

The Good Life...

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2011 Pool Season

The pool will open for the season at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 28. Complete hours for the season and pool rules are attached.

Important Pool Rules

Keys Required for Swimming Pool & Tennis Courts: A key is required to gain access to the pool and/or tennis court. All households are allowed to purchase two keys at a cost of \$5 each. If you currently have a key it will work with the existing locks and no action is required on your part. Keys are only available through the Tamarack office.

Lost Key: The fee for the replacement of a lost key is \$50. Falsely reporting a key as lost for the sole purpose of obtaining an additional key will result in the suspension of the homeowner's pool privileges and a possible fine with the amount established by Board review of the incident. The gate will be monitored randomly throughout the summer to insure the key number used to gain entrance is registered to a current Tamarack resident.

Large Groups Must Pre-register In Writing: Pool rules require all residents to provide written notice at least one week in advance of their intent to bring more than eight (8) guests to the pool. Any group of more than fifteen (15) persons is required to hire an additional lifeguard from the current Tamarack lifeguard staff. Forms for group registration or to hire a guard are available at the office, from the lifeguard, or on the website. The advance written notice will be used to add staffing if three or more large groups will be using the pool at the same time.

The complete pool rules are attached to this newsletter and are also available at the clubhouse, at the pool entrance, and on Tamarack's website (www.tcsa.org).

Annual Meeting – August 1

This year's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1, in the Auditorium at Memorial High

School. The announcement letter and preliminary agenda will be mailed out in mid June.

Would You Like to Serve on the Board of Directors?

The Nominating Committee is in the process of selecting candidates to stand for election to the Board of Directors. The Board meets the first Tuesday of each month from February – December. This is your chance to serve your community and join in establishing the budget and policies that will shape Tamarack's future.

To be included on the ballot for the election, a candidate must be selected by the Nominating Committee or file a nominating petition. Nominating petitions are available at the Tamarack Trails office. A valid nominating petition requires the signatures of ten or more Tamarack members. Petitions must be delivered to the Nominating Committee prior to July 10.

If you are interested in serving please contact the Tamarack office at 833-1615.

Hail Damage Repair Update

On January 17, 2011 we received the initial damage assessment from Travelers Insurance for roofing only. The insurance is covering the replacement of all shingles and skylights in Tamarack. Contractor bids solicited for this work were received on March 31 and reviewed on April 4. As it is our intention to have the same contractor replace the roofing and siding at the same time, we could not proceed until the assessment for siding damage was available.

On April 12, 2011 we received the initial damage assessment from Travelers Insurance as it pertains to the siding. The insurance will cover the replacement of 70% of the siding and painting the remaining 30% to match. As Tamarack currently has three slightly different sizes of siding, the replacement siding would need to be custom manufactured. The insurance is also covering the installation of Tyvek house wrap in areas where the siding is replaced but this would only cover 70% of the building.

As an option the Maintenance Committee is currently obtaining bids for replacing 100% of the siding with a high quality vinyl siding. This would allow the entire structure to be wrapped with Tyvek, greatly reducing air and water infiltration. This will also allow us to inspect and replace any areas of deteriorated sheeting due to water infiltration over the years. Additionally all of the siding would be a current standard size available to purchase for future repairs.

The projected timetable is to select a contractor by the first week of June. Work would most likely start within three to four weeks. The current time table calls for completing 40% of the work this year (Phases I, II and III) and the remainder in 2012.

In conjunction with the insurance damage repairs we expect to repair a significant amount of rotted wood, replace 200 rusting chimney caps and also replace rusting gutters in Phase I, II and III (constructed between 1974 and 1976). Funding this work may require a special assessment or a significant increase in monthly assessments in 2012. Actual figures will not be available until the siding quotes are received and a contractor selected. A detailed report will be mailed to all residents in mid-June. Both the funding and timetable for the project will be discussed at an informational meeting in July and at the Annual Meeting on August 1.

Security and Going Digital

At their January meeting the Board approved a list of ten items to enact based on the recommendation of the ad-hoc Security Committee. Following is a summary of these items.

1. Prepare and publish a simple guide for security measures that residents may take to make their home more secure.
2. Arrange for resident volunteers to check on community post lights to see that they are turning on after dark.
3. Balance privacy and security values in the selection and maintenance of landscaping.
4. Investigate the possibility of advantageous group purchasing of residential security systems and motion sensor devices.
5. Offer inspection and replacement of locks, hinges, strike-plates, dowels, etc. as a for-fee service.
6. Engage a robotic telephone service so that residents may be accurately and promptly advised of incidents.
7. Develop a listing of resident e-mail addresses to supplement communications.

