

Quarry Woods Homeowner's Association August-September Newsletter

Greetings Quarry Woods Neighbors!

Only in Minnesota can we go from near 90-degree temperatures one week to high 60-degree temperatures the next. Welcome to autumn in Minnesota! School is back in session, the State Fair is over, and winter is just around the corner. We hope everyone had a wonderful and enjoyable summer. 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 and updates about projects that the board is currently working on.

Thank You!

Before we get into news about our neighborhood, I'd like to extend a special thank you to a few volunteers. As all of us are aware, this summer has been a brutally hot and very dry season. On a normal basis, newly planted trees can survive on their own after a couple of years. Once the roots have developed after being planted, they don't need much additional attention. This year was different, and several volunteers have stepped forward to make sure that our boulevard trees received the help they needed. Jim Dahl, Mark and Jennie Stiegerwald, and Dennis and Bev Host have dedicated their time to watering the trees weekly throughout this dry spell. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Volunteering!

There's an old saying...something about...it takes an army. Well, that's very true about making Quarry Woods neighborhood look fantastic. In order to keep our HOA dues low, it takes a group of volunteers to do simple things such as watering boulevard trees, keeping our entrance areas weed free, picking up debris on a regular basis, and shoveling around fire hydrants in winter. We had a fabulous turnout for our spring neighborhood cleanup, but more is needed year-round. If you are willing to volunteer performing simple tasks within the neighborhood, please reach out to any of the board members.

Ice Cream Social:

On Sunday, August 30th, over 30 neighbors met in the backyard of Scott and Tamara Underwood for an old-fashioned ice cream social. It was another great opportunity to connect with residents of our neighborhood! The event was sponsored by Matt Westlund on behalf of Stroll Magazine. You have probably received the magazine in your mail. The magazine is designed to offer information about community activities, sharing residents' stories, in-person events, connecting neighbors with local businesses, and helping neighbors connect on a personal level with the people they live next to. The ice cream was great! Thank you, Scott and Tamara, for hosting this event!

Update to Walking Path Maintenance and Repairs:

Through discussions with Scott Zlotnik and Chris Zabinski from the City of Saint Cloud, the Board has agreed to share the cost of repairs and resealing of the asphalt paths within Quarry Woods. In past years the HOA has paid for the entire repair and resealing project. The last time the paths were resealed was in 2023 at a cost of \$3,932.15. The lowest estimate for repairs this time came in at \$4,164. We have agreed to pay \$2,000 toward those repairs and the city will pay the remainder. This will save our HOA \$2,164. According to recent information from Chris, the contractor will start working on the paths in about 10 days.

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 Restrictions:

As a reminder, in accordance with Saint Cloud, MN city ordinances, 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.

Quarry Woods HOA Annual Picnic:

Once again, we had a wonderful summer picnic at Hidden Lake Pavillion and it was coordinated to fall on National Night Out, which was Tuesday, August 4th. The food was fantastic! It was attended by fifty-two of our neighbors. On behalf of law enforcement, Stearns County Sheriff's Deputy Paul Breth showed up and spent time greeting and talking to residents. It was a great opportunity for our neighborhood to connect with new residents and old friends we hadn't seen during a busy summer. It was also an opportunity to put a face to someone who is here to protect and serve our community! Thanks to Paul for his time spent at our event. Thanks once again to Bill and Janice Gans for coordinating our annual picnic!

Motorized Vehicles on the Walking Paths:

Members of our community have recently noticed golf carts and other motorized vehicles 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.

The city has installed signs at the entrances to each of the walking paths. These signs list the rules that regulate the use of park property including the prohibition of motorized vehicles on the walking paths. Recently, the city has installed additional direct signs that simply state "No Motorized Vehicles". Hopefully, that will deter the violators!

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:

Murray Mack has been successful using Artificial Intelligence to convert the current PDF of the Covenants into a Word document that is easier to use and read. The HOA Board has reviewed the converted documents for accuracy. The ARC and Board have reviewed the Bylaws and

Covenants and determined the need to make necessary updates and rewrite them to reflect modern standards. The original documents are over 20 years old with numerous additions and deletions. We have met with Craig Hanson, the attorney who represents our HOA, and he is in the process of drafting a new document. **Any changes to the current Bylaws and/or Covenants will require HOA review and a voted-on approval from the community.** We will continue to keep the HOA abreast of developments in this area as the project proceeds.

Summary from the Treasurer:

Mark stated that our expenditures so far in 2026 are \$21,274.88, with the largest portion of that being the streetlight installation on 36th Street, our 2026 annual picnic, and our portion of the walking path repair and maintenance.

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 that a drain is not working properly, please contact the City of Saint Cloud Stormwater Utility at 320-255-7226.

Neighborhood Watch:

Saint Cloud Crime Prevention Specialist Emily Voigt is our contact within the Saint 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

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Activity this Summer:

The ARC has had a busy year. To date we have reviewed 19 projects or installation questions. The projects / questions have included:

General Review / Questions:

Fences, Driveway, Shed, Landscape, Kennel, Flagpole

New Houses:

- Torborg build at 3352 26th Avenue S is progressing.
- Torborg build for Dwayne and Cindy Dockendorf at 3354 Topaz Parkway S is nearing completion.
- Tom and Cathy Bautch have moved into their new home at 3626 36th Street S.
- New spec home by Denny Niess and Schnettler Custom Builders at 3480 Granite Way S is complete and will be on the Tour of Homes the next two weekends (Sept 18-20 and 25-27).
- New home for Gregg and Kris Lehman at 3302 Stone Court is nearing completion.
- At this point there are no new home plans under consideration for near-term construction.

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.

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