



# NORTHWOOD TRAILS

## Newsletter

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### Social Committee News

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#### Hello neighbors and friends!

Northwood Trails gathered to grill brats and dogs, enjoy some sweet watermelon and build community at the Summer Kickoff on May 25. As the photos on Page 2 show, there was



terrific turnout amid beautiful weather. Thanks go out to our hostess with the mostest, Melanie Weilert, who knocked it out of the park with her Crumble Cookies

and hard work. We had an amazing turnout of volunteers, including our skilled grillers! Truly a great event where our community came together.

On Father's Day weekend, the Social and Pond committees joined forces to present the annual Fishing Derby. We cheered on the littles competing in three age groups and three categories for prizes that included fishing poles, tackle boxes and bait kits. We had snacks, skills games for kids, a disc golf demo station, chalk art, and supplies to make Father's Day cards. It was such an adorable event centered around the neighborhood children enjoying a rare amenity for a neighborhood: our own fishing pond!

After a bumpy beginning, Food Truck nights at the pool are on track. We have hosted Rico Pico, Olathe's own Juan Some Grub, Tap That KC, Gigi's Seafood, Texas BBQ House Mobile, and Taste of Aloha. C'mon out and support small businesses and enjoy dinner at the pool this summer. The



A fish rejects the measuring process before being returned to the pond during the June 15 NWT Fishing Derby. Above right, Samuel Gardner reels in another one. Below left, Everly Noltemeyer tries her hand at the venerable NWT classic, Fishing Behind the Curtain. Below right, accuracy is of utmost importance for judges Pat Madden, Tony Wittman and Max Mueller.

*Photos by Tom Harrington*



schedule is pinned atop the eNeighbors bulletin board.

Interested in participating in the next big NWT event, the Great Northwood Trails BBQ Battle? E-mail at the above address to sign up. BBQ and dessert competitions are planned. Social will supply the side dishes, prizes

and entertainment for the day.

Also, e-mail me to be added to a Social Committee mailing list and keep apprised of events such as our monthly meetings at 7 p.m. every first Wednesday of the month. This summer, meetings will be at the Pool Tower. The more the merrier makes less work for all!



## Pool Committee News *Susie Kelling • susiekelling@yahoo.com*

Believe it or not, we have already beat the heat for six weeks since the pool's May 17 soft opening.



Have pool ideas and a few hours a month to volunteer? Email us to join Pool Committee.

We hope you enjoyed the Summer Kickoff Party on May 25 at the pool and surrounding common areas. Bratwursts, hot dogs, chips, cookies, beverages and watermelon slices were on the menu. Neighbor volunteers handled set-up and clean-up, worked the grills, sliced the melons and supervised a food line staffed by our pool attendants, who served food and assisted parents with dishing up plates for kids and seating them at tables. The party was a terrific success thanks to the Pool and Social committees, neighbor volunteers, the attendants and all of

you who came down to nosh with neighbors and stay cool in the pool.

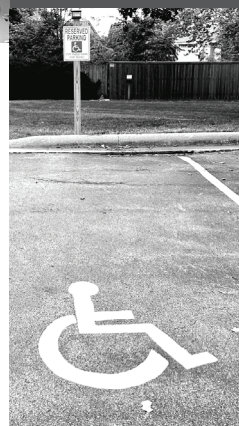
At the pool this summer, neighbors and families have been enjoying a relaxing, fun, safe atmosphere. Your neighborhood amenity features two permanent sunshades, tables with umbrellas, a filtered water fountain with a bottle filler, tropical plants and a new commercial-free and profanity-free music system installed by a team of volunteers. Out in the parking lot, a differently-abled spot has been designated with paint and a new sign donated by neighbors Lois and Rocky Chappell and installed by the committee. The pool basketball hoop is holding in there (please, no hanging on the rim), there are pool toys galore for young neighbors and the attendant-guided activities are back! Check the schedule board by the lead attendant's table to see what's coming up.

Thanks to the Social Committee for planning a bevy of Food Truck Thursdays and Fridays. The schedule



Tison Wren delivers brats from grillers Lois Chappell at the Kickoff. At left, the Pool Stereo Squadron at work: Keith Read, Kyle Gruel, Steve Rolph and David Starks. Below, the new lot signage.

Photos by Jess Perry (above) and Susie Kelling



is posted on several of the pool tables. Also, keep an eye out for Pool Committee hosting Alex's Lemonade Stand's anniversary afternoon coming soon.

Pool Committee asks that everyone be kind and respectful and do their best to keep the pool a safe and family-friendly environment for all to enjoy!



## Community Relations News *Julie Pickerill • jpickerill61@gmail.com*

Hey neighbors. Do you like walking the paths in NWT? It is one of my favorite things to do. However, recent spring growth on plants and trees is crowding the paths and making them hard to navigate.

Please, please, please, as needed, go out and spruce up the path running behind and/or beside

## Welcome, New Neighbors!

Tracy Kujat and Lisa McDermott  
11595 Sunset Drive

your property, making room for all of us path lovers. Thank you.

