

NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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NOTES FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

By Julie Pickerill

Reminder...the 2016 Northwood Trails Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15th at 7 pm at Grace United Methodist Church. Please check in at 6:30 pm.

We will be electing new members to next year's Board. The Board hopes you will attend the meeting; but if you can't, please remember to complete the proxy you received recently. The quorum for an official annual meeting is 69 voting members, either in person or by proxy, so your proxy is important if you are unable to attend in person. You can mail it to Julie Rippberger (address on proxy) or send it with a neighbor. You can also drop it off at my house (18520 W 116th St) if you want to. Last year we made our quorum by only 2 proxies, so please be sure to vote your proxy.

Dues for 2017 are \$450.00. We have accomplished a lot in 2016. As we look ahead we will be looking at hiring a property manager (either one person or company) for 2018 to help with the grounds, pool and pond. Those areas of Northwood Trails need a lot of work and require many volunteers. As the committees get smaller and volunteerism wanes it is necessary to hire most of the work done.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Shanna Evans

We closed the pool this year with the Doggy Dive. What fun that was! We had around 75 dogs and families splashing around and making new friends. We also collected lots of goodies for the pups at Great Plains SPECA. Thanks for all your donations and making this event a must do for next year!

On October 8 we found out who really has the best chili in NWT. We had 16 entries in our chili cook-off and the winners were: 3rd place-The Tindall Family, 2nd place-The Mitchell Family, and 1st place, and winner of a \$100 Jack Stack gift card, was The Murdock Family. Congrats to all and thanks to the Townsends for judging. Around 200 people joined us for a night of food, friends and fire pits!

Our final event for the year will be caroling and hot chocolate with a visit from Santa. Please join us at 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 4th. Our back up inclement weather date will be the following weekend, Dec. 11 and if we can't get it in by then, we will cancel.

Thanks for all the support you've shown our committee this past year. We've had a blast planning our events and look forward to another fabulous year with you guys in 2017! If you are interested in attending one of our meetings or helping with events in the future, please join us at Shanna Evans' house on November 17th at 7pm, 11518 S Millview Road.

POOL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Andy Tindall

We are looking at refinishing the pool deck in 2017 and will plan on opening at the normal time. We will be hiring our own attendants again in 2017. This is a great opportunity for college students to earn extra income during the summer. High School students 16 and older are also welcome to apply. Pool Committee Member Jared Olson will chair the Personnel Committee responsible for interviewing and hiring decisions. Please contact him at 913-963-1012 or jared olson1977@yahoo.com . Applications are required and can be printed off from the NWT E-Neighbors web site under Pool Forms. BE AN EARLY BIRD APPLICANT AND APPLY IN DECEMBER BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS

By Regina Wittman

This year is winding down. Much has been accomplished these past eight months or so. Hopefully everyone living in NWT notices the improvements. We have a few projects still planned if finances allow and those include working to trim back overgrowth and low tree limbs along the trail near Millcreek. Also, there are several dead trees west of the pool that we would like to get out. The parking lot has been milled and re-surfaced and we are waiting for the painter to paint the parking stripes and add some lines for basketball. Thanks to all my hard working committee members.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Rick Pickerill

Reminder: please submit an Architectural Request form for any outside home improvements

including a new roof, new deck, siding, windows. No request form is required for paint but always keep in mind your neighbors when selecting a color/s to ensure the neighborhood is pleasing to the eye. A request form is available on eneighbors.com. If you are not registered for eneighbors.com we encourage you to register following the instructions at the tail end of this newsletter. Or send an email to <u>rickpickerill@sprintmail.com</u> and I'll send you the form.

POND COMMITTEE NEWS

By Keith Read

We still some good fishing days left this year so come on down the Pond and try to hook that big one yet this year. We also a number of days warm days left to enjoy just sitting around the pond on the benches or the dock to enjoy the scenery. Come enjoy.

We are approaching that time of year when we could have freezing temperatures and have ice on the pond. Please remind your children how unsafe and dangerous it is to play on any ice on our pond or any other pond in the area. Kansas resources every year issue a warning about staying off frozen ponds because temperatures in Kansas City vary so much from day to day that it creates an unsafe situation on ponds. In addition, the ponds in our area warm from the bottom up so ice may be melting from the bottom that we cannot see. This creates a very dangerous threat to children and adults falling through what appears to be solid ice but is too thin to support an adult's or child's weight. This is true of our pond and we now have some deep areas along the edges of the pond because of the dredging, so even more reason to stay off the pond. Thanks for helping us keep everyone safe and unharmed by staying off the pond.

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.

Andrew Moentmann
11409 Northwood Circle
Jerod Kelley & Cheryl Bornheimer
11419 Millview Circle
Michael & Jenna Gant
11543 Northwood Drive
Justin & Rachel Denny
11873 South Skyview Lane

CONTACT US

The Northwood Trails newsletter is published bi-monthly. To contact the Northwood Trails Homes Association, e-mail Julie Rippberger, Secretary, at julie.rippberger@gmail.com. For the newsletter, send an e-mail to Christina Brown at chrisnocci@hotmail.com.

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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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