



# NORTHWOOD TRAILS

## Newsletter

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

Tulips are in full bloom and spring has sprung here in Northwood Trails! Summer annuals will be planted after the tulips are finished showing off.



Do you see a spot in our common area that needs attention? Contact me: [GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net) or call 913-894-0154.

The 117th entrance is still under construction. As often happens, each step has been delayed, but it will be completed soon with the end result a point of pride for neighbors entering and exiting and offering a warm welcome to our guests.

Trail work was completed in April. Replaced sections included a spur from the pond vicinity to Northwood Circle, a western section between 116th and 117th streets, a connector between South Skyview Lane and the Gary Haller Trail and a stretch between 117th Street and the Johnson County government campus.

Mark Sunderson and I planted two variegated cone boxwoods near the

Pool Tower porch. Bob Gamache removed naughty words from a porch tabletop. Regina and Tony Wittman cleaned out a squirrel's nest.

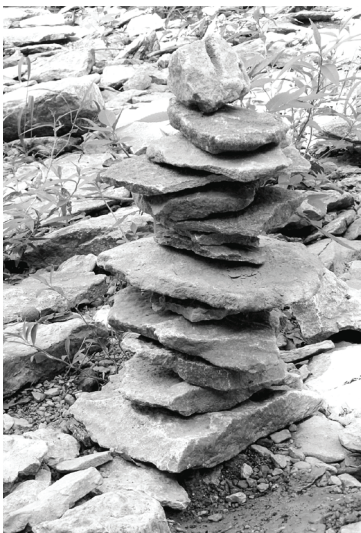


Thank you to our chainsaw gang — from left, Dimitry Domnin, Andrew Goggin, Bryan Kelling, Jim Buehler and Tony Wittman — for convening March 24 and clearing the logjams that had developed in the creek below the pond drain.

### WE NEED HELP!

Our committee is small (but mighty). There are always more tasks on our to-do list than we are able to do. Tasks such as picking up sticks, spraying porch rafters with rodent deterrent, moving plants and watering trees and shrubs. We meet once per month, but if you aren't able to commit to a monthly meeting, perhaps you would like to be added to our "helping hands" list. Let me know if you can do an occasional task.

Common area irrigation sprinklers are operating in various zones from 2 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Should you see one running outside this time period or pointing in the wrong direction, please call me.



### CREEK FUN

Our neighborhood pathway along Mill Creek offers a stroll in serenity, relaxation and plenty of nature to discover:

- Wade in the creek.
- Skip rocks.
- Stack rock towers.
- Search for frogs, fish, snakes.
- Relax on the bench.

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

Spring is here! The NWT Social Committee is jazzed and getting a jump on the year's festivities! We hit the social year running by stuffing more than 1,800 eggs by hand for the little ones to find



on April 19 at our local access park, across from the playground.

Rolling along through spring, we plan to hold our annual summer

kick-off on May 24 to celebrate the opening of our local beat-the-heat spot with some bratwursts and watermelon!

Beginning June 5, we've got a summer food truck lineup that's going make your Thursday afternoon meal plan easy. Grab a drink and a meal and support local small businesses coming to our neighborhood to bring the magic of summer to us! Check out the

SCHEDULE			
SUMMER FOOD TRUCKS THURSDAYS 4-7 PM			
JUNE 05	451 PIZZA + BRAINFREEZE DAIQUIRI	JULY 10	BEE RAE'S + BRAINFREEZE DAIQUIRI
JUNE 12	PAULA'S CUISINE	JULY 17	GOCHEW
JUNE 19	KANSAS CITY SMOKED & TIPSYS TAVERN	JULY 24	FON'Z CARNE ASADA & PHILLY'S + TIPSYS TAVERN
JUNE 26	SWEET AND SAVORY DELITES + BRAINFREEZE DAIQUIRI	JULY 31	615 ON WHEELS + TIPSYS TAVERN
AUG 07	KANSAS CITY SMOKED + BRAINFREEZE DAIQUIRI	AUG 14	PAULA'S CUISINE
AUG 21	GOCHEW	AUG 28	BEE RAE'S

schedule but please keep in mind these may be subject to change.

This year, Social Committee will roll out a new event for Saturday, July 5: the Great American Bike Parade. Wear your finest red, white and blues and deck out your bike, trike or scooter to join in the parade that will end at the Pool Tower where we will have some first responders available for a Touch-a-Truck and

bike safety checks.

Next we'll have our annual fishing derby near Father's Day at our gorgeous pond where the littles can compete for various prizes.

Come out and volunteer to help set up, clean up, etc., and if you're interested in joining the social committee, reach out to be part of the neighborhood magic!



### 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"

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

The Northwood Trails Pond is ready for spring and summer enjoyment with your family and guests.

Early morning exercisers will find a serene pondscape as the sun comes up and have a good chance of seeing a heron. At mid-morning, the twin aerator fountains burst to life for visual appeal that helps oxygenate the pond in concert with our three bubblers.

By mid-day, if the weather is warm, fish will gather near the dock at any sign of a potential feeding. Your kids or grandkids will have a blast with 25¢ per generous handful of feed from our feeder on the dock. In the late afternoon, you're likely to spot a turtle or two sunning on rocks by the shore. Each night around 10 p.m., the aerators clock out and stillness returns in an instant. It

won't be long before the frogs' ribbits will become common.

