

# The Good Life...

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## Meeting Calendar

*Meetings are open to all residents.*

### Finance Committee

Wednesday, May 22 – 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, June

### Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, June 5 – 7:00 pm

### Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 – 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, June 4 – 4:00 pm

### Board of Directors

Tuesday, May 21 - 6:30 pm  
Tuesday, June 18 – 6:30 pm

### Welcoming Committee

Monday, June 10 – 10:30 am

### Amenities Committee

Thursday, June 13 – 130 pm

## Event Calendar

**Volunteer Weed and Wildflower Tour,**  
Thursday, Thursday, May 22 – 6 pm

### Tamarack Water Aerobic Classes

Evening, starts June 10th

Mornings starts, June 17th

### Tamarack Bridge

Wednesdays from 6:30-10:00 pm

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri  
9 am – 4 pm  
Or by appointment

## Current News

### Property Density Calculation required for Exterior Alterations or New Construction Requests

Residents requesting exterior alterations or new construction on their property must submit a Checklist of Items to the Architectural Review Board (page 4, Book of Standards, [www.tamaracktrails.com](http://www.tamaracktrails.com)). One of the items on the list is inclusion of the structure's density.

According to Policy IV-401 and Appendix B Density Guidelines (60% rule) Reference Sheet, Book of Standards, effective May 2002, the structure should cover no more than 60% of the owner's lot area before and after the requested changes.

To obtain the 60% density measurement of the home you need to find the lot size. You can go on the Assessors website (<http://www.cityofmadison.com/assessor/property/>) and type in your address. Calculate 60% of the lot size and subtract the square footage of everything on the first floor including decks, patios, porch and garage. (You will need to measure your garage). The remaining number is the square footage a resident has left for building (if any). In some instances a structure may already exceed 60% as it was grandfathered in after the policy went into effect.

Although some homes' densities are fairly straightforward to calculate, others are not. Ideally, calculations should be verified by the office or ARB. Tamarack office staff can assist residents in calculating a property's density.

### MG&E Neighborhood Project

You may have noticed that MG&E has been doing a lot of work in some of the trails at Tamarack. They are doing an underground Electrical Cable Replacement Project in the area. MG&E contacted all Residents The work being done in Tamarack Trails are at the following addresses:

Blue Spruce Trail, Red Cedar Trail, Cedar Creek Trail, Pine Ridge Trail and 110 South Westfield Road.

All residents affected by this have been notified directly by MG&E.

**Reserve Study Underway!** The Engineer from Reserve Advisors will be onsite for 2-3 days. He is starting his work on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. He will be working throughout the property inspecting the outside of homes, maintenance & grounds buildings, rockwalls and bridges. While inspecting, he will be taking photos and measurements.

## **Neighborhood Safety Update**

According to police records, Tamarack has had fewer police calls in the last year than some of our neighboring associations. Let's keep up those numbers going down.

Advice from the Madison Police Department to stay safe during the warmer months:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Keep your car locked. Don't leave valuables or keys in your car.
- Keep your garage doors closed. Lock the door between the garage and the house.

Phone scams are continuing. This includes scams for IRS, MG&E and the grandparents scam. Hang up, don't give out information and don't buy gift cards. Westside residents have lost up to \$57,000 to these scammers.

Madison residents are encouraged to report suspicious activity. If it's an emergency, dial 911. Other options are the non-emergency phone number or the online self-report. These reports are collected and allow the detectives to see patterns of questionable behavior.

## **Food Pantry Update**

Per Cristina at The Lussier Center Food Pantry, canned meals such as stews, Spaghettios, and chili are needed. Also, cans of meat, fruits and vegetables are always needed items.

The Food Pantry contribution from Tamarack Trails was down last month. Let's make up for that in May.

Dee Seyfarth - Tamarack Trails Lussier Food Pantry Coordinator

## **Activities & Events**

### **2019 0506 Wildflower Walk and TT Garlic Mustard Brigade**

Volunteer Weed and Wildflower Tour at Sauk Creek Greenway

Thursday, May 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Meeting location: Walnut Grove Park Shelter

A local volunteer who has worked in Sauk Creek will lead a tour of the greenway on Wednesday May 22 at 6 PM, starting at the Walnut Grove Park Shelter. The tour will look at some of the best wildflower areas. It will visit some of the worst areas of invasive species, and show where volunteer efforts could help. How to control garlic mustard will also be discussed, demonstrated and practiced.

Madison City staff is considering whether to do additional restoration work along with the channel improvements required. This tour will help you understand the opportunity and the work required for more and/or better restoration of native plants in this area.

