

Northwood Trails

Newsletter

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Notes From Your Board President

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We are blessed to have so many talented and amazing neighbors, and I felt it would be fun to highlight them from time to time in our newsletter. This month I have chosen to highlight Sue Read. Enjoy!



Sue Read (left) is an original owner in NWT and has called this beautiful neighborhood home for 32 years. She has served on both the Social and Pond committees. Take a walk around the pond and discover the tucked away fairy garden path that she and her husband, Keith, maintain behind their home. The fairy chair is a fun place for kids and adults to pose for pictures.

Sue recently self-published a children's book for ages 8-10 entitled, <u>Beyond the Scarlet Door</u>. Follow Maleeya and Kieran, reduced to the size of white mice and carrying seemingly useless items from home as they overcome fears that lie deep within their souls. Can they outwit Raven, the evil fairy, and bring back seven items needed to save their sister? What magical creatures will they meet in this new world, and will they be friends or foes? If you would like more info on <u>Beyond the Scarlet Door</u>, you can e-mail Sue at sk.read@att.net. Signed copies are available. I personally have enjoyed Sue's book and touring the fairy garden.

I would love to share your stories, so please reach out to me so that you or someone you know in our neighborhood. Happy summer, Northwood Trails!

Our board meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Grace Church beginning at 7 p.m. The first 30 minutes of the meetings are reserved for homeowner input. If there is anything you would like to share or questions or concerns you have, please join the meetings.

Summer Events

Food Truck Friday: Swine & Dine BBQ Friday, July 12

Food Truck Friday: Smoke N Babes BBQ Friday, August 2

Pool ClosingMonday, September 2

Doggie Dive at the Pool Tuesday, September 3

Fall Garage Sale
Friday - Saturday, September 13 - 14

Reminder! We have a hospitality group if you or a neighbor are in need of help with meals, yard work, or housework. Contact Brittany Craemer with requests at hospitalityNWT@gmail.com.



Rebecca Francis' grandaughter and a friend playing in Mill Creek.

Pond Committee News

By Pat Madden

The heat of summer is upon us and the algae and summer pond weeds want to rule the pond.

The heavy and continuous spring rains this year gave us a late start in pond treatment, and we have been chasing control since then. I think we are finally catching up with the algae growth.

This is purely a cosmetic issue as the wildlife are not endangered and the fish are thriving. We employ colorants, pond chemicals and aeration to stave off the growth. The rains and neighborhood fertilizing are the biggest contributors to the growth – as those abate the pond clears.

The heron is back, and the ducks and geese passed through. The catfish are huge and aggressive, the fish are active, and the turtles are hungry. The bullfrogs in the evening are entertaining.

The fishing derby was success as Jim Buehler has regaled in his article.

Come enjoy the pond - fishing, remote control boating, fairy garden visiting, fish feeding, and enjoying peace and quiet.

Fishing Derby Results

By Jim Buehler

An overcast and potentially rainy morning greeted approximately 80 NWT residents on Saturday, June 15 as they made their way to the pond for the Annual Fishing Derby. The Pond Committee and the Social Committee joined together in hosting the event. Prizes were awarded in each of the three age categories for Longest Cumulative Inches of Fish caught, Longest Fish, and Shortest Fish caught.

Fishing got off to a surprisingly slow start, but picked up once the sun came out! During the one-hour fishing period, 38 fish were caught, primarily bluegill and catfish. Everyone seemed to have a great time, especially when the bigger fish were reeled in.

The highlights for the morning had Audrey Katzenberger catching the Longest Cumulative Inches of fish at 42.5 inches (this was the total for the two fish she caught)! Her brother, Miles Katzenberger, caught the longest fish of the day, a 23.0 inch catfish. Ben May earned the honor of "dragging in" the smallest fish at 3.75 inches.

In addition to the fishing, a number of games were provided, plus an opportunity for the kids to create Father's Day cards. The Social Committee provided snacks and bottled water.

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!

All food donations collected at the event were given to the Grace United Methodist's Food Pantry.





Fishing Derby photos submitted by Rebecca Francis and Keith Read.

Pool Committee News

By Jared Olson

The swim season is in full swing. We appreciate the community's patience as the start of the season brought on many challenges: two failed heaters, multiple interior pipe leaks, mother nature and her 20 inches of rain, etc. Please note that you can find all forms related to pool activities, emergency contact form, pool party form and other forms on eneighbors.com.

E-neighbors > Documents > Pool Documents.

Constructive feedback about the pool operations is always welcome and encouraged.

POOL DATES AND HOURS

May 24 - September 2 | 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.



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Architectural Committee News

By Tom Harrington

I enjoy walking our trails, especially the trail from the pond up to the pool. The open, friendly atmosphere of NWT is well exhibited here. I sometimes worry that if more 6-ft "stockade" fences are installed we'll lose this quality and become another "non-descript JoCo neighborhood".

If you're undertaking a home improvement please complete and send the one-page Home Improvement Request to me at woden70@gmail.com, or drop it by my home at 18502 W. 114th St.

Our committee needs to review:

- · Roofing materials and color
- · Fence height and materials
- · Tree removal
- · Satellite dish/antenna placement on outside of structures
- · Additions/modifications of decks or patio coverings
- · Other issues like above ground hot tubs and swimming pools

Northwood Trails eneighbors.com has this Home Improvement Request and the 7 pages of NWT Deed Restrictions. To access them, click on "Northwood Trails" on the blue banner above the Bulletin Board tab.

Social Committee News

By Heather Olson

Summer is in full swing and the NWT Social Committee hopes you are enjoying fun in the sun with family, friends, and neighbors!

Thank you to all who came out to and all who helped with the annual Fishing Derby and Food Truck Friday in June. We have more exciting events, such as the Ice Cream Social and two additional Food Truck Fridays lined up...check out eneighbors.com and our neighborhood Facebook page for event details!

Grounds Committee News

By Fox Foxworthy

If the weather cooperates, path replacement will continue sometime in July or August on the path between 116th and 117th streets, westward from Northwood Dr. If you live along the path, you will receive a letter prior to the start of any work.

If you are interested in participating on the Grounds 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.

Neighborhood Thanks

I want to thank our neighbors Rick and Linda Kelly for helping Jack and I in so many ways all year long. They are tremendous neighbors and we really appreciate all they do to help us.

- Jan Wright

A big shoutout to Cindy Langeluttig-Jewel for notifying me FedEx delivered our mattress to her house on accident; and to her son for helping us load it when we came to pick it up. Another shoutout to Casey Boyd for helping us carry the heavy box inside. We're thankful to have such good neighbors!

- Anne Hayes

Please send Neighborhood Thanks submissions to Lindy Rhodes at lindyrhodes85@gmail.com.

Welcome, New Neighbors

Jason & Emily Baugh, 11615 Sunset Dr.

Sheldon & Allison Bouwens, 11555 Northwood Dr.

Grace & Connor Haahuis, 18575 W. 116th St.

Laura Ann Harris, 18981 West 118th St.

John & Alida Hileman, 11471 S. Millview Rd.

Kevin & Lisa Jackson, 18690 West 117th St.

Erin Kieffer, 18405 W. 114th St.

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