

QUARRY WOODS HOMEOWNERS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2024

It has been quite a while since I have gotten a newsletter off to all of you, and for that I apologize. I have no excuse other than that a lot of things have been happening that have kept me busy. Along with just my family activities there has been a lot happening in our neighborhood. And so here are my updates and I apologize if I have missed something important.

VANDALISM CONCERNS:

With a number of new building sites happening, it was brought to my attention that these incidents continue to occur. Please be mindful about these incidents occurring at a new building site, and report any suspicious activity that you might see to law enforcement. It was also reported recently that a person had stolen all the solar lights at the entrance on 26th Avenue South. Murray Mack is looking into some different solar lights that we might possibly use there.

TREES ARE PLANTED!

Twelve Sienna Glen maple trees have been planted. After safe locators were identified with the help of Murray Mack, four trees were planted on 26th Avenue South, four on 34th Street South, and four on 36th Street South. This was done with great thanks to Craig Heurung, Jim Dahl, and Steven Hartkopf.

Also, a group of residents have signed up for the job of assuring that the trees have been getting watered. Thanks to Jim Dahl, Craig Heurung, Steven Hartkopf, and Murray Mack for getting these 12 new trees watered timely.

FIRE HYDRANTS ARE PAINTED!!!

The older fire hydrants that were installed in 2005 when Quarry Woods began have been recoated. Bev and Dennis Host and Brenda and Curt Neese offered their energy and time to paint all 17 of these older hydrants. Dennis Host approached the City and “offered to be trained” (private joke between Dennis and me) to paint the hydrants and purchase the coating and brushes. These hydrants were a definite eyesore previously, but thanks to these four residents they are all now looking a lot better. Thank you to the four of you for helping to make Quarry Woods look so much better. This kind of initiative and spirit are so appreciated.

26TH AVENUE SOUTH ENHANCED LIGHTING:

All the necessary paperwork and notarizing and the resident voting for the increase in their utility bills have been completed and approved. As you will recall, the cost of adding two lights (one on each side of the entrance) will be \$8,918.78, which was approved by the Board and will be paid for out of the current budget dollars. The vote to allow the added cost to the residents’ utility bills of \$2.40 every other month was passed by a vote. Out of 132 lots, 70 residents voted yes, 1 voted no, and the remainder abstained for the increase in their utility bills. This increase in the utility bill will also cover enhanced lighting for any future plans including 34th and 36th street entrances. Jim Dahl recently spoke with Xcel and they will be sending the invoice and, once paid, the scheduling will hopefully occur. Jim deserves credit for getting this enhanced lighting accomplished. It will make this entrance so much safer. And now I am hoping that very soon we will get better lighting at the 34th Street South entrance (and an actual light at the 36th Street South entrance).

RESPECT OF POLITICAL SIGNS AND PROPERTY :

We have had several “incidents” of political signs in our neighborhood being thrown onto the ground, into the woods, or defaced . It is the right of every citizen to express their political beliefs with freedom of speech, signage, and voting. Please respect everyone’s right to have political signage and their political beliefs.

INCREASING LIABILITY COVERAGE FOR THE ARC CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR, TREASURER, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Jim Dahl has been working with our attorney, Craig Hanson, to change the bylaws in our Covenants to have more inclusive liability (Errors and Omissions coverage) for the Treasurer, the Architectural Review Committee Chair and Co-Chair, and all other ARC members. All Special Committees approved by the Board and their members will also be included. This addition is being done with very little additional cost to the HOA.

NEW TREASURER:

David Miller, who has been our HOA Treasurer for many years, will be giving up his position beginning in 2025. Mark Steigerwald has volunteered to take over this position. David will soon begin transferring these duties to Mark. Thank you for all your hard work over the years, David, and welcome to Mark. The Board looks forward to working with you.

KEYS FOR NEW RESIDENTS OF THE COMBINED MAILBOXES ON 36TH STREET SOUTH:

Craig Heurung, who lives on 36th Street South, has volunteered to be the facilitator of handing out keys for new residents as they move into that area. Thank you, Craig, for taking on this task.

36TH STREET SOUTH ENTRANCE PROJECT:

Two large rocks and several smaller rocks were recently placed on each side at the 36th Street South entrance after first levelling the site area and placing landscape fabric. All of the new rock has also been power washed. Craig Heurung worked with Ryan from Granite, Inc. to make this happen. In the spring there will be signage added to the rock (similar to the 26th avenue south entrance), some grass plantings, and some lights. The design of this entrance was done by Murray Mack. The Board had to get an easement from the Armadillos as we had to use some of their property to create this entrance. Thanks to everyone who took part in this project. It now is a very “pleasant and inviting” entrance. The next thing to be done will be to get an actual street light at that entrance.

