



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

March – April 2016

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NOTES FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

By Julie Pickerill

Spring is the perfect time to begin sprucing up your yard and exterior of your house. Please keep in mind we all need to work together to keep our home values high.

One thing to keep in mind is our neighborhood has one of the lowest dues in the entire area. Keeping our dues low has been a consistent mainstay in our neighborhood. The reason we can keep our dues low is because of the many volunteers we have working behind the scenes for very little credit. We could sure use more volunteers not only as board members, but also as members of committees. The Social, Pool, Pond and Grounds committees are always looking for more volunteers to help with all of the activities and upkeep each committee has for each year.

If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to register with eNeighbors (our website). There you will find information on upcoming meetings, social events, classified ads, etc. Registration is easy. Just follow the instructions at the end of this newsletter.

Please be sure to pick up after your dog when you are walking around the neighborhood. Not only do you need to pick up dog

waste from the street and neighbors yards, but also any common ground area.

Dues invoices were sent out on January 1st. If you did not pay your dues by March 1st, you will be getting a reminder billing and a \$35 late-payment penalty will have been added. The only source of income to Northwood Trails is the annual dues you pay as a member of the homes association. The homes association is legally obligated to provide for certain services to maintain the value of the neighborhood and depends on the dues income for this purpose. If you have not yet paid your 2016 dues, please do so now.

The next board meeting is on March 8th at 7:00 pm. The April board meeting is on the 12th, also at 7:00 pm. We meet at Grace United Methodist Church across the street. As usual, the first 30 minutes is reserved for member input.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

We've started the year with lots of new ideas and energy. We'd like to take a moment and thank all of the people who have volunteered their time to the NWT Community over the past year. Without you, we would not be able to accomplish all that we have. We celebrated everyone with an evening out at Jefferson's and it was a great success.

Our next event will be the Easter Egg Hunt on March 26th at 10:00am at the park. Bring your kids and grandkids and come on out, there will be fun for all-balloon artists, an egg hunt and more!

In looking ahead, the Northwood Trials Spring Garage Sale will be held May 6 & 7, so start cleaning out those closets!

Have kids ages 2-5? Join the neighborhood playgroup! Contact Chris Brown or E-neighbors for more information.

We are always looking for more volunteers in order to put on these great events for our neighborhood. Please consider volunteering your time; we meet the first Thursday of each month, but if you can't make it, we are always looking for behind the scenes support day of our event. Our March meeting is on the 3rd at Heather Olson's home and our April meeting is on the 7th at Chris Brown's.

POOL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Andy Tindall

We are looking forward to another fun year at the pool. Overland Park Pools will again be responsible for maintaining our water quality as they did in 2015. They will also be responsible for Pool Management in 2016. We will still hire our own attendants and they will be supervised by Overland Park Pools.

The Pool Information and Emergency Form required to be completed in order to receive your pool sticker will NOT BE MAILED. It is available on the E-neighbors web site. Please print it off, complete it and bring it to the pool to pick up your 2016 sticker and new card if you have lost the old one. There is a \$5 charge for replacing the card.

The May Newsletter will have more information about the pool opening and closing

dates. If you are interested in helping on the pool committee, we meet the first Tuesday of every month. Contact Andy Tindall, 402-321-7396, for more information.

REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR NWT DUES YOU CANNOT USE THE POOL.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS

By Regina Wittman

The NWT grounds committee has begun meetings for 2016 and have projects already in the works. Notice that the overgrown plantings have been removed from all the entrances and will be replaced with new plants in the near future. There also has been work done around the pool parking lot to begin the process of replacing some of the weedy beds with grass. Millview Circle is getting some updates with removal of dead shrubs and a combining of smaller beds into larger curved designs which will be getting mulched. Then we hope to plant grass in areas of the circle that need it. Grass will also be planted this spring in the picnic area south of the pond and along Ridgeview Road on the slope south of 114th street.

In the process of walking the areas to outlay the work we wanted DSLawn to complete for us, we found ourselves stepping in dog droppings in the common areas! Lots of it in some areas. Out of respect for our friends, neighbors and the grounds workers "please" do not forget to clean up after your pets whether on common grounds, city/co property along the streamway or in "neighbor's yards". This is becoming a big problem in our beautiful neighborhood.

April 22nd is Earth day and we will have a city dumpster in the pool parking lot to be used for (yard waste only), bushes, limbs etc. It will be removed on Monday the 25th, and a second dumpster will be delivered again on the 29th for the same usage. Take

advantage of this offer and clean up around your homes and the commons areas. The parking lot will be open those weekends.

The grounds committee's goal this year is to make NWT even more beautiful than it already is. We hope that every resident will take pride in this neighborhood that we are fortunate to live in.

NOTE: DS Lawn, the company providing grounds maintenance to NWT, is offering lawn care discounts to NWT homeowners. Call Dave Anderson at 913-207-3192 or email Dave at dave@dslawnkc.com if interested.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Rick Pickerill

The NWT Architectural Committee approved requests for removal of a diseased tree, new vinyl windows and a replacement deck. While it may seem like just an extra step, please keep submitting requests as the bylaws require. This helps to ensure that our neighborhood continues to look great and ensures compliance with NWT HOA Bylaws and Deed Restrictions.

Path maintenance: one of NWT most coveted amenities is our paths which most likely attracted a good many of us to move here. Our paths are also our sidewalks and as such must be maintained in accordance with city code. While the NWT Board oversees repair and replacement, it is up to each homeowner to remove dirt, leaves and all plants growing from your property onto and over the path. The city of Olathe enforces, with some documented exceptions, the *2012 International Property Maintenance Code*. With respect to sidewalks/paths the code is as follows: 302.3 Sidewalks and driveways. All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas

shall be kept in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions.

Reminder of deed restriction on fences: No fence shall be erected without prior written consent. The maximum height of any fence shall be six feet, and the material shall be limited to wood, wrought iron or masonry. Please consult the deed restrictions found on eNeighbors.com for the full article and be sure to contact the Architectural Committee with any questions or requests.

POND COMMITTEE NEWS

By Keith Read

No new items to report for our Pond because of the low activity during the winter months.

We will be starting up the Pond Area Meetings and anyone that is interested in being part of the meetings can email me, keith.read@att.net. I will include you on the invites and you can attend whenever you like. Also, if you would like to be part of the more detailed Pond Activities emails I send out, then send me your email and I will include you in that distribution. We are investigating the re-stocking of the pond this spring so the fishing should continue to improve.

NEW NEIGHBORS

The following families have recently moved into Northwood Trails. If you are new to the neighborhood, and have not been listed here, please contact Julie Pickerill at 495-9514.

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CONTACT US

The Northwood Trails newsletter is published bi-monthly.

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eNeighbors

Haven't registered yet? Follow these instructions:

1. Go to <http://www.eneighbors.com/> and search for "Northwood Trails"
2. Click "Join Neighborhood"
3. Click "Join by using my street address instead."
4. Complete the sign up form and follow the on-screen instructions to finish

If you need technical support with the website, please send an email to **support@eneighbors.com** for help.
