



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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Architectural update *Andrew Goggin* architecturalcommittee@nwthoa.onmicrosoft.com

Warm spring weather offers the chance to tackle home maintenance projects and the opportunity to freshen your exterior and landscape. A little upkeep goes a long way in preserving the beauty and value of our community!

Home maintenance tips to consider

NWT *Roof and gutters:* Check for missing or damaged shingles. Gutter clean-outs prevent drainage issues.

NWT *Fencing and siding:* Check fences for loose or damaged boards and make any necessary repairs. Power wash siding to remove dirt and mildew buildup. If your fence backs up to a trail, be sure to clear away any leaves or debris, as they can trap moisture and accelerate wood deterioration.



NWT *Landscaping:* Trim overgrown trees and shrubs. Replace any dead plants. Add fresh mulch to beds.

NWT *Driveways and walkways:* Enhance curb appeal and prevent trip hazards by repairing concrete or pavers.

A friendly deed restriction reminder

All exterior modifications, fences, siding, decks and other structural additions must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee before work begins. This ensures all improvements align with our community's guidelines and maintain property values. Please submit a request for project approval to avoid any potential violations. Thank you for your attention to these important matters, and for helping keep our neighborhood a beautiful and welcoming place to call home. Email any time with any questions or concerns.

Pond Committee News *Matt Noltemeyer* • MattNoltemeyer@gmail.com

Your neighborhood pond shifted into serene mode during two recent deep freeze periods (with a brief respite in between seen in the slushy photo at right). Temperatures climbed sharply again Feb. 24. Will this winter see any more snow days with temps low enough to freeze the pond? Mixed projections find the Almanac a 'no' but the Groundhog a solid 'yes.'



Pond Committee is planning for the 2025 pond season and intends to coax the aerator fountains out of winter dormancy in mid-April just before Easter on April 20.

To ward off filamentous algae and pondweeds, Pond Committee has engaged Paola-based Aquatic Ecosystem Consultants for 14 pond treatments April to October aboard their own watercraft. The committee itself has performed these tasks for many years. But in light of a shift in membership and loss of our pond-adjacent chemical storage depot, we explored bids for treatment and found one reasonable and within our existing budget. Thanks to Keith Read and Max Mueller for managing both the bid process and the transition.



A young bicycle enthusiast cruises past an icy pond toward the Rick Funk Bench on Feb. 2. Thank you, NWT parents, for getting the word out about ice danger. Pond Committee noted only one ice-walking incident this winter. For our safety-conscious committee, that's still one too many, but it's fewer than in recent years.

Social Committee News *Jess Perry • jessperry805@gmail.com*

Join the fun: Be a part of the Social Committee!

Hello, fabulous neighbors!

Your Social Committee is back and ready to bring the magic to



our wonderful community in 2025! From egg hunts to summer celebrations, movie nights to Santa visits, we make sure our neighborhood isn't

just a place to live — it's a place to belong.

But here's the tea — we need YOU! That's right, our committee is looking for fun, friendly, and fabulous neighbors to join in the party-planning action.

What's it like to be on the Social Committee?

It's easy, rewarding, and honestly, a lot of fun! No, you don't have to sign your life away—just lend a hand where you can.

Here's what to expect:

NWT Meetings? Minimal! We meet once a month (first Wednesday), but we know life is busy, so we send out recap notes—you can even participate asynchronously.

NWT Help when you can! Set up, clean up, or host an event—whatever fits your schedule.

NWT Chair an event (if you dare!) This just means handling shopping and recruiting volunteers. Bonus?

2025 EVENT LINEUP

Easter Egg Hunt (April 19)	The Easter Bunny is making an appearance, and the egg hunt is on!
Spring Garage Sale (May 2-3)	Sell your treasures or donate what's left!
Summer Kick-Off (May 24)	Hot dogs, watermelon, and poolside vibes!
Father's Day Fishing Derby (June 14)	Reel in some fun and prizes at the pond!
Bike Parade and Touch A Truck (July 5)	New for 2025! Ice cream, first responders, and bike safety fun!
Thursday Night Food Trucks	(All Summer Long) – Support local businesses & enjoy great eats.
Family Movie Nights	(Sept, Oct, Nov) – Bring blankets, we've got the popcorn!
Fall BBQ Bash	(Date TBA in October) – Good food, good company, good times!
Cookies with Santa (Dec. 6)	Santa is stopping by for treats & letters! Santa's mailbox will be available throughout late Nov.-Dec.

You get to put your own spin on it!

NWT Make a difference! Our events bring neighbors together, create memories, and make this community feel like home.

