

QUARRY WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

A FEW FOLLOWUP ITEMS:

REVISED RESIDENT CONTACT LIST:

Thanks to David Miller, our Quarry Woods Treasurer, a new and updated resident list was distributed electronically in May. This list is very helpful and beneficial to be able to contact each other if necessary. I have made extra printed copies if any of you would like one. Just email me at jbgans22@gmail.com and I will make sure you get one. Any changes or updates can be sent to either me or David Miller. Our Treasurer.

PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG SIGNS:

One of the new “pick up after your dog signs” has replaced the previously faded sign on the walking path and one was put just south of the AED. The third sign has been placed near the sidewalk when entering Quarry Woods on 26th Avenue South. Someone also placed a sign of their own on Topaz Parkway South. And please remember that the City of St. Cloud does have a leash law..

If you see a dog off leash it is suggested by the City to take a photo of that particular dog and then call Animal Control with the City of St. Cloud at 320 650 3164. You can also contact Animal Control for long and excessive barking. If applicable the owner can be fined after so many complaints.

UNMOWED CITY LOTS:

Contact has been made by several Board members with Christy Kowalzek about these concerns. Contact has also been made with Marty Nelson, one of the Armadillos who owns the properties. We are hoping to see results soon.

I did check with the Health and Inspection Department of St. Cloud. The rule for lawn care is that “no mow May” is now over and beginning this week the City will begin sending out letters of violation to residents whose lawns (including boulevards) is now over 10 inches. If you know of someone whose lawn is now over 10 inches a person can call this department at 320 255 7214 and report it. The City then issues a violation letter and then if the person does not take care of their lawn the City will hire someone to mow their lawn and charge this fee to the resident.

If anyone could also clip some of the branches hanging over the pathway; specifically, along the path where there are homes, then we could ask Jeremy to also mow that one side of the path. Currently there are so many bushes hanging over the path that Jeremy would not be able to mow. My husband and I removed some of them this morning. We are looking for volunteers with clippers to take care of these branches. Jim Dahl has also offered to clip away some of these overhanging branches. Thank you.

Jeremy Thompson already mows the walking paths, some of the area on 26th Avenue South up to 33rd Street, and around the city park. Craig Heurung volunteered to mow the areas along the sidewalks on 34th Street South that are owned by Granite Inc. Thank you, Craig and Jeremy. All these efforts help to make our neighborhood look so nice.

FACILITATOR OF HANDING OUT KEYS TO NEW RESIDENTS OF THE COMBINED MAILBOXES ON 36TH 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 36th street South. Thank you, Craig.

26 AVENUE SOUTH ENTRANCE LIGHTING UPDATE:

Jim Dahl has been working diligently with both the City and X Cel Energy to get approval and cost estimates for some enhanced lighting at the entrance on 26th Avenue South. I believe you all have made mention about how very dark our entrance is at night. As soon as we know more we will definitely get this information out to all the residents. The Board is also keeping in mind that there is a need for a better updated light at the 34th Street South entrance and also the need to actually **get a light installed** at the 36th Street South Entrance. Working with a monopoly as well as working with city government takes a lot of patience on Jim's part.

The Board has also thought that having some Sienna Glen maple trees (approved species by the City) planted on both sides of the sidewalks coming in off of 33rd Street into 26th Avenue South would make our entrance more beautiful. We are currently waiting for our plan approval. Since we missed the "ideal" early spring planting opportunity, this project may have to wait until the next "ideal" planting opportunity in early Fall.

34TH STREET ENTRANCE PROJECT AND 36TH STREET ENTRANCE PROJECT:

The Board members have been working with Granite, Inc. (they own property on both sides of the entrance at 34th Street South and Co. Rd. 136). We will be working with the Granite Co. to get a possible easement in order to proceed on enhancing the entrance. We will have to ask Craig Hanson, our attorney, to get a legal description on the property needed for the easement. Murray Mack, the Chair of the Architectural Review Board, has been working on some ideas and

some drawings of the 34th Street South entrance. It will be very nice if we are able to have a more attractive entrance there as well as better lighting.

The enhancement plans for the 36th Street South and Co. Rd. 136 entrance will follow and we will continue to work on the street light issue in the meantime.

THE AREA BETWEEN THE TWO QUARRIES:

The Board has also discussed how to make the area between the two quarries look a bit better as well as to help cut down on the homeowners' liability in that area. I think we can all agree that this area is not very attractive and it does affect our entire Quarry Woods Development. We have also had several incidents of people from "outside" the HOA trespassing and fishing. There have also been some new signs for private property and no trespassing ordered and they will soon be installed near the two quarries. We have received some "free" fill and also will receive some "free" granite blocks to make this area look better. Some cable wire has already been placed to block off entry into this area from Co. Rd. 136. We are also going to try to get some black topsoil and some plaster grass to try to beautify the area somewhat.

I believe that all of you are aware that the HOA members have access to the 20 foot wide property between the two markers near the sidewalk on Granite Way and 80 feet into the land between the two quarries. 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.

HOA LIABILITY COSTS:

It has been a concern more and more about the liabilities that the HOA members face regarding the two quarries. There have been more and more incidents of people (these are not residents of our community) who are coming into our area and fishing. If one of them were to fall and/or get really hurt it could be a bad thing for our community and so the Board is currently considering raising our liability costs from 2 million coverage to 5 million coverage. Some "no

trespassing” signs have been ordered. We will keep you apprised as to the final decision about raising our coverage.

QUARRY WOODS HOMEOWNERS ANNUAL PICNIC:

And just a reminder that our annual HOA summer picnic is scheduled for Thursday, July 25th. 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. As we get closer to the event we will be asking for an RSVP. Bill and Janice Gans will be planning the picnic again this year.

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's 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.

FIRE HYDRANTS:

We are continuing to work with the City to get the old fire hydrants in Quarry Woods repainted. These are the original hydrants in Quarry Woods. Some of our residents have actually offered to do the repainting. We even offered to purchase the special red coating. The Utilities Department has now sent a memo to the Administration of the City as well as their Legal Department to see if we will be allowed to do the recoating. Stay tuned....

WEEDING OF GRANITE CIRCLE:

Thank you to Tom Henning for getting rid of some of the ugly and tall weeds in the granite circle located on Topaz Parkway South. Looks a lot better!

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 out info@adopt-a-drain.org. Please consider adopting a drain or two. 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

Again, if you have any concerns, questions, or comments please feel free to contact me. I think we all agree that we live in a beautiful area of this City and all of us are working towards making our areas look nice with mowed lawns and pots of flowers. I am continuing to try to meet as many of you residents as possible and I hope to see many of you at the annual picnic. I hope you all are enjoying your summer and this beautiful time of the year.

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