



# NORTHWOOD TRAILS

## Newsletter

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

As summer winds down, our pool season is coming to an end.

We hope you've all had a wonderful year so far and enjoyed making memories with family and friends at the pool.

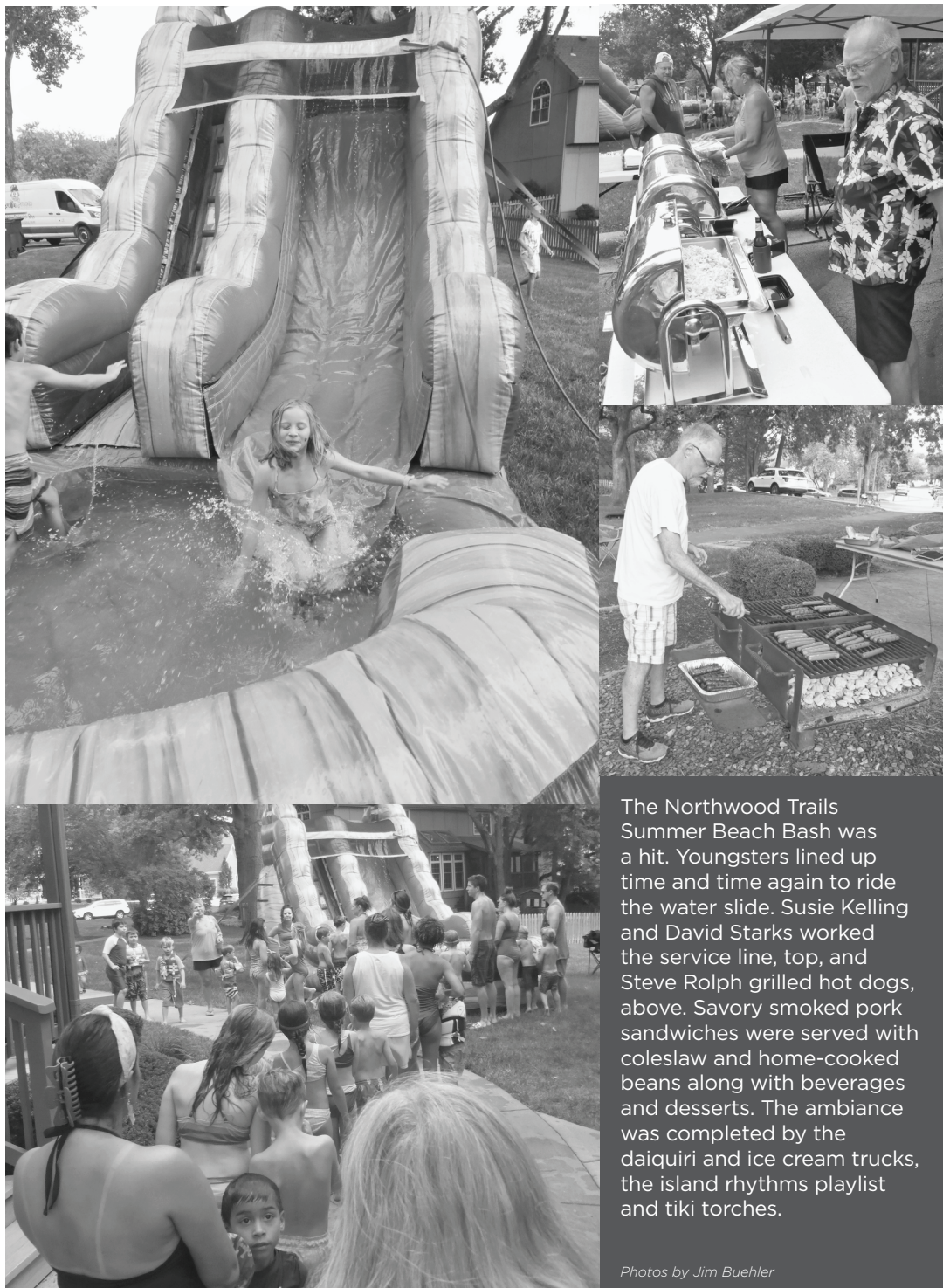


We especially want to thank everyone who

joined us for our final big event of the season, the Northwood Trails Summer Beach Bash. It was such a joy to see our community come together, share laughs and celebrate summer in style.

