



NORTHWOOD TRAILS NEWSLETTER

May - June 2015

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NOTES FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

By Julie Pickerill

May is a very busy month. Please take a moment to read about all of 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 hope you have taken advantage of the dumpsters at the pool parking lot for yard waste. By keeping your yard looking beautiful you are not only helping your property value stay high, but you are helping other homes around you too! Be sure you are keeping with City Code by not putting your yard waste bags or container by the street until after 5 pm on Wednesdays.

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 3 weeks which means there will many children out and about playing. Please adhere to the 25 MPH speed zone.

Our next monthly board meeting is Tuesday, May 12th at 7pm at Grace Church. As usual, the first 30 minutes is reserved for member input.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Gerry Buehler

Droves of excited children attended the Easter Egg Hunt on the 4th. They were thrilled to see the Easter Bunny and to select unique balloons created by one of the three balloon artists. Three teams of kids collected 1800 eggs. Several boxes of canned foods were delivered to a local food pantry as a result of NWT residents' generous donations.

Coming soon: **Spring Garage Sale, May 1st and 2nd.**

Our next big event will take place on Saturday, **May 23rd**. See details in the enclosed flyer.

Another item to place on your calendar is **The Back-to-School Party on August 15th.**

It is not too late to join our Social Committee! We can always use your help. Contact Gerry Buehler at 913-894-0154 or gerrybuehler@sbcglobal.net to sign up.

WANTED!! NWT HISTORIAN!

Our official historian has resigned. Glenda Clare did a fantastic job of putting together photo albums, as well as a CD that includes many of our events and this area's history. We are looking for a person to take a few photos at each event, add them to our al-

bums and display them at a few events each year. Contact Glenda Clare for details: 402-450-0033 gkclare@msn.com.

Also, if anyone has suggestions for posting photos for our residents to view, we need your advice.

POOL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Chuck Nigro

Summer is quickly approaching and we are gearing up for another successful season. Please read this article to ensure you are aware of information and changes from last year.

POOL STICKERS: The 2015 stickers are blue and green. Stickers must be placed on your pool card. **In order to receive your sticker your Homes Association dues must be current and paid in full. (Member in Good Standing).**

Stickers will be distributed on May 16 and 17 from 1 to 4 at the Tower. After these dates stickers will be passed out at the pool during operating hours. Be prepared for a slower distribution process if you wait to pick up your sticker during pool operating hours. If you need a pool card, the initial cost is \$5 when you pick up your 2015 sticker. Please be prepared to pay this fee if you need a card to expedite the distribution process. Thereafter, if you lose your card with the 2015 sticker, you will be required to pay a \$20.00 fee for a replacement card and sticker.

POOL FORMS: A *Pool Emergency Information Form* is **NOT** included with this newsletter. The form is available on the e-neighbors website under *Documents*. **You can avoid delays by bringing the complet-**

ed form with you when you pick up your 2015 pool sticker. A completed pool form must be on file and you must have a pool card with a 2015 sticker before you can use the pool.

POOL OPENING: May 19 from 11:00 to 9:00.

POOL PARTY: Sat. May 23 from 4:00 to 6:00.

POOL HOURS:

May 19 thru May 31 from 11:00 to 9:00.

June 1 thru August 10 from 11:00 to 10:00.

July 4 from 11:00 to 8:00.

August 11 thru September 5

M, T, W, T 5:00 to 8:00.

Fridays 5:00 to 10:00.

Saturdays 11:00 to 10:00.

Sundays 11:00 to 8:00.

Sunday September 6 11:00 to 10:00.

Monday September 7 11:00 to 8:00.

September 8 Pool Closed for Season.

POOL PARTIES: If you are interested in holding a party at the pool, please download the form from the *Documents* section on e-Neighbors. **Read the form carefully because the guidelines must be followed before pool parties can be held. A party is NOT for exclusive use of the pool. Be a good neighbor and maintain control of your guests.**

POOL RULES: Please see *Documents* on the e-Neighbors website for a complete listing of pool rules. Examples of rules include:

--Our pool is **“swim at your own risk”**. We have pool attendants NOT life guards. Their job is to manage the gate, work on water quality, keep the area clean, and enforce pool rules.

--Children 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

--Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children and guests.

We are looking forward to a wonderful pool season. We welcome your help on the Pool Committee. Please let us know if you are interested.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS

By Dave Youker

I just want to remind all of you, that if you have a trail next to your residence, you are responsible to help maintain the trail. If you have tree limbs overhanging the trail, please cut the limbs back; if there is debris on the trail, please help keep the trail clean. It is just one small thing everyone can do to help our neighborhood out.

If you are interested in being a part of the board, and help take on the role of Grounds supervisor, we would love your help. I will be stepping down at the end of the year and will need to have a replacement set up for next year. So if you have an interest, feel free to give me a call at my home: 913-859-9727. Thanks!

POND COMMITTEE NEWS

By Keith Read

The spring rains have refilled the pond to the full water level and the Dock is back open. We will look into restocking the pond later this year if the funds permit and the pond condition is ready for fish.

The contractor completed his work on the overflow pipe but we may still have a leak

to contend with. We will be monitoring that problem once the rains slow down and the water stops flowing in over the top of the overflow pipe. Right now it is hard to tell what is normal overflow water vs. a possible leak.

We worked with a contractor to complete the top soil backfill along the north side of the pond and do some remaining basic rock work. That area is now ready for seeding with grass.

As always the great pond volunteers continue to help make the repairs and improvements to our neighborhood possible and keep all our costs down. Volunteers Pat Madden, Luke Weber, Regina and Tony Wittman and I completed the following:

- Oversaw the contractor that worked on the overflow pipe.
- Oversaw the contractor that did the final grading, rock work, and stop soil.
- Manually spend 5 hours treating the pond for algae
- Planted and covered the seed on the dam.
- Did rock work on overflow area
- Cleaned up around the dock and the pond.
- Secured a bid to repair the dock lights

Thanks volunteers for giving of your time to help our neighborhood.

