



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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Notes From Your Board President

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With school starting, I would like to remind everyone to please not text and drive and to watch your speed. We have had reports of close calls, and we certainly would not want to see anyone harmed.

Additionally, reminder, while we live in an awesome neighborhood ... we still need to be aware! Be sure

your vehicles are secure and perhaps arrange for neighbors to pick up packages delivered to your home to ensure their arrival.

As always, let's work to be good neighbors!

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.



Photo submitted by Sakubai Bachelani

September-October Events

Pool Closing

Monday, September 2

Doggie Dive at the Pool

Tuesday, September 3

Fall Garage Sale

Friday - Saturday, September 13 - 14

Family Fall Event & Chili Cook-off

Saturday, October 5

Fellow homeowners, we all want our neighborhood to always look its best, but recently the board has received numerous complaints about neighbors not doing their part toward this effort. Many situations are governed by city ordinance, so we are publishing the following for easy access to the city webpage.

- From your Internet browser go to olatheks.org
- Click on OlatheConnect from the top ribbon menu
- Click '+ New Issue' located middle of page
- Follow guidance to search a topic or open an issue ticket

There is also an option on left hand side menu to get the OlatheConnect App for your phone. Pick from android or iphone versions.

While on the Olathe website, you can also download the Olathe Trash Day App to get reminders right to your phone, and so you always know when recycling day is.

Social Committee News

By Heather Olson

As we wrap up summer, the NWT Social Committee would like to thank Smoke'N Babes BBQ for the delicious food at our Food Truck Friday in early



Ice Cream Social photo submitted by Abby Langlitz

August. We also hope everyone had a chance to enjoy a cool treat with friends and neighbors at the Ice Cream Social!

Even with summer over and school back in session, there is more fun just around the corner, such as the

Doggie Dive and Fall Garage Sale in September, and Family Fall Event featuring live music by The Velvet Stinger band in early October! Event details are posted on "Northwood Trails – KS" Facebook group and eNeighbors.com.

The NWT Social Committee loves seeing parents socializing and kids hanging out at the many bus stops throughout our neighborhood now that school is back in session. Please remind all drivers in your home to be on alert when driving through our neighborhood and to be respectful of buses that are stopped.

Pool Committee News

By Jared Olson

The pool committee would like to thank the neighborhood for their support throughout the season. We hope you all enjoyed your experiences at the pool. The last day for the pool is Labor Day (Sept. 2), and we'll host the annual Doggie Dive on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. Don't forget to submit photos of the Doggie Dive for the next publication! (Email lindyrhodes85@gmail.com.)

Looking forward, we will have some significant re-



Photo submitted by Abbie Tillinghast

lining maintenance on all three reservoirs. We will communicate the plan in the coming months. If you ever have any ideas or suggestions on how to better our pool experience, never hesitate to contact the pool committee. Joining the committee is always an option as well. Until next season ... have a great fall and warm winter season.

Architectural Committee News

By Tom Harrington

Our committee recently received a request from a homeowner who needs to remove a dangerous tree, and plans to replace it right away with another tree. We appreciate this willingness to maintain the character of Northwood Trails! Some requests we receive call for tough decisions, and some yards in our neighborhood can't support certain projects. For example, my property at 18502 W 114th St. is at the cul-de-sac entrance at the top of the hill. There's no place for a back yard fence, and absolutely no place for an in ground pool!

If you submit a request to re-roof your house, please look at the Composite Roofing materials document on eNeighbors.com, which describes the minimum 40-year shingles that are required. The rationale for the higher-quality shingles, appropriate fences, and other items our committee addresses is to maintain our property values and the safety of our neighborhood. I can be contacted at woden70@gmail.com.

Pond Committee News

By Pat Madden

You may have noticed over the summer and certainly over the past few years that we have beautiful plants and flowers across the dam, and particularly in the Southwest corner of the pond. This is due primarily to the gardening skills of Orin and Kathy Swift, and we really thank them for that.



Photo submitted by
Rebecca Francis

It has been a good summer for the pond. The algae bloom has finally cleared and the pond is clear and healthy. The new treatment for the pond seems to be effective, and we will try to get an earlier start next year to avoid this year's buildup.

There was a question concerning a news item about a pond bloom called "blue-green" algae on a

pond, which can be toxic to animals if they drink it. This warning was issued by the British Veterinary Association in Southampton England, and so far, it is not applicable here. Having said that, please monitor your dog's behavior around the pond when it comes to drinking or swimming.

Your pond committee continues to monitor and maintain the area around the pond, and for their time and labor we continue to thank them. Have a great autumn.



Photo submitted by Sakubai Bachelani

Grounds Committee News

By Fox Foxworthy

Path replacement is currently planned for west of Northwood Dr. between 116th and 117th. Work is estimated to begin in the first or second week of September. Letters will be sent to those affected prior to the start of 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 necessary action promptly.

Neighborhood Thanks

We would like to say THANK YOU to Tobi and David Starks for watching our pets. There was no doubt our pets were well taken care of and loved on while we were away!

– Heather Olson

Thank you to Jennifer Wright Knight for sharing her beautiful, delicious produce with the neighborhood!

Thank you to the Pool Committee for staffing and keeping our pool open after school starts through Labor Day – even weekday evenings! We love our neighborhood!

– Rhodes Family

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

Welcome, New Neighbors

Michael & Lacey Wilson
18404 West 114th Street

John Patton
18504 West 114th Street

Michael & Jessica Schultz
11464 Northwood Circle

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[Eneighbors.com](http://eneighbors.com)

- Search for “Northwood Trails.” Email support@eneighbors.com for technical assistance.

[Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

- Neighborhood group: “Northwood Trails - KS.”
- Buying and selling: “Northwood Trails Buy, Sell, Trade”
- Children’s play group: “NWT Playgroup”

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.