NWT We need you! Whether you love planning, decorating, grilling, or just bringing positive vibes, we'd

love to have you. Join us, make friends, and be part of something special.

Interested? Have questions? Ready to jump in? Contact us — we'd love to have you!

Let's make this year the best yet for Northwood Trails!



NWT OFFICIAL

• Board communication, calendar, directory, bulletin board, classifieds: eNeighbors.com



NWT SOCIAL

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

Notes From Your Board President *Pete Mundo • peterfmundo@gmail.com*

I'm sure we are all more than ready to say goodbye to this winter. Now onto spring, where we will have great events you will see in this newsletter and on eNeighbors from our Social Committee team.



Just a reminder: Get those dues payments in by the deadline of April 30 or there will be a late fee applied. Dues did not increase this year as we work hard to keep our budget in check, and a lot of that is possible thanks to our countless volunteers across all our committees. Feel free to email any of the committee chairs, as the help is always welcomed.

Our next opportunity where you may sign, if you so

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Jennifer Geller 11445 Northwood Circle

choose, our petition to limit LLC purchases of homes in Northwood Trails will be at the Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. April 19 on the neighborhood property adjacent to Northwood Trails Access Park. We will have forms for you to fill out and a notary available. **Note: To do so, you will need to present a photo ID** of each homeowner listed in ownership documents to get the form notarized.

As always, if you are interested in helping on this initiative, please email me: peterfmundo@gmail.com.

Grounds Committee News *Gerry Buehler • GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net*

As I write this, we have ice and snow all over the place! But with warm weather soon to come, more neighbors will be traversing our trails. Be sure to check, frequently, that the trail running along your property is clear of leaves, sticks and weeds.

Do you have a couple extra hours per month to help with planning and/or caring for the common

areas in Northwood Trails? We can use your help. Our Grounds Committee meets monthly on the third Monday evening to address necessary maintenance of all 16 areas.

Contact Gerry at GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net. or 913-894-0154.



Trails Supervisor's Update *Mark Sunderson • masun200@gmail.com*

Spring is approaching, and that means we are gearing up for trail maintenance and repairs. This year our trail budget was increased slightly to \$75,000; last year's trail budget was \$70,000.



Maintenance last year included more seal coating than we have typically done in the past. Our hope in seal coating is that we will get a longer trail life for fewer dollars.

Our neighborhood has approximately 4.5 miles of walking trails. Last year, we seal coated 2,035 linear feet (about 0.39 mi) of trails, and installed asphalt on a separate 1,260 linear feet (0.24 miles). As all of you walkers know, we seem to be losing ground on trail maintenance. This year will require more involved (and expensive) repairs to areas that have been damaged by ground water and poor drainage.

We can all help to make our trails last longer, which helps control our annual dues and maintains our property values. Please check any trails adjacent to your home and clean up any clumps of leaves or mud; moisture is an enemy of asphalt paving. Also, pay attention to shrubbery overgrowth or overhanging limbs. It is the responsibility of all homeowners to keep the trails accessible and safe; if you don't trim your limbs, someone else may, and you might not be happy with the results!

Please do not throw clippings or cuttings in an area adjacent to the trails, even if the other side of the trail is a "natural" area. Besides being an eyesore, these discards take a long time to decompose and provide a haven to critters and weeds that we would rather not have so close to homes. Also, it never hurts to pick up a little litter if you see it around the neighborhood.

Pool Committee News

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Pool Committee is gearing up for a relaxing, safe, fun-filled summer. The human resources subcommittee is ready to receive applications for lead pool attendant and attendant positions. **All applications will be received through Indeed.** Scan the QR code to apply. Pay starts at \$8 an hour for a fun-in-the-sun job.



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



A quick reminder that we are always welcoming neighbors looking to volunteer time and ideas to become new members of our fun subcommittee!

We will be adding a few new chaise lounge sun chairs to the pool deck.

Pool Committee's goal is to provide a fun and safe environment for all residents to enjoy.

From The Treasurer

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Just a reminder that your Northwood Trails Homes Association membership payments are due in full by the new deadline of April 30, 2025. Dues were unchanged for 2025.



Late fees will be added as of May 1. As a new season approaches, let this serve as a reminder that your dues go toward all the maintenance and operations of the the common areas and amenities of Northwood Trails.

The community amenities are intended for use only by members in good standing (MIGS). Please allow time for processing to be in good standing for timely use of the pool, for example.

Homeowners may set up an account online at the website of our neighborhood administrator, Homes Associations of Kansas City, HA-KC.org, and pay with a credit card or debit card.