Next projects include:

- Replace and repair the paths leading to and around the pond - week of April 20th (Thanks Michael Knight for your continued help)
- Seeding of area between path and pond on north side - weekend of April 25 by Volunteers Ken Gandy and his father (soil moisture permitting)
- Repairing damaged yards from excavation trucks and equipment

- Replace the aerator underwater wiring and install aerators in pond.
- Repair the Dock lighting and replacing the long power cable to the dock for the lighting and power receptacle.
- Grade slope on north east corner of pond by power box then seed
- Purchase and install pavers to hold soil on new wall where wall transitions to a higher level.
- We still have some tree removal work to do around the pond.
- Get bid from our previous professional pond treatment company.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER - OUR STREETS AND DRAINS, DRAIN INTO THE POND. YOU CAN HELP.

Your help is needed. We have worked hard to dredge and bring back the pond. The extension service visited our pond to discuss treatment and steps to prevent unwanted algae and vegetation growth. They suggested that we remind everyone in NWT to help by taking the following simple steps.

- If you fertilize or have someone fertilize have them sweep the fertilizer off the street back into the yard. That fertilizer feeds the algae growth.
- Sweep or use your grass blower to blow grass clippings out of the street back in to the yard. Those nitrogen rich clippings also feed the algae growth.
- And if you have mulch along the street please make sure to sweep the mulch back into your yard to prevent it from flowing down the drain into the pond.
- Do not wash out paint, stain, or varnish brushes in the street
- Be careful when doing car maintenance that oils, gas, antifreeze or other fluids do not end up in the street and then in the pond through the drains
- Pick up any litter you see in the street to prevent it washing into the pond and get-

ting caught in the aerators or just flowing as debris on the pond.

Thank you for your help in controlling these problem issues for Northwood Trails.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Tim Wilson

We have been contacted recently about concerns of outside storage of the city waste carts and their attraction to wildlife. A few residents have seen opossum, raccoons and dogs in, on and around outside trash receptacles in an effort to gain access to what is inside. While the City of Olathe asks you to remember to store your cart inside the garage or adjacent to your home after trash is collected, whenever possible, please try to keep them inside. Carts must be at the curb by 8 a.m. on collection day and stored by 5 p.m. the day after your trash day.

We are fortunate that Northwood Trails has an extremely low incidence of crime, however, recognizing a potential crime risk and taking action may help you reduce your chances of becoming a victim. Open garage doors, for example, allow opportunity for someone to steal things from inside the garage or enter in the door that leads into your house. Current favorite items to steal include sports equipment such as golf clubs and bags, bicycles, power tools, radar detectors, car stereos, cell phones and laptop computers.

One way for you to protect yourself and your property is to make your house, and specifically your garage, less attractive to thieves. Look at the following suggestions that may help to reduce your chances of becoming a victim:

- Develop a nightly routine, perhaps at bedtime, of checking whether your garage door is down and locked. Remind your children to close the door.
- At the same time lock the door leading from the garage into your house.
- Close and lock the garage door when not in use. There have been instances where thieves have entered the garage while homeowners have been working in the back yard.
- Take your keys and valuables out of your car while parked in the garage.

If you are like many of us who leave our cars on the driveway or in the street, please remember to lock your doors and secure all valuable out of sight, in the trunk, or remove them from the car daily.

With many summer projects gearing up, I felt an introduction of the NWT ARC to new residents, and a reintroduction to existing residents was in order. The Architectural Review Committee works with property owners, through a process of application, review and enforcement, to ensure that any additions to the exteriors of the NWT homes and properties are fully in compliance with the Declaration of Restrictions of the Northwood Trails Subdivision and any required local authority statutes and codes. The NWT ARC is responsible for preserving and maintaining the architectural integrity and aesthetic value of Northwood Trails – a very important factor in maintaining the values of our homes, which for most of us are our biggest investment, as well as protecting the integrity of our community. This is accomplished through a homeowner application and committee review process for any addition to the exterior of a home or property beyond that which was built by the developer.

Just a reminder: These controls are not to stifle your individual creativity, but rather to assure the integrity of the original community design is preserved. The NWT ARC looks forward to working in harmony with its residents preserve and enhance our neighborhood.

NEW NEIGHBORS

The following families have recently moved into Northwood Trails. If you are new to the neighborhood, and have not been listed here, please contact Julie Pickerill at 495-9514.

Caysha Steger

11429 South Hunter Drive

Joshua Goodman

18935 West 115th Terrace

Dustin Schilling

11543 Northwood Drive

CANNED FOOD DONATIONS

For the Easter Egg event we collected canned food donations, which went to the Center of Grace downtown Olathe and for which we received a nice thank you note. Here are some excerpts:

The timing could not have been any better. We've given out more boxes lately to some very needy people, and that is why our supply was running very low. Please let your neighbors know how grateful we are.

CONTACT US

The Northwood Trails newsletter is published bi-monthly.

To contact the Northwood Trails Homes Association, e-mail Fox Foxworthy, Secretary, cfoxworthy@ha-kc.org, or for the newsletter send an e-mail to Jerry Bakker, editor, at gbakker2@comcast.net.

eNeighbors

Haven't registered yet? Follow these instructions:

1. Go to <http://www.eneighbors.com/> and search for "Northwood Trails"
2. Click "Join Neighborhood"
3. Click "Join by using my street address instead."
4. Complete the sign up form and follow the on-screen instructions to finish

If you need technical support with the website, please send an email to support@eneighbors.com for help.

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