The aerators are tuned up and running well thanks to Keith Read. His annual preventative maintenance extends their life and cuts down on repair trips on the boat. Keith and Max Mueller have been out taking care of various tasks, including diagnosis and repair of the cable powering the dock lights after finding a critter had gnawed on it.

Aquatic Ecosystem Consultants have been out a few times to treat the pond with inputs to control algae and clarify the water in the pond.

Join us pondside June 14 for the annual Fishing Derby!





## Architectural update *Andrew Goggin*

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As the vibrant hues of spring transition into the golden warmth of summer, it's the perfect time to refresh and rejuvenate our homes and surroundings.



Northwood Trails residents take pride in maintaining a beautiful and welcoming neighborhood, and that begins with the care we put into our homes.

Here are some simple yet impactful ways to enhance your home's curb appeal and functionality:

**NWT Freshen up your landscaping:** Winter can be tough on yards, so now is the time to trim overgrown shrubs, add fresh mulch, and plant seasonal flowers. Consider drought-resistant plants for low-maintenance beauty.

**NWT Inspect and clean gutters:** Spring rains and summer storms can put stress on your gutters. Clearing debris and ensuring proper drainage will help prevent water damage and keep your home looking well maintained.

**NWT Refresh your patio and deck:** Outdoor spaces are the heart of summer hangouts. Sweep, wash and reseal decks as needed, and add cozy seating or decorative lighting to create a welcoming outdoor retreat.

**NWT Check roofing and siding:** Inspect your roof for any signs of wear and tear. Addressing minor issues now can prevent major repairs later, ensuring your home stays safe and sound through the changing seasons.

We appreciate your dedication to maintaining the charm and structure of our beloved neighborhood. Here's to a season of sunshine, new projects, and continued pride in our community!

### **This month's Deed Refresher: No. 6, 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. No other metal, chain link or other similar fences shall be permitted. No dog or animal pens or runs of any kind shall be permitted. Fences shall not be erected in the front or side yards of the dwellings and shall not be placed farther toward the front of the dwelling than a straight line extended from the rear building line of said dwelling. Any decorative or privacy fence for a side entrance or patio which extends forward of the rear building line shall not be constructed without prior written approval.

*Find the deed restrictions and the architectural review request form in the documents section of eNeighbors.*

## Pool Committee News

*Susie Kelling • susiekelling@yahoo.com*



Fun in the sun is just around the corner and Pool Committee is hard at work on a fabulous season!

Three new staffers have been hired and the returning leads and attendants will join them for a staff orientation and training in time

for our grand opening and summer kickoff bash Memorial Day weekend!

New pool heaters have been installed. Sunbathers will find the chaise lounge chairs in disrepair have been replaced. A dozen umbrella-shaded tables with chairs will return for those enjoying a family meal or catching up on some emails using the pool's wi-fi connection. The tables will include the food truck schedule! We hope to bring back the fun with monthly adult and kid-first movie nights.

Make certain your dues are paid to activate your Splash Pass to a relaxing, safe and fun family-friendly environment at your neighborhood pool!

## Board President Notes

*Pete Mundo • peterfmundo@gmail.com*

For those looking for an update on the ongoing petition to limit LLC purchases of homes in Northwood Trails, we are about 40% of the way



there. But that means we still need 150+ homeowners to sign this to reach the required goal of 2/3 of the neighborhood. We are offering our time next at the Summer Kickoff on Saturday, May 24. A reminder: You need a photo ID for each homeowner listed in the ownership

documents to get this form notarized.

The initiative has slowed down since we began the process nearly 18 months ago. The only goal is to preserve home values in Northwood Trails. But we can't get there without you.

If you agree with the amendment and have yet to sign, reach out directly on how to get the form and have it notarized. Also, if you're open to helping, please e-mail me: [peterfmundo@gmail.com](mailto:peterfmundo@gmail.com).

## Welcome, New Neighbors!

**William & Trinity Hartnell**  
18403 West 114th Terrace

**Lorenzo & Casey Prohaska  
& Jordi Vila Hernandez**  
11470 South Millview Road

**Elias Villalobos  
& Heather Springer**  
18590 West 117th Street

**Sabrina & Sheri Meiklejohn**  
18922 West 117th Street

**Jered Shaw  
& Sara Peterson**  
18401 West 114th Street

## Yards of the Month *nwtlawnaward@yahoo.com*

Northwood Trails, nominate your neighbors by the 15th of each month (May through September) for yard of the month. If more than three neighbors are nominated, a spin wheel will help choose winners. Send an address and a couple sentences of description to the email above! Your May honorees:



**Congratulations Swift Family, 11427 S Millview Drive!** Neighbors say the Swifts maintain a manicured lawn with vibrant plantings, generously sharing to enhance the community pond and create a welcoming space.

**Congratulations Patton Family, 18810 W 116th Street!** Neighbors say the Pattons created a berm to reduce erosion, keep a manicured lawn and tend plantings that reflect environmental care and Northwood Trails pride.



**Congratulations Harris Family, 18981 W 118th Street!** Neighbors say the Harrises designed a functional, scenic lawn with a drainage feature, rock garden and lush grass, enhancing charm on the NWT trail.

