

Quarry Woods Homeowner's Association June-July 2026 Newsletter

Greetings Quarry Woods neighbors!

Happy 4th of July everyone! We hope you all get a chance to celebrate the holiday, relax, and enjoy family and friends. Once again there isn't a lot of new information to share in this newsletter, however the HOA Board would like to share some important reminders about upcoming events, city regulations, and state guidelines that affect our community.

Displaying Political Signs:

With another political election season upon us, it has come to the attention of the Quarry Woods HOA Board that we need to remind those residing in our neighborhood that freedom of speech protects our right to display signage supporting our choice of political candidates. And to respect this right of other neighborhood residents even when our political beliefs differ.

While our HOA covenants state that signage other than real estate-related signs are prohibited, there is some ambiguity as to whether HOAs can restrict this action when it comes to political signs and freedom of speech. A 2025 Minnesota law (M.S. 211B.045) implies that there can be no local municipal ordinances regulating political signs ("noncommercial" signs) starting 46 days before a primary election and ending 10 days after a general election. In 2026 that period is from June 26, 2026, to November 13, 2026.

City ordinance states that signs can be placed on private property "inside" of the public sidewalk, and not on the street / boulevard side of the sidewalk. Signs cannot be placed on public property, and the boulevard is considered city right-of-way.

Please note that removing or defacing a political sign in Minnesota is a crime when that sign is located on private property. Also note that there is a private property owner in our neighborhood (Granite Companies Inc.) that is NOT part of our HOA, and disturbing signage on their property is unlawful - it should be assumed that signage on that property has been authorized by the owner.

The Quarry Woods HOA Board wants to thank our neighbors in advance for respecting each other's differences and opinions, and also obeying the law

Walking Path Maintenance and Repairs:

Based on our discussions with Scott Zlotnik and Chris Zabinski from the City of Saint Cloud, it appears that the city is willing to do the repairs, which will save our HOA that cost. We are still waiting for confirmation of that decision.

Jim Dahl has once again volunteered to trim and clean up vegetation growth along the walking paths. He has done this for many years, so if you enjoy using the walking paths in our neighborhood, be sure and thank him. Jeremy Thompson will continue to mow the edges along the paths. Their efforts to keep the paths looking great are much appreciated!

Driveway Parking Regulations:

As a reminder, in St. Cloud, MN, commercial vehicles weighing over 6,000 pounds (or having a license plate decal greater than a "D") are prohibited from being parked in residential driveways. Vehicles exceeding 6,000 pounds, including semi-tractors and trailers cannot be parked in residential districts unless completely enclosed in a garage.

Wild Animal Encounters:

There has been a skunk sighting in several areas of our community during the day, which could mean that it is rabid. If you see it, don't approach it but call animal control at 320-650-3164. It has sprayed its defensive odor in several yards this summer.

Quarry Woods HOA Annual Picnic:

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our Quarry Woods Annual Summer Picnic.

Date: Tuesday August 4th, 2026 (National Night Out)

Time: 5:00 Social

5:30 Dinner (chicken dinner provided by Custom Catering by Short Stop)

Location: Hidden Lake Picnic Shelter

23215 43rd Avenue

St. Augusta, MN

The cost of the event is free and open to all Quarry Woods residents. **If planning on attending the picnic, please contact Bill and Janice Gans via email at jbgans22@gmail.com or call 320-253-3801 by July 18th with the number of people attending from your family.** We hope to have a good attendance again this year. We have several new families who have moved into our neighborhood, and this is a great way to meet and welcome them.

Motorized Vehicles on the Walking Paths:

Members of our community have recently noticed golf carts driving on the walking paths. Some of our neighbors have had close calls as the carts are going too fast and create an unsafe condition. Saint Cloud has an ordinance that prohibits the use of motorized vehicles on walking paths. If you see someone driving a golf cart or ATV on the walking paths, please stop them and inform them that they are not supposed to drive on the pathways.

Since the pathways are owned by the city, they have installed signs at the entrances to each of the walking paths. The signs include the rules that regulate the use of park property including the prohibition of motorized vehicles on the walking paths. We are still working to get a more direct sign stating "No Motorized Vehicles" for the split in the walking path off of Topaz Lane.