34TH STREET SOUTH ENTRANCE PROJECT:

This project will be worked on next year. This entrance will need a legal description and an easement as well. Murray Mack has also drawn up a design for this entrance. This entrance will replicate the entrance on 36th Street. Better lighting is also hoped for at this entrance.

HOA LANDSTRIP BETWEEN TWO QUARRIES:

Recent work completed includes clean up of refuse, rubble, and covering of drill and flair holes. Fill piles were smoothed out throughout the area. Black dirt was brought in and dispersed throughout the area in anticipation of seeding in the spring.

Some cleanup /shoreline modification was completed on the north side of the south quarry. Some work remains on this area and is dependent upon site access this fall/winter;

QUARRY WOODS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON QUARRY AREA RESTORATION:

The Committee continues to work on options for the restoration/use of the HOA land between the two quarries. The committee has had three meetings to date and hopes to conclude their work before the annual meeting in January. We will expect an update report from the committee at that meeting. Some items of discussion included:

- Phased options
- Insurance/liability concerns
- Initial cost of a plan including future maintenance, cost control, and access concerns regarding non-HOA members
- Timing of a plan/presentation/vote on a plan with the HOA members

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Please remember to always check with Murray Mack, the chair of the ARC, when building fences, sheds, structural changes, land alterations, or outbuildings before moving forward. Murray can be reached at 320 249 1197 or via email at mamack9@charter.net.

BEGIN THINKING ABOUT TYPES OF SIGNAGE FOR DISCUSSION AT THE ANNUAL HOA JANUARY 21ST MEETING:

There will be discussion at the annual meeting regarding different kinds of signs that residents wish to allow. Our Covenants, which currently list only realtor signs, was incorrect in that all political signs are allowed as a part of our first amendment rights. This signage clause will be changed to allow political signage. However, if there is any other signage you want to have allowed then a vote will take place. If a person does not want any signage other than political and realtor signs then that will also be an option. So please begin thinking of what you would like to see in our neighborhood (or not see) then we will take a vote on this at our annual meeting. This is Section #6.10

STORAGE OF GARBAGE RECEPTACLES:

City garbage receptacles are to be stored out of site from the street except on pick-up days.

ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2025.

The annual Quarry Woods Homeowners Association meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st, at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Augusta Legion. An agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting. This will be an important meeting to attend as several Board members will be stepping down. Jim Dahl has resigned his position on the Board effective December 1st, 2024, Denny Niess' position on the board will have run its term limit, and I will also be resigning from the Board at the end of the January 21st meeting.

And so you can see that we really need some of you to please step forward and become a Board member.

BOULEVARD AND LOT MOWINGS:

Thanks to Jeremy Thompson for keeping some of our entrance ways, the walking path, some of the boulevards “and also some lots” mowed this past summer. Great job and a big thanks go to Jeremy. You help to make Quarry Woods look so nice in the summer months.

PARKING OF TRAILERS, RVS, BOATS, ETC. ON CITY STREETS:

Street parking rules are controlled by the City of St. Cloud. This applies to cars parked on a city street. In checking 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.

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 against loud and consistent 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.

There is also an ordinance against a resident playing loud music and can also be fined after repeated complaints.

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 is very important especially with all the new and ongoing construction going on in Quarry Woods.

ADOPT A DRAIN PROGRAM:

The City offers an Adopt a Drain Program where you can sign up for and then monitor a drain or drains periodically cleaning out the debris. It is a great idea and, if interested, check it out at info@adopt-a-drain.org. If you notice where a drain is 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. Thanks to Dennis Host for his ongoing work on updating our web site and getting out new information.

WINTER PARKING RULES:

Winter parking rules are now in effect for all streets. They will be lifted in April unless otherwise notified. The winter rules are more restrictive due to snow removal.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Quarry Woods has been our new home for the past three and one-half years. It is a great place to live and we have been so welcomed by all since we arrived. My hope to all the new residents moving into our beautiful neighborhood is that you will be as happy here as we have been.

In the past year the Board has continued to hold regular meetings to try to come up with ideas for growth as well as trying to bring the community together when solving problems and making decisions. The Board is here for you and I have always appreciated your input and ideas. It has been my goal as President to always try to answer your concerns. I hope to see all of you at the annual meeting on January 21st, where I will facilitate that meeting as my last official act.

My husband and I will continue to light up the gazebo in the park with Christmas lights, which will shine from Thanksgiving Day thru January 6th. We hope you will all enjoy these lights as you drive by them. We also want to wish all of you a very safe and happy holiday season.

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