



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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NOTES FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

REMINDER: The 2017 Northwood Trails Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church. Please check in at 6:30 pm.

By Julie Pickerill

Please join us for the 2017 Northwood Trails Annual Meeting on November 14th. We will elect 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 will receive in the mail. 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. Proxies can be mailed to Julie Rippberger (18760 W 116th Street), sent with a neighbor who will be in attendance, or dropped off at my house (18520 W 116th St.). We need more board members and welcome all who are interested! Board volunteers dedicate a few hours of time each month. If you're interested in serving, you can throw your name in the ring at the Annual Meeting or email me in advance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars with these important events:

November 14 | NWT Annual Meeting

6:30 pm: Check-in
7:00 pm: Annual Meeting
United Methodist Church

December 3 | Santa Visits Northwood Trails

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, NWT Pool Tower

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Shanna Evans

The neighborhood welcomed fall with a new tradition – the Northwood Trails Royal BBQ competition! We had nine teams set up booths at the tower and attendees sampled some of the city's best ribs, pork, chicken and more...not to mention an assortment of desserts! Around 200 neighbors enjoyed the evening and our winners were Clint Evans & Ryan Brown for their pork and turkey. Andy Tindall & Brad Hodnefield for their brisket and Scott & Heather Townsend for their chicken. Thanks to all who helped make the evening a huge success, we can't wait to see what gets cooked up next year!

Our last event for the year will be our annual visit from Santa on December 3 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please join us at the tower for Santa and snacks!

As we close out the year, we'd like to thank everyone for coming out to the social events and all the neighbors who help make this one of the best neighborhoods around. We couldn't do it without our volunteers!

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS

By Regina Wittman

The volleyball court has been repaired, and sand brought in. Dirt was also brought in and grass seed planted around the court and in all the bare areas where trees were removed. The areas south and west of the court that do not have in ground sprinklers are being watered by various devices including hand watering. We know that restricting use of the court during the fall was an inconvenience, but it will be a welcome and enjoyable spot come spring!

The picnic area by the pond is also being re-seeded and watered by volunteers since there are no in ground sprinklers available. Grass is coming up and we hope to slow the erosion in that area. Thanks to volunteers who managed the watering and taking the time to remove walnuts to the grass could sprout! Many neighbors allow the Grounds Committee access to their water faucets and equipment where we do not have sprinkler systems. Thank you to all these families (Wyrowskis, Swifts, Chushuks, Jordans and more) who help keep our entryways, cul-de-sacs and common areas looking great!

As we finish the year, there may yet be additional tree work this fall as several dead or damaged trees in the common areas that need to be removed. In addition, the entry monument at 114th street is being assessed for repair. The committee and NWT Board are currently determining next steps for this entry.

I have enjoyed serving as Grounds Committee chair but will not return for next year. It has been a very busy year and we hope NWT residents enjoy the improvements all over the neighborhood these past two years. Special thanks to my husband Tony who has been the best handy man / landscape helper ever. Our committee is lucky to have him on board. Thanks to Gerry Buehler, Fox Foxworthy, Dorinda Wyrowski, Gina Bayliss and Tony Wittman for serving on the committee.

POND COMMITTEE NEWS

By Patrick Madden

This summer one of the most frequent questions that we have been asked is about the aerators in the pond – when and why they operate and the hours of operation. These questions come from 5 to 80-year-olds so it is good to see that they are noticed. I think the question comes because we all like the look and sound of rushing water, and the grand lights at night.

It is important to recognize that these are aerators not fountains. The difference being the amount of water displayed and the purpose. Our aerators process about 1500 gallons a minute to oxygenate the water. A fountain would only do a few hundred and is for decoration only. Our aerators operate on timers and typically run from 9:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. daily from March through October.

Besides creating a pleasant look and sound, the aerators keep the pond healthy and receptive to fish and fowl, and yes – algae and plant growth, and keep the water moving. Hence their operation is important.

We have experienced some problems with the South aerator this summer and its operation has been intermittent. In trying to resolve the problems we have renovated both aerators, changed timers and have gone to school. The school reinforced the idea that our acre of pond does require 2 aerators and ours are perfectly suited to the purpose. The best hours of operation are at night as they run cooler, have less water evaporation and reduce algae growth. Daytime running heats the pond and counteracts the benefits gained at night.

We have had many comments on the operating hours of the aerators. Some want them on longer to hear the rushing water, some want them on less to enjoy the silence. Some enjoy the lights at night and other don't like the

disturbance. We have tried to maintain a balance with these ideas in the past. And will continue to find balance moving forward. In the future we may run a combination of daytime and nighttime aeration. This will allow us to maintain the equipment, keep the pond in its best condition and provide the most enjoyment for all.

POOL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Ian Tillinghast

With the pool officially closed for the season we are looking at doing some deck repairs this year still and next year working on replacing some of our pool furniture along with some other miscellaneous repairs to the pool house. Once again NWT will be hiring our own attendants for the 2018 season. This is a great opportunity for college students to earn extra income during the summer. High School students 16 and older are welcome to apply also. Pool committee member Jared Olson will chair the Personnel Committee responsible for interviewing and hiring this year. Please contact Jared at (913) 593-4232 or jared_olson1977@yahoo.com. Applications are required and can be printed off from NWT e-Neighbors website. Be an early bird applicant and apply before you return to school after winter break. As always, we welcome any volunteers to join the pool committee. Please contact me at itillinghast@graincraft.com to join!

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Rick Pickerill

Neighbors, please be aware that being a member of Northwood Trails means that there are requirements to consider when performing certain repairs or improvements to your property. For instance, architectural changes, tree removal, fencing and roofing are all

property changes that require review by the Architectural Committee as per the deed restrictions.

Recently there have been several homeowners who have not submitted a request for approval and have not received approval for changes to their property which are called for in the restrictions. Avoiding the proper procedures can result in possible legal action by the NWT association.

If you are a homeowner who recently made changes to your property, please be sure to review the Declaration of Restrictions. These Restrictions and the Architectural Request forms can be downloaded from eneighbors.com and submitted to the Architectural Committee chair.

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