A special thank you goes out to our amazing Grill Masters, Geoff Marian, Nate Fehl, David Starks, Bryan Kelling and Steve Rolph, whose hard work and delicious food made the day even more enjoyable. We truly appreciate your time, effort and dedication.

Thank you all for making this pool season a great one—we can't wait to see you back next year!



The Northwood Trails Summer Beach Bash was a hit. Youngsters lined up time and time again to ride the water slide. Susie Kelling and David Starks worked the service line, top, and Steve Rolph grilled hot dogs, above. Savory smoked pork sandwiches were served with coleslaw and home-cooked beans along with beverages and desserts. The ambiance was completed by the daiquiri and ice cream trucks, the island rhythms playlist and tiki torches.

*Photos by Jim Buehler*

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

A strong community starts with simple acts of neighborliness. Being a good neighbor means showing respect, offering help when needed, and maintaining a positive attitude in our shared spaces. Whether it's lending a tool, keeping noise to a minimum or just saying hello, these small gestures create a welcoming and supportive environment for everyone. Let's continue to build a neighborhood where kindness, cooperation, and mutual respect are the foundation of our daily interactions.



## Welcome to our new neighbors!

<b>Cory Green &amp; Katherine Lockee</b> 11546 Northwood Drive	<b>Blake &amp; Hailey Nearmyer</b> 11585 South Brentwood
<b>Joshua Clough</b> 11408 South Hunter Drive	<b>Richard &amp; Lluvia Gross</b> 11580 South Skyview Lane
<b>Pablo Plado Pantaiunan Jr. &amp; Berenice Martinez -Moreno</b> 11861 South Skyview Lane	<b>Donavan &amp; Monica Hernandez</b> 18970 West 115th Terrace
	<b>Jessica Perry</b> 19011 West 117th Terrace

## Grounds Committee News

*Gerry Buehler • GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net*

These are a few of the jobs that our Grounds Committee members completed this month:

**Steve Karasek** upgraded entrance lights.

**Chelsea Bird** sprayed the trail behind 118th Street and South Skyview Lane, again, annihilating the poison ivy. She also sprayed the asphalt weeds and a foot back on each side of the trail and removed several branches from the trail.



**Tony Wittman and Mark Sunderson** trimmed branches

partially blocking the trail at the southwest corner of the pond and moved them to the pool parking lot for pick-up.

**Regina Wittman** arranged for five dead trees and their fallen branches to be removed on Aug. 20.

**Bob Gamache** mounted safety cones on the trail southwest of the pond. The city will replace a collapsing conduit that is beneath the trail.

**Chuck Nigro** continues to refill doggie poop bags. (Northwood Trails goes through 4,000 per year!)

**Gerry Buehler** purchased a new volleyball net.

**Mark Sunderson and Gerry Buehler** collected bids for a new basketball court. This will be discussed Nov. 11 at the Homes Association of Northwood Trails annual meeting at Grace UMC.

Volunteers are always needed; Contact me for more information: [GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:GerryBuehler@sbcglobal.net).

## Treasurer's notes *bryan\_kelling@hotmail.com*

The 2026 budget process begins with our committees in September, goes for Board approval in October and will be presented Nov. 11 at the association's annual



meeting. Now is the time to talk about things we need to add or fix in the neighborhood. Bring your ideas and let's have a conversation. If you want to be part of the process, reach out to the committee chairs to give them your ideas or concerns.

After that, follow up with those committees to see if your idea is a neighborhood priority or what it will take for this to come to fruition. The NWT Board and committees strive for community buy-in. The time to ask questions is before the budget process starts, not after. Please consider being part of the process.

## Architectural update •

*architecturalcommittee@nwthoa.onmicrosoft.com*

Greetings from your small but dedicated architecture review committee. Are you planning improvements on the exterior of your home or on your property, such as such as fencing, roofing, decking or an addition? Before work begins, submit a request for review to the Northwood Trails Architecture Review Committee. This process helps maintain the aesthetic and structural integrity of our neighborhood, ensuring that all changes align with community guidelines. The Committee and the review process are required by our neighborhood bylaws. Submitting your plans avoids potential issues and keeps our neighborhood looking its best. E-mail us with questions or to join the volunteer committee. Thank you for preserving NWT's beauty and harmony!



