QUARRY WOODS HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

New Residents and Lot Purchases:

As mentioned previously, Maureen Spanier has purchased Lot 4 of the 8th addition, which is the lot between her and Bryant Fritz' new home.

Also previously mentioned is that Lots at 3504 36th Street South and 3514 36th Street South were purchased by Melissa Bayer. These are lots 8 and 9 in Block 3 of the 9th addition. Welcome again, Melissa.

John and Amy Gross recently purchased and moved into Bryant Fritz' former home. Welcome to John and Amy.

John and Ena Roos have purchased a lot at 3564 36th Street South and will probably build this summer. Welcome John and Ena.

Patrick and Gina Kraemer purchased the corner lot at 3602 36th Street South and their home will be most likely built this summer. Welcome, Patrick and Gina.

Becky and Jim Moores have purchased the lot at 3614 36th Avenue and will have their home built this summer. Welcome Becky and Jim.

There have been other lots purchased recently and more information will soon follow. I think it is fair to say that there will be a lot of "hammering" going on in our neighborhood this spring, summer, and fall.

Resident Contact List:

David Miller, our HOA Treasurer, will be creating an updated resident contact list which contains the names of all residents, their mailing addresses in Quarry Woods, their email addresses, and their phone numbers. Mr. Miller will be sending this updated list to all Quarry Woods residents soon. If anyone does not want their names and information on the contact list, please let Jan Gans know by April 15th. Call her at 253 3801 or email her at <u>jbgans22@gmail.com</u>. Thank you.

Cleanup Day:

After discussing a cleanup day with several of our residents, it was felt that all of the homeowners in our development already clean up their properties from discarded paper products, cans, and other forms of debris. Therefore, the only areas left to pick up litter are from the "common areas". What we would like to ask is if when any of you are walking along an empty lot, or one of the Quarry Woods entrance areas, or along the gazebo park area, to just each individual be aware and pick up any debris. Some of us are already picking up and cleaning alongside Co. Rd. 136 and 33rd Street. The City has orange cleanup bags to use free of charge and can be acquired by calling the Mayor's office at 320 255 7201.

New Cleanup After Your Dog Signs:

There has recently been noted a great deal of dog litter. I have ordered four new "Please Clean Up After Your Dog" signs which will be posted at the beginning and the end of the walking path as well as at other vacant lot locations in our neighborhood. I believe that our residents are very good about taking care of their dog droppings and that a lot of this problem may be due to walkers from other nearby neighborhoods and so let's keep up our good work.

Tree Cleanup from accident on 26th Avenue South:

Following the accident that occurred on 26th Avenue South where a vehicle lost control and smashed into several tall evergreen trees, there has been left a pile of broken trees. Jim Dahl and Bill Gans have offered to cut up and clear away this debris sometime this spring. Thank you, Jim and Bill.

Annual Summer Picnic:

Please mark your calendars for our HOA Annual Summer Picnic. This will be held on Thursday, July 25th, at the Hidden Lake Shelter in St. Augusta. This event is free to all HOA members. It will be catered again by Mark Larson of Creative Catering. It is a great chance to meet new and existing neighbors. More details will follow as we get closer to the event. Bill and Jan Gans are planning the event again this year.

Update on more lighting and electrical power at 26th Avenue South Entrance:

Jim Dahl is continuing to work on trying to get more electrical power and lighting at this entrance. More to follow.

Jim also contacted the city to see about the street light at the 34th Street South and Co. Rd. 136 entrance. The light has had some difficulties but it now seems to be working. Thanks, Jim.

Murray Mack Update on the Architectural Review Committee:

Murray reported that the ARC has reviewed a few projects since the first of the year. They have reviewed a new home project, a shed, and a new fence project. There will also be several new homes built this year due to all the lots that have been sold. The ARC will be very busy in the upcoming weeks with doing reviews.

Update by Murray Mack on West Entrances:

Murray Mack and Craig Heurung will be leading the charge on these projects. Preliminary schematics have been developed so far and a meeting with the adjacent quarry owner is in the works as they will need to coordinate land use. More to follow on that meeting. Murray and Craig are hopeful that they can at least address the 34th Street entrance this year. Once they receive more information from the adjacent landowner, the City, and the County, then they will update the HOA with additional information.

Sewage Issue:

The City recently brought to the attention of one of our residents a problem with the usage of "wipes" found in our city sewage system. These wipes can cause problems and so please refrain from discarding them into the City's sewage system.

Old Fire Hydrants in Quarry Woods:

The fire hydrants that have been here since the beginning of Quarry Woods in 2005 have gotten very faded and discolored. The City was recently approached and asked if our old hydrants could be put on a list for repainting. We were told that there was no budget (in the last four years) to get hydrants painted within the City. We will keep trying to find a way to get these hydrants painted.

Winter Parking Rules:

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.

Reminder to New Residents:

A reminder to new residents (and established residents) to make sure you include the Architectural Review Committee in your planning. The ARC is headed by Murray Mack, the Chairperson of that committee, who coordinates the review and approval process. Denny Niess, who is the Secretary on the HOA Board, also works with Murray Mack. If a review is not necessary, 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. It has new and ongoing information. <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 our AED, which is located on 26th Avenue South. Thanks, Jeremy. Doug Rask has also been doing the snow removal from our walking path. Thanks, Doug.

I will continue to work on determining who is responsible for the mowing and snow removal in the different areas in our community.

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. This will now be even more important as several new homes will be built in Quarry Woods this spring and summer.

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

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

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 out 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.

Again, I am privileged to be the President of the Quarry Woods Homeowners Association. If you have any concerns please feel free to contact me. I am very willing to resolve any issues you may have.

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