



# NORTHWOOD TRAILS

## Newsletter

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### Notes From Your Board President

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Happy New Year to all! Well, 2020 is behind us but there is still much going on that continues to be cause for concern. Right now we are experiencing dangerous temperatures, so please be sure to be safe and keep your pets safe. And be sure to check on your neighbors!

Over the past few months we have had car break-ins, cars stolen, and home break-ins which is truly concerning. Remember, lock your cars and keep your garage doors closed, making it much more difficult for these occurrences. In talking with the Olathe police, as well as neighboring cities, this has become more commonplace due to economic conditions. They have all indicated that the break-ins and thefts have been crimes of opportunity because we have become somewhat lax in taking precautions. Let's be safe and watch out for each other and our neighborhood.

The City of Olathe has asked me to remind everyone:

Trash day is Thursday of each week and trash cans should NOT be out prior to 5 p.m. the day before.

The trash cans should be removed from the curb by 5 p.m. the next day.

Trash cans are to be stored inside the home or to the side of the home – not in the driveway.

Concerns this time of year are that trash cans be knocked over and/or run over by snow plows, etc. If schedules make it difficult to comply, they ask you to reach out to a neighbor for assistance.

Our board meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Olathe Community Center, utilizing all appropriate COVID-19 precautions. We will also be using Zoom for those not wishing to attend

in person; the link will be posted on Facebook and eNeighbors.com. The first 30 minutes of the meetings are reserved for homeowner input. If there is anything you would like to share or questions or concerns you have, please attend the meeting and share with us.

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### Social Committee News

Heather Olson

The Northwood Trails Social Committee is working hard on lining up another round of fun-filled, COVID-19 safe community events for 2021!

First up will be the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3 at the neighborhood park. Details on this event, along with other upcoming events, will be posted to Facebook and eNeighbors.com.

While we know you all enjoy having fun and socializing, events are subject to change based on ever changing COVID-19 restrictions. Any changes in events will be communicated through Facebook and eNeighbors.com.

### Spring Events

**Saturday, April 3**

NWT Easter Egg Hunt

**April, TBD**

NWT Spring Cleanup

**Saturday, May 29**

Pool Opening Party

Follow posts on eNeighbors.com and Facebook (Northwood Trails - KS) for updates on events.

## Pond Committee News

*Matt Noltemeyer*

### Pond Committee elects new chairman

Winter is in full effect at the neighborhood pond in Northwood Trails. After several weeks of partial and temporary freezes, consistently colder temperatures arrived in early February. The pond was completely frozen over and as of mid-February had a layer of white stuff on top as well.

Chilly weather tamped down the number of neighbors walking, children recreating, and pet parents exercising their canine charges around the pond. But the trails remain open as always for those who appreciate a scenic wintry tableau at what is undoubtedly a great natural resource in your neighborhood. For our new neighbors, access to the pond area is via two trail spurs from Northwood Circle and three trail entries from 114th Street/Terrace.

As a reminder, no person or pet should walk on the frozen surface. The Pond Committee has no way of knowing the actual thickness of the ice at any given time, so for safety's sake, stepping on it is prohibited as numerous posted signs indicate. The Pond Committee requests parents reiterate this to

youngsters heading out for a walk and ask them not to throw anything on to the ice.

Your neighborhood Pond Committee comprises volunteers who work mostly in the warmer months to maintain the neighborhood water feature. Activity is mostly dormant for now, but we'll gather again in the spring to plan for the re-opening of the pond, special projects and planning of the annual Fishing Derby in conjunction with the social committee.

In December, long-time Pond Committee chairman Patrick Madden stepped down from the position. The Board and Committee thank Pat for his able leadership during his tenure, which included overseeing pond maintenance, revitalization of the dock, and several successful fishing derbies. Pat will stay aboard as Committee Chairman Emeritus, dispensing sage advice with his signature good humor.

The Committee nominated three-year pond-adjacent NWT resident Matt Noltemeyer to the position at December's annual Board meeting, where he was unanimously confirmed. The incoming chairman welcomes any pond-related ideas, issues, concerns, or inquiries from neighbors interested in committee service. Reach him at [MattNoltemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:MattNoltemeyer@gmail.com).



