

The Good Life...

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Trash Day on Friday after Major Holidays

Waste Management employees observe the following major holidays: Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. During these holiday weeks trash collection will occur on Friday (a day later than the normal Thursday collection). On Labor Day week please place your Waste Management trash and recycling carts out for collection on Friday, September 9.

The city recycling pickup maintains its normal schedule unless the holiday actually falls on the Wednesday collection date. The city recycling is unaffected by the Labor Day holiday.

Lussier Special Meeting Draws a Crowd

Over 110 Tamarack residents were in attendance at the July 13 meeting to discuss the upcoming repairs and funding options.

Notes and comments from the meeting are available at the Clubhouse and on the web site. The following two advisory votes were taken at the meeting.

Should Tamarack maintain a strong Reserve Fund?

- Option A: 48 residents voted in favor of a 12% increase in assessments which would leave the estimated reserve balance at \$260,000 at the end of 2012.
- Option B: 32 residents would prefer a 3% increase in assessments which would leave the estimated reserve balance at \$165,000 at the end of 2012.
- 17 residents preferred neither option A or B.

The assessments are established annually and approved by the Board of Directors. The input from residents at this meeting will be considered by the Finance Committee and Board of Directors in developing the 2012 Budget which is approved by the Board at their November meeting.

Are residents in favor of completing the Phase 4, 5 and 6 gutters along with this project?

68.....Yes
11.....No

The completion of this portion of the project would require a Special Phase Assessment totaling \$160,000. The actual amount per owner would be based on the size of their home at an average of \$500 each. To move forward with this portion of the project would require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the owners in each Phase. A detailed report outlining the project would be mailed to all owners along with a ballot sometime in October or November.

Repair & Renovation Project Begins

The replacement of shingles, siding, gutters and chimney caps is underway in Sugar Maple Trail. Between now and November all homes in Phases 1, 2 and 3 will be completed. Detailed notices are being delivered to all homeowners as the project progresses.

The remaining homes will be completed in Phase order next year starting with Phase 4 in March.

Architectural Review Board Walk Through

Message from the Architectural Review Board (ARB)

To help the ARB to fulfill its responsibility to "protect the aesthetic beauty and architectural integrity of our community", a *Walk-Through* of the Tamarack grounds is periodically conducted.

A walk-through is scheduled to take place during the first two weeks of August. The objective is to monitor and enforce the standards that are established by Tamarack and are spelled out in the Book of Standards on page 3. Policy Resolution No IV-400 (Section 1. D. Exterior Appurtenances).

Please refer to your copy of the Book of Standards which you received from Tamarack and is also available on the Tamaracks web site (www.ttcsa.org).

ARB members on the walk-through will be properly identified. Please provide your input to us if you wish. It would be helpful.

Architectural Review Board Book of Standards

A primary goal of the Architectural Review Board is to protect the aesthetic beauty and architectural integrity of the Tamarack community through the establishment of general rules and policies to regulate the external appearance of Tamarack. For this purpose a Book of Standards was developed as a resource for all the residents to inform them of their responsibilities for maintaining the integrity of our community. In addition to the established formal Architectural Review Standards, are the "Neighborly Standards" which are more informal. The expectation is that members of the Tamarack neighborhood will follow these "Neighborly Standards" because they are to the mutual benefit of the neighborhood and its residents. Of particular importance are the "Neighborly Standards" of keeping garage doors closed whenever possible and leaving post lights on at night. Both are important for safety and security reasons as well as for the aesthetic beauty of the neighborhood. Vehicle parking is another important Neighborly Standard.

The Book of Standards, in addition to providing established policies and general rules expected of all Tamarack residents, has information for residents considering external modifications of their residence. For these residents, reference to the Book of Standards is essential in order to follow the policies and procedures necessary to obtain approval of the Architectural Review Board for any contemplated external modification of a residence. A Book of Standards Supplement is also available at the Tamarack Office that provides for additional information relevant to the modification process for Tamarack residents.