The tour leader is Si Widstrand, who has hiked and worked in the Sauk Creek Greenway for 40 years. If you are interested but can't attend the tour, please contact him at [si.widstrand@gmail.com](mailto:si.widstrand@gmail.com)

For more information about Garlic Mustard removal in the Sauk Creek Greenway by Tamarack and other neighborhood associations, please email [carylterrell@gmail.com](mailto:carylterrell@gmail.com)

# Tamarack Water Aerobics Classes 2019

It's time to make a big splash this summer. Water Aerobics is a great way to meet your neighbors and gain numerous health benefits.



Hours of Fun  
Increased Range of Motion  
Stronger Muscles  
Improved Physical Health  
Improved Mental Health  
Better Heart Rate



Morning Water Aerobics Classes  
9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Evening Water Aerobics Classes  
5:45 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

## **Evening Water Fitness Class**

Find your swimsuit! Your Tamarack neighbors are planning another summer of evening water fitness classes at the Tamarack pool. Starting on June 10<sup>th</sup>, the classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 5:45-6:45pm. The cost is \$90 for 12+ weeks of fun and exercise. This amenity is available to all Tamarack residents. For more information or to sign up, contact Judy Bluel (829.3663) or Karen Falkner (833.9730).

## **Morning Water Aerobics**

Get fit, stay fit and have fun doing it, with great moves and music. Warm up with stretches, get your heart rate up with the cardio portion, strengthen your muscles, and cool down. Workout at your own intensity. During class the pool is open only to class participants.

Not sure if you will like the class? Attend for free during the first week.

Classes are scheduled for two, five-week sessions: Monday, June 17 - Friday, July 19 and Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 30. Classes will be held three days per week (Mon, Wed, and Fri) from 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. The fee for each five-week session is \$45.

Contact Jean Hilgers at 833-1615 if you plan on participating in the class this year.

## **Seasonal Reminders & Projects**

### **Grounds Update**

We are finished pruning flower heads off Spirea and Hydrangea. All spring bloom shrubs will be hand pruned this year after they are done flowering. Hand pruning creates a happier and healthier plant that blooms more.

The Bruce Company has been notified that they can start with the blow bark and will be start at Millstone heading towards Hemlock moving thru Phase 3, part of Phase 1 (except Red Cedar and Blue Spruce) and Phase 2 & 6.

Besides doing some edging in front of mulching, I will also be spraying Roundup so we have a clean bed for mulch to be put down.

Mulch is available at the Clubhouse now.

Replacement plant material will be coming in sometime around Mother's Day. Please be patient we have a big order and we will get to you in the order that the workorders came in. Diggers hotline will be called first.

I am looking for unwanted or (ones you want to divide) shade perennials. I have a place for them.

I want to thank Pat Laubach and Elizabeth Shore for donating spring blooming bulbs that I planted last fall. They were planted in the Tree Lane signs and around the clubhouse.

### **A few reminders to assist with lawn mowing -**

When putting out **yard waste for pickup**, please **do not co-mingle trash** with it or we will not be able to pick it up. It takes staff extra time to pull it out for disposal, so we are not able to do it.

Please remind your guests to keep vehicles off the grass to protect the new seed. Some areas have been driven through and Maple Leaf will not come back to reseed.

Also, all **lawn art, chairs and Sheperd's hooks need to be** off the grass and **put into mulch areas**. If items are left in the grass, the mowers can not mow your grass.

**Angie Swan – Landscape Superintendent**

### **Maintenance Update**

This month maintenance is doing pool prep, tennis court prep, decks, pressure washing and repairing bird holes. Tim has the office ready for the Jean and Lori to move in to. Mitch is working on gutter cleanings, pressure washing and will start painting Phase 3 fences this month or early June. Ryan Hamm is returning and will begin Phase 2 fences the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>. I am working on the pool and a hundred other things. The tennis courts are ready to play on, we just have to finish putting on the windscreens.

**Josh Ostertag – Maintenance Superintendent**

## **Board and Committee Business**

### **Welcoming Committee**

**Frequently Asked Question: How do I sign up for use of the swimming pool and tennis courts?**

A: The pool and tennis/pickle ball courts are locked at all times. To gain access to the pool or tennis court, the resident, or guest must possess a magnetic key card for the pool and a key for the tennis court gate. Each unit owner is allowed to purchase two key cards/court key at \$5 each. Keys are only available through the Tamarack Office. Pool rules and hours are published annually in "The Good Life" newsletter and distributed to the membership in April. Sign-up sheets are available (in the mailbox) at the tennis court gate for tennis and pickle ball reservations. Residents may sign up for a one and one-quarter hour session at a time, up to three days in advance

### **Amenities Committee**

**Amenities Committee is looking for new members.** Amenities are responsible for recommending, planning for and overseeing the implementation of improvements to Tamarack's amenities, which includes the clubhouse, pool and tennis courts. The committee meets three to five times a year. If you are interested, have any questions or want to hear more about this committee please contact Izzie Popic committee chair at [izzi822@gmail.com](mailto:izzi822@gmail.com) or (608) 203-9674.

