



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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NOTES FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

By Julie Pickerill

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Last year our theme was **"Respect our Neighborhood"**. This year our theme is **"Help your Neighbor"**. Please take some time to reflect on whether your yard and house are helping or hindering the overall look of Northwood Trails. You never know when you will be putting your house on the market or a neighbor might decide to sell. It is important for this neighborhood to look nice and to keep our investment in our homes at top dollar.

Dues are \$450.00 this year. There is a discount if you pay in January.

Take a moment to think about what committee you would like to volunteer for. I know everyone has a few moments here and there that they would be able to put towards volunteering in the neighborhood. Just think what we could do as a neighborhood if all 459 homes spent a few minutes a month to volunteer in the neighborhood. Here is a list of the new officers and committee members that will make up the board for 2017.

Officers:

President – Julie Pickerill
Vice President – Twyla Rist
Secretary – Julie Rippberger
Treasurer – Fox Foxworthy

Committees:

Architectural – Rick Pickerill
Communications – Erin Fletcher
Grounds – Regina Wittman
Pool – Ian Tillinghast
Co-Chair – Fox Foxworthy
Pond – Pat Madden
Social – Heather Olson

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact one of the committee members. Their emails are on the eNeighbors website. Our board meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Grace Church at 7 pm. Our first one will be Tuesday, January 12th. As always the first 30 minutes of the meeting is reserved for homeowner input.

GROUND'S COMMITTEE NEWS

By Regina Wittman

This The latest project of the year is re-grading of the area leading to the outdoor faucet to eliminate the standing water problem. Along with that process we decided to run a sidewalk to the faucet and install a drain pad area to stand on and also a drain pipe underground running along part of the volleyball court towards the south to take the water away. In the process of digging the area for the sidewalk the contractor discovered a deep void underground that nearly swallowed his shovel. He removed several large stones and called us to check on the surprise finding! After meeting with a Connelly family member who told us there had been a farm well near the area we

were working, we met with city of Olathe officials, and then the county. We were advised to excavate the "entire" well and then fill it properly with gravel and dirt which has been done.

In the process many stones of all sizes were dug up and most of them have a new home around the tower building and also the west side of the pool house to control erosion where no grass grows. The area from the current sidewalk to the volleyball court has been regraded and in the Spring there will need to be a big grass planting project. We hope to start early with that and have a decent growth by pool opening. There was some damage to the sprinkler system where the well was opened up and that has been repaired. There could be some further sprinkler repairs needed in the spring but we will not know till then.

This past year improvements occurred in absolutely all areas of the neighborhood and I hope all of you notice and are proud to call Northwood Trails home. I plan to have our first committee meeting of 2017 in late January. We will decide what date works best for the majority of members at that meeting and start planning for what needs attention. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions or concerns please get in touch with me: atwittman@comcast.net
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ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Rick Pickerill

Did you know? Per deed restriction 15 – Landscaping and Sod: ‘Each owner of a dwelling shall plant at least one tree within 8’ of the curb on his side of the street, if no trees already exist between the house and the curb’. There are a few homes in the neighborhood, due to trees that have died or were taken by a storm, that are not in compliance with this restriction. In a continuous effort to maintain a neighborhood

pleasing to all who live here as well as those who don’t all home owners are encouraged to be in compliance with all deed restrictions. This particular deed restriction targets the woody appeal and our namesake Northwood Trails.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Shanna Evans

The Social Committee had a busy end of the year! From the holiday lighting contest to a visit from the North Pole at the decorated tower and joyful caroling from the cutest little singers. Congrats to our lighting contest winners: 1st- Scott & Jessica Charpentier, 2nd- Jeff Carlson, 3rd-Bill & Arlene Wilder. We also collected donations to fill 75 socks for the city mission! Thanks to all who helped pull this event off, we couldn't do it without you!

Our first meeting of the new year will be January 12 at Shanna Evans house at 7. Still interested in joining? Please come to the meeting or email Shanna Evans at sevansoe@olatheschools.org.

POOL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Ian Tillinghast

We are starting to prepare for the 2017 pool season. Interviews for pool attendant positions can be scheduled by contacting Jared Olson at jared_olson@1977@yahoo.com or 913-593-4232. Applications can be printed off the eNeighbors website.

Overland Park Pools provided all pool maintenance and management services last year and will do so again in 2017. Attendants will be hired by NWT and supervised by Overland Park Pools. Ian Tillinghast has taken over as pool committee chair from Andy Tindall. Andy will stay on the pool committee though. The pool is a great asset to NWT residents and any participation on the committee would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Ian

Tillinghast at itillinghast@graincraft.com if you would like information or to get on the pool committee.

POND COMMITTEE NEWS

By Keith Read

I have had a great group of regular and occasional pond volunteers. We have accomplished so much over the past 8 years. This team has done everything from a minor landscaping projects to a total draining, dredging, and restocking of the pond. Not to mention the new wall construction and the replacement of downspout part of the overflow tube. That was the biggest project in the neighborhood's history, and this wonderful unique feature of our neighborhood looks great so, please come enjoy the fishing or just enjoy the view from the dock or one of the benches.

I appreciate all the hard work and labor the volunteers put into the pond. It is a pleasure working with all of you and I can't thank you enough. I look forward to working with all in the

future. We are always looking for more volunteers so if you are interested in helping with the pond or any other activities please contact one of our board members.

A new year is coming and I am turning over my duties to one of our new board members and the new Pond Committee Chair person, Patrick Madden. Thank you, Patrick and all new board members for volunteering your time to guide us the next 4 years. Volunteers like you make the neighborhood a great place to live and one where all of us homeowners can rest easy knowing the management and operation of our subdivision is well taken care of. I know it takes a lot of work to run this neighborhood and it is in good hands with the new board.

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.

*Brian & Lynsey Franks
11421 Northwood Circle*

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 Erin Fletcher at fletcher.erinj@gmail.com

eNeighbors

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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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