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

This summer, our neighborhood came together in the best way possible at our Northwood Trails Summer Beach Bash on Aug. 9 at the pool! We had an amazing



turnout, delicious food grilled and served by our very own neighbors, and a cozy outdoor movie night featuring “Lilo & Stitch.” A

huge thank you goes out to Geoff, Kersten, and Melanie for rolling up their sleeves and helping make the evening such a success. Nights like these remind us that our neighborhood is more than just a collection of houses, it's a place where friendships grow, roots take hold, and families come together.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce our Fall BBQ Competition! Neighbors will go head to head for bragging rights and titles such as Best Dessert, Best Beef and Best Pork. The date is still to be determined (don't worry, we'll make sure it doesn't



A water slide proved to be a hit with young neighbors at the Northwood Trails Beach Bash.

land on a Chiefs game day!). We'll need plenty of hands to pull it off. Volunteers are needed for setup, cleanup, counting votes, and of course, bringing sides and desserts to share.

After that, we'll keep the fun rolling into the holidays with our beloved Cookies with Santa event. Santa himself will be visiting for

photos and cookies. Beginning in November, we'll have our special letterbox set up so kids can drop off their letters to the North Pole. Please include a self-addressed return envelope so we can make sure Santa's secretary can get back to our young neighbors pronto! It's also helpful to put it in a sandwich bag just in case it rains!

Finally, a heartfelt reminder: all of our neighborhood committees need your help. It doesn't take much time — just lending a hand here and there — but it makes a world of difference. Without volunteers, we'll eventually have to hire outside management, which means higher dues and less control over the community we all love. Getting involved ensures our neighborhood stays the unique, welcoming, family-centered place that makes us lucky to call it home.

If you'd like to help, even in small ways, please reach out—we'd love to chat! Together, we can keep building the kind of neighborhood we're all proud to be a part of.

## Notes from your Board President *Pete Mundo • peterfmundo@gmail.com*

As the summer months wind down, please be overly cautious driving



on our streets. With lots of residents and kids out and about, please take precaution, and remind young drivers to take it

slow on our busier streets: 114th, 116th and 117th; and

Northwood Drive.

At the Summer Kickoff, we had a successful turnout of neighbors interested in trying to dissuade LLCs from purchasing homes in Northwood Trails. A couple dozen homeowners showed up with their driver's licenses and signed their forms to be notarized. I also appreciate those of you coming forth with ideas on how

to expedite this process. If you're someone interested in helping gather signatures, and especially if you are a notary and have some time to spare (as much or as little as you choose), email me at the above address. We will announce our next mass signature drive on eNeighbors and Facebook when we find the right time to reach the most homeowners.



**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”

## Yards of the Month

*For 2026, send an address & description, photo to [nwtlawnaward@yahoo.com](mailto:nwtlawnaward@yahoo.com).*

### August winners



**Congratulations Jacobs Family, 11429 S Hunter Drive!** Neighbors say this beautifully maintained yard features a lush, vibrant lawn and a thoughtfully arranged garden bed that wraps around a mature tree. The stone-edged border highlights a mix of blooming hydrangeas and colorful accent flowers, creating a charming and polished entryway. A standout example of curb appeal done right!

**Congratulations Schiefelbein Family, 18965 W. 116th Street!** A welcoming front entry is framed by a vibrant mix of potted flowers and neat shrubbery, creating a cheerful and inviting atmosphere. The manicured lawn and tiered stonework add structure and elegance to this home's charming curb appeal. It's a perfect blend of color, care, and creativity.



**Congratulations Knight Family, 18743 W. 117th Street!** Neighbors say this vibrant landscape bursts with color from a sweeping bed of seasonal blooms surrounding the home, anchored by sculpted shrubs and towering hydrangeas. The mix of textures and heights draws the eye across the entire front yard, perfectly complementing the home's brick and wood exterior. A lush lawn ties it all together for a picture-perfect presentation.