The Architectural Review Board Book of Standards and Supplement have been approved by the Tamarack Board of Directors. You are urged periodically to review this very important document since it provides established policies and general rules expected of all Tamarack residents. A copy of the Architectural Review Board Book of Standards has been distributed to all Tamarack residences. Additional copies of the Book of Standards are available at the Tamarack Office.

There is also a Book of Standards Committee which serves as a resource to Tamarack residents regarding questions that concern the Book of Standards. This committee also periodically reviews the Book of Standards and makes changes or updates as necessary. The Book of Standards Committee is currently developing a system to expedite the approval of a group of accepted entry railings to Tamarack residences when health care issues may be primary.

The Book of Standards Committee:

- Jack Hafner, Chair
- Don Klimpel
- Peter Shulla

Dog Concerns

Some residents have reported dogs being tied out on the patios while not attended by their Owner. This is against Tamarack policy. The dogs will bark as persons pass by which can be disturbing to neighbors. In the event that any children approach the unattended dog the situation could be worse.

As the homes in Tamarack are located very close together please observe this rule and help maintain a safe and peaceful living experience for everyone.

A Tamarack Secret

The second and forth Wednesdays of each month, starting at 6:30 p.m., a duplicate bridge game is held at the Clubhouse. The popular pastime is open to all bridge players. A \$3.00 fee is required to cover expenses since the game is sponsored by one of 3,200 clubs sanctioned by ACBL.

Tom Shepro, the Director, may be reached at 221-3778 for answers to your questions. Come and see why duplicate bridge players have a lot of fun.

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| <p><u>Calendar</u></p> <p>Tue. Aug 16 Maint. Comm. Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Mon. Aug 22 ARB Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Tue. Sept 6 BOD Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Tue. Sept 20 Maint. Comm. Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Mon. Sept 26 ARB Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Tue. Oct 4 BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> |
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Forever Fit (Low Impact Aerobics)

Fitness Classes: Mondays & Wednesdays

When: October 3 – December 21 (4:00-4:45 p.m.)
NO classes from November 7 – 16

Low impact, balance, coordination, strength, and cardio. We use balls, weights, and bands.

If there is enough interest more classes and times may be offered. Please call Patti at 831-6856 or email pshomes@charter.net.

Resident Activity Events (Corrected)

The dates published in the last newsletter were incorrect. Following are the correct dates for upcoming events. **Please mark your calendars.**

New Resident Reception (by invitation)
Thursday, September 21, 7 - 8:30

Flu Shot Clinic
Wednesday, October 12, 9:00 - Noon

Fall Potluck
Sunday, October 30, 5 - 7:00

Holiday Party
Thursday, December 8, 6:00 - 8:30

We look forward to seeing you there.

Japanese Beetles

If you are seeing lacy leaves on your birch trees, linden tree, rose bushes, vegetable plants or many others, it could be that Japanese Beetles are on the attack. These shiny, iridescent beetles feed on many landscape and edible plants right now. They thrive in hot weather and it seems like the hotter it is, the faster they eat.

If you see these insects destroying plants in your yard or garden, there are many safe and effective products to minimize the damage.

Products for Japanese Beetle control:

- Roses, flowers, and trees - systemic sprays and drenches with *Merit*
- Edible crops - insect sprays such as *Eight*, *Pyrethrin*, and *Neem Oil*
- Raspberries and blueberries - floating row cover (a lightweight white fabric draped over plants to keep beetles off.)

These products are available at most garden centers including Home Depot, Menards, Jungs and The Bruce Company.

For a natural treatment you can try the following recipe. In a quart sized spray bottle, mix ½ cup canola oil, 1 tablespoon garlic powder, and a couple tablespoons of dish washing soap. Fill the remainder of the bottle with warm water, shake, and spray in the morning while the beetles are still a little sluggish. You can also purchase organic Japanese beetle killers from your lawn and garden center, such as Neem oil or insecticidal soap, but they can be expensive and have many of the same properties as the home made mix shown above.