8. Include appropriate reporting of incidents in The Good Life.
9. Maintain the fence between Tamarack and neighboring properties so as to deter intrusions to the extent practicable. Supplement the fence with raspberry bushes or similar plantings that might discourage intrusion.
10. Post no-trespassing signs at selected locations on the perimeter of Tamarack. If you feel a no-trespassing sign is needed near your home please submit your request in writing to the Tamarack office or vial email to lou@ttcsa.org. A list with suggested locations will accompany the next Good Life.

These items will be implemented over the coming months through action by the Association, publications and articles in the "Good Life".

We are currently in the process of setting up a robotic calling service. This will allow us to notify residents of any security issues without having to print or distribute printed notices.

If you are interested in checking post lights in your Trail please contact Lou at the Tamarack office (833-1615 or email: lou@ttcsa.org).

We have modified the maintenance request form on the website to allow us to start collecting resident emails. This winter we will also collect emails as we update the Tamarack Directory for 2012.

Water Aerobics

Morning Aerobics

Classes are scheduled for ten weeks starting Monday, June 14, and ending on Friday, August 20. Classes will be held four days per week (Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri) from 9:00 – 9:55 a.m.

Participants can sign up for the first five weeks, the last five weeks or the entire ten-week session. The fee for either five-week session is \$60 while the fee for the entire ten weeks is \$110.

Sign up forms for aerobics are available on the clubhouse bulletin board and on the Tamarack website.

Wet and Wild Evening Water Aerobics Class

Classes will be held from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday starting Tuesday, May 31, and running through September. Cost is \$75 for the season. For more information contact Esther Chapman at 203-5486 or via email at echapman_1@charter.net.

Improving the Looks of the Area West of the Tennis Courts and New Storage Facility

One of the directives from the Long Range Planning Committee was to improve the looks of the area to the west of the tennis courts. Based on maintenance needs of a 52 acre project we are also looking to add a storage facility primarily for landscaping and grounds maintenance equipment and materials. The idea is to incorporate the building to both improve the looks of the court area while increasing the efficiency of maintenance activity.

Funding for the storage facility was approved by the Board as part of this year's budget. Based on initial concept plans by Strang Architects the Board approved the construction of a building to the west of the courts with the details to be developed by the Architectural Review Board and Maintenance Committees. Based on the significance of this project the Board will hold a public hearing at their Tuesday, July 5 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Tamarack Clubhouse.

Copies of the current plans and details about the project will be delivered to all Owners the first week of June.

Adopt an Ash Tree to Protect it From the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive wood boring beetle that feeds on the tissues under the bark of ash trees and kills them. The metallic green beetle is native to East Asia and was accidentally imported to the United States within the wood of shipping crates from China. EAB was first discovered near Detroit, Michigan in 2002. Since then the beetle has spread to several eastern and Midwestern states, including Wisconsin (in counties to the east and west of Madison). EAB is not a threat to human health but it does threaten our forest and urban tree populations. EAB is 100 percent fatal to our native ash trees of

any size, any age, healthy or unhealthy (according to research by Michigan State University and the US Forest Service). For reference a picture of an Emerald Ash Borer on a penny appears to the left.



On its own, the beetle will only fly a few miles. However, it is easily and quickly transported to new areas when people inadvertently move emerald ash borer larvae inside of infested firewood, ash nursery stock, and other ash items.

A tree that has been attacked by EAB can die within 2-4 years. It is estimated that more than 50 million ash trees are dead or dying in the Midwest because of this insect.

Based on the tree inventory performed by Boley Tree Service last year there are 95 ash trees in Tamarack. After discussion with the arborists Tamarack will not begin treating the ash trees until there is a confirmed report of the EAB inside of Dane County. Once this occurs Tamarack will begin to treat 20 of the most desirable ash trees based on size, branch structure and the trees location. Once the treatments begin they will need to be repeated on an annual basis for the remainder of the trees life. The remaining ash trees will gradually be replaced with alternate tree species if they become a victim of the EAB.

Prior to this time residents will have the opportunity to adopt an ash tree near their house. To adopt an ash tree the homeowner will need to submit a written request to the office stating that they are interested in adopting an ash tree. Based on the response Tamarack will arrange for a group treatment to be performed by Boley Tree Service. The treatment involves an application of Imidacloprid to the root system of the tree near its trunk. The cost for this treatment will range from \$4 to \$5 per inch based on the diameter of the tree. As a majority of ash trees in Tamarack are mature trees with trunk diameters from 15" to 20" the price for the annual treatment would range from \$60 to \$100. Once the price to treat each ash tree is determined a contract will be sent to each homeowner that expressed interest in adopting an ash tree. Once the contracts are returned to the office Boley will treat the adopted ash trees.

