



NORTHWOOD TRAILS

Newsletter

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NWT CALENDAR FOR FALL 2026

7 p.m. Sept. 8 & Oct. 13

*Monthly Board meetings at
Grace UMC across from NWT*

4:30 p.m. Sept. 19

*Social and Pool committees
team up for BBQ at NWT:
New yard games, an inflatable
slide for the kids and a nosh
with your neighbors at a
5 p.m. meal by our very own
Hogs and Kisses! Bring a
chair, a dessert to share and
funds for the bar truck.*

6:30 p.m. Sept. 23 & Oct. 28

*Pond Management meetings:
All are welcome at Keith's
firepit, northeast pond corner.*

7 p.m. Oct. 6 & Nov. 3

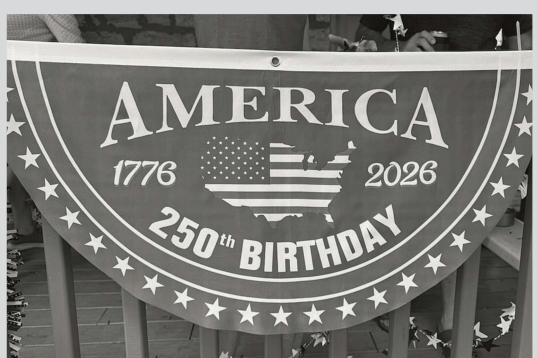
*Social Committee meetings: A
casual hang with tunes, wine
and event planning. All are
welcome at 19011 W. 117th Ter.*

6:30 p.m. Oct. 17

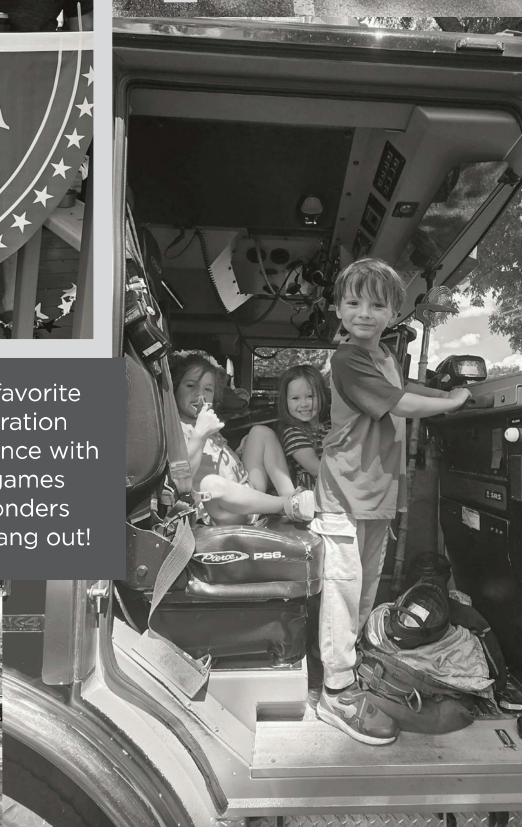
*NWT Trick or Treat Trail:
Check in at the dock for your
treat bag, mini flashlight, and
glow-in-the-dark necklace,
and then collect your goodies
around the pond and through
the Fairy Garden!*

7 p.m. Nov. 10

*Annual Homeowners
meeting: 2026 highlights,
new Board members, budget
presentations for 2026, 2027.*



Neighbors turned out to the annual favorite Great American Bike Parade in celebration of 250 years of American independence with patriotic cycling, a food truck, yard games and novelty fireworks. The first responders brought the rig for a lengthy NWT hang out!



Board President's Notes *Pete Mundo • peterfmundo@gmail.com*



As 2026 continues to fly by, your volunteer Board of Directors of the Homes Association of Northwood Trails is already looking ahead to 2027. We're seeking neighbors who may be interested in getting more involved by serving on the Board.

We have several long-time Board members who will be stepping away after spending years giving back to our neighborhood, which means we'll have some important spots to fill for next year.

As many of you heard at last year's annual meeting, if we are unable to maintain enough homeowner volunteers to operate your Homes Association, one option would be turning more neighborhood

operations over to a management company. That is not our preferred direction, as it would likely mean significantly higher dues, additional layers of bureaucracy and less direct control for Northwood Trails homeowners.

Serving on the Board is also a relatively manageable commitment. We meet 11 times per year, in person, with meetings generally lasting 1 to 2 hours. All of our committees are also looking for help, with some meeting only a few times in person per year, and some only updating each other via e-mail, or on a per-need basis.

If you care about the amenities and culture of Northwood Trails and

would like to have a voice in its future, I hope you'll consider joining us in 2027.

And if you're interested but aren't ready to commit, or simply want to know more about what serving on the Board involves, please reach out to me directly at peterfmundo@gmail.com. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

The deadline to submit your name for consideration is the end of September.