Safety & Security – Alarm Systems

A few weeks ago Platinum Protection was soliciting homeowners at both Tamarack and the surrounding area offering security systems with long term monitoring agreements. Platinum Protection was established in 2006 and is based in Utah. Contact information for this company is available at <http://platinumprotect.com>.

As stated in the short notice distributed last month we contacted two local firms to compare prices on security systems and monitoring arrangements. For comparison rates the two companies we suggest that Tamarack residents contact are:

Mid-Wisconsin Security (James Cooper) 233-5039

J & K Security Solutions (Adam Vogt) 255-5799

Both have flexible offerings for home security systems which allow the homeowner to choose if they would like the system to be centrally monitored or just sound an alarm which is likely to scare off an intruder. Both companies service the equipment they install and have been in business for 20 plus years. You are under no obligation if you contact either company and both will provide free consultations and quotes for home security systems and short term monitoring contracts.

Maintenance Requests

Over 630 requests were received and completed between April 1 and July 25. The number of pending requests now stands at 130 compared to 147 at this time last year. Fifty-two of the pending requests are landscape related including turf care, plant replacement and shrub & tree trimming. Sixteen pending requests are for small interior projects and ten requests are on file for trim replacement. The remaining requests are for various items including roof/siding related leaks, post lights, gutter repairs, painting and staining.

Painting - The crew of three includes: Sean Finley, Nick Meier and Adam Elkin. Painting of house trim is complete from 101 – 143 Pine Ridge and from 7330 – 7410 Cedar Creek. Painting from 7410 – 7439 Cedar Creek should be completed within the next few weeks.

Lifeguards - The staff consists of Allison Macia (head lifeguard), Nicole Russell, Michael Wilson, Avery Wallace, Kristin Hendrickson and Nicole Champlin.

Wood Trim Replacement – Most work will focus on Phases 1, 2 and 3 as four full time persons will be replacing trim along with the siding replacement. This four person crew is composed of Chip Foss and Brain Franks (Tamarack employees) and two carpenters from Zeiers.

The full time Tamarack maintenance staff consisting of Seth Vollrath, Dan Slesarik and Chris Mellenberger will handle resident requests and any significant areas of rot found by the paint crew on Pine Ridge and Cedar Creek Trails. Weather permitting, this work will continue through December 31.

Landscape Projects – Eddie Post, Kyle Glauner, Eric Kosok and Dan Zwirlein are working through the current list of 52 pending landscape projects. The current focus is on pruning of shrubs at the back and sides of all homes. Work on seeding and plant replacement requests will start again in September as the weather cools down.

To date approximately 50 overgrown trees and shrubs were removed and \$3,500 was spent on replacement nursery stock. Other projects include tree pruning away from chimneys & buildings (by Boley Tree Care) and clearance of invasive species from Tamarack's wooded areas.

Summer Shrub Pruning Schedule – Trimming along the front walks of all homes was completed. The trimming is now being done at the back and sides of all homes. We will be performing the trimming in Phase I first to provide clearance for the re-siding which started last week. The trimming will progress in Phase order until complete in mid-September. Planned work includes shearing and some renewal pruning to reduce the size of overgrown shrubs (primarily spirea, yews, viburnums and dogwoods).

If a shrub is overgrowing a driveway or entrance walk, fill out a maintenance request and it will be completed within two to three days. You are also welcome to turn in pruning requests regarding any special task you would like to have done.

If you have any bushes or shrubs that you don't want pruned please mark them with a yellow "Do Not Prune" flag. The flags are available at the Tamarack office or can be delivered upon written request.

No Trim List – Some Tamarack residents prefer to do their own gardening and trimming of their shrubs. This is allowed as long as the trimming does not include larger trees and evergreens. If you wish to perform your own gardening and trimming (of bushes and shrubs) please submit a request to the office stating "No Trimming". The current no trimming list is posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board.