



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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Notes From Your Board President

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First...I want to wish everyone a very happy holiday season and a wonderful 2020. As we go into this new year, it's exciting to see all that is occurring in and around our neighborhood. It has certainly changed since we moved in 27 years ago. The new board is in place and we are all excited to see what 2020 will offer.

I would like to challenge you to get to know your neighbors, to attend the many functions our amazing Social Committee puts on each year, to volunteer for one of our many committees that help maintain Northwood Trails. They are all posted on eNeighbors.com, and I can promise you won't be disappointed. I am looking forward to seeing you all throughout the year!

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.

Q&A

What do you do for a living? I have been a real estate agent for the last 47 years and continue to love what I do.

Why did you join the Board? I joined the Board because I am fully committed to do everything I can to continue to enhance and watch our neighborhood grow.

What do you love most about our neighborhood? I have always loved the terrain, the trails, walking around the pond and, without question, our great neighbors.

What is a fun fact about you/your family? We have 5 children, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. We are blessed.

Happy New Year!

In honor of the new year new board positions, check out the Q&As to learn more about your Northwood Trails Board members!

If you can't get out or need extra assistance shoveling your driveway this winter, remember that we have a hospitality group who can help. Contact Brittany Craemer with requests at hospitalityNWT@gmail.com.

Notes From Your Treasurer

Bryan Kelling

I will be your treasurer starting in 2020; Fox and I will be working closely for a smooth transition of duties. **This year there are no changes to the dues. They will remain the same for 2020, along with due dates and dues payment options.** You should have received or soon will receive your dues invoice with more information.

Q&A

What do you do for a living? I am a Controller for a commercial HVAC Design and Build Firm.

What do you do for fun? My wife and I enjoy gardening in the summer, as well as attending our kids' sporting events and activities.

Why did you join the NWT board? I have always had an interest in participating in local organizations. I felt with my education and work experience of financial management, I could offer the perspective and experience to our Board and our Community.

What do you love most about our neighborhood? I would have to say the neighbors and the people of our community. The trails are a close second.

Notes From Your Vice President

Julie Pickerill

Q&A

What do you do for a living? I work for Twyla Rist & Associates as a Transaction Coordinator

Why did you join the NWT board? To help with the neighborhood

What do you love most about our neighborhood?
The people make it great. I also like all the activities and groups. I have been involved with most of the committees at one time or another and been on the board for over 20 years.

Fun fact about you/your family. We have lived here over 25 years and enjoy living in Olathe.

Pond Committee News

Pat Madden

I would like to begin the new year by thanking all of the volunteers that serve on the Pond Committee for their support and labor over the year, especially Luke Weber and Keith Read who have been so diligent in the contractor selection for our pond dock work. Which is my introduction to this year's major project on the dock ... the pond committee replaced all of the pond dock decking a year ago, and at that time we recognized that the pergola and railing also needed replacement, however it was beyond our capabilities to do.

With the approval of the Board, we have selected a contractor to do this project in February. Because the project requires the disassembly of the approach and railing, for safety concerns, the dock will be closed during the construction. The dock and the path across the dam will be closed during the preparation and construction days, expected to be the last two weeks of February.

We will notify everyone via eNeighbors.com prior to work beginning, and the area will be secured with yellow caution tape. Thanks for your understanding on this and we are sure that you will love the result.

Q&A

What do you do for a living? I am retired as of 2010. I worked for Danisco Food Ingredients as Director of North American Logistics and Customer Service.

Why did you join the NWT board? I joined the Board to ensure that the pond had continued representation in the neighborhood and encourage people to avail themselves of the great opportunities that exist in Northwood Trails.

What do you love most about our neighborhood?
The whole package – great people, pool, pond, trails, activities, convenience to everything, easy access to Kansas City downtown.

Architectural Committee News

Tom Harrington

This is a friendly reminder that an architectural request form should be submitted for all roofing jobs. I didn't receive forms for a couple recent jobs that were being completed before winter, and I had to contact the homeowners. Our committee is currently revising the Composite Roofing Materials Guidelines posted on eNeighbors.com, and with our board's approval we'll post the updated document. A rule of thumb is that "Class 3 shingles" are 30-year and don't meet our guidelines; "Class 4" shingles are allowed/recommended.

