



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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Mission Possible: A Call for Officers & Board Members in 2019

Northwood Trails neighborhood is special. It's filled with mature trees and beautiful homes. It has great amenities from our trails to our pond and our pool - and everything in between. But what truly makes it special are the people. Our neighborhood is packed with families of all ages, sizes and backgrounds. And, by just being good neighbors, they contribute to creating a community. Our neighborhood is also lucky to have lots of engaged residents who dedicate time to committee work that helps keep our amenities maintained, safe and beautiful. Our committees also work hard to create family-friendly events that help establish our sense of community and create an inviting atmosphere for new neighbors.

As we look to the year ahead, however, we are lacking additional volunteers to take up the helm and help continue this level of volunteerism. The NWT Board will have several openings as we move into 2019. So, we have a special mission for our neighborhood to consider.

Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept It

We're asking all residents to consider joining the NWT Board of Directors. The following is a list of our board positions with a detailed list for our immediate needs. Any resident in good standing is eligible and welcome to submit themselves for nomination. The responsibilities listed highlight some of the expectations of each role.

The NWT Board:

President	Grounds Committee Chair
Vice President	Architectural Committee Chair
Treasurer	Social Committee Chair
Secretary	Communications Chair
Pond Committee Chair	Pool Chair

Interested residents should submit their requested position to Julie Pickerill, Board President:

jpickerill@gmail.com. Nominees for the following positions will be voted upon by residents attending the Annual NWT Meeting in November. We urge all residents to attend.

President | Term: 2 years

Estimated monthly time commitment: 2-4 hours

- Serve as CEO of the Association, executor of deeds, contracts and other obligations
- Arrange and run monthly Board meetings (2nd Tuesday of every month)
- Field email and phone inquiries from residents on a variety of topics
- Serve as the liaison between Homes Association of Kansas City an administrative firm who handles our legal and accounting practices
- Assist with keeping e-neighbors information up to date
- Submit newsletter article every other month

Architectural Committee Chair | Term: 2 years

Estimated monthly time commitment: 2-3 hours

- Understand and ensure residents are compliant with Deed Restrictions of NWT
- Field inquiries and architectural review requests from residents by phone and email
- Attend monthly Board meetings to report on activities of the Architectural Committee
- Submit newsletter article every other month

Social Committee Chair | Term: 2 years

Estimated monthly time commitment: 1-5 hours (varies greatly by activities throughout the year)

- Assist Social Committee co-chairs with organizing and running regular meetings and Social Committee planned events
- Attend monthly Board meetings to report on activities of the Social Committee
- Submit newsletter article every other month
- Welcome new members of the neighborhood

Communications Chair | Term: 2 years

Estimated Monthly Time Commitment: 1-3 hours

- Collect articles from Committee Chairs and publish bi-monthly NWT Newsletter
- Attend monthly Board meetings

Pool Chair | Term 2: years

Estimated Monthly Time Commitment: 1-4 hours (peak activity time is March – September)

- Coordinate pool maintenance contractors and ensure codes and regulations are met
- Organize and run regular meetings of the Pool Committee
- Coordinate with hiring and management of pool attendees
- Manage and facilitate pool access card systems and emergency contact maintenance
- Field common inquiries from residents
- Budget for upcoming season

A Turning Point for the Association

The truth is we may find ourselves at a turning point in how our association is managed. One that's not necessarily bad, but different in how the Association has managed to date. And one that may result in higher dues.

We've faced a decline in volunteer service for the last few years. We hope to avoid a mission impossible situation by filling the open seats with willing volunteers ready to dedicate a little bit of time each month to the Board of Directors and committees. However, if this doesn't happen, we can adjust course. Many homes associations have much smaller Boards who then contract out their needs. Transitioning to this system would ease volunteer burdens but result in higher dues. Considering our amenities, NWT has one of the lowest neighborhood fees in the Johnson County area.

