

Quarry Woods Homeowner's Association
January 2026 Newsletter

Hello fellow Quarry Woods neighbors! Welcome to 2026! We wish everyone a healthy, happy, and peaceful year ahead. A little blessing to start the year:

There are good ships and there are wood ships,
The ships that sail the sea.
But the best ships are friendships,
And may they always be.

January 2026 Annual Meeting:

Thank you to everyone who found the time to attend the annual meeting. It was a wonderful turnout, and a great chance to meet many of our new neighbors. For those of you that could not attend, there were no issues raised that were not included on the agenda. The minutes of the meeting are attached to this email. The meeting lasted only an hour, but many people stayed to socialize for an additional hour. Fantastic!

2026 Voting results:

There were two voting issues that needed to be decided for 2026. The neighborhood had to vote for a new member of the Quarry Woods HOA Board, and also committee members for the Quarry Woods Architectural Review Committee. Two weeks of online voting were available prior to the annual meeting. Paper ballots for those who had not voted electronically were used at the meeting. For a quorum to be met, we needed 25% (34 votes) of the total available votes (134 votes) in Quarry Woods HOA to be represented. Of the total votes available, 47 votes (35.07%) were cast in favor of the HOA open Board position, and 46 votes (34.33%) were cast in favor of the ARC. The results of the voting are as follows:

Bev Host was the lone nominee for the open Board position, and she garnered all 47 votes. The vote for the Architectural Review Committee was taken as a unanimous consent vote for the slate of candidates. The slate consisted of Murray Mack, Jim Dahl, Bryant Fritz, Dennis Host, and Curt Nesse. There were 46 votes for approval and 1 vote against.

Bev, congratulations and welcome to the HOA Board, and congratulations to the ARC members.

Lighting at 36th Street entrance:

After several discussions with Xcel Energy about installing the street lighting on 36th Street, the Board decided to wait until spring for installation to avoid additional winter construction charges. We have now signed the contract as of last week and Xcel Energy will put us on the installation calendar for some time this spring. We will keep you up to date on the installation timing. The total for installing the lights is \$13,679.50 which has been paid.

Sale of a portion of Outlot D:

Thanks to all of you who took the time to vote regarding the sale of a small portion of Outlot D to the Jordet family. The measure passed with a majority in favor of the sale, and an email was sent out with the vote results. This small sliver of land will permit the Jordet family to abide by city code for the installation of their driveway. The contract to approve the sale has been signed, the plot of land surveyed, and the closing of the sale will occur soon.

Neighborhood Watch:

A member of the neighborhood suggested the idea of Quarry Woods utilizing Saint Cloud's Neighborhood Watch program as a useful tool to maintain the safety of our community. The Board discussed and agreed that it would be a valuable program to be a part of. Saint Cloud's Crime Prevention Specialist Emily Voigt will be our contact within the Saint Cloud Police Department. Emily

attended our annual meeting in January for a short, informative presentation. Emily left some educational material at the meeting. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of the various brochures, please contact Mark Steigerwald at: msteigerwald1@hotmail.com. We are 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

Quarry Woods HOA Annual Picnic:

Mark your calendars! Our annual summer picnic will be on **Tuesday August 4th, 2026, at Hidden Lake Park picnic shelter** in St. Augusta. That date coordinates with National Night Out, and we will celebrate that event at the same time. The event will once again be catered by Short Stop Catering.

Architectural Review Committee News:

Please remember to always check with Murray Mack, the chair of the ARC, when planning fences, sheds, or outbuildings, or making structural changes and land alterations, before moving forward with your project. Murray can be reached at 320-249-1197 or via email at: mamack9@charter.net. Other members of the ARC consist of Jim Dahl, Dennis Host, Bryant Fritz, and Curt Nesse.

Granite Company Activities Update:

Communications continue to take place with the City of St. Cloud and the MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) relative to compliance concerns with the activity taking place on Outlot F of the PUD (Planned Unit Development) that Quarry Woods is part of. The HOA will be updated with any news of substance as the review of the activity is taking place by the appropriate government bodies and agencies. If anyone has any specific concerns or input, they can contact Quarry Woods resident Murray Mack at: mamack9@charter.net. Also, residents are encouraged to contact our Ward representative Mike Conway, or any other City representatives with their own concerns or questions. Thanks to all who have expressed their concerns and supported our quest for answers through the signature of the petition. We hope that our efforts can eventually lead to a reasonable resolution to the disruption caused by the mining activity.

New contact list:

Mark Steigerwald maintains a current contact list for our neighborhood. This is a useful tool to help us learn our neighbors' names, especially for new residents in Quarry Woods. I know we used it quite often when we first moved in! If anyone wishes a copy of the contact list, please reach out to Mark at: msteigerwald1@hotmail.com.

Placement of garbage/refuse containers:

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

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

Keys for new residents for 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 to new residents as they move into their homes on 36th Street. Thank you, Craig, for taking on this task.

Snow Shoveling:

This is just a friendly reminder that the City of Saint Cloud requires residents to clear snow from the sidewalks that front their property within 24 hours of a snow occurrence. Please note that this also applies to empty lots without a house. And if you have the ability to do so, please clear snow from around a fire hydrant that is close to your home.

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 is at: www.quarrywoodshoa.com. Thanks to Dennis Host for his ongoing work updating our website and getting out 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 site that she uses to promote our development.

Email issues:

It has come to the Board's attention that some residents are not receiving memos, notifications, and other information from the HOA in their emails. There may be a couple of reasons for this. Incorrect email addresses, or HOA emails end up in the resident's junk folder or spam folder. Mark Steigerwald (our HOA Treasurer) has done a great job of verifying resident-provided email addresses. To ensure that you receive information from the Board, please check your junk or spam folders on a regular basis as this may be where HOA information is ending up! If you feel that you are not receiving information (maybe your neighbors are mentioning something that you weren't aware of), please reach out to Mark at: msteigerwald1@hotmail.com.

Thank you all for caring about our neighborhood. We all work together to make this a fabulous place to live! Thanks again!

Your Quarry Woods HOA Board