Another friendly reminder is that paragraph 6 of our deed restrictions stipulates that side and front yard fences are not allowed. The overall concern of the Architecture Committee is to maintain the beauty and property values here.

Q&A

What do you do for a living? I'm a retired Olathe band teacher, and one of my first assignments from 1982-1994 was Meadow Lane Elementary.

What do you do for fun? I play music, and I'm an avid fan of racing, especially Formula One.

What do you love most about our neighborhood? We have a great & varied group of people.

Fun fact about you/your family. I'm #2 of 8 Harringtons who grew up on a farm in Iowa. Kim and I have two children, Andy (OEHS 2001) who lives in Austin, TX, and Juli (OEHS 2003) who lives in Olathe.

Pool Committee News

Jared Olson

Hello neighbors, I hope the holiday season and new year were good to you and your families and friends. We will begin fielding pool attendant applications for the upcoming 2020 pool season. Please download a copy of the application from the eNeighbors.com web portal and send the application to jared_olson1977@yahoo.com or drop it off at my home. A resume is nice to have, but not required (although good practice for your teenager). We will schedule interviews early to mid-March with a plan to have the positions filled around the first of April.

Q&A

What do you do for a living? Network Engineer & full time DIY construction worker on my home. =)

What do you do for fun? Family; outdoorsman, camping, hunting, fishing, hiking etc.

Why did you join the NWT board? Volunteers for all committees and board members are always in demand.

Olson at missmybeach@yahoo.com if you are interested in learning more.

Q&A

What do you do for a living? I am a senior project manager at a local clinical trials management company. An industry I fell into at the kind referral from one of our very own residents.

What do you do for fun? I enjoy playing volleyball and snow skiing. I am a dedicated sports mom that absolutely loves seeing my children do their thing on the court, field or course!

Why did you join the NWT board? I know it takes a plethora of volunteers to make our neighborhood amazing...in which I need to do my part to make it amazing.

What do you love most about our neighborhood? Not to sound cheesy, but the people. That is one reason I enjoy heading up the NWT Social Committee as it gives me an opportunity to meet the people that make our neighborhood a place to call home.

Social Committee News

Heather Olson

Thank you to Jim and Gerry Buehler for leading Cookies with Santa in early December. You cannot help but feel the magic of Christmas when seeing children smile as they share their wish lists with Santa and when residents ignore the chill in the air to share a cup of hot chocolate with fellow neighbors.

Thank you to everyone who lit up the night with beautiful Christmas displays. Our judges took their time touring our festive neighborhood before announcing the winners as:

1st Place – David & Angela Williams on S. Millview Cir.

2nd Place – Missy Welch on Northwood Cir.

3rd Place – Jim & Gerry Buehler on W. 114th St.

Looking back at 2019, the Northwood Trails Social Committee hosted a multitude of family-focused events in every season. We are busy no matter the calendar month, so we invite you to join the NWT Social Committee as we have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Please contact Heather



Children and adults alike enjoyed cookies, popcorn, and hot cocoa while visiting with Santa on Dec. 8. They also decorated cards to share with people in assisted living. Photos submitted by Tom Harrington and Heather Olson.

Grounds Committee News

Fox Foxworthy

The Grounds Committee is a group of volunteers who work to ensure that our neighborhood is well-maintained and inviting to current and prospective residents. If you did not sign up for this committee at the annual meeting and would like to volunteer for the Grounds Committee in 2020, please contact chairperson Fox Foxworthy via eNeighbors.com. The first meeting will be in February 2020.

Q&A

What do you do for fun? Golfing, spending time with my grandkids, & traveling with my wife and friends.

What do you love most about our neighborhood? Participating in some of the NWT group activities with friends from the neighborhood. And feeding the fish!

Fun fact about you/your family. All in my family are avid sports fans.

Welcome, New Neighbors

Robert & Rebecca Santel, 11510 South Millview Road

Mike & Katie Roskosh, 11579 South Skyview Lane

Nader E. Shehata & Pamela S. Ogle, 18512 West 114th Street

Andrew Vandemhull & Abby Miner, 11580 South Skyview Lane

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