We hope you'll consider throwing your hat in the ring to serve as a Board volunteer. Our current Board is comprised of new and long-standing residents alike and we enjoy the diverse set of voices and ideas that come to the table. We look forward to hearing yours.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Please welcome these new neighbors:

Janvier & Belinda Bassene – 19040 W 115th Terrace

Masahito & Katherine Cho – 11422 South Millview Road

Bradley & Brittany Craemer – 11575 S Skyview Lane

Jocelyn & Nicholas Fasulo – 18700 W 115th Terrace

Sandra & Donald Madison – 11862 S Skyview Ln

Ernest & Marcia May – 18620 W 116th Street

Patricia Stanfield – 11570 S Skyview Ln

Robert & Melissa Welch – 11413 S Northwood Circle

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 10 | NWT Board Meeting

7:00pm – 9:00pm @ Grace Church

August 14 | NWT Board Meeting

7:00pm – 9:00pm @ Grace Church

August 19 | Ice Cream Social

3:00pm – 4:00pm @ The Pool Tower

September 4 | NWT Doggie Dive

6:00pm – 7:00pm @ The Pool

September 11 | NWT Board Meeting

7:00pm – 9:00pm @ Grace Church

September 14-15 | Fall Garage Sale

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The pool opening party was a huge success. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped create such an incredible event for our NWT families. From pony rides, bubble machines, chilled watermelon and hot hotdogs. The volunteers

pulled out all the stops and the residents had a blast. We've also had a lot of great success with Food Truck Fridays. It's a great activity for pool goers or neighbors just looking for a laid-back Friday night meal! In addition, the Fishing Derby was another homerun for family fun. Details and a recap can be found in the Pond Committee article.

It seems far off now, but please mark your calendars and start preparing for the Fall Garage Sale – September 14th and 15th. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you at the Ice Cream Social and our annual Doggie Dive.

GROUND'S COMMITTEE NEWS

By Fox Foxworthy

The recent storm in our area did a fair amount of damage to some of the trees in Northwood Trails, especially the Bradford pear trees. If you lost a tree and are going to replace it, you might want to check with the K-State Extension office located in the Johnson County office building just south of Northwood Trails. They have a lot of information on trees that do well in our area. If you are interested in participating on the Ground's Committee, or if you have any input you'd like to share, you can send me an email at fox1948@yahoo.com. If you notice any damage to any of the common areas, please take a moment to let me know with an email. That will enable us to take any action necessary promptly.

POND COMMITTEE NEWS

By Jim Buehler

Bright sunshine and hot temperatures greeted over 100 NWT residents as they converged on the pond for the Annual Fishing Derby. Fishing was EXCELLENT and the kids had a wonderful time reeling in a wide range of fish. Over 60 fish were caught with 14 of them being catfish or bass measuring 17 inches or longer!! The fish population has recovered nicely since the pond dredging project a few years ago.

The highlights of the Fishing Derby had Samuel Major catching the largest fish of the day; a 21 ¾ inch catfish! Austin Hunt caught the smallest fish; a 2 ¾ inch bluegill. And Evan Carter caught the biggest total inches of fish at just over 72 inches.

In addition to the fishing, a number of games and craft projects were available.

Thanks to all of the NWT residents who participated in the event, and a huge “Thank You” 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!

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POOL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Ian Tillinghast

Summer is here and pool season is in full swing! Some questions have been asked recently about opening the pool sooner, this season we are not able to because we budget for our current staff hours, we will consider adding hours for next season. Early swims are allowed for adults only who are in good standing, with the knowledge that the pool has not been cleaned and chemicals not checked, please advise if the pool is being cleaned early swims are not allowed. Please contact me for further information if interested in early swims.

We are looking for ideas to improve the pool so we would like some feedback please email me your ideas. Want to join the pool committee? Please come to our meetings, 7pm the first Tuesday of the month at the pool tower. Email me for information, itillinghast@graincraft.com.

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