

## **Quarry Woods Homeowner's Association**

### **September Newsletter**

Greetings Quarry Woods neighbors! I apologize for not creating a newsletter last month, but it's been a very busy and fun summer for Brenda and I. We hope everyone in our community has also had an enjoyable summer. Usually, this time of year we are seeing the early signs of autumn, but summer is fighting to the bitter end with a lot of 80 degree days in the forecast. We hope you get the opportunity to enjoy these remaining summer days! Here are some of the happenings in our neighborhood these last couple of months.

#### **Boulevard tree planting:**

Four Autumn Blaze Maple trees were planted in the boulevard on the south side of 34th Street off County Road 136. Combined with the trees that were planted last year and the boulevard trees at Pat Kirmeier's, it will eventually provide a tree canopy along 34th Street from the county road up to Granite Way. Two Sienna Glen Maple trees were planted on the west side of 26th Avenue. These boulevard tree plantings complete the project that was started last year. The board does not anticipate the need for any more tree plantings on behalf of Quarry Woods. We now have trees at each entrance into our neighborhood. Special thanks to Jim Dahl, Craig Heurung, and Mark Steigerwald for getting these trees planted. We have a tree watering schedule through the month of September. If anyone is interested in helping water the trees for the month of October, please contact Jim Dahl. Any help would be much appreciated!

#### **36th Street Entrance Project:**

The landscaping around the monuments at the entry to 36th Street off County Road 136 is now complete. The curbing around the monuments has been finished and looks great. The curbing will help keep everything together (there's quite a slope on both of them), but especially on the north side of 36th Street. The curbing will also help keep weeds from encroaching into the landscaping. Thank you to Jeremy Thompson and his crew for maintaining that area and keeping it looking great!

#### **34th Street Project:**

This entrance enhancement is in the infant stages at this time and will tentatively be worked on in 2026. An easement and new legal description will be needed to begin this project. Murray Mack has drawn up a design for this entrance, and it will replicate the entrance on 36th Street. Better lighting is also hoped for at this entrance. We will be getting cost factors for this project before it is approved.

#### **Outlot Survey:**

The outlots survey process was recently completed. Although not an official vote, the survey responses indicated a desire to retain the outlots for the time being. The board is doing further research on outlot development or sale and will be reaching out to the

membership soon with updated information on next steps. Thank you to all who filled out the survey providing valuable insights, questions, and concerns.

**New contact list:**

Mark Steigerwald has been working on an updated 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! Mark has completed the list and distributed it via email to the neighborhood.

**Lighting at 36<sup>th</sup> Street entrance:**

The Board is currently working with Jim Dahl on placing lighting at the entrance off County Road 136 and 36<sup>th</sup> Street. Jim has been coordinating the project with the city of Saint Cloud and Xcel Energy. That particular entrance is very dark at night and poses a potential risk to those trying to turn onto 36<sup>th</sup> Street from the county road. The most recent information from Xcel Energy is that the cost for the lights would be more than double what we paid for lighting at the 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance last year. We are currently waiting for a detailed estimate from Xcel Energy before a decision is made.

**Placement of garbage/refuse containers:**

It was brought to the Board's attention that several homeowners have not kept their garbage and recycle bins out of sight. As a courtesy to fellow residents, they should be kept in the garage or in a screened off area outside the home and not visible from the street. 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. Thank you!

**Keys for new residents of the combined mailboxes on 36<sup>th</sup> Street South:**

Craig Heurung, who lives on 36<sup>th</sup> 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.

**New Saint Cloud lawn maintenance regulations:**

The following is an article from the Saint Cloud Live website:

St. Cloud home and property owners might have to fire up their lawn mowers a bit more often after the city council lowered the maximum allowable height of grass and weeds.

The council on Monday, July 7, voted unanimously to lower the limit from 10 inches to 8 inches to comply with [state statute](#).

The changes provide the city with an additional enforcement tool, St. Cloud health director Matt O'Brien said.

Previously, the city would issue a notice and give property owners seven to 10 days to mow their lawns or remove weeds. If the property owner didn't fix the issue, the city would have a contractor mow the property and charge a \$75 administrative fee, he said.

"What people have been doing — and part of the reason for this adoption — is because of property owners," O'Brien said. "Some are local, some are not, where they are intentionally not mowing their property, knowing the city doesn't give them a financial penalty beyond \$75. It's cheaper for us to do it and monitor it for them than for them to hire a mower and put it on contract with them."

The new ordinance enforces a \$100 fine and will double each violation up to \$1,000, O'Brien said. He said property owners could potentially pay even more if they don't resolve the issue themselves.

"If the mowing abatement cost \$50, there's a \$75 administrative fee on top of that," O'Brien said.

### **Lawn mowing:**

A huge thank you to Jeremy Thompson for keeping the grass cut on the vacant lots as well as the common areas in our neighborhood. This is just a reminder that it is the responsibility of the lot owner to maintain their property including keeping the grass cut. The city of St. Cloud dictates that grass can't grow any longer than 8 inches before it needs to be cut. Contractors and lot owners who have not yet broken ground on their property must also comply. For those of you who own a lot, but have not yet built your home, you must still keep the grass cut. Thompson Lawn Care (Jeremy Thompson lives in the neighborhood) will mow your vacant lot for \$60 per time. His contact information is [thompsonlawncaresc@gmail.com](mailto:thompsonlawncaresc@gmail.com). He is currently providing that service for several vacant lot owners.

### **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](mailto:mamack9@charter.net). Other members of the ARC committee consist of Jim Dahl, Dennis Host and Bryant Fritz. This committee has no set terms of office and can be joined by anyone.

### **Recent new home builds:**

A couple of new home starts have taken place since the last newsletter:

The new home for **Jim and Cheryl Odegard** is underway at 3638 36<sup>th</sup> Street South. BNH Contractors has started construction of a spec home at 3408 Granite Way.

**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](http://www.quarrywoodshoa.com). Thanks to Dennis Host for his ongoing work on updating our web site 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 Realtor site that she uses to promote our development.

**Quarry Woods HOA picnic:**

A shout out to Bill and Jan Gans for once again coordinating the Quarry Woods HOA annual picnic. As usual it was a huge success, and everyone had a great time. Thank you, Bill and Jan!

**Save the date! Quarry Woods HOA annual meeting:**

**The HOA annual meeting will be held at the Saint Augusta American Legion on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.** We hope to see all of you there!

Thank you to 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