If you are uncertain if an ash tree is present near your home a copy of Tamarack's tree inventory is available to view at the Clubhouse or online at www.ttcsa.org.

Interested in Mahjong

Are there any Mahjong players who would be interested in forming a Tamarack group?
Call Toby Cohen - 833-0893

Summer Grounds Maintenance

Mowing Schedule – Weather permitting the turf will be cut, trimmed, and hard surfaces blown clean on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. The first half of the community will be mowed on Tuesday (approx. Oak Creek to Bayberry) followed by the second half on Wednesdays (approx. Honey Locust to Cedar Creek). Smaller areas to be hand mowed and detail work will be performed on Thursdays.

If you have any comments, complaints, or concerns with the lawn mowing please use the written maintenance requests available in the white box at the front of the Clubhouse. Requests/comments may also be submitted via the Internet at www.ttcsa.org.

Procedures Completed:

- Spring Cleanup on all properties has been completed.
- Bed edging and mulching is complete for all homes in Phases I, II and III.
- Pre-emergent/ broadleaf weed control and fertilizer application (1 of 4) are scheduled for this week. The second application will be conducted in 4 weeks (around June 20th).
- Preparation of all annual beds by adding compost and seasoned manure.

Procedures to be Expected:

- Routine landscape bed weeding and shrubbery pruning
- Frequent annual bed fertilization, weeding, and watering
- Spraying of weeds in landscape beds with Round Up herbicide (unless specified on NO Herbicide list)

Summer Shrub Pruning Schedule –

Pruning will start in the middle of June. Based on the Tamarack Maintenance Committee's recommendation, pruning is completed in Phase order. The first Phase this year will be Phase II and the rest of the Phases will follow in order (III, IV, V, VI, VII and finishing in Phase I). Each year we will rotate the Phase we start on so everyone will have the opportunity to be first on the list.

As Tamarack staff is performing the pruning this year a second crew will be implemented to tour the property ahead of the Phase pruning to check and trim shrubs overgrowing entrance walks or encroaching on air conditioners. We will also tend to special requests as soon as possible. In order to make this fair, requests for shearing will be held until we get to that Phase for scheduled trimming.

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 still welcome to turn in special pruning requests and we would be more than happy to hear from you about any special tasks you would like to have done. If you consider it to be an emergency our staff is more than willing to talk with you. Thanks again for your cooperation in this matter.

Bush/Shrub Trimming Guidelines

All plants will be trimmed according to the schedule unless the resident places a written request for no trimming to be done at their home. Residents not wishing certain shrubs trimmed can place a yellow "Please Do Not Prune" flag (available at the Tamarack office) at the base of the shrub. If a resident later wants this shrub trimmed, it will be done at the time of the next regular trimming for that unit. Special trimming requests will be allowed and performed out of sequence for the following reasons:

- a) If shrubs are blocking ingress or egress to a walk or driveway
- b) If shrubs are blocking access to a water faucet, air conditioner or electrical outlet
- c) If shrubs are blocking windows or in any way damaging the building

As a general rule all shrubs will be trimmed in a correct horticultural manner and will be maintained at a distance of 8" to 12" away from the structure and air conditioners. Special requests and questions on the health of a tree or shrub must be submitted on a **written request** to the Tamarack office.

Regardless of marking instructions all shrubs/bushes will be maintained 8" to 12" away from the structure.

Calendar

Tue. June 7 BOD Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Tue. June 21 Maint. Comm. Mtg. 4:00 p.m.
Mon. June 27 ARB Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Tue. July 5 BOD Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Tue. July 19 Maint. Comm. Mtg. 4:00 p.m.
Mon. July 25 ARB Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Mon. Aug 1 Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mulch and Topsoil - The concrete storage bins located to the west of the tennis courts provide convenience for both residents and the Tamarack staff. Topsoil and Mulch are available in the bins closest to the maintenance building. These materials are intended for use only by Tamarack Trail's residents. Please do not place any trash or debris in either the mulch or topsoil bins.

The remaining bins contain decorative stone and boulders for drainage and rock wall projects. **They are not available for resident's use.** If you would like to purchase any of the decorative stones or boulders contact Lou at the Tamarack Trails Office. (833-1615).

Homeowner Landscape Policy

If you are considering landscaping changes around your home please observe the following rules.

