

Quarry Woods Homeowner's Association March 2026 Newsletter

Greetings Quarry Woods neighbors!

Well, based on the long range forecast I'm looking at, it appears the chance of snow may possibly, maybe, fingers crossed, be done for the winter! Spring is in the air and the next couple of days should melt most of our snow piles. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe winter. For those "snowbirds" that have returned from someplace warm, welcome home! There isn't a lot of neighborhood news to report in this newsletter, however there are some reminders and updates that I'd like to share.

Spring and summer reminders:

With warmer weather around the corner, our summer responsibilities and chores will also be upon us soon. So here are a couple of reminders.

- With winter coming to an end, the mowing season will soon begin. The City of St. Cloud did repeal the "NO MOW MAY" ordinance in August 2024. St. Cloud dictates that grass should not be allowed to 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 320-255-7215. **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.
- 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. Having checked 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 and placing construction supplies, portable toilets, and dumpsters so that they impede pedestrians on the city sidewalks. This is very important, especially with all the new and ongoing construction 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 a wonderful job keeping this a fabulous neighborhood to be a part of!

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 to monitor a drain or drains and periodically clean out any debris. It is a great idea and, if interested, check it out at mn.adopt-a-drain.org. If you notice a location where a drain is not working properly, please contact the city.

Lighting at 36th Street S Entrance:

We have been in contact this week with both Xcel Energy and the City of St. Cloud. The city has issued the permit for installation of the streetlights. Xcel Energy is working to get the installation scheduled sometime this spring. We will keep you up to date on the installation timing. The total cost for installing the lights is \$13,679.50 which has been paid. It will be great to have lighting to improve the safety at that entrance to our neighborhood.

Watering Quarry Woods Boulevard Trees:

As many of you know, we completed the planting of boulevard trees at all three entrances to our community. Until the trees develop a good root system, they will need watering. Jim Dahl, Mark Steigerwald, Murray Mack and I took on that responsibility last year. We are looking for more volunteers to assist with watering the trees this summer. If you are interested in helping with this, please reach out to any of the above-mentioned people. Thank you in advance!

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 the 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 event is provided at no additional cost 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 Jordet and Mueller homes continue to progress and are anticipated to be completed this spring/summer. So far this year, the ARC has reviewed a couple of minor landscaping and fencing requests, and we expect to receive at least three new home applications in the near future. Please remember to always check with Murray Mack, the chair of the ARC, when planning fences, sheds, or outbuildings and making structural changes or land alterations before moving forward. 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.

Granite Company Activity Update:

You may have noticed that the backhoe was inactive for a period earlier this year and has recently been removed from the site. While we do not yet have full details regarding the work stoppage, we are aware that the operation has been under formal review by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) since September 2025. In addition, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) conducted an inspection in December 2025 and issued multiple citations. We anticipate learning more in the coming weeks regarding the reason for the stoppage and whether operations may resume. The HOA will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes available.

Placement of Trash and Recycling 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 Property and Equipment:

In addition to the placement of refuse containers, and out of respect for our neighbors and neighborhood, please store personal property 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. 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. We all work together to make this a fabulous place to live!

Thanks again!

Your Quarry Woods HOA Board