**A big THANK YOU to the TT Maintenance Team** for their excellent work on the Clubhouse staff office expansion and break room remodel over the past few months. **Special thanks goes out to Tim** who did the majority of the work. The spaces are nearly complete and looking great!

### **Tamarack Trails Clubhouse Wish List**

The Clubhouse is in need of some items. So before you donate, put on Crag's List or toss consider giving it to TT. Here is TT wishes:

Tea Kettle (one previously in clubhouse kitchen has disappeared)

Long Bench for the front entry area (current bench is too small)

Desk or Work Table for TT manager office.

Please contact Lori Zunker at the office 833-1615 or Izzie Popic Amenities Chair 203-9674 if you have one of these wish items so we can check it out and make sure it works for the need we have.

### **Maintenance Committee Update:**

After this cruel winter, roof inspection work continues. Our staff has been working with roofing companies and Traveler's Insurance to get a handle on any damage that occurred because of ice damming. About 45 homes had water leaks to varying degrees. We are working with Tempel, the company that did the roof replacements in 2011/12 and Brookens Construction out of Middleton. Traveler's insurance will review their information and do their own inspection. The MC will wait until all the information is available to meet with the roofing companies to determine any course of action.

We realize this is a big concern for residents and we will work to provide answers as soon as we can. However, it is important to have the right information and complete information before doing anything. Thanks for understanding this.

### **Other updates:**

The **new pool boiler** was installed and work to prep the pool for summer is underway. Now if only the weather would cooperate!

This year is a test year for the blown in mulch to see how it works so please send in your feedback.

As other work gets underway a schedule will be published so residents are aware of when to expect work to be done in their areas.

MC meets May 14th at 4 pm and is open to all residents.

## **Tamarack News and Tidbits**

**Notice to walkers...** please do not cut through the new rock drainage area between the walking trail and Cedar Creek while on your walk. There are drainage pipes under the rock that could be damaged by foot traffic as well as the potential of injury to you walking on the uneven ground. Also please be aware of your neighbor's privacy and not walk across the mulch beds or the patio.

## **Appfolio, the new HOA Software Program**

See the attached article for this month on Appfolio, the new HOA software program.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Resident Online Portal</b> Resources for Homeowners (2019-04)</p>
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## **Summer Recreation at Tamarack**

The Summer Recreation Policies are attached . They are also available at the clubhouse, at the pool entrance, and on the website: [www.tamaracktrails.com](http://www.tamaracktrails.com)

**Please make sure that all household members and guests are aware of the policies.**

### **Keys**

Residents will continue to use their current keys for the tennis/pickle ball courts and their access cards for the pool area. They remain the same as last year. Residents can purchase keys and access cards through the Tamarack office for \$5 or \$50 for lost keys or cards.

To enter the pool area, swipe your pool access card at the gate on the west side of the clubhouse. This system records the date and time that each card is swiped.

Homeowners will be responsible for policy violations by anyone who is using their keys.

### **Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts**

The nets are in place; the courts are ready for use. The sign-up sheet for court reservations is in the mailbox adjacent to the gate. Weather permitting, the courts will be available into the fall.

### **Pool**

Weather permitting, the pool will open at 10:00am on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. We plan to wash and touch up paint the pool walls prior to opening.

**Large Groups Registration** – As a courtesy, residents should notify the office or on-duty-lifeguard at least two days in advance of their intent to bring more than eight (8) guests to the pool. Any group of more than fifteen (15) persons requires the resident to hire an additional lifeguard from the current Tamarack lifeguard roster. Forms for group registration are available at the office, from the lifeguard, or on the Tamarack website.

**Clubhouse Rental** – The Clubhouse is available to residents for private parties. Contact the office for availability, policies and fees.

When pool and pool deck access is requested, the Large Group Registration and fees will also apply. Everyone will be required to follow Tamarack’s Summer Recreation Policies. Child Supervision Requirements will apply to all, including graduation and soccer team parties.

***Enjoy the Summer!***