Flowers, small shrubs or other ornamental plants may be planted within 4 ft. of a foundation wall, sidewalk, patio, or decorative fence without requiring approval. However, there must be a 4 inch area between any plantings or fencing and the turf in order to facilitate mowing of the turf. The home owner assumes all responsibility for maintenance of any new planting areas they establish.

Planting areas extending beyond 4 ft. from a foundation wall, sidewalk, patio, or decorative fence or in any other area (such as along a driveway, street, or in the middle of a turf area) that would replace existing turf requires Association approval.

For more details on trimming, shrub replacement or planting guidelines see Landscape Policy V-500 in the Book of Policy Resolutions.

Summer Projects

Phase V Trim & Fence Painting – Painting of all white trim and decorative fences will begin this week at 101 Pine Ridge Trail. Work will progress through 144 Pine Ridge and then move to 7322 Cedar Creek. Painting will finish near Labor Day at 7349 Cedar Creek Trail. Any rotted trim boards will be marked with a black X and should be replaced this fall. Only fences with rotted boards or 4x4 posts will be replaced. Fences without rotted boards will be scraped, primed, and stained. Work on fences requiring replacement will be done in September and October if they are surrounded by flowers or perennials to avoid disturbing them during our short growing season. Fences replaced this year will not be stained until spring of 2012 in order to let the treated lumber season and dry out.

Trim Replacement – Trim replacement is going very well this spring. A majority of the trim marked last year has already been replaced from 74 - 96 Oak Creek. Work is now progressing on homes from 7301 – 7320 Cedar Creek. As soon as work is complete on these homes we will start trim replacement in the homes being painted this year.

Deck Replacements – Decking and deck rail repairs and replacements will focus on 70-96 Oak Creek this year. The decks and rails will be inspected and either washed & stained or replaced as necessary. Information will be delivered to individual unit owners informing them of when the actual work will be performed.

Written Maintenance Requests

Please do not phone in requests to the office. Maintenance requests are to be submitted to the Tamarack Trail's office in writing. Forms are available in the white box just outside the front doors to the Clubhouse. Requests may also be submitted through the Tamarack website at www.ttcsa.org.

Resident Activity Events

Following are the upcoming events.
Please mark your calendars.

Summer Pool Party in the Pool Area
Sunday, July 24 (4:30 to 7:00 PM)

New Resident Reception
Thursday, September 23

Flu Shot Clinic
Wednesday, October 13, 9:00-noon

Fall Potluck
Sunday, October 24, 5-7:00

Holiday Party
Thursday, December 2nd, 6:00-8:30

We look forward to seeing you there.

Civility & Gun Policy Hearing and Results

Several residents appeared at the May Board meeting to express their opinion on both the civility and gun policy. After lengthy discussion the Board adopted the following resolutions.

- 1) Management will provide appropriate training and handbook materials to the staff on the subject of interactions with residents.
- 2) The Board chair may appoint an ad-hoc sub-committee to advise the Board in cases of alleged inappropriate interactions with staff, or with other residents.

As with the civility policy there were several residents who expressed their opinion on the gun policy. This topic was also discussed with the Madison Police Department. They will respond to all calls related to a person carrying a gun within minutes and a policy is not necessary for the police to respond. Based on the discussion and response from the Madison Police Department the Board decided it was not necessary to place a written policy into Tamarack's Book of Policy Resolutions.

Security Guidelines for Residents

Following is a brief set of guidelines to follow to help increase the safety of Owners and their neighbors.

- Know your neighbors and let them know when you will be away. Offer to keep an eye on their homes when they are away.
- Be sure that the post light connected to your home is turned on and working.
- Report when other post lights are not on.
- Consider upgrading other lighting fixtures already attached to your home, including by installing motion-detecting sensors. (New fixtures may require ARB approval.)
- Leave lights, and possibly radios on or on timers in your home when you are away.
- Use the peep hole in your door and do not open for strangers.
- Report strangers of whom you are suspicious to the Police, or inquire of Tamarack management if that seems more appropriate.
- Consider whether shrubbery around your house might conceal potential offenders.
- Consider installing an electronic alarm system.
- Make sure that your doors and windows have proper hinges, strike plates and locks, including dowels or other devices for sliding doors and windows.
- Do not hide a key to your house outside of your house.
- Do not label your keys with the address of your house.
- Do not enter your home if you find it open or any other indication of improper entry.
- Keep your car in the garage. Keep your garage closed. Do not leave valuable items in view in your car.
- Lock your house and garage doors and the door between the garage and the house.