

## Quarry Woods Homeowner's Association April Newsletter

Greetings Quarry Woods Neighbors!

### Quarry Woods Neighborhood Spring Cleanup:

On Saturday morning, April 18<sup>th</sup>, about 19 residents of Quarry Woods gathered at Dennis and Bev Host's house bundled in warm clothes and armed with landscaping tools and garbage bags. We divided into teams and tackled the task of cleaning up the neighborhood after a long winter. The main areas of focus were three entrances into Quarry Woods, the turnaround on Topaz Parkway as well as along the sidewalks in the neighborhood. Trees and brush were trimmed and cut back from the sidewalks and trash was picked up from the ditches and throughout the neighborhood. The 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance ornamental grass was cut and is already showing new growth. Thank you to the following volunteers for their hard work: Dennis Host, Bev Host, Mark Steigerwald, John Perreault, Sue Ann Perreault, Doug Rask, Pat Guggenberger, Carolyn Dyr Dahl, Candy Voigt, Brenda Nesse, Bill Gans, Jan Gans, Ken Honkomp, Todd Henning, Melissa Henning, Bill Frikken, Joshua Haber, and Duan Love. A special thanks goes out to Bill Frikken for volunteering his pickup truck and trailer. We filled that trailer 3 times with branches, grass and brush!! Dennis and Bev Host hosted (no pun intended) a lunch when all the work was done. Thank you for that! What a great group of friends and neighbors!

### Walking Path Maintenance and Cleanup:

Jim Dahl has once again volunteered to trim and clean up vegetation growth along the walking paths. He has done this for many years, so if you enjoy using the walking paths in our neighborhood, be sure and thank him. His efforts to keep the paths looking great are much appreciated!

Another group of volunteers will be filling cracks that have developed in the walking path asphalt. We are waiting (patiently) for warmer weather to allow the repair materials to cure properly. We will notify the community when the repairs begin.

### Spring and Summer Reminders:

I know I posted this last month, but I think it's worth a repeat. Summer will eventually arrive (maybe!) and with warmer weather around the corner, our summer responsibilities and chores will also be upon us soon. So here are a few reminders.

- The City of St. Cloud did repeal the "NO MOW MAY" ordinance in August 2024. St. Cloud dictates that grass can't grow any longer than **8 inches** before it needs to be cut. If you want to report a lot not in compliance, you can call the Health and Inspection Department of St. Cloud at 320-255-7214. **Contractors who have not yet broken ground on their property and homeowners that own vacant lots must also comply.**
- St. Cloud city ordinance requires pet owners to **immediately pick up dog waste** from any public property or private property not owned by them. 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 any of these issues, please feel free to call 320-650-3164. The city recommends taking a photo of the dog off leash.
- Summer affords us the opportunity to improve our yards and landscaping, Reminder to call 811 when digging on your property to avoid any potential dangers.

- Street parking rules are controlled by the City of St. Cloud. This applies to cars, trucks, trailers, boats, and RVs parked on a city street. 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.
- One of the great features of Quarry Woods is the ability to walk the neighborhood on walking paths and sidewalks. Please remember to ensure that your sidewalks are clear of debris, dirt, snow, and grass clippings. Avoid parking trailers, placing construction supplies, portable toilets, and dumpsters such that they impede pedestrians on city sidewalks. This is very important, especially with all the new and ongoing construction going on in Quarry Woods.

That's all for now. Just a few reminders that show our concern and respect for our friends and neighbors. Let's all do our part keeping this a fabulous neighborhood to be a part of!

### **Improving/Editing Quarry Woods Covenants and Bylaws:**

If any of you have tried to read the electronic (or printed) version of Quarry Woods Declaration of Covenants you know the struggle. It's a PDF version that is blurry, and the print is small and extremely hard to read. Murray Mack has been successful in using AI to convert the Covenants into a Word document that is easier to use and read. The HOA Board will review the converted documents for accuracy. The Architectural Review Committee and Board are currently reviewing the Bylaws and Covenants to determine the need to make necessary updates or rewrite them to reflect modern standards. The original documents are over 20 years old with numerous additions and deletions. Any changes to the current Bylaws and/or Covenants will require review and approval by the HOA membership. We will continue to keep the HOA abreast of developments in this area as the study proceeds.

### **Motorized Vehicles on the Walking Paths:**

Members of our community have recently noticed golf carts driving on the walking paths which are on property owned by the City of St. Cloud. Some of our neighbors have had close calls as the carts are going too fast and create an unsafe condition. St. Cloud has an ordinance that prohibits the use of motorized vehicles on walking paths. If you see someone driving a golf cart or ATV on the walking paths, please stop them and inform them that they are not supposed to drive on the pathways.

### **Quarry Woods HOA Dues:**

Our Quarry Woods Treasurer, Mark Steigerwald, informed the Board that all property owners have paid their dues for 2026. Thank you to all owners for completing this in a timely manner.

