#### FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

#### **QUARRY WOODS HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION**

The first order of business is to thank the outgoing president, Jim Dahl, for all of his excellent work these past few years. His communications to all of us and his ongoing efforts to accomplish a great number of items are to be commended. He worked on a number of things during his term and he will continue to be a valuable ongoing board member. We thank you very much, Jim. And because the newsletter, established by Jim during his time as President was so appreciated, I will continue to also put out a newsletter each month to all of you and so this is my first attempt.

As you are all aware the annual Quarry Woods Homeowner's Association Meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> provided a lot of information. The minutes of that meeting were provided by Jim Dahl to all of you. Please see those minutes if you have not already done so.

**Annual HOA Board Meeting**: A meeting of the Board members, which included Jan Gans as President, Denny Niess as Chair of the ARC, and Jim Dahl as the third board member, was held at Jan Gans' home on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. David Miller, Treasurer, and Murray Mack from the Architectural Review Committee, were also in attendance. My minutes of this annual meeting were sent to all of you recently and so please review those minutes for more information. Mentioned in these minutes are the projects that are being worked on and will take some time. Once we have some better ideas as to how these projects, particularly more lighting at the 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Entrance, and also some plans for enhancing the 34<sup>th</sup> Street and Co. Rd. 136 entrance, I will keep you updated. Stay tuned for more information while we are trying to work through these projects.

### **New Residents and Lot Purchases:**

Maureen Spanier recently purchased Lot 4 of the 8<sup>th</sup> addition, which is the lot between her and Bryant Fritz' new home.

Lots at 3504 36<sup>th</sup> Street South and 3514 36<sup>th</sup> Street South were recently purchased by Melissa Bayer. These are on lots 8 and 9 in Block 3 of the 9<sup>th</sup> Addition. Welcome Melissa.

Annual HOA Summer Picnic: A reminder that the annual picnic has been set for Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. The event is free to all HOA members. It is a great chance to meet your new neighbors as well as have an opportunity to socialize with existing neighbors. The picnic will be held again at Hidden Lake Shelter just down the road in St. Augusta. More details will follow as we get closer to the event. Bill and Jan Gans are planning the event.

Neighborhood Cleanup Day: As I mentioned in my minutes from the Board Meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, I will be organizing the cleanup date of our neighborhood sometime in April or May. I am asking for volunteers to come forward and each just take one area of our neighborhood. This cleanup day will mainly be consisting of picking up plastic and paper objects. My phone number is 253 3801. I would appreciate any help to keep our neighborhood looking nice.

<u>Winter Parking Rules</u>: Just a reminder about winter parking rules. Please review the City website for details. Failure to observe the restrictions may result in your vehicle being towed and/or ticketed.

<u>New Residents</u>: A reminder to new residents to make sure you include the Architectural Review Committee in your planning. The ARC is headed by Denny Niess, the Chair of that committee, and Murray Mack, who coordinates the review and approval process. If a review is not needed, the ARC will let you know.

Please keep in mind that any additions, outbuildings, structural changes, fences, or land alterations which may impact neighbors, are to go through the ARC.

**HOA Quarry Woods Website:** Please continue to review our website. One new amendment recently approved by the HOA residents to our covenant was no rental by homeowners. <u>www.quarrywoodshoa.com</u>.

# **Continuing Reminders:**

Home and lot owners must clear snow from their sidewalks on their property. Check the City of St. Cloud website for details. Jeremy Thompson has now agreed to remove snow around the AED. Thanks, Jeremy. Doug Rask has also been doing the snow removal from the walking path. Thanks, Doug.

One thing that will be worked on in the next few months will be to determine who is responsible for the mowing and snow removal in the different areas in our community. There will be more to follow on this issue. If anyone has information to help us clarify mowing and snow removal in some of the common areas, please either call me or email me. Any information would be appreciated as we take on this task.

Take time to ensure that your sidewalks are clear of debris. Avoid parking trailers, placing construction supplies, portable toilets, and dumpsters that impede sidewalk use.

Please note: The City requires that you/your contractors clean up sidewalks and streets if you or they drag mud and debris onto them.

Please remember to bring in or conceal your trash/recycling containers after they are emptied.

## Annual Dues:

Reminder that if you have not yet paid your HOA dues, they are to be paid by the end of March.

Drains: The City offers an "Adopt a Drain" program that you can sign up for and then monitor a drain or drains by periodically cleaning the debris. It would be great to have all of our drains monitored by our neighbors. If interested please check out <u>info@adopt-a-drain.org</u>. Please consider adopting a drain or two. If you see a concern with a drain not functioning, please contact the City.

**Leash Law:** Remember that the City has a leash law. Please do not let your pets run free.

My husband and I moved to Quarry Woods three years ago and have become part of a wonderful and caring group of people. Please feel free to contact me for any concerns you may have and I will try to resolve the issue.

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