Thank you for considering giving some of your time back to Northwood Trails!



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

Thoughts for consideration of your neighbors as we welcome autumn:

Being a responsible NWT pet owner

Our neighborhood is full of people who enjoy walking, jogging, and spending time outdoors. Many of us share those spaces with our dogs. Most pet owners are thoughtful and considerate, but recently we've received an increase in reports of dogs acting aggressively toward passersby, as well as ongoing issues with pet waste left on sidewalks, paths, common areas and neighbors' yards.

As a reminder, responsible pet ownership is essential to keeping our community safe, clean and enjoyable for everyone.

1. Dogs must be under control at all times. Olathe's leash and control requirements are very clear:

NWT Dogs must be on a leash no longer than eight feet when off the owner's property, unless in a designated off-leash dog park.

NWT Owners must be able to physically control a dog to prevent chasing, lunging or threatening behavior.

NWT Dogs that act aggressively or "molest or disturb persons by chasing, barking or biting" meet the city's definition of an animal nuisance and may be subject to enforcement. Even behind a fence, dogs that charge, snarl, or appear ready to bite can create fear and distress for neighbors walking by. Please ensure your dog is properly secured, supervised, and trained to behave safely around pedestrians.

2. Clean up after your dog — every time. Pet waste is more than a nuisance; it's a sanitation and health issue. Under Olathe's municipal code, an animal becomes a nuisance when it defecates on public property or private property not owned by the pet owner unless the waste is promptly removed. This includes: sidewalks, streets, trails and paths, common areas and neighbors' yards.

Leaving bagged waste along your route — even temporarily — still violates the ordinance and creates an eyesore for others. Please carry bags, dispose of them properly, and help keep our shared spaces clean.

3. Licensing and vaccination. City of Olathe requires licensing of all dogs (and cats) six months and older. Licensing helps ensure pets are vaccinated, identifiable

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Board vacancies a chance to bring ideas to the table

Our neighborhood depends on volunteers who help guide the HOA and support the community.

For the upcoming 2027-28 term, we will have two board vacancies and are looking for residents interested in serving.

Treasurer Position

One opening is for Treasurer, a role well suited for someone with:

 Accounting or bookkeeping experience;

 Strong organization and

communication skills;

 Comfortability presenting financial information to the community.

The Treasurer works closely with our management company, oversees financial records, and helps shape the annual budget.

General Board Vacancy

The second opening is available to any resident who wants to get involved. All board members are assigned to a position or

committee based on their strengths.

Interested?

If you'd like to learn more or be considered, please contact any Board member or send an email to the entire Board through eNeighbors. Serving on the HOA is a meaningful way to support the neighborhood and help maintain the high standards we all enjoy.

Recognition of Board members for the 2027-28 term will be at the annual meeting on Nov. 10.



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"

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and protected if an incident occurs. To obtain a license, owners must provide proof of current rabies vaccination and spay/neuter documentation (if applicable). License fees vary depending on whether the pet is spayed/neutered. Multi-year licenses are available. Pet licensing is a simple step that supports public safety and responsible ownership across the city.

4. A safe, respectful community starts with each of us

We love seeing neighbors out enjoying the trails, streets and common areas with their pets. By keeping dogs properly controlled, cleaning up after them, and maintaining required licensing, we protect our shared environment and maintain the friendly atmosphere that makes our community special.

If you have concerns about animal behavior or repeated violations, please contact Olathe Animal Control for guidance and assistance.

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Paul & Kelly Goldsmith

11573 S Brentwood Drive

Ying & Aron Koan

11541 South Brentwood Drive

Nick Kuchar & Katelyn Transue

11450 South Hunter Drive

Hunter & Jessica Lobdell

11510 South Millview Road

Jacob & Jamie Rzewnicki

18870 West 116th Street

David & Alyson Severson

11429 S Northwood Circle

Evan Shippee & Lauren Schaff

18966 West 117th Terrace

Kayla Zarek & Kelsey Chadd

18730 West 115th Terrace

Want to get involved with a group in our neighborhood?

Here are a few groups with contact addresses: **Bunco and Book Club:** Julie Pickerill, jpickerill61@gmail.com;

Dining Out: Jim Buehler, Jimbuehler@sbcglobal.net; **Ladies Lunch:** Gerry Buehler, Gerrybuehler@sbcglobal.net

Architectural Review committee update

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Thanks to every neighbor who has sent in requests for projects around their homes. Requests have included painting projects, wood rot fixes, siding replacement, roof replacements, fence installations and replacements and tree removals.

Several members of the Homes Association of Northwood Trails have asked what is needed before a project begins. Our small volunteer committee strives to reach out with that information as soon as possible and to direct homeowners to the eNeighbors website,

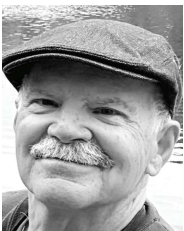
where the review request form, deed restrictions, an extensive list of approved roofing material and information about approved fence types may be found by clicking the documents tab and expanding the architectural guidelines section.

