

## **QUARRY WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

### **JUNE, 2024 NEWSLETTER**

#### **HOMEOWNERS ANNUAL PICNIC:**

Our annual HOA summer picnic is scheduled for Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Hidden Lake Shelter right down the road in St. Augusta. The event will begin at 5:00 with dinner at 5:30. It is free to all HOA members and their families. It will be catered again this year by Mark Larson of Creative Catering. Bill and Janice Gans will be organizing the picnic again this year. Please RSVP by July 20<sup>th</sup> by emailing them at [jbgans22@gmail.com](mailto:jbgans22@gmail.com) or texting them at 320 402 4168. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come and meet your neighbors. We have had a great turnout in past years and we hope that this great turnout continues.

#### **REVISED RESIDENT CONTACT LIST:**

David Miller, our Quarry Woods HOA Treasurer, has recently issued a new and updated resident list. If there are any of you who did not get a current list which, was issued around May 17<sup>th</sup>, please let me know and I will get one to you.

#### **UNMOWED CITY LOTS:**

The neighborhood looks a lot better as far as “un-mowed” lots are concerned. A big thank you goes to Jeremy Thompson, who was contacted by the Armadillos (who own several of these lots), and did an excellent job of getting rid of these very tall grasses in those lots. Thank you, Jeremy.

These un-mowed areas are subject to a City of St Cloud rule and lie within the Health and Inspection Department. If you know of an area within our development that has long grass over 10 inches and/or have specific questions regarding the rules you can call that department at 320 255 7214. The City will issue a violation letter and then if the person does not take care of their lawn the City will hire someone to do their lawn and charge this fee to the resident.

If you use the walking path and are able to clip away some of the overhanging bushes then it will help Jeremy Thompson and his staff to better be able to mow along the side of the tarred walking path. Jim Dahl has already removed a lot of these branches.

Jeremy Thompson already mows along the walking path, some of the area along 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue South up to 33<sup>rd</sup> Street South, and around the city park.

Craig Heurung has also volunteered to mow the areas along the sidewalks on 34<sup>th</sup> Street South that are actually owned by Granite, Inc. Thank you, Craig.

**FACILITATOR OF HANDING OUT KEYS TO NEW RESIDENTS OF THE COMBINED MAILBOXES ON 36<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH:**

Craig Heurung has offered to be the facilitator of these keys and will give them to new residents when they move into that area on 36<sup>th</sup> Street South. Thank you, Craig.

**UPDATE ON 26<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE SOUTH ENTRANCE ENHANCED LIGHTING:**

Jim Dahl continues to work with the City and X Cel Energy to get this project completed. The 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue South entrance continues to be a very dark entrance and we should know more about the costs to enhance this lighting very soon.

The Board also continues to work on better lighting at the 34<sup>th</sup> street South entrance as well as actually getting a street light at the 36<sup>th</sup> street south entrance. I realize that these projects are taking a great deal of time, but please keep in mind that the Board members are doing their best to accomplish these projects as best their time allows.

Also, some good news. We have been finally approved by the City to plant some beautiful Sienna Glen maple trees alongside both sidewalks along 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue South coming in from 33<sup>rd</sup> Street South. We are hoping to have five or six trees on each side of this street. This planting will be done in the early fall when planting is better. Thank you to Jim Dahl for completing this project.

### **34<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH ENTRANCE PROJECT AND 36<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH ENTRANCE PROJECTS:**

The Board members have continued to work with Granite, Inc. (they own the property on both sides of the 34<sup>th</sup> Street South and Co. Road 136 entrance). Jim Dahl reports that Craig Hanson, our HOA attorney, has now drafted the easement for the 36<sup>th</sup> street entrance and that he has the legal descriptions. Jim feels that the 36<sup>th</sup> street entrance will be ready to go first since the 34<sup>th</sup> street entrance easement has not yet started. We are also trying to get better lighting at both entrances. Murray Mack has completed the drawings for these two entrances.

### **THE AREA BETWEEN THE TWO QUARRIES AND LIABILITY COSTS**

There have been several incidents of kids trespassing and fishing the quarry waters. Even though new signage has been placed in this area, it continues to be a HOA liability. Increased liability coverage will be completed soon. These quarries continue to be an “attractive nuisance” to outsiders.

There are still discussions taking place by the Board and other residents as to what to do with this property. Any HOA member has access to these quarries by using the area of land between the two markers on the sidewalk along Granite Way. This property is owned by all members of the HOA as well as the quarry water; however, private properties should not be accessed and should be respected.

### **A FEW REMINDERS:**

#### **STORAGE OF GARBAGE RECEPTACLES:**

Please remember to store your garbage and recycle bins.

### **PARKING OF TRAILERS:**

Street parking rules are controlled by the City of St. Cloud. This applies to vehicles, trailers, campers, etc. It is regarding how long one can park on a city street. I checked with the Mayor's Office and the rule is that a period of 24 hours is the standard they use for vehicles being parked on the street. If you are concerned about a violation of this City ordinance you can call the St. Cloud Parking Authority at 320 255 7209 and they will check it out.

### **CALL 811 WHEN DIGGING:**

Reminder to call 811 when digging on your property.

### **LEASH LAW AND LOUD CONSISTENT BARKING:**

Please remember that there is a City leash law as well as an ordinance of loud barking. If you are having a problem with either of these issues please feel free to call 320 650 3164. The City recommends taking a photo of the dog off leash. After several complaints the owner can be fined.

### **FIRE HYDRANTS:**

We have had no luck with hearing back from the Utilities Department of the City of St Cloud regarding our offer to paint the hydrants ourselves as well as to pay for the red coating.

Several months ago I was informed by the Utilities Department that they would send a memo to the Administration and to the Legal Departments and I would receive a copy of this memo with their response. I have yet to get a copy of this memo as promised nor have they even had the courtesy to return my several calls. One of our own residents even made a call to the Mayor asking him to intercede on our behalf. The hydrants in the older area of Quarry Woods from 2005 are very discolored.

### **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:**

A reminder to always check with Murray Mack, the Chair of the ARC, and with Denny Niess of the ARC, when building sheds, fences, structural changes, land alterations, or outbuildings before moving forward.

### **CLEAR SIDEWALKS:**

Please remember to ensure that your sidewalks are clear of debris. Avoid parking trailers, placing construction supplies, portable toilets, and dumpsters that impede sidewalks. This will be even more important as several new homes will be built in Quarry Woods this summer and fall.

### **ADOPT A DRAIN:**

The City offers an “Adopt a Drain” Program that you can sign up for and then monitor a drain or drains by periodically cleaning out the debris. It would be great to have all of our drains monitored by our neighbors. If interested please check it out at [info@adopt-a-drain.org](mailto:info@adopt-a-drain.org). If you see a concern with a drain not working please contact the City.

**QUARRY WOODS WEBSITE:**

Quarry Woods has its own web site. Please check it out for some great information about our community. It has both new and ongoing information.

[www.quarrywoodshoa.com](http://www.quarrywoodshoa.com)

We see that a lot of lots are being sold and new homes are being built, as well as some existing homes have had new people move into them. Welcome to all of you. We know you will enjoy living here in our beautiful neighborhood. We hope that we will be able to meet some of you soon. If we can do anything to make you feel more welcome please let us know. I am continuing to meet as many of you as possible. We will be wearing nametags at the picnic which will make it easier to meet each other. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please feel free to let me know.

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