



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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NOTES FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

By Julie Pickerill

We are halfway through 2016 already, the board will soon be planning for the next year. We will be needing to fill several positions on the board for next year. Please think about serving on the board for a 2-year term. If you have any questions regarding becoming a board member, please ask one of the current board members what the duties might be.

With all of the spring rains we have had, the mosquitoes are very prevalent and so is the Zika virus. Please check around your yard and make sure you don't have any standing water.

Not only is it important to keep your property looking good, but it is also important to be a good neighbor. Please keep in mind when you park your car on the street other neighbors have to deal with it. Try to keep the neighborhood looking good by parking in your garage or driveway and not on the street. Remember no boats and/or campers are allowed to be stored on your driveway.

The next board meeting is on July 12th at 7 pm at Grace Church across the street. The

first 30 minutes is reserved for member input.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Shanna Evans

The social committee had a fun and busy couple of months! We kicked off summer with the pool opening party in May where over 250 people enjoyed swimming, music, volleyball, a petting zoo, food and more. Huge shoutout to Erika Katzenberger, Deborah Christenson, and Beth Sadaah for taking the lead on this event.

Our second event of the summer was the bringing back of the fishing derby! Thanks to the pond committee for co-hosting and Chris Brown for taking the lead! Info about the derby can be found in the pond committee report.

Our next event will be the back to school bash at the pool. Join us August 14th from 3-4 at the pool as we celebrate the new school year with friends, music, and an ice cream social!

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the fall garage sale, Saturday, September 10. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 1 at 7pm. We would love to see new faces and share great new ideas for our neighborhood!

POOL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Andy Tindall

We hope everyone is having a good experience using the pool this year. Please help us comply with Johnson County regulations as posted. Also please do not take food or drinks into the pool. These items must be kept at your table or lounge chair. Remember no glass items are allowed on the pool deck at anytime.

Have your pool passes out and ready for the attendants to see. If you do not have your pass with you, you will be turned away to get it. It is important to have your pass because we have had a few cases of non NWT people trying to use the pool. Because they could not produce a pass, they were not let in.

New for the pool, if you are having a pool party, 3 tables behind the hot tub/baby pool will be reserved for your use during the time of your party. If you are sitting at those table prior to a party, please plan on leaving that table 20-30 minutes before the scheduled party start time. There should be signs attached to the tables with this information on them if there is a party scheduled.

Mirrors have been removed from both bathrooms due to safety concerns. We are working on getting new mirrors installed that will not be a safety risk.

Pool party and emergency contact forms are the responsibility of the home owner to print off and turn in.

Thank you for your cooperation!

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS

By Regina Wittman

Work continues in the common areas around the neighborhood. Recent projects:

- Repair of the tower deck roof and building.
- New entrance landscaping is nearly complete. Includes new plants and re-work of the sprinklers in some areas.
- Millview Circle received some landscape improvements and there is a new bench in that area.
- All picnic tables and benches south of the pond were rebuilt and stained.
- Several volunteers have spent a lot of time weeding, pruning low limbs and dead wood out of most of the trees all around the parking lot and pool areas.

Thanks to everyone who helps take care of this neighborhood and to the many volunteers that worked on the projects listed above.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Rick Pickerill

A reminder to all to continue to send your requests to the Architectural Committee for review and approval prior to beginning any home improvements such as a new roof, siding, windows or new fence. Doing so may very well keep you out of trouble with the homes association. And a big thanks to all who submitted their requests already this year.

Some good information from the Spring 2016 edition of the Olathe LINK:

'Be a Good Neighbor'

- Keep your grass mowed. It should not be over eight inches tall
- Don't blow grass clippings into the street
- Don't dump grass clippings into a creek, storm drain or on a vacant lot

(grass and other yard debris including fertilizers and weed poisons when left in the street or directly dumped into a storm drain will likely end up in our pond which creates a lot of issues there)

- Reduce the amount of mowing by controlling weeds
- Yard waste must be placed in brown yard waste bags (or in special city provided green receptacles – not in plastic bags as they will not decompose)

Piles of tree limbs have been observed left in or along driveways after the city has completed pickup on Thursdays. To help our neighbors out the following is listed as copied from the city website:

- Place all yard waste within 8 feet of the curb by 8 a.m. on your scheduled collection day
- Limbs and brush must be:
 - o Less than 4 inches in diameter
 - o Less than 4 feet in length
 - o Securely tied in bundles weighing less than 50 lbs.

We've noticed a few yards in the neighborhood which appear to be in violation of a city code that prohibits plants, bushes, trees over a certain height on corners where vision of oncoming traffic can be obscured. Neighbors are advised to take action before the city has to get involved. The actual code can be found on the city's website. Some good neighborly advice taken from the most recent Angie's List Magazine article 'BE WISE TO THE WHYS' on why you should get to know your neighbors. Communicating with your neighbors builds trust and a relationship for exchanging important information. It can provide an extra set of eyes on each other's homes when someone's away. It's great if you need a person

to let the dog out or a service company in. Conversation matters as it helps diffuse potentially negative situations between you and your neighbors. Knowledge matters as you can find out who could assist you in certain situations and how you might assist your neighbors.

POND COMMITTEE NEWS

By Keith Read

The Fishing Derby was held with great success based on the fact that there was a total of 97 fish caught in the 60 minutes. There were crafts and games for the kids and wonderful food to top off a great morning of family fun down at our very own private NWT Pond.

The Smallest fish was caught by James Kelly and was a record 2 1/8 inches long. Cute fish and I think we missed the photo opp on this one.

The Largest fish was a 21 inch long cat fish caught by Crosby Hengler. Wow! And the most total fish and total length of fish caught was by Mason Dupasqueir, with 17 fish for total length of 125 3/4 inches. Double Wow!

Thank you Social Committee, Pond Committee and Grounds Committee for helping me with the hours and hours of prep for the event and hosting the event along with the maintaining of the pond.

The dock has a new coin operated fish food dispenser and the fish love the food. The bad boards have been replaced on the dock and the dock has a new coat of stain. You can't miss it now!

The fishing is great and the scenery around our very own Northwood Trails Pond is picturesque. Come and enjoy.

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.

Ronald & Amy McGill
18985 W 116th St
Crystal & Lloyd Jackson
18603 W 117th St
Caroline & Julius Asanga
18742 W 117th St
Victoria Vossler
11861 S Skyview Ln

CONTACT US

The Northwood Trails newsletter is published bi-monthly.

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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

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