



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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NOTES FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

By Julie Pickerill

With fall being just around the corner now is the time to begin thinking about sprucing up your yard. Trimming trees, bushes and perennials are just a few items that need to be done to keep your yard looking great. Don't forget late September to early October is one of the best times to reseed your yard.

Your yard extends beyond your fence. Please keep that area mowed and weeded.

We have positions open for the board next year. Please think about donating a few hours and become a board member for 2017. We will need to know in the next two months if you plan to run, so please contact a board member soon if interested.

The next board meeting is on Tuesday, September 13th at 7pm at Grace United Methodist Church. As usual, the first 30 minutes is reserved for member input. We will begin working on the budgets for next year at the September board meeting.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Shanna Evans

The social committee kicked off back to school with the ice cream social at the pool. We had a

great turnout for the ice cream truck and it was a big hit with the kids, big and small! Over 170 popsicles were served followed by time at the pool. Thanks for coming out and hope your school year is off to a great start!

Hopefully you've seen the announcement for the highly anticipated Doggy Dive! Tuesday, September 6, from 6-8 pm, bring Fido on over to the pool to test out the water. This swim is for the dogs only but we will have treats for dogs and kids alike! If you could bring a donation, we will be taking them to Great Plains SPCA later that week. Their full wish list is on the website-greatplainssPCA.org, but some of their priority items are: canned and dry cat & dog food, kitty litter, kong toys, hand sanitizing gel, paper towels, and small treats for dogs.

Our fall garage sale is only a couple weeks away. Mark your calendars for September 9 & 10 and clean out those closets!

NWT, get your favorite team jersey out and mark your calendars for October 8th. We will be hosting a tailgate event that evening at the pool tower, more details to follow soon!

POOL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Andy Tindall

The pool season is quickly winding down. Thank you very much to the pool committee members, attendants, managers, Overland Park Pool and everyone else that helped make this pool season great again. The last day

the pool will be open is Monday September 5th, we will have a swim for dogs only on Tuesday September 6th from 6-8 p.m. Please remember to bring supplies to clean up after your dog, no people in the pool, and you must be in good standing with the HOA. After the pool is closed all items left on the lost and found shelves will be donated. If you are interested in volunteering with the pool committee, you may contact me at 402-321-7396.

Thanks for a great season.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS

By Regina Wittman

With cooler temperatures it will be a nicer time to get out of the house and spruce up the areas around our homes, especially those areas we do not see, such as "outside" a fence near the trails. Most of us have trails behind and some also on the sides of our homes and are responsible to keep them cleared. Please take time to open the trails on both sides to about one foot so bikers and hikers do not get slapped in the face and legs by limbs of bushes and volunteer trees and thorny vines. Spiders like to spin webs between trees on each side of the trail when they are hanging close together. Walking into webs is not pleasant either. If you have mulch that has washed out onto the trails please rake it back onto your property. Many areas of trails have so much growth that the trail width is shrinking.

For those homes with fences along Ridgeview Rd, you have the responsibility to keep all tree limbs, weeds, tree saplings and "vines" from escaping from your yards over the fence and between fence boards. This weakens the fence as a whole! There has already been some fence areas repaired recently. Soon the mowing crew will be working to clear anything that is growing over and through the fence along Ridgeview Rd. It is our goal to have the entire length of NWT from 117th to 114th looking the best it can as it is the front door to our neighborhood.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Rick Pickerill

Homeowners Association (HOA), Deed Restrictions and Bylaws

Northwood Trails (NWT) is a community with a Homeowners Association which is binding through incorporation of NORTHWOOD TRAILS HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC. Everyone who buys a home within Northwood Trails is automatically a member of the Northwood Trails Homeowners Association. All HOAs have Deed Restrictions and Bylaws that apply to all owners in the association.

At the time each homeowner became a member of the NWT HOA they should have been provided a copy of the Deed Restrictions. It is every member's responsibility to know, abide by and help enforce these restrictions. If you did not receive a copy of the Deed Restrictions, that document can be found on the eNeighbors website.

HOA Bylaws is a statement of obligations and policies which govern how the HOA and associated Board are to be run to protect the interests of all homeowners/members. The Bylaws require the Board to enforce such Deed Restrictions. If you are in violation, you will be receiving notice from the HOA calling for resolution to any violation.

POND COMMITTEE NEWS

By Keith Read

The fishing continues to be great and the fish feeder is a hit. Every day we see lots of people around the pond fishing and catching lots of different fish. The fish continue to grow and some are quite large now. As for the fish feeder, it is a lot of fun to toss in some fish food and watch them all swim to the surface and try to be the first fish to the little piece of food.

One aerator is still having problems. Intermittently it trips the circuit breaker. So if you see the south aerator out, we are aware of the issue. More trouble shooting is required to find this intermittent problem.

We continue to monitor the overflow drain pipe leak which is staying about the same. That is good news. Another application of resin is in order when the water level drops and time allows.

Two members of the Pond committee, Pat Madden and Luke Weber continue to volunteer their time to treat the algae and other unwanted vegetation in the Pond. That team also had help from Luke's son, Nick. Thanks to all three for a great job and hard work on a weekly and monthly basis.

Regina Wittman, chairman of the grounds committee, continues to help us spruce up the common ground around the pond. Thanks for a great job Regina.

The NWT Board reviewed the idea of allowing "people carrying" water craft on the pond. It was decided for safety reasons that we can no longer allow people-carrying water craft on the pond. It is still ok for the battery operated radio control toy boats on the pond. The only people-carrying craft permitted on the pond is the maintenance boat operated by the pond committee or the boat operated by the aerator company. And this is only to maintain the pond with treatments or work on the aerators. Please be so kind as to abide by this ruling.

There are many ways to enjoy the pond. I hope everyone gets a chance to get to the pond and check out the fishing, the peaceful views especially at sunset. And you never know you may see one of our neighbors in action landing "the big one".

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.

Gary & Lizbeth Gray
18975 W 116th St
Michael & Sheri Cain
18635 W 116th St
Alexandra Wonka
18935 W 117th Terrace
Matthew & Garrah Steinke
18790 W 115th Terrace
Derek & Molly Shoup
11521 Sunset Dr

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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.