## Grounds Committee News

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**Thank you** to our homeowners who take their time to have nicely groomed front yards. Watch for signs in front yards designating awards for "Best-Kept Yard." Three Northwood Trails properties will be selected each month.

**Please note:** The Pool Tower porch will be unavailable for use from Aug. 4 through Aug. 16 to allow Grounds Committee volunteers to apply a protective coating to the newly reconstructed deck, stairs and railing. The extra days are required to allow the paint and stain to cure prior to reinstalling the tables.

**We need you:** Many jobs are available for volunteers. If you can help with grounds work, call me at 913-894-0154. See a common area that needs attention? Please contact [GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net).

## Enliven your exterior

*Whether you're looking to live in your home for years to come or preparing to sell, take a moment to consider your curb appeal, meaning the general attractiveness of your home and yard. Both contracted projects and do-it-yourself improvements can bring great personal joy and pride to your family or quickly catch a potential buyer's eye. They also raise the desirability level of Northwood Trails in real estate circles. A few ideas that could work for you from [home-stretch.com](http://home-stretch.com):*

- ❖ Cultivate a green lawn (fertilize, mow, trim/edge and remove grass clippings)
- ❖ Add fresh paint and new hardware to the front door (or replace the entire door if it looks worn)
- ❖ Wash windows; power wash the home's exterior
- ❖ Install attractive and rust-proof fencing
- ❖ Position floral accents on the front porch
- ❖ Add a welcome mat or replace a garage door
- ❖ Replace/repair a cracked driveway
- ❖ Install functional and attractive outdoor lighting
- ❖ Remove weeds from flower beds and add mulch

## Notes From Your Board President

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Sick of the road work on Ridgeview yet? Join the club!



As for the neighborhood, the Northwood Trails community remains as active as ever, and a big thanks to all our volunteers for sacrificing their time and doing their best to make sure NWT is a fun, family-friendly place for all of us to enjoy the summer months.

As an update, the NWT Declaration of Restrictions amendment limiting LLC ownership has crossed the 100 signatures mark. About 300 are needed to pass.

We are offering the 15 minutes prior to our monthly board meetings as an opportunity to either pick up a copy of the amendment to review for yourself and/or get it notarized by a board member. Our upcoming monthly Board meetings are set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 9 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 at Grace UMC across Ridgeview Road from Northwood Trails.

As a reminder, every neighbor is invited to our monthly board meetings. The first 30 minutes are available for neighbors to ask questions, relay concerns, report problems or offer solutions.

Social media can be a valuable tool, but in-person interactions are always the best way to come to reasonable conclusions amongst neighbors.

## Architectural update Andrew Goggin

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Summer is here! Your exterior home improvements keep Northwood Trails beautiful, fill us with pride as we walk the trails and maximize property values. A reminder: our bylaws require you to seek approval from the Architectural Review committee before making exterior home and landscape changes. View your deed restrictions at [eNeighbors > Documents > Architectural Guidelines](#), grab the form there, fill it out and email it to the address above.

This month's deed restriction refresher is No. 9 on the matter of awnings, deck or patio coverings: "Any window or door awnings, lattices or coverings, clothes lines, stove pipes, exhaust flues, chimneys or any other additions, modifications, alterations or improvements to the grounds or exterior portions of any dwelling shall be prohibited unless prior written consent is obtained."



## Pond Committee News *Matt Noltemeyer* [MattNoltemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:MattNoltemeyer@gmail.com)

### Summertime, and the livin' is easy.

That Gershwin lyric pretty well sums up the atmosphere around your



neighborhood water feature these past few weeks. There is plenty of summer left, so come on down for fish feeding fun (25¢ for a generous handful),

exercise for humans and canines alike, or bring a remote-controlled boat or fishing pole if it pleases you.

Plenty of fish were biting the morning of June 15 during the annual Northwood Trails Father's Day Fishing Derby. The success of that event is directly thanks to organizers Kirby Demott and Jim Buehler plus the numerous volunteers who set up, cleaned



Event organizers Kirby Demott and Jim Buehler present the prizes during the June 15 Derby. At right, two young fishermen bring catches in for measuring.

*Photos by Tom Harrington*

up, sliced watermelon, and led art, gaming, and disc golf stations.

The pond was nearly algae-free on Derby day thanks to recent treatments by Pat Madden and Max Mueller. Max took the initiative to

have some algae tested to ensure it wasn't the type dangerous to people and pets. Our sample was negative, but the pond professional suggested pets be kept away from all algae to be on the safe side.



### NWT OFFICIAL

- Board communication, calendar, directory, bulletin board, classifieds: [eNeighbors.com](http://eNeighbors.com)



### NWT SOCIAL

- Community-run forum: Facebook "Northwood Trails - KS"
- Classified advertising: Facebook "Northwood Trails Buy, Sell, Trade"