Homes Association members, please direct any questions to the committee's email address, architecturalcommittee@nwthoa.onmicrosoft.com.

As has been mentioned before, the guidelines and approval processes were established to help maintain the value of all homes in Northwood Trails.

Pond Management News *Keith Read keith.read@att.net*

Once again, I come to you asking for your help. Fall is just around the corner and that means lots of yard seeding, fertilization, mowing and leaf collection. A big section of our neighborhood's streets drain



directly to our pond. You can help cut down on unsightly algae issues (which we must control with chemicals) by simply blowing your grass clippings out

of the street and driveway back into the turf. Also, when possible, bag the leaves from the streets in front of your house. When you fertilize, make sure those stray granules are swept off streets and driveways so it doesn't flow toward the pond at the first rain. By helping with these few simple items, you all become honorary Pond Committee members. Mother Nature and I thank you for your help.

Algae is a problem for all ponds, especially those in subdivisions like ours. This summer's July and August heat waves again created an issue with plankton algae. We work with the treatment company to try to impact that algae, but this

plankton variety can bloom and cover nearly 70% of the pond in just two days, which happened at our pond. Then the temperature cooled into the mid-80s, and the chemicals from the previous treatment eliminated the algae in just two days without any additional chemicals or action on our part. If you see the pond covered in algae on one of your walks, please know that we monitor it daily, contact the treatment company when we see the blooms and will continue to adjust the treatment regimen.

Our search continues to find a dock repair or installation company to help with a future potential dock pier issue. We are searching for a company that can either add pilings or piers alongside the current cement piers or perhaps float the entire dock and add a hinged entryway. If you travel to nearby lakes for recreation and happen to know of or see companies that do that kind of work, reach out to me on eNeighbors or email me directly.

The pond is a special feature of NWT that most subdivisions do not have. I thank all of you for helping us keep it looking great.

From the Treasurer

Bryan Kelling

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It's budget season for your neighborhood Board. 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. Committees start the process in

September. The Board approves the budget in October. The budget is presented at the annual meeting in November. 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 be realized. 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.

Yards of the Month In 2027, send nominee address, description, photo to nwtlawnaward@yahoo.com.

July honorees



Congratulations Guensche Family, 11433 S. Northwood Circle! Representing the north side of Northwood Trails in the USA 250 edition of Yard of the Month. Neighbors say their home epitomizes the home of the free and the land of the brave! Bravo Guensche Family!

Congratulations Haarhuis Family, 18575 W. 116th Street!

Representing the central region of Northwood Trails in the USA 250 edition of Yard of the Month. Neighbors say the Haarhuis family's stately white house draped in red, white and blue is the ideal way to represent the semiquincentennial of the United States of America.



Congratulations Kocour Family, 11843 S. Skyview Lane!

Representing the southern section of Northwood Trails in the USA 250 edition of Yard of the Month. Neighbors say the Kocour property is a USA extravaganza!

August honorees



Congratulations Flom Family, 18720 W. 116th Street! Flower Power! Neighbors say: I love all the color in the Floms' yard! Beautiful flowers front, back and to the side!



Congratulations Fox Family, 18860 W. 117th Street!

Neighbors say: Beautiful flowers front and side to the delight of pedestrians on the trail and on the street. Thank you for brightening our days!

Congratulations Kelling Family, 11552 S. Northwood Drive!

Neighbors say: Canna lilies with a patriotic flair. Thank you for your beautiful displays!



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

As summer begins to wind down, the Pool Committee would like to take a moment to celebrate what has been an amazing and smooth pool season! We've



enjoyed seeing so many residents and families making the most of our neighborhood pool and creating great summer memories together.

Two of the highlights of the season have been our movie nights and adult swim nights, which have been both successful and well attended. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make these events such a success!

A huge thank you goes to our incredible pool leads and attendants. Their hard work, dedication and friendly presence throughout the summer have made such a difference. They have done a fantastic job keeping things running smoothly, welcoming residents, and helping make the pool a fun and enjoyable place for everyone. We truly appreciate all they have done!

End-of-Season Hours

Please keep the end-of-season pool hours in mind for the final weeks of the summer:

Sunday-Thursday: 10am-8pm

Friday-Saturday: 10am-10pm

We also want to thank all of our residents for helping make this such a successful season. Your cooperation with pool rules, consideration of your neighbors and support for our pool staff have helped everything run smoothly. It really does take a community effort, and we're grateful for everyone taking part in it.

We do not have an official pool closing date just yet, but residents can expect the pool to remain open after Labor Day. We'll share the confirmed closing date on eNeighbors when it is finalized. We look forward to seeing you back at the pool next season!