



NORTHWOOD TRAILS NEWSLETTER

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NEW NEIGHBORS

The following families have recently moved into Northwood Trails. If you are new to the neighborhood, and have not been listed here, please contact Julie Pickerill at 495-9514.

Brent Galloway
18406 West 114th Street

Carl and Renee Pace
1815 South Skyview Lane

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Julie Pickerill

Fall Garage Sale

Friday & Saturday, September 14th & 15th
(See attached Flier)

Fall Family Festival

Saturday, October 13th from 4-6pm

Mark your calendars this is going to be a great afternoon of fun

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 6th @ 7pm @ the home of Julie Pickerill (18520 W. 116th St)

POOL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Michele Bohnen

Well, by the time you receive this newsletter the 2007 pool season will be either in its final days or it will have ended. The pool committee would like to thank our crew this year; Tyler Re, Pool Manager and our pool attendants; Danielle Charpentier, Tommy Dyer, Nathan Fisher, Lauren Weddell and Hannah Williams. As with each season the first few weeks are hectic and produce challenges, but we believe our team persevered and did a fine job.

Next meeting is Thursday, September, 6th at 7 p.m. at my home, 18895 W. 116th St.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS

By Shay Kim

The Grounds Committee would really like to see more participation for 2008 and the remaining months of 2007. We have a really small committee and we have a lot of big decisions to make. Help out the neighborhood by joining us for one of our meetings or for all of them. Please contact me if you would like more information about our committee.

I would also like to put together a beautiful neighborhood contest. I think something along the lines of "lawn of the month". I am discussing this with Tru-Turf (our mowing company) to get their input and to find out if they would like to be on the panel of judges! I usually write about what we need to do in the neighborhood, at the entryways and in the common areas but never really talk about some of the really beautiful lawns we have. I am going to think about this for a few weeks, but would really like anyone with thoughts on this to share them with me. I think fall is a beautiful time of year and maybe the best time to start recognizing the beautiful lawns and landscapes we have!

POND COMMITTEE NEWS

By Kurt Wolfe

For those of you who like to swim in the pond, BEWARE, you never know what we keep in there.

" In The Pond" *via Henry S.*

An old farmer had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back, fixed up nice; picnic tables, horseshoe courts, basketball court, etc. The pond was properly shaped and fixed up for swimming when it was built.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer he saw it was a bunch of people skinny dipping in his pond. He made them aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end of the pond.

One of them shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!"

The old man replied, "I didn't come down here to watch you swim or make you get out of the pond naked."

"I only came to feed the alligator."

Moral: Old age and treachery will triumph over youth and inexperience.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

Last month ground was broken for the new County Emergency Communications Center on 118th Street and Ridgeview just South of Northwood Trails. The \$21 million, 41,000 square foot, 2 story building will handle the county's fire and emergency calls, the Johnson County Sheriff's Department dispatch unit, the Olathe Police Department dispatch unit (pending approval from the City Council) as well as dispatch units of many other city police departments.

The new building is expected to be completed late 2008.

The College Blvd. Construction Project, which will elevate a portion of College Blvd. between Ridgeview and Woodland, just North of Northwood Trails, over the west railroad tracks, is on schedule. The road is expected to be open to traffic in late December of this year, with the project completed in spring 2008.

This is a critical project for northwest Olathe addressing safety and traffic by eliminating the at-grade crossing over the railroad tracks.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Have you ever thought about being a member of the board? Ever wondered what it is that the board does? Well, the year is half over and it's nearly time again for board elections. There will be a few openings to fill for next year as well as several commit-

tee opportunities. If you're interested, know of someone else who may be interested, or just have a few questions, please email either Tim White (tim.white@comcast.net) or Sarah Bartley (jsbartley@comcast.net) for more information.

VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS WELCOME

Here's your chance to show off! Come join the fun! Enter your most beautiful garden specimen, or show off your creative talents with a floral arrangement in the 2007 Old Settlers Community Flower Show.

The Olathe Garden and Civic Club (78 years and going strong) will sponsor this event, September 7th and 8th at the 150th Old Settlers Celebration in downtown Olathe.

Contact Gerry Buehler for details: 913-894-0154.

THANK YOU

We received the following thank you for the canned food collected during the pool party:

Thank you so much for your donation to the Center of Grace Food Pantry. We were getting very low on food, and your donation truly is appreciated to help restock the shelves to serve so many in need. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity.

Shelly Petz, Site director

CONTACT US

Information about our homes association is available at www.northwoodtrails.org.

To contact the Northwood Trails Homes Association, write to Sarah Bartley, Secretary, 18971 W 118th St, Olathe, KS 66061, or send an e-mail to jsbartley@comcast.net or for the newsletter to nwtnews@comcast.net.