



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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Notes From Your Board President

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Fall is just around the corner, and now is the time to begin thinking about sprucing up your yard. The hot, dry summer was particularly brutal on grass, bushes, and trees. September to early October is one of the best times to reseed your yard. If you are not a DIY person, there are several companies available to do this type of

work. With respect to trees, there are several dead or dying trees on homeowner properties in Northwood Trails. The City of Olathe reminds all of us that these trees are potentially unsafe and that they should be removed in a timely manner. See more about the city municipal codes in the grounds committee article.

In most cases in Northwood Trails, property lines go well beyond the fence line. Please remember it is every property owner's responsibility to maintain outside the fence as well as inside. Mowing, trimming, and weeding along the fence will help keep our neighborhood looking its best. Even if you do not see the outside of your fence, there are many that do. Be reminded also that grass and weeds taller than eight inches is a violation of city code, whether it be in the yard proper or outside the fence.

The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. at Grace UMC. The first 30 minutes is available for member input. Our board and committee members are already thinking about 2023 budgets, and we will continue working on those at the next two board meetings.

Do you need anything? hospitalityNWT@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Doggie Dive

Date TBD, check social media

Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church

Neighborhood Garage Sale

Friday-Saturday, Sept. 16-17

Fall BBQ Competition

Northwood Trails Pool Tower

Saturday, Oct. 8, 5-8 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church

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

Architectural Committee News

Andy VandenHull

Hello Neighbors,

I hope your summer has been going well! Don't forget to submit home improvement requests before starting projects. Those can be located on eNeighbors.com under Documents > Architectural Guidelines. Also, as we enter the fall planting season, don't forget to plant native plants to improve the neighborhood!

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• Search for "Northwood Trails"

[Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

• Neighborhood group: "NorthwoodTrails - KS"

• Buying/selling: "Northwood Trails Buy, Sell, Trade"

Pool Committee News

Susie Kelling

New pool hours started Friday, August 12, 2022

Sunday-Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday-Saturday: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

There is no attendant on duty during the weekday mornings and afternoons. We ask that everyone please take it upon themselves to keep our pool a clean and safe environment by cleaning up after your family and guests and obeying all pool rules.

We will continue to operate in this manner as long as the weather cooperates and we have no issues, so please be respectful and courteous to your neighbors as well as the pool amenities.

At press time, closing day is yet to be determined - we will keep an eye on the extended weather forecast for this.

Grounds Committee News

Gerry Buehler

Path replacement has begun. Letters were sent to homeowners along affected trails prior to the work starting.

This fall, we will be removing dead and dying trees, as well as doing major pruning of trees in our common areas.

Take a walk around your property, including behind your fence, if you have one. Each homeowner is responsible for removing severely diseased, damaged or dead trees from their property, because they are a fire hazard. Also, do you have out-of-control weeds? Are branches resting on the top of a fence? They should be removed. Proper care of your landscaping and trees helps maintain our property values.

Lawn Maintenance - Olathe Municipal; Code Chapter 6.09.050

- Grass and weeds may not exceed eight inches in height.
- Property owners must maintain adjacent rights-of-way and easement areas within property lines.



Northwood Trails kids Joel, Daniel, Nathan and Caleb Wuertz worked hard this summer to help improve the grounds by mulching along the pond dam and hauling wheel barrows of rock to spread along the pool fence.

Tree Maintenance - Olathe Muniicipal Code Chapter 12.16.020

- Severely damaged, dead or diseased trees must be removed.
- Limbs hanging lower than 13.5 feet over a street or 10 feet over a sidewalk must be trimmed.

Should you see sprinklers running anywhere in Northwood Trails, after 10 a.m. any day, call Gerry, immediately at 913-894-0154. Our sprinklers are set to run 2 a.m. to 10 a.m. Do you see an area in our common areas that needs attention?

Please contact at GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net. or 913-894-0154.

Welcome, New Neighbors

Daniel Obermeier

18862 West 115th Terrace

Jeff Shouse & Pamela Lobell

18410 West 116th Street

Kayla & Trey Zartman

18523 West 117th Street

Lindsay Fink & Andrew Jaeger

11815 South Skyview Lane

Pond Committee News

Matt Noltemeyer

Greetings Northwood Trailians!

It's been two very hot months since the last update, but you might not know it just by looking at the pond. That's because the water's been clean and clear of algae this summer, in sharp contrast to the green masses that popped up in previous summers.

That partly a result of the bubbler system installed earlier this summer, comprising of an air compressor that supplies three units on the pond floor that sends thousands of tiny bubbles per second to the surface, pulling along the surrounding water. The result is all the pond's water is aerated over a 24-hour period.

A subcommittee of your volunteer pond team has also kept active distributing inputs that keep the water clear, break down leaves and other natural debris on the pond floor, and control weeds that grow in the water near the banks. Thanks to the bubblers, the pond required fewer such applications this summer compared to 2021, a trend we hope continues in 2023 as the bubblers will be active earlier in the season.

Neighbors who have taken a stroll, a jog, or a canine exercise session in the pond area may have noticed a new look at the dock. During a late-July workday, the pond committee replaced some wayward wood on the dock floor and benches. That work was in anticipation of a now-completed project that included powerwashing and the professional application of a clear sealant in early August.

The wood floor installed by your pond team in 2018 and the new railing, pergola, and entryway completed by a contractor in 2020 now have a

uniform look and are protected from weather deterioration. A local neighborhood contractor was hired to powerwash the surfaces and apply the sealant to the neighborhood showpiece often seen in real estate listings.

Neighbors, come down to check out the work and enjoy the unique Northwood Trails water feature. There's a generous handful of fish feed available for a quarter, and the hundreds of little fish and several hungry turtles are typically happy to oblige.

Other recent committee activity includes installation of permanent wiring for the new equipment and cleanup of debris around the pond drain. Upcoming projects include improving the cabling system securing the dock to the dam and replacing uneven asphalt where the trail meets the dock.

Email MattNoltemeyer@gmail.com with comments or to join the pond team.

Social Committee News

Sally Noltemeyer

Thank you to all who participated in the first Northwood Trails scavenger hunt. Congratulations to winners Kristen Allison, Allen French, and Trisha Hengler.

Recently, neighborhood kids and their families enjoyed pony rides and cool treats during the July 24 and the August 20 visits from the Shivers Shaved Ice truck! We look forward to seeing all the neighborhood pups enjoy the pool at the Doggy Dive event after the pool closes for the last time. The date depends on the weather and long-range forecast, so keep an eye on eNeighbors.com for updates. Pet supply donations will be collected at this event. The Fall Garage Sale is planned for Friday-Saturday, September 16-17, the week after Olathe's Old Settlers' Festival. Our Fall Event, the BBQ competition is the neighborhood favorite. Come out to the pool tower Saturday, October 8 and sample your neighbors' best recipes and cast a vote for best entry in both the entrée and dessert categories. Think you've got one that's a winner? Contact Abby VandenHull at 913-706-0667 to sign up. All participants will be reimbursed for supplies.

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Residents enjoyed shaved ice and pony rides on July 24.

Social committee news, continued from inside.

We are planning some fun activities for the whole family both before and after the cook-off from 5-8 p.m.!

Looking ahead to 2023, the social committee is planning the return of Food Truck Fridays for family dinners at the pool tower. Interested in helping the committee make events like these happen? We meet on the second Thursday of the month and always welcome new volunteers.

Right: Residents explored the neighborhood during a summer scavenger hunt, posting their fun finds on Facebook.

