

Quarry Woods Homeowner's Association May Newsletter

Greetings Quarry Woods neighbors!

Summer has arrived with a vengeance! It seems we went right from cold nights and cool days to high heat and humidity. We hope everyone enjoys the summer months of sunshine and warm days.

There isn't a lot of new information to share in this newsletter, however the HOA Board would like to keep you up to date on a few projects that we are working on.

Walking Path Maintenance and Repairs:

In April's newsletter we reported about a group of volunteers that were going to repair cracks that have developed on the walking paths in our neighborhood. However, on Friday, May 15th, Bev Host, Mark Steigerwald, and Curt Nesse had a meeting with Scott Zlotnik (Community Services & Facilities Director) and Chris Zabinski (Park Operations Manager). We met at Bev's house and as a group walked and inspected the park paths that go through our neighborhood. We also inspected the path that connects our neighborhood to Deer Creek Crossing. For those of you that are new to the neighborhood, there has been ongoing confusion as to who owns the walking paths, and in past years the HOA has paid a contractor for repairing cracks in the paths and sealcoating them. Research done by Scott and Chris verified that the paths have been owned by the city since 2019. They were extremely appreciative of the fact that we have maintained the paths by removing the snow in the winter and mowing the bordering edges in the summer. Based on our discussions with Scott and Chris during that meeting, it appears that the city will be willing to do the repairs, which will save our HOA that cost.

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!

Lighting on 36th Street S Entrance Update:

As of Thursday, May 28th, the intersection lighting on 36th Street S and County Road 136 is complete! It will be great to have lights on that corner for those who enter our neighborhood off the county road. The entrance has been a challenge to find in the dark and created a potentially dangerous situation for drivers.



Motorized Vehicles on the Walking Paths:

Members of our community have recently noticed golf carts traveling on the walking paths. Some of our neighbors have had close calls as the carts are going too fast and create an unsafe condition. St. 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.

Dayna Dahl and Bev Host have been communicating with St. Cloud city administration about installing signs stating the prohibition of motorized vehicles on the walking paths. This sign issue was brought up during the meeting with Chris Zabinski and Scott Zlotnik. They have put the wheels in motion to have city park signs installed at the entrances to the walking paths. Since the walking paths are part of the city parks department, the signs will include all the rules for city parks.

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 .

Spring and summer reminders:

I know I posted this the last couple months, but I think it's worth a repeat. Here are a couple of reminders.

- The City of St. Cloud did repeal the "NO MOW MAY" ordinance in August 2024. St. Cloud dictates that **grass can't grow any longer than 8 inches** before it needs to be cut. If you want to report a lot not in compliance, you can call the Health and Inspection Department of St. Cloud at 320-255-7214. **Contractors who have not yet broken ground on their property and homeowners that own vacant lots must also comply.**
- St. Cloud city ordinance requires pet owners to **immediately pick up dog waste** from any public property or private property not owned by them. **Please remember that there is a city leash law** as well as an ordinance against loud and consistent barking. If you are having a problem with any of these issues, please feel free to call 320-650-3164. The city recommends taking a photo of the dog off leash.
- Since summer affords us the opportunity to improve our yards and landscaping, remember to call 811 when digging on your property to avoid any potential dangers.
- Street parking rules are controlled by the City of St. Cloud. This applies to cars, trucks, trailers, boats, and RVs parked on a city street. Checking with the Mayor's Office, the rule is that a period of **24 hours** is the standard they use for vehicles parked on the street. If someone is concerned about a violation of this city ordinance you can call the St. Cloud Parking Authority at 320-255-7209 and they will check out your concern.
- One of the great features of Quarry Woods is the ability to walk the neighborhood on walking paths or sidewalks. Please remember to ensure that your sidewalks are clear of debris, dirt, snow, and grass. Avoid parking trailers, placing construction supplies, portable toilets, and dumpsters that impede pedestrians on the city sidewalks. This is very important, especially with all the new and ongoing construction going on in Quarry Woods.

That's all for now. Just a few reminders that show our concern and respect for our friends and neighbors. Let's all do our part keeping this a fabulous neighborhood to be a part of!

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 format 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 the HOA membership. We will continue to keep the HOA abreast of developments in this area as the study 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 will be 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**

Quarry Woods HOA Annual Picnic:

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

Date: 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. We will be asking for an RSVP once we get closer to the event. If you have any questions, please contact Janice or Bill Gans (the party planners) at 320-253-3801. 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.

Architectural Review Committee News:

The ARC has had a busy Spring. To date we have reviewed ten projects or installation questions. The projects / questions have included:

General Review / Questions:

Fences, driveways, shed, landscape, kennel

New Houses:

Torborg build at 3352 26th Avenue S

New home for Duane and Cindy Dockendorf at 3354 Topaz Parkway S

New home for Tom and Cathy Bautch at 3626 36th Street S

New spec home for Denny Niess (Schnettler Custom Homes) at 3480 Granite Way S

Anticipated Submittals:

New home for Gregg and Kris Lehman at 3302 Stone Court

Schnettler Custom Homes spec house at 3486 Granite Way S next to Niess spec house

General 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, 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.

Storage of Personal Equipment and Property:

In addition to the placement of refuse containers, and out of respect for our neighbors and neighborhood, please store personal equipment such as lawn mowers, snowblowers, wheelbarrows, or any other type of equipment out of sight in either a garage or storage shed.

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 S. 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