



# NORTHWOOD TRAILS

## *Newsletter*

July - August 2017

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### **NOTES FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT**

By Julie Pickerill

We are halfway through 2017 already, and the board will soon be planning for the next year. We will need 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.

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 or campers are allowed to be stored on your driveway.

The next board meeting is on July 11th at 7 pm at Grace Church across the street. The first 30 minutes is reserved for member input.

### **GROUND'S COMMITTEE NEWS**

By Regina Wittman

It's been a busy Spring for grounds committee! Six trees were removed and surrounding thorns/twigs were raked up. Then 18 more trees were removed and thorn/twigs cleaned up all over again. Hopefully, all thorns

have been spotted (many were even stuck in the ground) and removed so everyone can now walk safely and play in the sand without worry about stepping or falling on them. No sooner did we get everything cleaned up when the pool water got forcefully drained over the volleyball court just prior to opening, so we cleaned up again. Storms came on the 16th and 17th of June and guess what? Clean up once again. The grounds committee is worn out!

On a positive note, six new trees were planted without a hitch on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Hoses are rolled up along the pool fence to be used for watering these trees this Summer and Fall by grounds committee members. Hopefully, grass can be planted in open areas this Fall as well.

Please help NWT by picking up bottles, beer cans and all other trash before leaving any common area, especially the pool and volleyball court. Use the recycle carts when possible. Sand toys need to be taken home, not left on the volleyball court. The same goes for shoes, clothing items and trash. Please do not take sand from volleyball area to dump under the faucet for playing. The drain does not work well and buckets of sand make it worse. Sand dumped in piles on the grass also will kill the grass. Sand on the deck and deck steps is a slip hazard and also causes the stain to wear off. We just paid to have deck re-stained last year. These are all scenarios the grounds committee has encountered and cleaned up – including grill ashes and coals dumped in landscaped areas! We appreciate neighbors cleaning grills after use, but please be sure to put the ashes and coals in a bag and into the trash cart nearby.

Finally, remember that the trails that border our properties are the homeowner's responsibility to keep cleared of weeds, mulch, dirt, twigs, landscape rocks, branches, toys and overgrowth; even when it is outside our privacy fence and out of sight. The trails are our sidewalks and not the responsibility of any committee member. Trails should be open and safe for passing walkers, strollers wagons etc. Playground equipment should not be on the trail. Trails on a slope are dangerous so these trail hazards need to be swept or raked off. Homes that back to Ridgeview Rd have another responsibility. The fence is aging and weakening from lack of maintenance. We ask that all homeowners on the East side of Hunter keep all growth away from the fence from the inside. No grass, weeds, vines or tree seedlings can be allowed to sneak under, over or through the fence because it weakens the fence and appears unsightly. NWT's paid lawn maintenance crew mows and trims only. They do not regularly clear off vines and weeds from the street side of the fence. That work has been done by grounds volunteers the past few years after it looks bad. Tree limbs also need to be kept pruned up and off the fence. Any limbs that break and fall outside the fence is the responsibility of the homeowner as their property extends beyond the fence.

Our Ridgeview Road fencing and entry beds make a statement to all our visitors, and to all of us that are lucky to live here, that THIS neighborhood takes pride in our appearance. Thank you to all our neighbors and volunteers for helping to make NWT inviting and beautiful.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

By Shanna Evans

The social committee had a blast kicking off Summer with the pool opening party in May where over 250 people enjoyed swimming, music, pony rides, food and more. Huge shout out to Erika Katzenberger and Deborah Christenson for taking the lead on this event.

Our next event will be the "Back to School Bash" at the pool. Join us August 13th from 3-4 at the pool as we celebrate the new school year with friends, music, and an ice cream truck!

Looking ahead, our Fall garage sale will be on Sept 8 & 9. Please have any leftover items that you are willing to donate to the tower by 4pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> and we will have a truck from a local charity to pick up donations.

We would love to see new faces and ideas at our next meeting! We will meet on August 7 at 7pm at 11518 S Millview, Shanna Evans' house.

## **POND COMMITTEE NEWS**

By Jim Buehler

The annual NWT Fishing Derby was held on Saturday morning, June 17 and was a rousing success! Fortunately, Friday night's heavy rains and strong winds blew out of the area in time to allow the Fishing Derby to take place on time as scheduled.

Approximately 90 people participated in the event which, in addition to the fishing competition, included games, crafts, tattoos, sidewalk chalk drawings and Father's Day card making. The kids really enjoyed making Gerry Buehler's "Graham Cracker Aquarium" snacks! During the one-hour fishing competition, 107 fish were caught, measured, and released back into the pond. Joseph Taylor caught the largest fish at 20.5 inches. Olivia Kelly was a double winner by catching the smallest fish at 2.875 inches, as well as catching the biggest total inches of fish at 114 inches.

The biggest excitement of the morning happened when a large catfish pulled Audrey Katzenberger's brand new fishing pole into the pond! It did not look like there was any way to retrieve it. However, a few minutes later, Remy Borris snagged the pole and reeled it back to the edge of the pond..... with the catfish still hooked to the line! So, everyone was happy (with the possible exception of the catfish).

A huge "Thank You" goes out to all of the volunteers from the Pond Committee and Social Committee who worked hard to make this another fabulous family event for our NWT neighbors!

## **POOL COMMITTEE NEWS**

By Ian Tillinghast

We hope everyone is having a good experience using the pool this year. Please help us comply with Johnson County regulations as posted on the signage at the pool. Also, please do not take food or drinks into the pool. These items must be kept at your table or lounge chair. Please do your part and pick up any trash from your area that you are using. We have had some complaints about excess trash not only in the pool area but also in the immediate area outside of the pool fence. Remember no glass items are allowed on the pool deck at any time.

Please 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. Please remember to be respectful of your neighbors that are using the pool.

New for the pool this year is the large umbrella in place by the baby pool. This was suggested by your neighbors so some of our young swimmers can enjoy the baby pool even when it gets extremely hot out. 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 if there is a party scheduled. Pool party and emergency contact forms are the responsibility of the home owner to print off and turn in. Please

respect the pool rules they are in place for a reason. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **Reminder: Important Dates & Pool Hours**

#### **June 1 – August 9**

11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

#### **August 10 – September 2**

Monday – Thurs: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### **August 13 - Back to School Bash**

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### **September 3**

11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

#### **September 4**

11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### **September 5**

Pool closed for the season

## **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

By Rick Pickerill

Many homeowners are replacing their shake shingle roofs with composite roofing. If this is something you might be considering please keep in mind the following items. Each homeowner must submit an Architectural request form complete with product information and specifications for approval by the Architectural Review Committee. When shopping for composite roofs there are many color options, however, the NWT Board long ago specified these guidelines for acceptable color for the neighborhood: shall be the color of natural cedar shake shingles or natural weathered cedar shake shingles. Please consider that the only roofs allowed per the original deed restrictions were shake shingles and that the acceptance of composite type roofing is in line with keeping that cedar shake

look or as close to that as possible. There are some roofs in the neighborhood that were not approved by the board so while you may see a certain color roof don't automatically assume that it will be approved.

The complete Deed restrictions and roofing guidelines are available on the eNeighbors website.

Questions/concerns? Contact the Architectural Committee by emailing [rickpickerill@gmail.com](mailto:rickpickerill@gmail.com).

## 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.

*Gregory & Jennifer Baugh  
18580 West 117<sup>th</sup> Street*

*Reid & Megan Kapple  
18305 West 114<sup>th</sup> Street*

## 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](mailto:support@eneighbors.com) for help.

## CONTACT US

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