### **Adopt a Drain Program:**

For those new members of our community that may not know, 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 [mn.adopt-a-drain.org](http://mn.adopt-a-drain.org). If you notice where a drain is not working properly, please contact the City of St. Cloud Stormwater Utility at 320-255-7226.

**Lighting at 36<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance Update:**

We have been in contact this week with both Xcel Energy and the City of St. Cloud. The city has issued the permit for installation of the streetlights, and Xcel Energy has the installation scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be great to have lighting at that entrance to our neighborhood.

**Neighborhood Watch:**

St. Cloud's Crime Prevention Specialist Emily Voigt will be our contact within the St. Cloud Police Department. Emily attended our annual meeting in January for a short, informative presentation. She left information packets about the program with us at that time. If you would like any of that information, please contact Mark Steigerwald at [msteigerwald1@hotmail.com](mailto:msteigerwald1@hotmail.com).

**We are currently looking for someone to be our neighborhood block captain. If you are interested, please contact a board member or Emily directly. Her contact information is: [emily.voigt@ci.stcloud.mn.us](mailto:emily.voigt@ci.stcloud.mn.us)**

**Quarry Woods HOA Annual Picnic:**

**Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our Quarry Woods Annual Summer Picnic.**

**Date:** August 4th, 2026 (National Night Out)

**Time:** 5:00 Social

5:30 Dinner (chicken dinner provided by Custom Catering by Short Stop)

**Location:** Hidden Lake Picnic Shelter

23215 43rd Avenue

St. Augusta, MN

The cost of the event is free and open to all Quarry Woods residents. We will be asking for an RSVP once we get closer to the event. If you have any questions, please contact Janice or Bill Gans (the party planners) at 320-253-3801. We hope to have a good attendance again this year. We have several new families who have moved into our neighborhood, and this is a great way to meet and welcome them.

**Architectural Review Committee News:**

The ARC has had a busy spring. To date we have reviewed ten projects or installation questions. The projects/questions have included:

**General Review/Questions:**

Fences, driveways, shed, landscape, kennel

**New Houses:**

Torborg build at 3352 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue S

Torborg build at 3354 Topaz Parkway S

New home for Tom and Cathy Bautch at 3626 36<sup>th</sup> Street S

New spec home for Denny Niess (Schnettler Custom Homes) at 3480 Granite Way S

**Anticipated Submittals:**

New home for Gregg and Kris Lehman at 3302 Stone Court

Schnettler Custom Homes spec house at 3486 Granite Way S next to Niess spec house.

**General ARC Comments:**

Please be aware that the ARC does not need to review general landscape plans that include plantings only. We are only concerned with permanent structural features such as: retaining walls, gazebos, fences, and similar items. Please consider grading and clearance issues when installing landscaping.

Please be cognizant of Covenant restrictions on the parking of trailers and other such non-passenger vehicles in driveways and/or the street. The Covenants allow up to 48 hours of parking time for non-passenger vehicle parking. The Covenants also restrict the storage of firewood, wheelbarrows, etc. from being stored outdoors. Appropriate storage of other “equipment” such as sports equipment, hoses, bikes, etc. is also appreciated.

Murray can be reached at 320-249-1197 or via email at [mamack9@charter.net](mailto:mamack9@charter.net). Thank you to all residents who reach out with questions or for project reviews. The ARC remains committed to interpreting and applying the covenants in a consistent, fair, and accurate manner.

**Placement of Garbage/Refuse Containers:**

This is just a reminder and informational piece for our new residents. Our Quarry Woods covenant 6.12 reads:

*Trash, garbage, or other wastes shall be kept in sanitary containers. All equipment for storage or disposal of such materials shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition **and screened from public view.***

Please abide by the Quarry Woods covenants out of respect for your fellow neighbors. City trash and recycling carts are to be stored out of sight from the street except on pick-up days.

**Storage of Personal Equipment and Property:**

In addition to the placement of refuse containers, and out of respect for our neighbors and neighborhood, please store personal equipment such as lawn mowers, snowblowers, wheelbarrows, or any other type of equipment out of sight in either a garage or storage shed.

**Keys for Cluster Mailboxes on 36<sup>th</sup> Street S for New Residents:**

Craig Heurung, who lives on 36th Street S, has volunteered to be the facilitator of handing out keys for new residents as they move into the homes on 36<sup>th</sup> Street. Thank you, Craig, for taking on this responsibility.

**Quarry Woods Website:**

Quarry Woods has its own website. Please check it out for some great information about our community. It has both new and ongoing information and can be found at: [www.quarrywoodshoa.com](http://www.quarrywoodshoa.com). Thanks to Dennis Host for his ongoing work on updating our website and posting new information. Be aware that there are two Quarry Woods websites. One is for our HOA community, and the other is Christy Kowalzek’s real estate website that she uses to promote our development.

Thank you all for caring about our neighborhood.

Curt Nesse, President, and the Quarry Woods HOA Board