Quarry Woods HOA Board Nominations:

This coming January, there will be two Board members dropping off the current HOA Board of Directors. To keep Quarry Woods thriving, we rely on the dedication of resident volunteers to serve on the HOA Board of Directors. The Board typically meets once a month for approximately 2 hours, or as needed if there is an issue that needs to be addressed. The HOA Board consists of 5 members, and the work is shared among the group. The length of service for each member is three years. **Please consider volunteering to become a board member.** If interested, please contact Bev Host at denhos@msn.com.

Improving/Editing Quarry Woods Covenants and Bylaws:

If any of you have tried to read the electronic (or printed) version of Quarry Woods Declaration of Covenants you know the struggle. It's a PDF version that is blurry. The print is small and extremely hard to read. Murray Mack has been successful using AI to convert the Covenants into a Word document that is easier to use and read. The HOA Board will review the converted documents for accuracy. The ARC and Board are currently reviewing the Bylaws and Covenants to determine the need to make necessary updates or rewrite them to reflect modern standards. The original documents are over 20 years old with numerous additions and deletions. Any changes to the current Bylaws and/or Covenants will require review and approval by a quorum of HOA members. We will continue to keep the HOA abreast of developments in this area as the project proceeds.

Adopt-a-Drain Program:

For those new members of our community that may not know, the city offers an Adopt a Drain Program where you can sign up for and then monitor a drain or drains periodically cleaning out the debris. It is a great idea and, if interested, check it out at mn.adopt-a-drain.org. If you notice where a drain is not working properly, please contact the City of St. Cloud Stormwater Utility at 320-255-7226.

Neighborhood Watch:

St. Cloud's Crime Prevention Specialist Emily Voigt is our contact within the St. Cloud Police Department. Emily attended our annual meeting in January for a short, informative presentation. She left information packets about the program with us at that time. If you would like any of that information, please contact Mark Steigerwald at msteigerwald1@hotmail.com. **We are currently looking for someone to be our neighborhood block captain. If you are interested, please contact a board member or Emily directly. Her contact information is:** emily.voigt@ci.stcloud.mn.us

General Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Comments:

Please be aware that the ARC does not need to review general landscape plans that include plantings only. We are only concerned with permanent structural features such as retaining walls, gazebos, storage sheds, fences, and similar items. Please consider grading and clearance issues when installing landscaping.

Please be cognizant of Covenant restrictions on the parking of trailers and other such non-passenger vehicles in driveways and/or the street. The Covenants allow up to 48 hours of parking time for non-passenger vehicle parking. The Covenants also restrict the storage of firewood, wheelbarrows, etc. from being stored outdoors. Appropriate storage of other "equipment" such as sports equipment, hoses, bikes, etc. is also appreciated.

Murray can be reached at 320-249-1197 or via email at mamack9@charter.net. Thank you to all residents who reach out with questions or for project reviews. The ARC remains committed to interpreting and applying the covenants in a consistent, fair, and accurate manner.

Placement of Garbage/Refuse Containers:

This is just a reminder and informational piece for our new residents. Our Quarry Woods Covenant 6.12 reads:

*Trash, garbage, or other wastes shall be kept in sanitary containers. All equipment for storage or disposal of such materials shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition **and screened from public view.***

Please abide by the Quarry Woods Covenants out of respect for your fellow neighbors. City trash and recycling carts are to be stored out of sight from the street except on pick-up days.

Keys for Cluster Mailboxes on 36th Street S for New Residents:

Craig Heurung, who lives on 36th Street S, has volunteered to be the facilitator of handing out keys for new residents as they move into the homes on 36th Street. Thank you, Craig, for taking on this responsibility.

Quarry Woods Website:

Quarry Woods has its own website. Please check it out for some great information about our community. It has both new and ongoing information and can be found at:

www.quarrywoodshoa.com. Thanks to Dennis Host for his ongoing work on updating our website and posting new information. Be aware that there are two Quarry Woods websites. One is for our HOA community, and the other is Christy Kowalzek's real estate website that she uses to promote our development.

Thank you all for caring about our neighborhood.

Your Quarry Woods HOA Board