 2021 Northwood Trails Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9 at 7 p.m. at the Olathe Community Center. Please check in at 6:30 pm.

We will be electing new members to the 2022 board. The board hopes you will attend the meeting; but if you can't, please remember to complete

the proxy you will be receiving in the mail. The quorum for an official annual meeting is 69 voting members, either in-person or by proxy, so your proxy is important if you are unable to attend in person. You can mail it to Rick Pickerill at 18520 W. 116th Street or drop it in the black box on the front porch. You can also give it to a neighbor or other board member that will attend the meeting. We have additional vacancies on the board, so please consider becoming a board member. It only requires a little of your time and is a big help to Northwood Trails.

Upcoming Events

NWT Annual Homeowners' Meeting
Tuesday, November 9 at 7 p.m.
(check-in at 6:30)
Olathe Community Center
1205 E. Kansas City Road, Olathe

Cookies with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m.
NWT Pool Tower

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.

Pool Committee News

Susie Mages-Kelling

The pool committee would like to give a special thank you to the pool attendants this year for a job well done. We thank the neighborhood for your continued support throughout the season. We were excited to keep the pool open late this year – it appeared to be a great experience for all. And thank you to the social committee – they did a great job with the pool opening party and doggie dive!

We hope you all enjoyed the 2021 pool season. We look forward to next year's pool season!

Doggie Dive photos by Kevin Hengler of 49th ST Photo.



Social Committee News

Heather Olson

No better way to spend a Saturday evening in October than tasting a wide variety of smoked meats and delicious desserts! A big thank you to Lauren McEnaney for heading up the BBQ & Dessert Competition and to all the volunteers and competitors for making this event fun for all!

As we get ready to head into the holiday season, keep an eye out for the Santa letter mailbox and Cookies with Santa event! Check out eNeighbors.com and Facebook for more information.

In looking forward to 2022, we will introduce a new social committee chair and board representative (to be announced at the Annual Meeting in November... do join us!). Before handing over the reins, I want to say it has been a pleasure serving my community in these positions. These positions allowed me to meet so many new neighbors, make lifelong friends, and develop skills I can carry with me professionally. I want to say thank you to my amazing committee; their hard work, commitment, and passion for our community made my job all the easier. I look forward to seeing what amazing social events our next chair and board representative will host!



Architectural Committee News

Tom Harrington

Andy VandenHull will be replacing me as architectural committee chair in 2022. Andy, Abby, and their four children moved here in November 2019. I welcome him to the committee and to the Northwood Trails board! I'll continue to serve on the committee, and I really appreciate my time on the board. Serving gave me an insight into the "nuts and bolts" of Northwood Trails that I would not have had otherwise. I recommend (nudge, nudge) all of you to consider joining the board at some point, even if only for a couple of years.

Here's the architectural committee's reminder that your exterior project can affect your neighbor's home value and these types of projects need our approval. The one-page Architectural Review Request form is

on eNeighbors.com under Documents > Architectural Guidelines.

- Roofing jobs: shingle quality & color choice
- Tree removal
- Fence construction: both new fences and rebuilds with a different style
- Deck and/or patio: both new construction and modifications
- Other projects including ground hot tubs and in-ground swimming pools

Recent home sales here have been "fast and well-priced" which shows that Northwood Trails is a great place to live!

Grounds Committee News

Fox Foxworthy

The path replacement for 2021 has been completed. From what I have seen, the crew did a good job. If anyone adjacent to the new path experienced any damage to sprinkler heads, please let me know right away.

If you are interested in participating on the Grounds Committee, please sign up at the annual members meeting in November or 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

‘Measure twice, cut once,’ goes the old adage, with ‘measure once, cuss twice’ sometimes appended. Seasoned tradespeople measure twice and cut many times. Your Northwood Trails Pond Committee has opted to measure twice, in a sense, vis-à-vis the dock-staining project. Pond enthusiasts have re-examined how best to protect the neighborhood’s investment in quality lumber over the past three years. The team is considering sealing, rather than staining the dock with an eye toward increasing protection from the elements, thereby decreasing the need to close the dock for re-applications in the coming years.

The committee’s re-appraisal of the situation has pushed the project to spring 2022. The upside for neighbors is no closure for the dock this fall.

Many of you know about the Fairy Trail in the woods east of the pond curated by Keith and Susie Read. Youngsters find fascination in the fairy dwellings and pose at the fairy-wing photo bench. On the way in, check out the cross section of a former nearby tree and follow its rings. Recently, the Fairy Trail saw temporary transformation into a spook-free festival of Halloween splendor to the delight of neighbors.

On a less whimsical note, budgetary planning for 2022 reflects almost a year of sharp increases in the cost of the chemicals used to maintain the pond.

In response, your volunteer Pond Committee is keeping watch over a few ongoing issues to minimize maintenance costs for the common area.

A portion of neighbor dues were set aside over the past few years toward eventual replacement of the L-shaped outlet pipe at the northeast corner of the pond. Pondwater is slowly eroding the ground under the lower arm of the drainpipe. Thanks to the efforts of Keith Read, who continues to venture into the spider-web-laden pipe to test adhesives to seal the watery fissure, the pond committee feels there is no need to execute the replacement at this time.

Our aeration fountains have for many years been maintained and serviced by Keith. Early last month, his golden touch brought one of the fountains back to life with a simple cleanout and reassembly. His efforts have already extended their working life. If one of the units were to fail, a small part the money set aside for the outlet pipe could cover replacement.

Thanks a bunch: Shouts out are due to Keith and Max Mueller, whose grit and tenacity ultimately conquered the relentless algae. Chairman emeritus Pat Madden monitors pond conditions, maintains stock-piles of the products to treat the water and handles logistics for their distribution.

Contact us: Have a pond-related query, comment, wood protection revelation or miracle sealer? Email MattNoltemeyer@gmail.com and consider joining the pond team next spring. All residents are welcome!

Welcome, New Neighbors

Daniel Bird, 18613 West 117th Street

Nicholas & Heather Davis, 11421 South Hunter Drive

John & Camille Dolan, 11592 Sunset Drive

Neighborhood Thank You

Thank you to the Tillinghast, Shoup, Bouwens, Jerome, Mundo, McEnaney, Shouse, Grow, and Bassene families for providing a delicious and thoughtful food train after the birth of our daughter! We appreciate their kindness, friendship and support.
– *Emily Baugh*



The 117th Terrace cul-de-sac enjoyed a BBQ block party on September 19, hosted by Cindy Kunze. There were about 30 people in attendance!

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