Pond-adjacent neighbors have noticed several instances of kids/teens walking on the ice, despite posted signs. For everyone's safety we ask that parents remind kids to stay off the pond and we ask that adults also stay off the pond to set an example for our kids. It has been cold, but our pond is fed by warm water springs and you can even see spring water running freely into the pond during these single digit days. That warm water and the heat from the earth warms the water in our pond so there could be dangerous spots all around the pond. Your volunteer Pond Committee thanks you for your help and cooperation.

## Architectural Committee News

*Tom Harrington*

Differences between our HOA's Deed Restrictions and non-HOA subdivisions (such as Brittany Hills across Ridgeview) include:

1. Long-term trailer and RV parking isn't allowed.
2. Above-ground pools aren't allowed.
3. Northwood Trails doesn't allow separate sheds for storage. Storage needs to be attached to the house and have similar siding & shingles.
4. Northwood Trails doesn't allow side-yard fences.
5. Northwood Trails doesn't allow vinyl siding, with good alternatives such as Smart Siding, and Hardie Board.
6. Trees larger than 4" in diameter need approval to be removed.
7. Shingles used in roof replacements need to meet a standard that's outlined in the Composite Roofing Materials document posted on eNeighbors.com.
8. Basketball goals attached to the garage and satellite dishes on the front of the house are prohibited.

The Architectural Committee appreciates everyone's adherence to these guidelines, which help maintain our property values. For projects pertaining to 3-7 (and satellite dishes, although recently most everyone's happy with cable), homeowners need to complete and submit to our committee the one-page Home Improvement Request found under Documents on eNeighbors.com. This is typically done by emailing me at my address listed on the form. We always appreciate supporting documents for complicated projects.

In 2021 we welcome new member, Jill Stuart, to our committee. Jill is an original Northwood Trails homeowner and she joins Tim Wilson, Rick Pickerill, and myself.

### **Do you need anything?**

Our hospitality committee is here to help. Contact Brittany Craemer at [hospitalityNWT@gmail.com](mailto:hospitalityNWT@gmail.com).

## Pool Committee News

*Jared Olson*

Spring is approaching, which means the Pool Committee has started preparation for another season. If you're interested in joining the Pool Committee, please contact Jared Olson or Kenn Knisley with any questions. If you have any constructive feedback about the pool, please contact Kenn Knisley at [kenn.knisley@gmail.com](mailto:kenn.knisley@gmail.com). Interested in a summer job? Interviews for pool attendant positions can be scheduled by contacting Jared Olson at [jared\\_olson1977@yahoo.com](mailto:jared_olson1977@yahoo.com). Applications are a requirement, and they can be printed off eNeighbors.com under Documents. Thank you.

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## Grounds Committee News

*Fox Foxworthy*

The neighborhood spring cleanup will be in April. Watch eNeighbors.com for date information. As in the past, tree limbs and bushes will be collected at the tower parking lot for disposal.

If the neighborhood path runs by your house, please clean any debris from it that may have blown in over the winter months. Adults and children in the neighborhood use these paths regularly, so let's try to make them safe for the use of all. Have a great spring!

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## Welcome, New Neighbors

### **James & Carol Garrison**

18960 West 117th Street

### **Ray & Evona Hoover**

18995 West 116th Street

### **Christine & David Bofenkamp**

11333 South Millview Road

### **Ryan & Kristie Thompson**

11522 South Millview Road

### **Blayne Nye**

19060 West 115th Terrace

### **Sawyer & Miranda Kollmorgen**

18982 West 118th Street

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION ONLINE

### Eneighbors.com

- Search for “Northwood Trails.” Email [support@eneighbors.com](mailto:support@eneighbors.com) for technical assistance.

### Facebook.com

- Neighborhood group: “Northwood Trails - KS.”
- Buying and selling: “Northwood Trails Buy, Sell, Trade”
- Children’s play group: “NWT Playgroup”



Cancelled events? No problem. The Hayes family recreated their annual Daddy Daughter dance at home with fancy attire, a nice dinner, and their own personal DJ Mom.